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SCAG's Regional Council today approved the release of the Draft Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Amendment #1 and 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Consistency Amendment #21-05 for public review and comment. **The 30-day public review and comment period begins on July 1, 2021, and ends on July 31, 2021, at 5 p.m.** The [Draft Connect SoCal Amendment #1](#) and the [2021 FTIP Amendment #21-05](#) are now available online.

BACKGROUND

On Sept. 3, 2020, SCAG's Regional Council unanimously voted to approve and fully adopt Connect SoCal, the 2020–2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, and the addendum to the Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report. Connect SoCal is a long-range visioning plan that builds upon and expands land use and transportation strategies established over several planning cycles to increase mobility options and achieve a more sustainable growth pattern. A major component of the Connect SoCal is a Project List containing thousands of individual transportation projects. Since the plan's adoption, some of these projects have experienced technical changes that are time-sensitive. In addition, the county transportation commissions in the SCAG region have also identified new project priorities in addition to projects that are no longer priorities. An amendment to Connect SoCal and the 2021 FTIP is needed in order to ensure these projects move forward in a timely manner.

WHAT'S NEXT

SCAG hopes to solicit input from you and other stakeholders. You can provide comments on the Draft Connect SoCal Amendment #1 and 2021 FTIP Amendment #21-05 in one of three ways:

1. [Virtually speak at the public hearing](#) scheduled for **Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 6 p.m.**
2. Email us your comments at lo@scag.ca.gov
3. Mail us a letter:
Southern California Association of Governments
Attention: Nancy Lo
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Given recent public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor's recent Executive Order N29-20, the public hearing will be held telephonically and electronically. [More information on how to join the public hearing can be found here.](#)

Questions about the Draft Connect SoCal Plan Amendment #1 can be directed to lo@scag.ca.gov and questions about the 2021 FTIP Amendment #21-05 can be directed to gutierrez@scag.ca.gov. Media inquiries about the Draft Connect SoCal Amendment #1 should be directed to cartagena@scag.ca.gov.

SCAG, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, is committed to providing special accommodations and translation services to those who are interested in participating in the public hearing. We ask that you provide your request for special accommodations or translation services at least 72 hours prior to the hearing so that SCAG has sufficient time to make arrangements. Please contact Nancy Lo at lo@scag.ca.gov.



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