

INTERAGENCY EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tab 8 – Member Reports and Discussion of Future Meeting Topics

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Member Reports

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The Southern California Association of Governments [SCAG] is the largest Metropolitan Planning Organization in the United States, representing over 19 million people in Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, Los Angeles and Ventura counties. They recently released a final version of their Racial Equity Early Action Plan, which can be found at:

- https://scag.ca.gov/news/scag-releases-final-racial-equity-early-action-plan-update?utm_source=SCAG+Community&utm_campaign=9f36c8edf9-UPDATE_2024_11_13&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d8c0406cae-9f36c8edf9-1305324302

FRAMEWORK OF THE EARLY ACTION PLAN INCLUDES FOUR GOALS

- **Shift Organizational Culture** – Focus SCAG's internal work and practices on inclusion, diversity, equity, and awareness.
- **Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning** – Bring equity into SCAG's regional planning functions.
- **Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning Practices** – Promote racial equity in efforts involving local elected officials and planning professionals.
- **Activate and Amplify** – Communicate broadly SCAG's commitment to racial equity and join with others in different fields and sectors to amplify impact

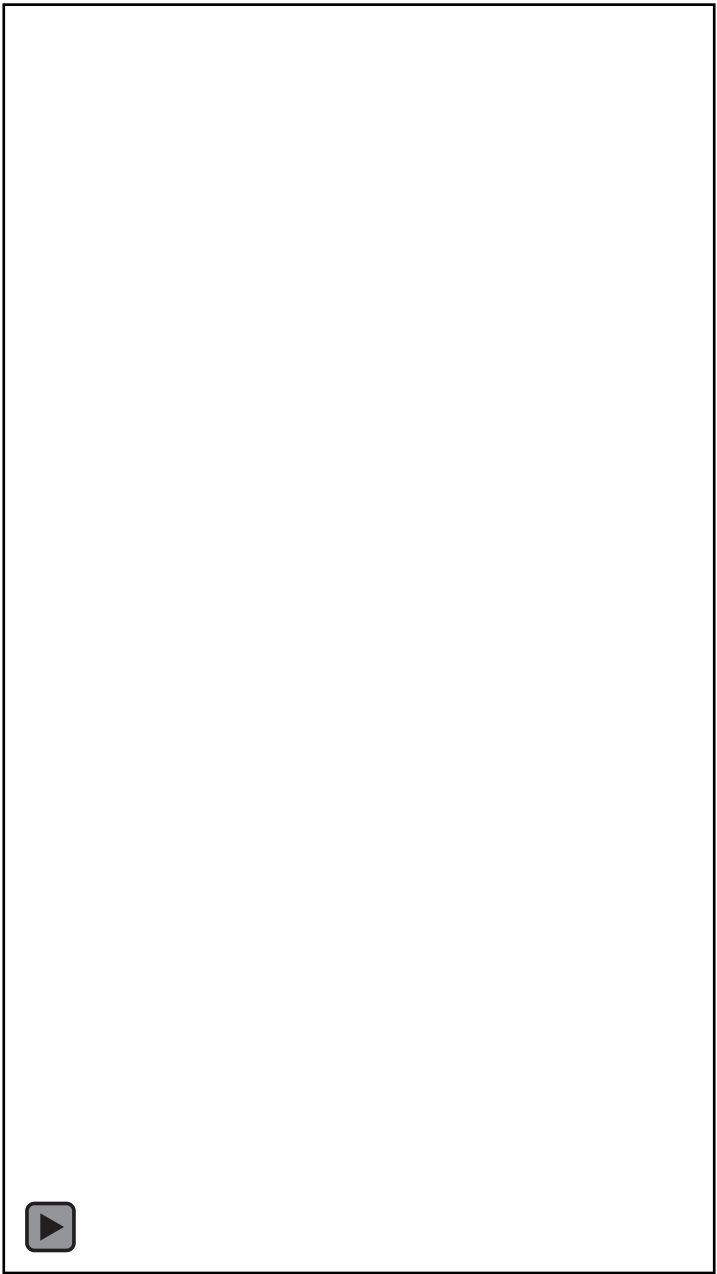


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- On October 12, 2024 over 500 people enjoyed walking, biking, skating on the freeway at the Reconnecting Communities Closure Event that took place on the I-805 in Southeast San Diego and National City on Saturday, October 12th.
- Caltrans District 11 closed 3.5 miles of freeway on the I-805 & 43rd Street ramps and opened them for non-motorized traffic. Mundo Gardens, Urban Collaborative Project CDC, and Vision Culture led the programming of the space which included a fashion show, art, and music.
- The San Diego County Bike Coalition and SANDAG led a 150-person bike ride from Pepper Park in National City to the freeway closure event.
- Caltrans closed the freeway around 4am to perform maintenance including repair of signs and guard rails, cleaning of culverts, and removal of litter. The freeway was then open for the public to walk, bike, and skate from 10am to 12:30pm.
- This section of the I-805/43rd Street is part of the historic 252 highway corridor which displaced thousands of residents and businesses in the 1960s and 1970s in the Southcrest and Shelltown neighborhoods of San Diego. The freeway construction was stopped by The Black Federation in the 1970s.
- Today this section is part of a statewide and federal Reconnecting Communities effort led by local community-based organizations, SANDAG, and Caltrans. The October 12th event helped introduce the public to upcoming community planning efforts to decommission the 43rd Street & 805 ramps and replace them with blue/green infrastructure, a community land trust, affordable housing, open space, and art.
- Photos in the Instagram post are by Vito DiStefano.





Any other updates?

