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Now Available: The Proposed Final Connect SoCal and PEIR

Dear Interested Parties,

Thank you for providing comments on the Draft Connect SoCal (2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy) and its associated Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) (SCH# 2019011061), prepared by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

Connect SoCal is a long-range vision that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental and public health goals. The Proposed Final Connect SoCal plan, its project list and 20 supporting technical reports are now available for download as PDFs here.

SCAG, as Lead Agency, has prepared a Proposed Final PEIR for Connect SoCal in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Proposed Final PEIR is available for review here.

It is important to acknowledge that the timeline for this process may, as with so many things, be impacted by circumstances related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. We are sensitive to the enormous disruption caused by the pandemic, and our top priority is the health and safety of our staff, board members, partners and the public. Against the backdrop of the current public health crisis, planning for a safer, healthier future has never been more important.

SCAG is working to confirm timing for a Regional Council meeting at which the Regional Council will consider certification of the Proposed Final PEIR and adoption of the Proposed Final Connect SoCal. We will notify all interested parties of the date and meeting details as soon as they are finalized. While compliance with all legal requirements is of the utmost priority, we will continue to monitor the situation closely and follow guidance from local, state and federal health agencies.

To expedite the distribution process and reduce printing and postage costs, SCAG is primarily using email to notify parties of the availability of the Proposed Final Connect SoCal and Proposed Final PEIR.

SCAG will continue to maintain an email distribution list for the Connect SoCal and PEIR. To be added to or removed from the Connect SoCal or PEIR distribution lists, request hard copies of future CEQA notices, or request general assistance, please email ConnectSoCal@scag.ca.gov or

<u>2020PEIR@scag.ca.gov</u> and provide your full name, telephone number, email and mailing addresses. Please stay well by strictly observing all COVID-19 health directives, and we look forward to working with you, our stakeholders, for the best interest of our great SoCal region.

Sincerely,

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