Other Key Southern California Association of Governments Activities Underway Supporting the Development of the 2024 Connect SoCal

- Forecasted regional development pattern. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is proposing to use the Regional Data Platform – an online tool used to gather local input from the 197 jurisdictions in the SCAG region – and introduce plan growth strategies in advance of local review.
- SoCal Greenprint. The SoCal Greenprint will be a web-based mapping tool that compiles more than 100 existing and publicly available data sources into interactive maps. SCAG is required to develop the SoCal Greenprint data tool in accordance with mitigation measures contained in the 2020 Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report. The tool is intended to assist users in making informed land use and transportation infrastructure decisions. It will also support conservation investments based on the best available scientific data. Per SCAG governing Board direction, implementation of the SoCal Greenprint was delayed pending a public hearing and potential SCAG Regional Council further action. To date, two public hearings on the SoCal Greenprint were held: one on August 24, 2021, and a second on October 7, 2021.
- Regional Express Lanes Network Concept of Operations (ConOps). This document describes how express lane facilities could operate from a user perspective. It also sets the framework for the design and operational characteristics of the regional express lane system, including identification of network segments for each county. The study considers express lanes being implemented, planned, or proposed by County Transportation Commissions and/or California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) districts in the SCAG region. (It is relevant to note that OCTA's 2018 Long-Range Transportation Plan assumes the existing carpool lane system will be operated as express lanes by 2040 as Caltrans exercises its authority to make operational changes needed to meet federal performance standards.) The ConOps document was first developed as input to the 2020 Connect SoCal. An update is currently underway that will provide input to the 2024 Connect SoCal.

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