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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**




FROM: Supervisor Jeff Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE: July 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Spotlight (first edition)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive and file.

BACKGROUND: Legislation and policy affecting our region, highlights from the Regional Council Meeting and general information.



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SCAG SPOTLIGHT



Legislation and Policy Affecting Our Region

July 2009

FROM: Hon. Jeff Stone, Representing Riverside County

RC Report

Highlights from the Regional Council Meeting

JULY 2, 2009

ACTION – RC Offers 10% Dues Waiver

In reaction to the current economic climate and its impact on SCAG's member agencies, the Regional Council voted to offer a one-time 10% waiver of member dues for FY 09-10. At the meeting, SCAG President Jon Edney said, "This is the least we can do to help ease the growing burden on our members' increasingly constrained budgets."

ACTION – SCAG Scholarship Program

The Regional Council approved a Pilot Scholarship Program. The new program is intended to provide financial support to a select group of high school students and offer local planning experience that the students can use to develop their long-term career goals. The Scholarship Pilot Program includes a \$2,000 per student scholarship, a two-week externship, seminar, and recognition luncheon. Students will be selected based on their interests and essay by a designated selection committee.

ACTION – Compass Blueprint Demonstration Projects Selected

Through the Compass Blueprint Demonstration Projects, SCAG continues to partner with cities and counties by offering services to assist with local planning efforts consistent with the Compass Blueprint Principles. To date, Compass Blueprint has resulted in partnerships on some 60 projects throughout the region. This month, the Regional Council selected an additional 25 new projects to move forward as funding becomes available. For more information visit compassblueprint.org.

From the Executive Director

Additional News for the Month

SB 375 Implementation

SB 375 (Steinberg) is California state law that became effective January 1, 2009 that requires California's Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop regional reduction targets for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and prompts the creation of regional plans to reduce emissions from vehicle use throughout the state. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for six Southern California counties, SCAG has been tasked with creating "Sustainable Community Strategies" (SCS) as part of the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Since the bill became law, SCAG has been very active on many fronts to ensure that implementation in Southern California reflects the unique challenges of our region. For more information, visit www.scag.ca.gov/sb375/index.htm.

3rd Annual Blueprint Awards

SCAG, in conjunction with Southern California Edison hosted over 150 awardees, sponsors and guests at the 3rd Annual Compass Blueprint Recognition Awards luncheon on Wednesday, June 24th at the Pasadena Convention Center. Compass Blueprint Awards were presented to 15 municipalities in recognition of projects that demonstrate excellence and achievement in the four key elements of Compass Blueprint planning: Livability, Mobility, Prosperity and Sustainability.



EVENTS

AUGUST

SCAG Regional Council and Policy Committees are dark in August

4th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee Meeting

SEPTEMBER

3rd Regional Council and Policy Committee Meetings

15th New Member Orientation. Contact Linda Jones at jonesl@scag.ca.gov

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