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As 2020 begins, we would like to extend our sincere thanks on behalf of everyone at SCAG. The agency has accomplished a lot this year through collaboration and support from partners like you.

In the past 12 months, SCAG:

- Released the Draft Connect SoCal plan (the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy) and its Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for public comment and review. Connect SoCal will help clean our region’s air and meet the California Air Resources Board greenhouse gas reduction targets for the region. The Plan will also create more than 195,000 new jobs annually due to enhanced economic competitiveness and improved overall regional economic performance, as well as over 167,000 jobs through the transportation investments in the plan. SCAG has planned a number of public hearings and elected official briefings throughout the SCAG region that will continue into January 2020.
- Kicked off the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process, including working with member jurisdictions on developing a Draft Allocation Methodology. The allocation methodology outlines the process by which SCAG will distribute the state’s Regional Housing Need Determination of 1,341,827 units across the region’s six counties and 191 cities.
- Approved up to \$9 million in awards for the Sustainable Communities Program, a SCAG-administered multi-year program designed to support and implement the policies and initiatives of the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy. The proposals approved for funding provided much-needed resources to local jurisdictions’ sustainability planning efforts, promoting reliable and efficient mobility for people, goods and services while meeting the State of California’s ambitious greenhouse gas reduction goals.
- Approved up to \$2.7 million in awards for the Future Communities Pilot Program, a SCAG-administered grant opportunity to support city and county agencies in implementing innovative pilot projects that use new technologies and enhanced data analytics to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) from local travel and municipal operations.
- Received a \$1 million grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety to continue the tremendous success of the Go Human program in bringing active transportation and safety awareness to communities throughout Southern California.

- Held signature events like the Regional Conference & General Assembly, 10th Annual Southern California Economic Summit, and 30th Annual Demographic Workshop, bringing together hundreds of leaders to collaborate on solutions to regional problems.
- Released the 2019 Local Profiles, which are in-depth reports that provide a wide variety of local-level data and analyses related to demographics, housing, economics, education and transportation.
- Published major research findings that will help improve transportation and mobility in the region, including the Mobility Go Zone & Pricing Feasibility Study, Bike Share in Los Angeles County Study and Transportation Demand Management Strategic Plan and Final Report.
- Increased the agency's legislative advocacy efforts and helped secure funding—approximately \$51 million of which will be available to cities and counties in the SCAG region—through the state's 2019 housing budget trailer bill's Local Government Planning Support Grants Program to assist with local planning activities. The agency also held and hosted a number of meetings in Sacramento, Washington, DC, and in Southern California to promote policy priorities on behalf of the region.

We look forward to a 2020 filled with new challenges and opportunities in working to improve the lives of the 19 million people that call Southern California home.

Happy New Year!