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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

Thursday, March 19, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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1. April 9 Joint Policy Committee Meeting preview
   Staff
   30 minutes

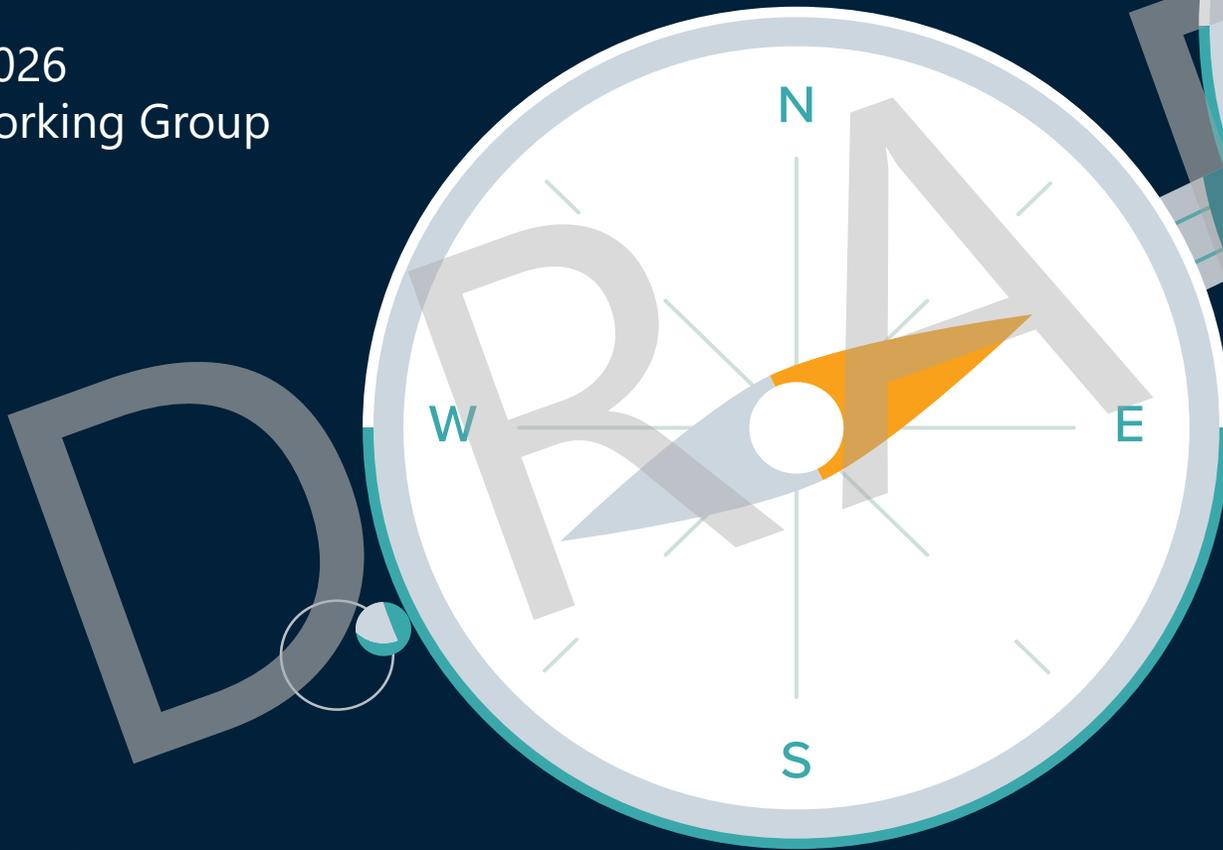2. Local Data Exchange (LDX) – Recap of milestones, data, and board engagement
   Kevin Kane
   15 minutes

3. Regional Planning Working Groups Overview
   Leslie Cayton
   10 minutes

4. Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) Status Update
   Karen Calderon
   5 minutes

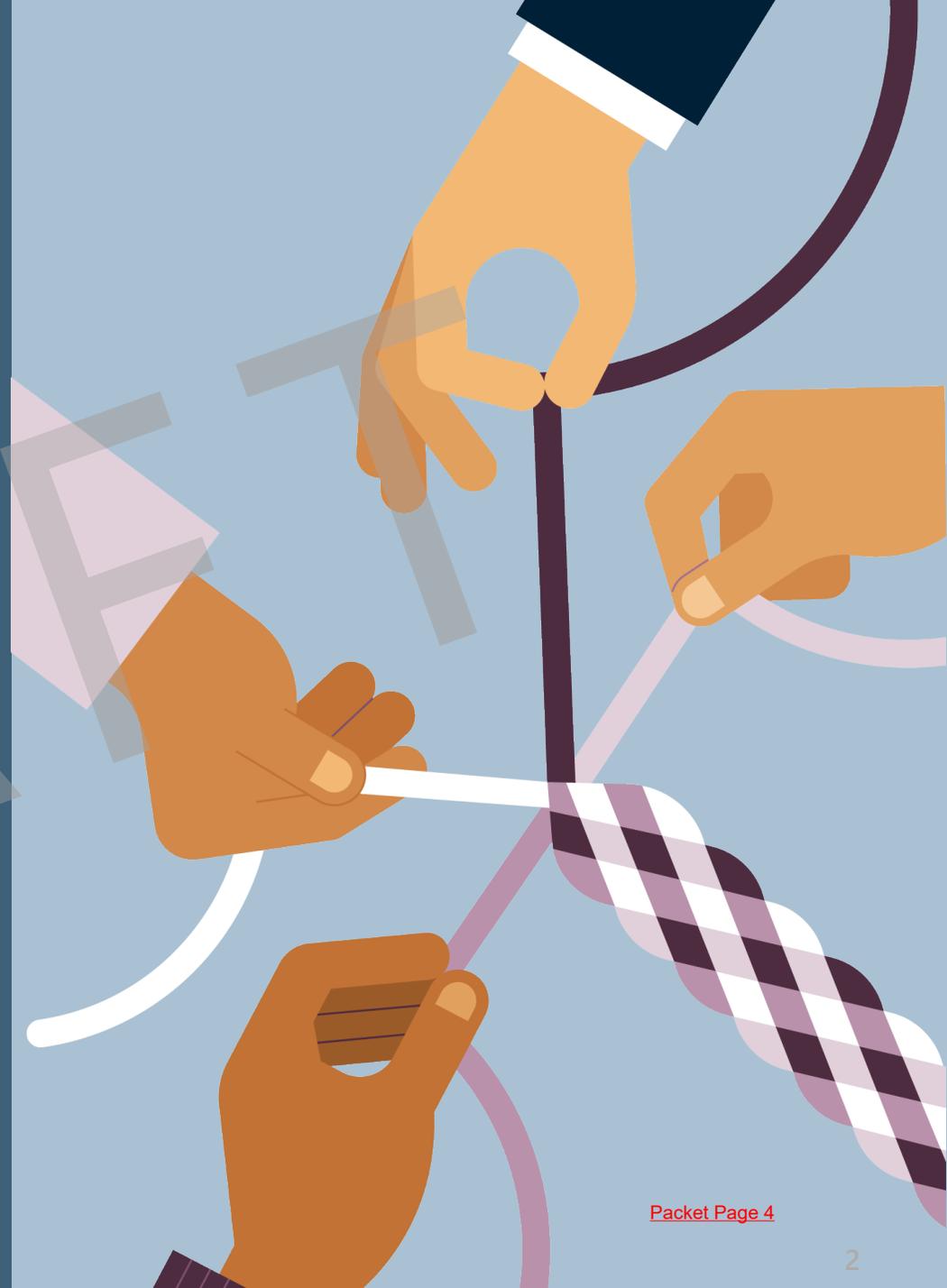# Connect SoCal 2050: April JPC Preview

March 19, 2026
Technical Working Group

AGENDA

- **CONNECT SOCAL PROCESS UPDATE**

- **STATE OF THE REGION**

- **PRELIMINARY REGIONAL GROWTH PROJECTIONS**

- **POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

A long-term vision for how the region will address transportation and land use challenges and opportunities.

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The RTP/SCS must...

Be updated every 4 years to maintain eligibility for Federal funding

Be financially constrained (costs = revenues)

Be developed in consultation with key stakeholders and the public
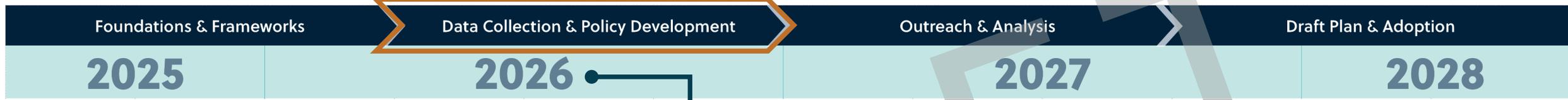
Demonstrate transportation conformity

Be long-range: 20+ years into the future

Achieve GHG reduction targets

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Connect SoCal 2050: Process Update

Foundations & Frameworks	Data Collection & Policy Development	Outreach & Analysis	Draft Plan & Adoption
2025	**2026**	**2027**	**2028**

Completed Milestones
- ✓ Subregional SCS Framework & Guidelines
- ✓ Public Participation Plan

In Progress
- o Model Improvements
- o Consultant Support

Milestones for 2026
- • Relaunch Regional Planning Working Group
- • Policy Development Framework
- • Local Data Exchange
- • Project List
- • Early Public Outreach

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Considerations for Policy Development

Where have we been?

Where are we now?

Where are we going?

STATE OF THE REGION

Purpose

Using the four pillars of Connect SoCal, the 2026 State of the Region Report provides a baseline regional performance assessment to help identify future transportation system needs and emergent issues in the SCAG region

Report Details

- Historical trends and existing conditions with data ranging from 2000 to 2024 to capture significant changes in the region

- 49 metrics related to Demographics, Mobility, Communities, Environment, and Economy
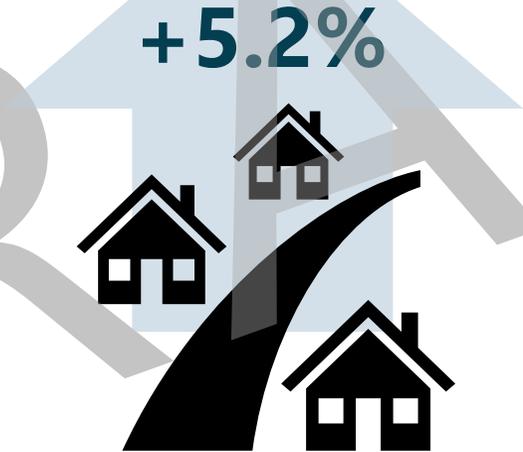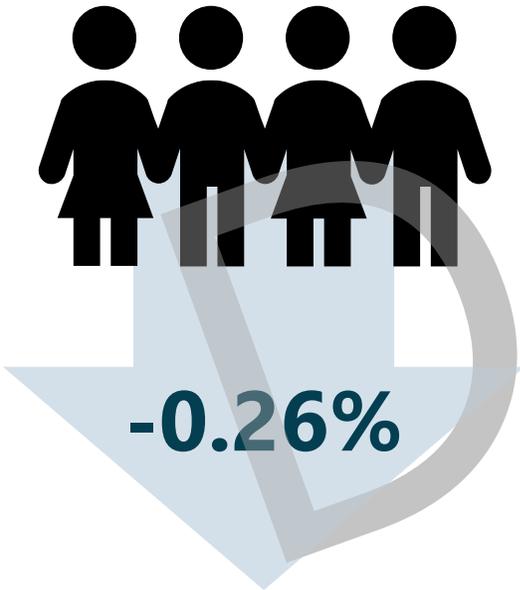
- StoryMap with interactive charts
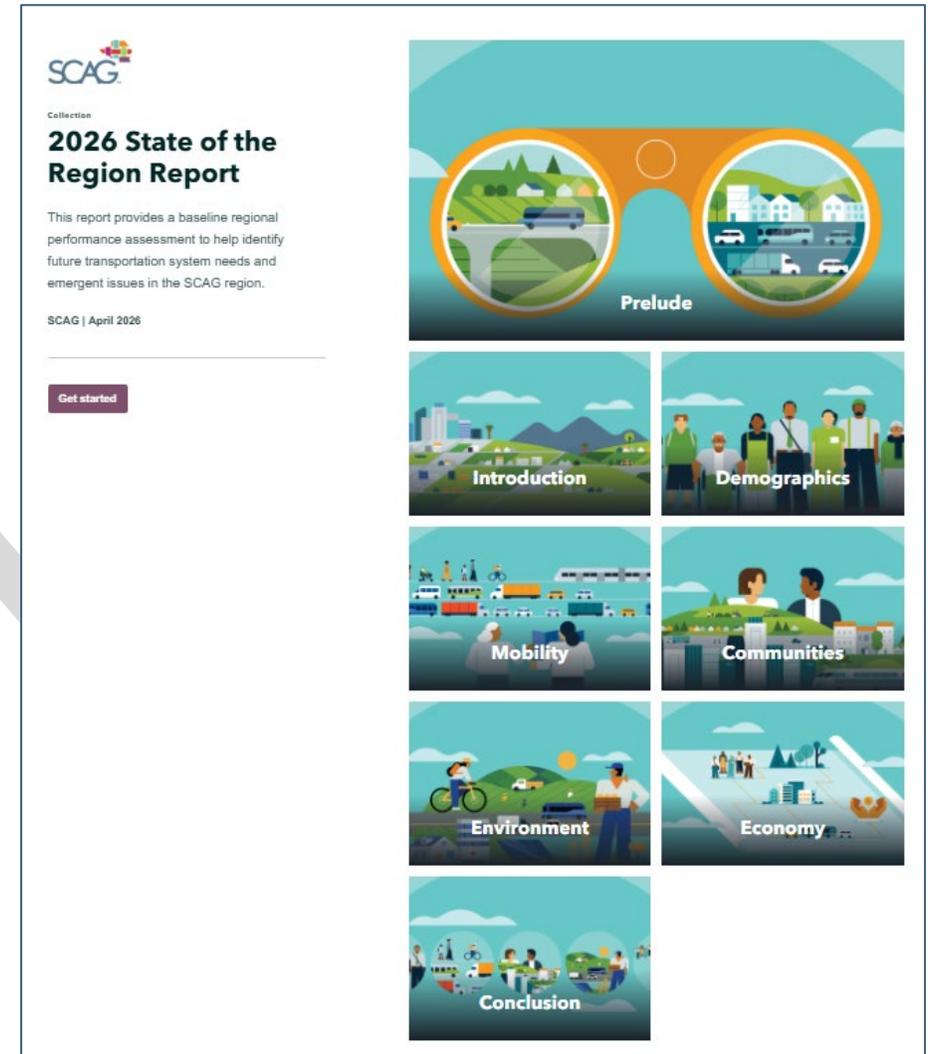
Planning for a Changing Population

Historical trends, from 2000 to 2020, have shown steady increases but recent trends indicate a shift:
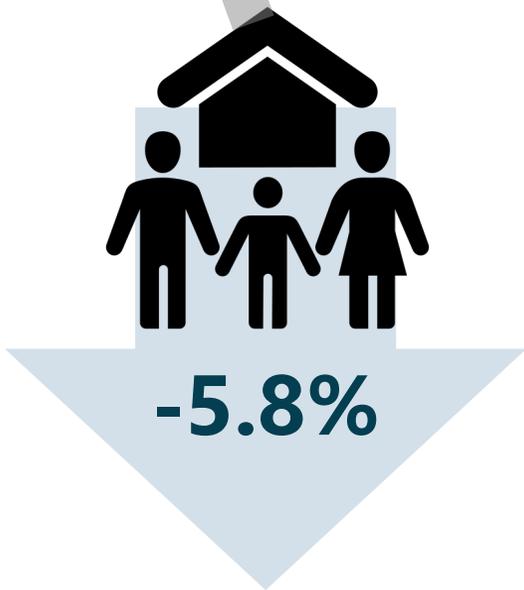
Total Population
2020 - 2024

-0.26%

+5.2%

Total Households
2020 - 2024

Household Size
2020 - 2024

-5.8%

Planning for a Changing Population

At the same time, we're witnessing additional changes to the population:

+40%

Racial Diversity

2000 - 2024

+13%

Median Age

2000 - 2024

+47%

Educational Attainment

2000 - 2024
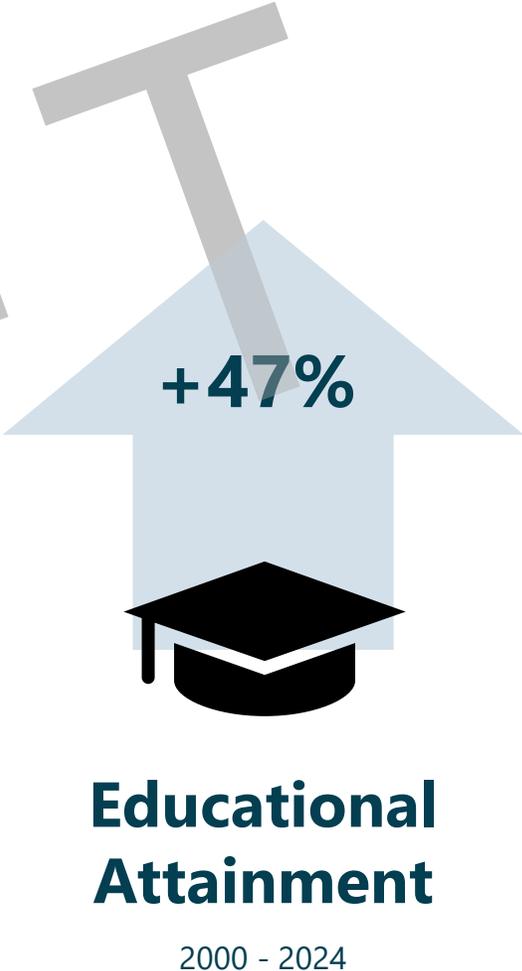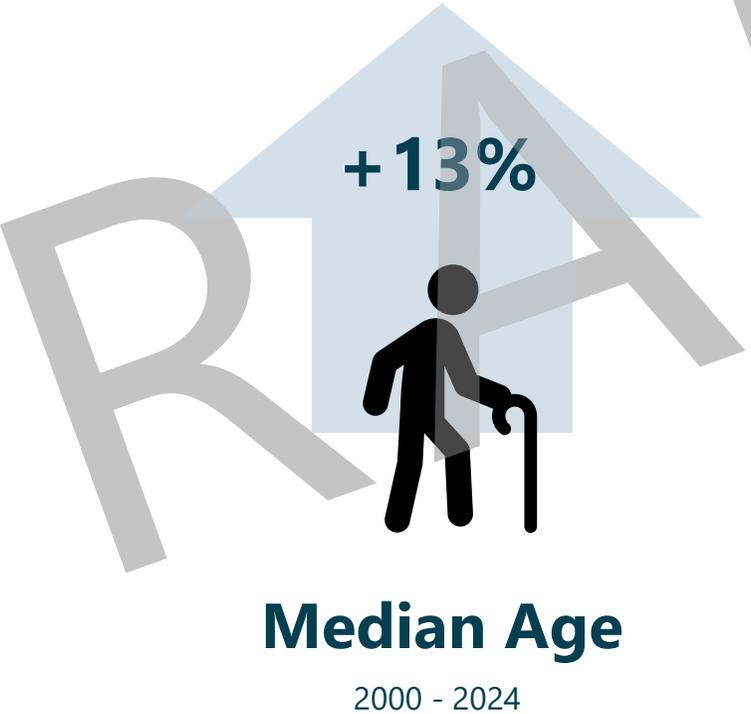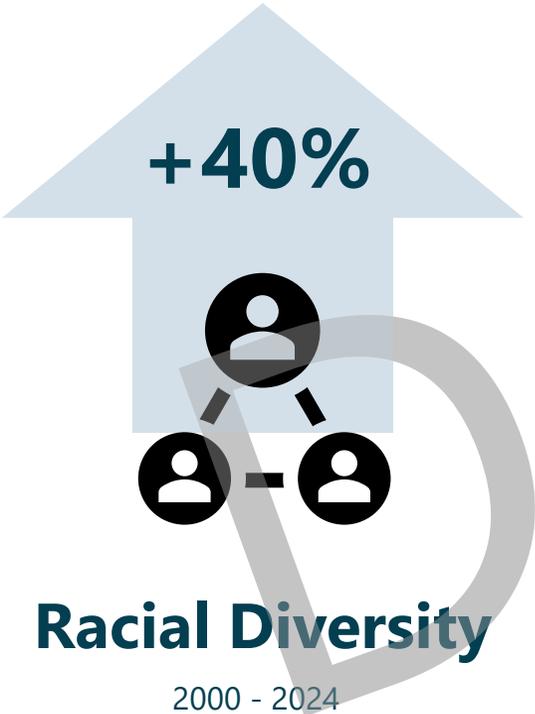
Improving Regional Mobility

There are also shifts in travel behavior impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic:

Average Travel Time

2019 - 2024

-2.98%

+61%
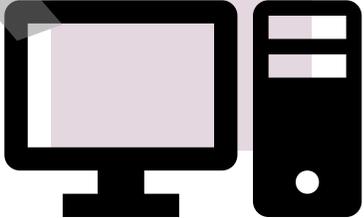
Work from Home

2019 - 2024

Improving Regional Mobility

Transit boardings are increasing but so are safety concerns:

+34%

Transit Boardings
per capita

2020 - 2024

+23%

Collision-Related Fatalities

2000 - 2024

+22%

Active Transportation Fatalities and Serious Injuries

2000 - 2024
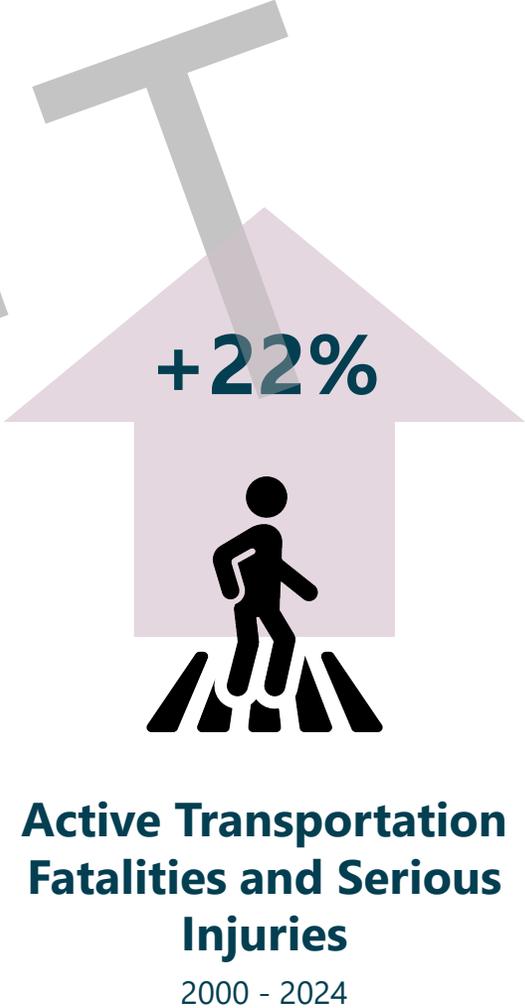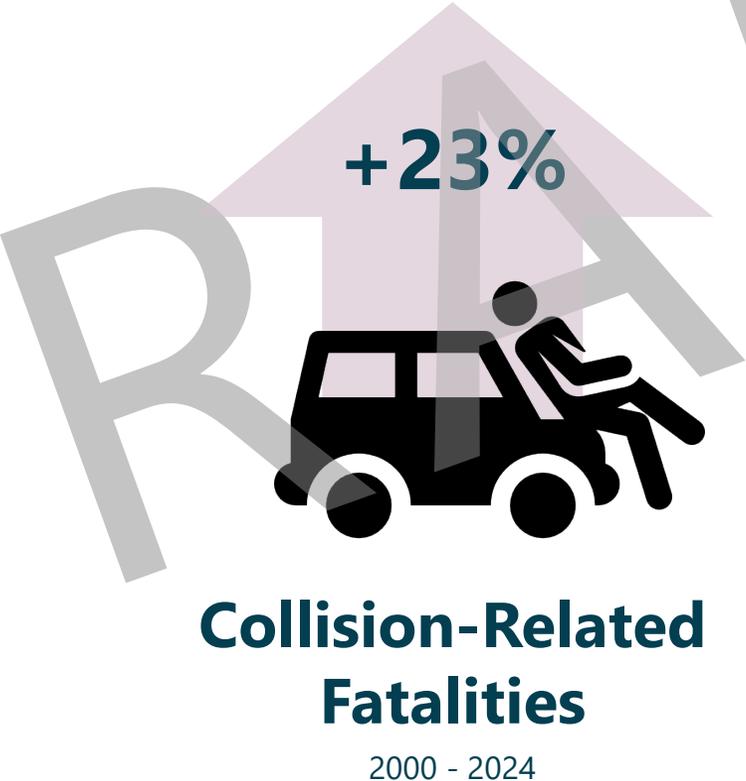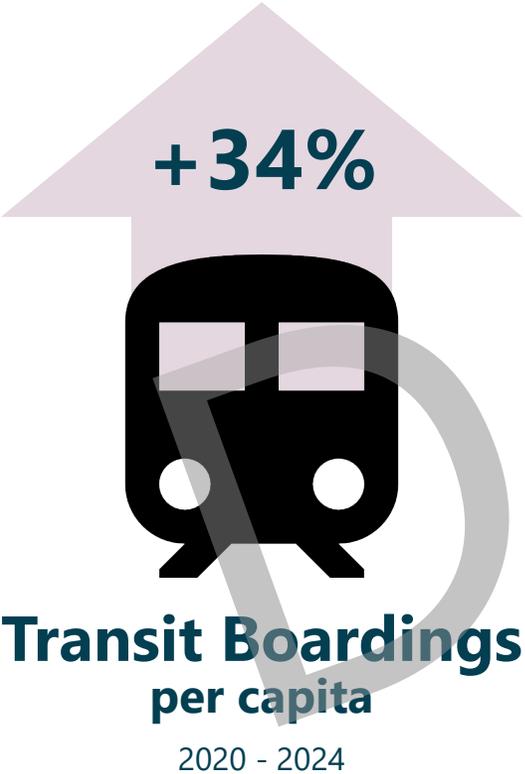
Navigating Persistent Housing Strains

Total housing units and residential units built have been increasing:

+3.4%

+25%

Total Housing Units

2019 - 2024

Residential Units Built

2018 - 2024
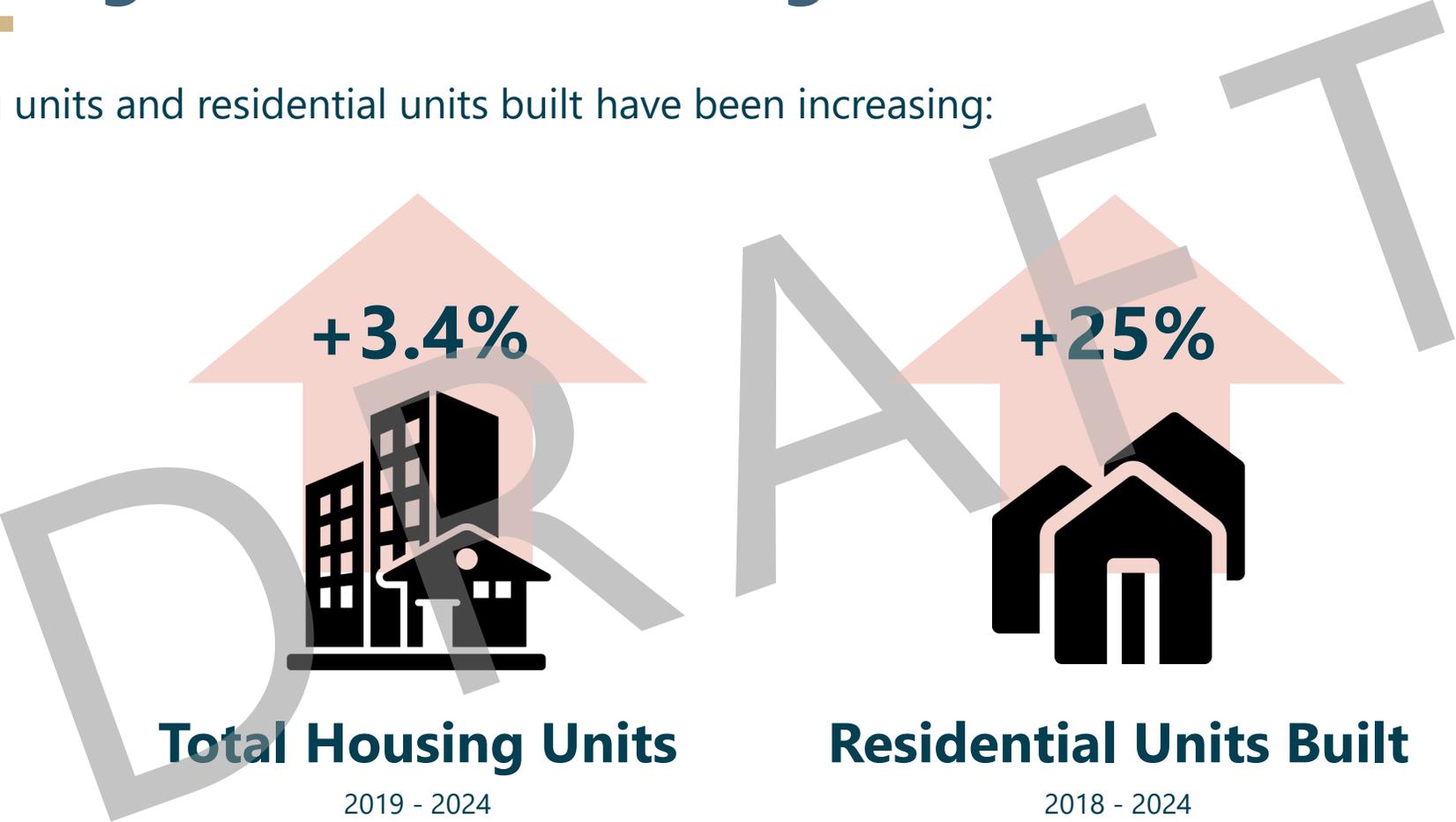
Navigating Persistent Housing Strains

But there is still an imbalance of housing need:

+3.4%
+3.1%

+18%

8.8%
Built after 2010
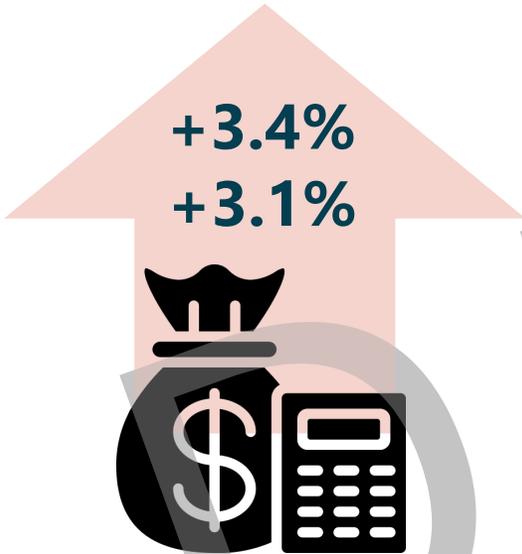
Housing Cost Burden
2019 - 2024
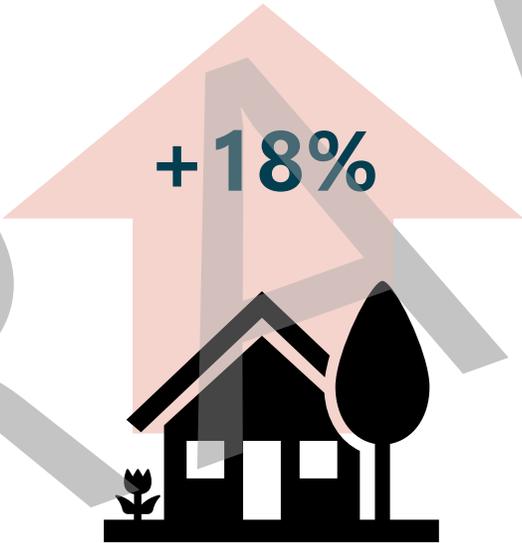
Overcrowding
2019 - 2024
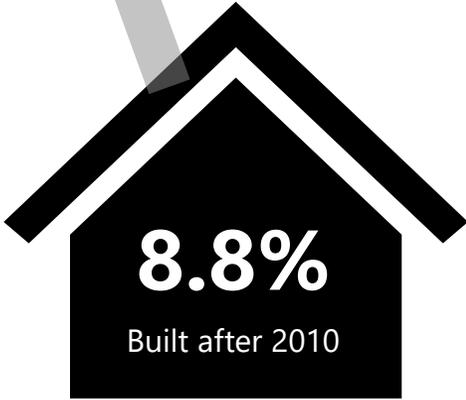
Age of Housing Stock
2024

Preparing for Environmental Challenges

Recent trends show increased VMT but electricity and water consumption are decreasing:

+6.4%

Vehicle Miles Traveled
per capita
2020 - 2023

Electricity Consumption
2020 - 2024

-5.8%

Water Consumption
2014 - 2024

-27%
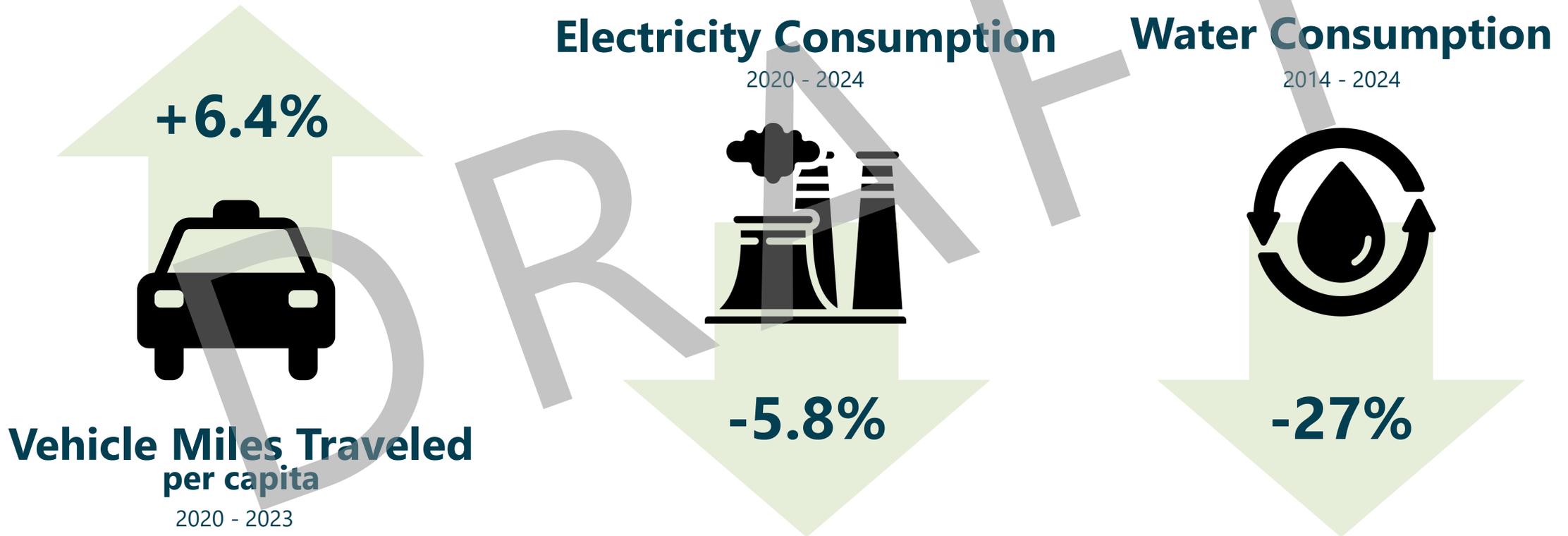
Preparing for Environmental Challenges

The impacts of climate change are showing alarming challenges:

+80%

Extreme Heat Days

2000 - 2023

+156%

Drought Score

2020 - 2024
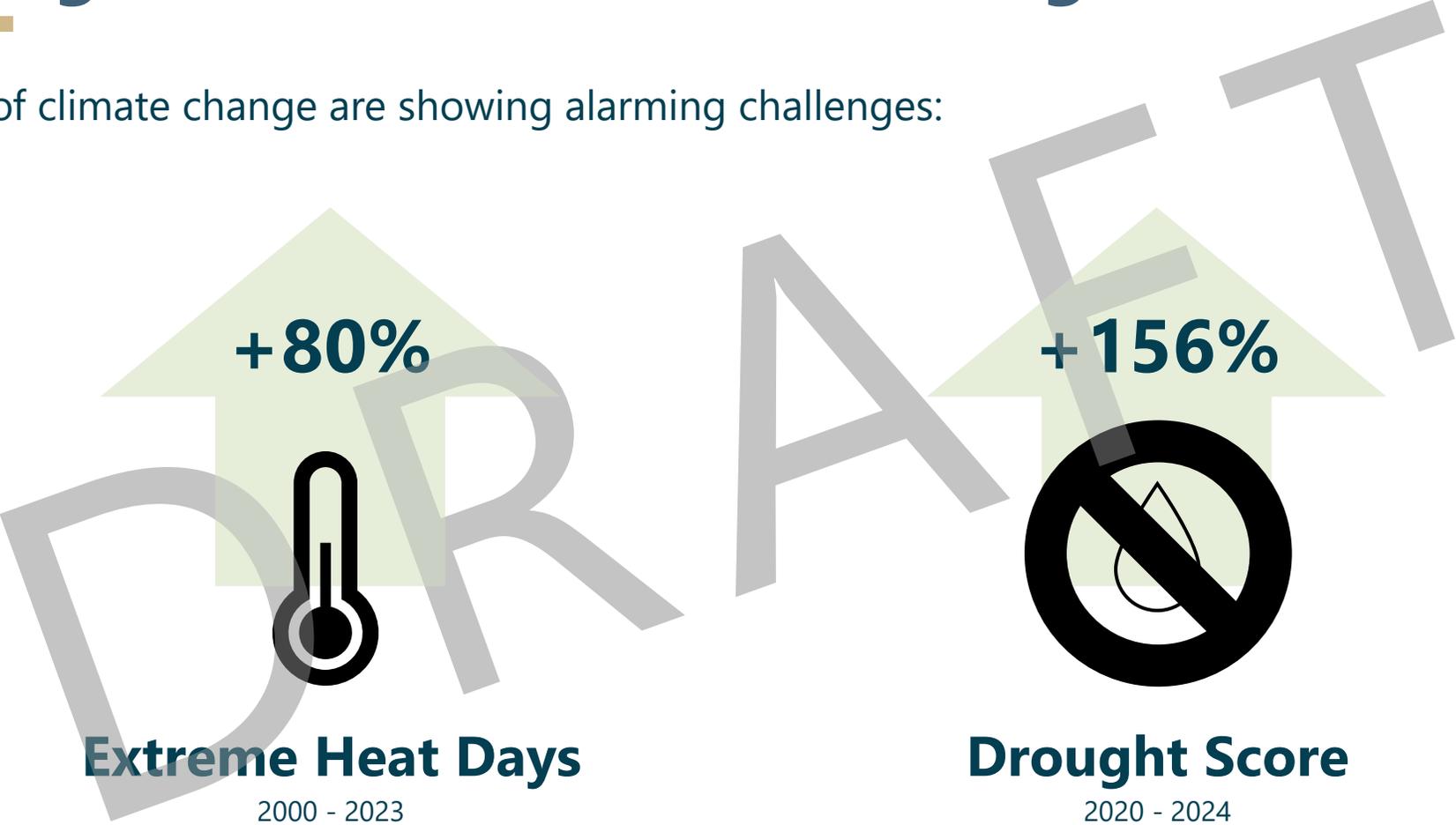
Achieving Economic Resilience

Number of jobs are increasing while unemployment is dropping:

+14%

Total Jobs

2000 - 2024

Unemployment

2010 - 2024

-131%

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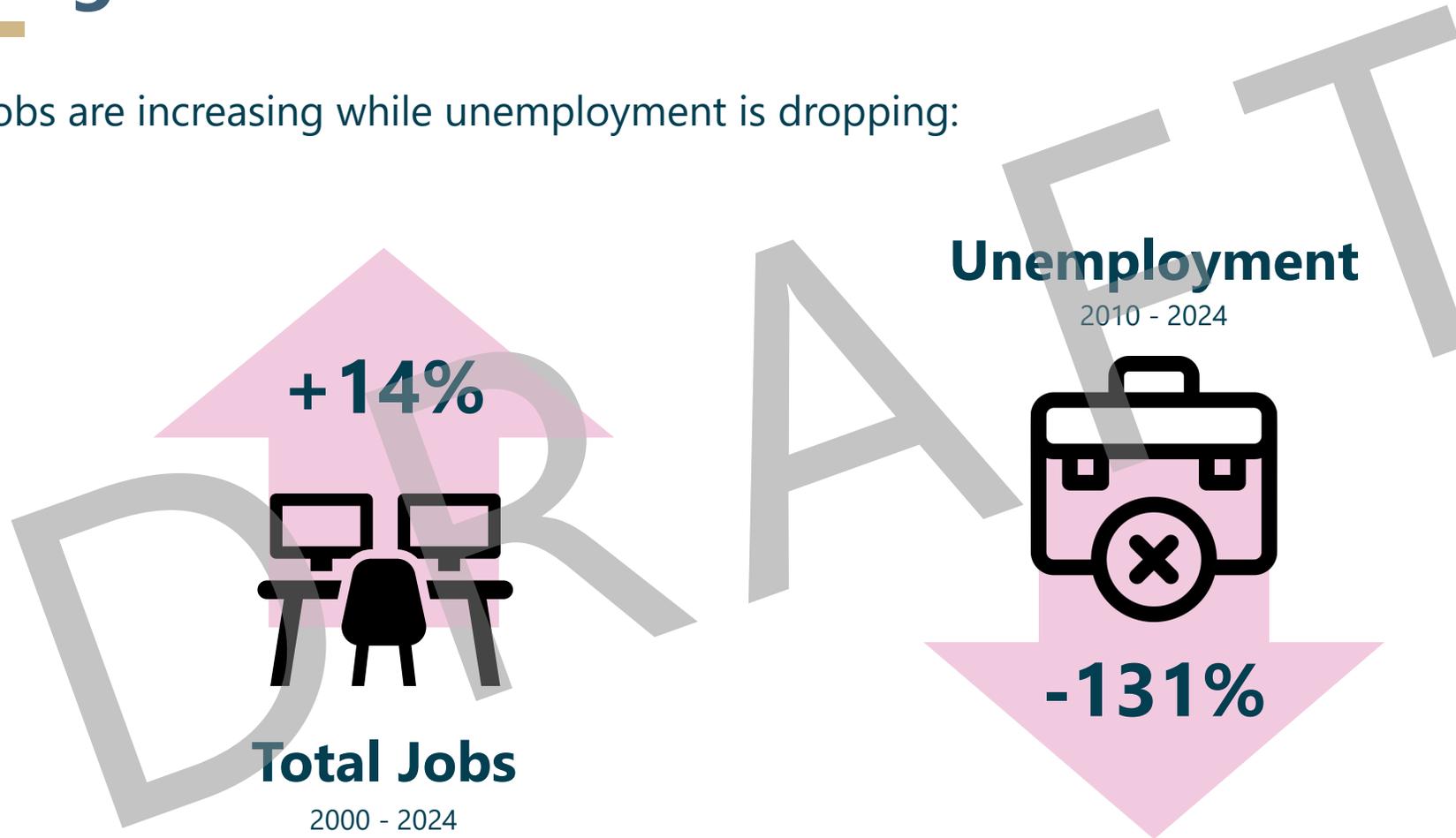
Achieving Economic Resilience

Median household income continues to rise while poverty falls:

Poverty Rate
2000 - 2024

+52%

-29%

Median Household Income
2000 - 2024
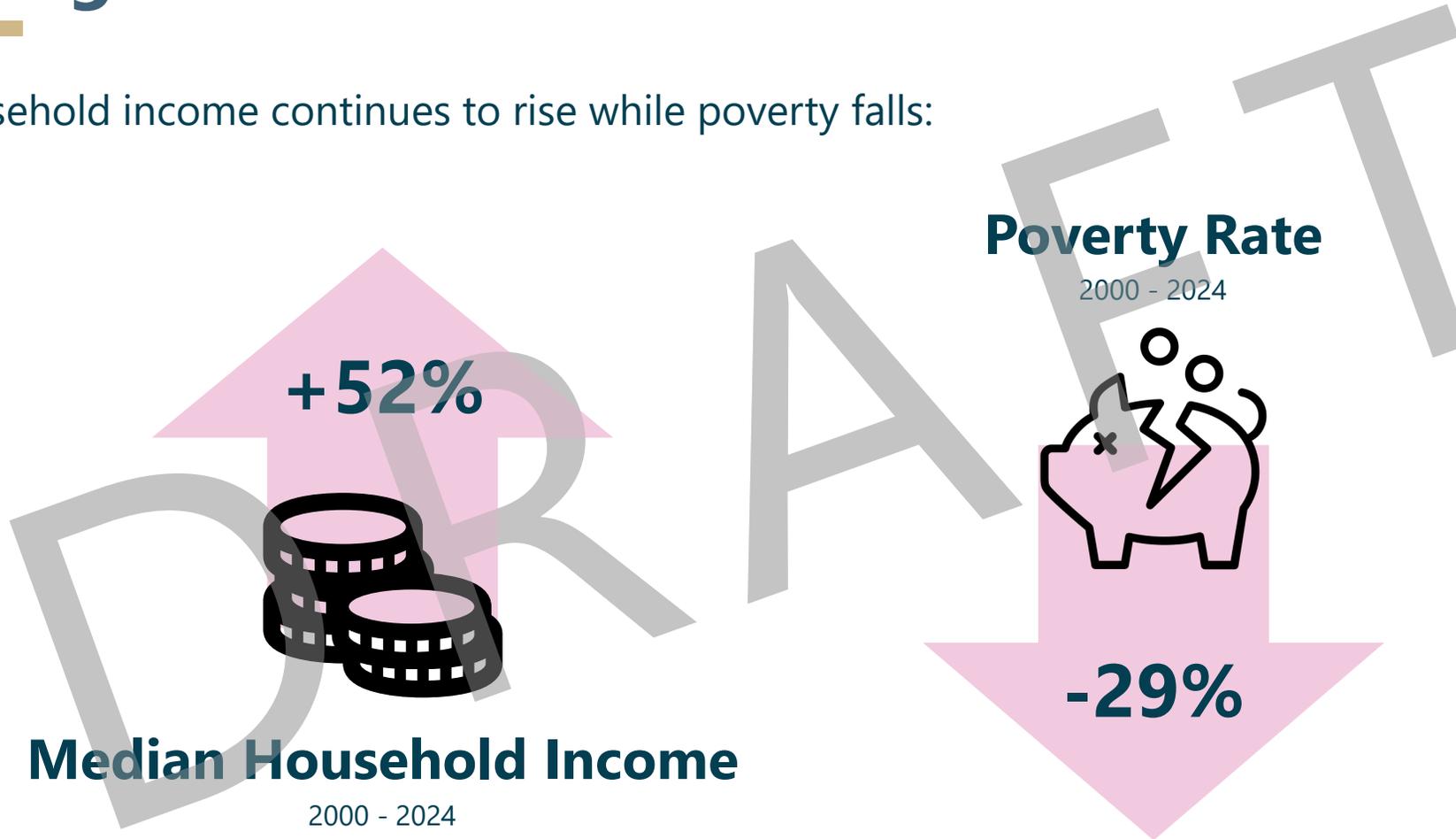
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For more information, please visit:

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PRELIMINARY REGIONAL GROWTH PROJECTIONS

Preliminary Connect SoCal 2050 Population Projection

Preliminary Connect SoCal 2050 Population Projection (& Comparison)

- Historical
- CSC 2020 (+14.41%) — 22,936,000
- CSC 2024 (+10.15%) — 20,909,000
- DOF (-0.59%) — 18,511,506
- CSC 2050 (-0.93%) — 18,448,000
- 18,837,675
- 18,621,000

Notes: Percentage increases reflect 2024-2050. Historical data is CA DOF E-2 estimates, reflecting July 1. 2020 RTP/SCS plan horizon was 2016-2045, though preliminary projections were conducted through 2050. 2024 RTP/SCS plan horizon was 2019-2050.
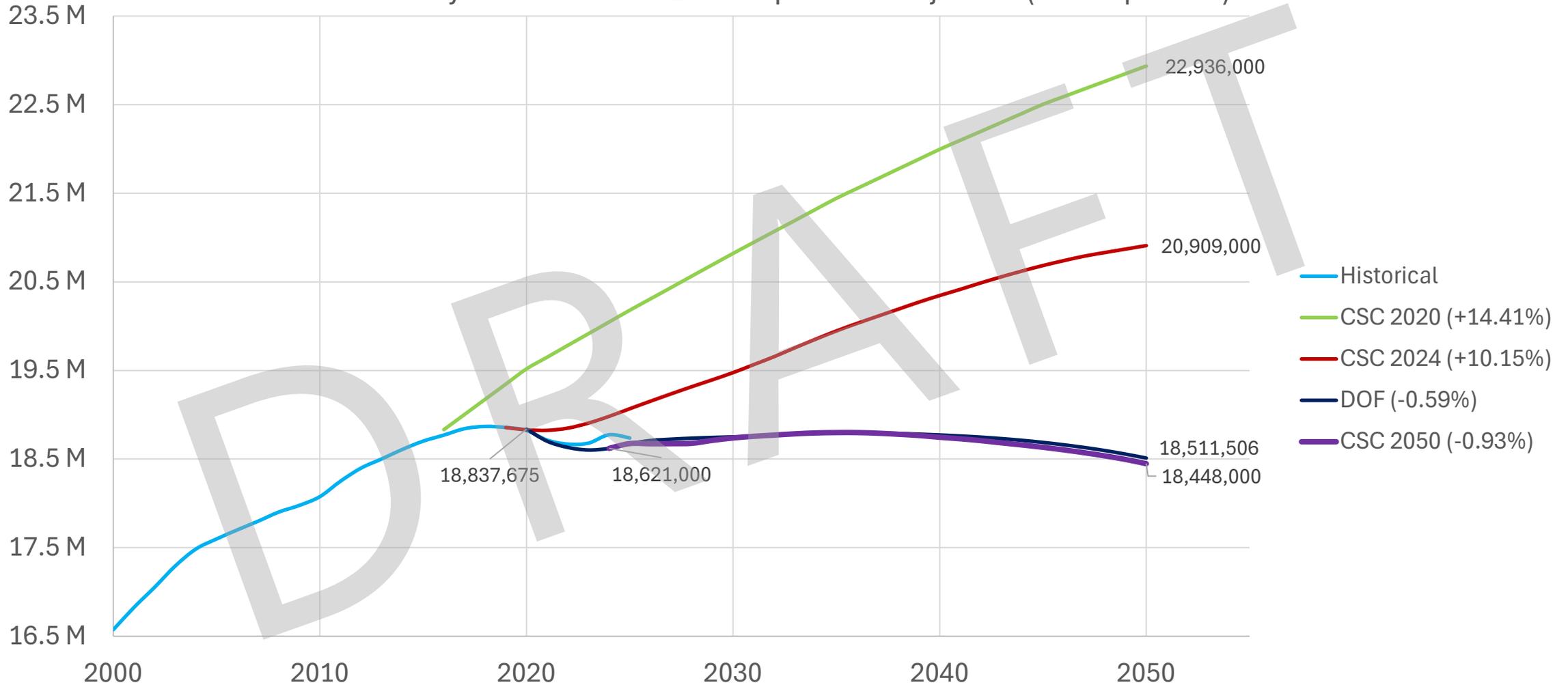
Preliminary Connect SoCal 2050 Household Projection

Preliminary Connect SoCal 2050 Household Projection (& Comparison)

Legend:
- Historical
- CSC 2020 (+19.02%)
- CSC 2024 (+19.19%)
- CSC 2050 (13.24%)

Data labels:
- 6,420,000
- 7,822,000
- 7,814,000
- 7,270,000

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Preliminary Connect SoCal 2050 Employment Projection

Preliminary Connect SoCal 2050 Employment Projection (& Comparison)

- Historical
- CSC 2020 (+14.19%)
- CSC 2024 (+12.98%)
- CSC 2050 (1.31%)

10,276,000
10,244,000
9,218,000
9,099,000
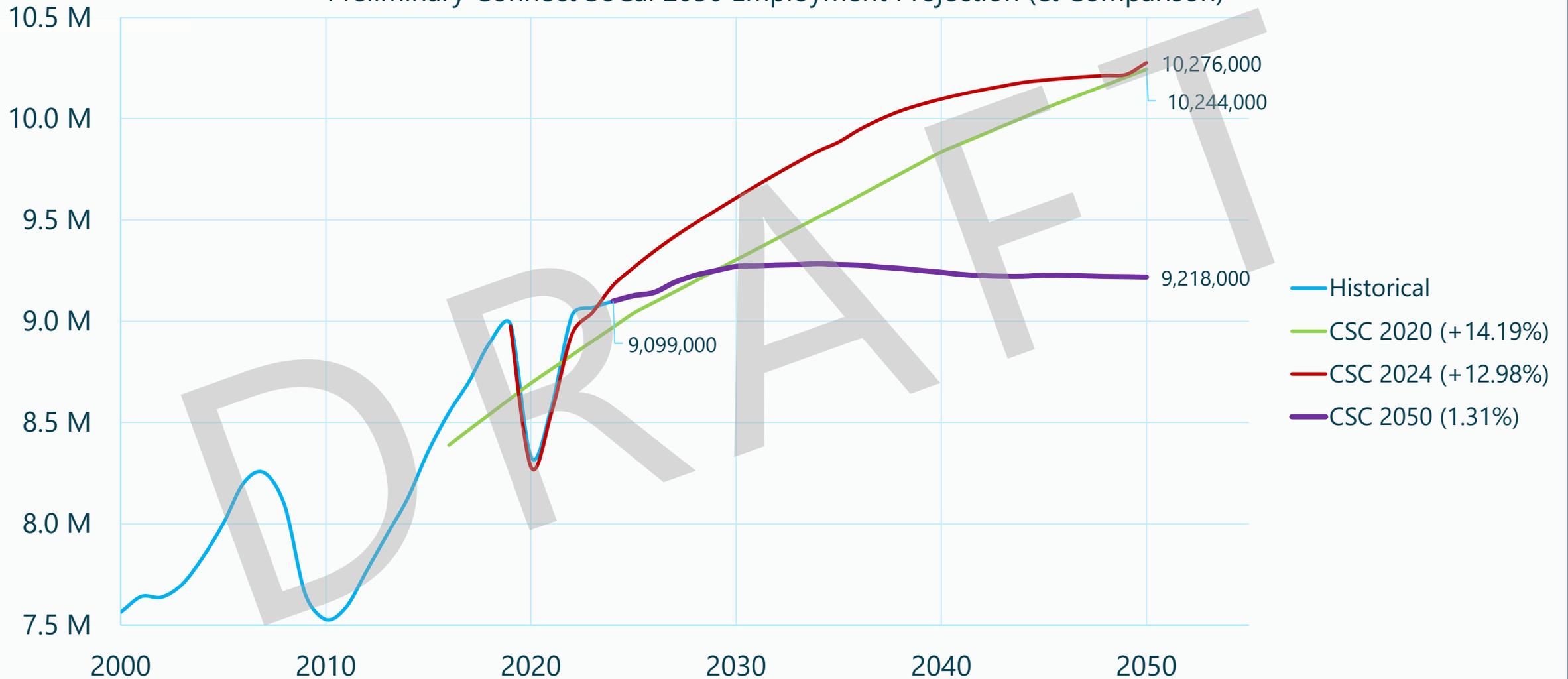
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Preliminary Connect SoCal 2050 County Projections

Percent Change 2024-2050

Legend:
- ■ Population
- ■ Households
- ■ Jobs
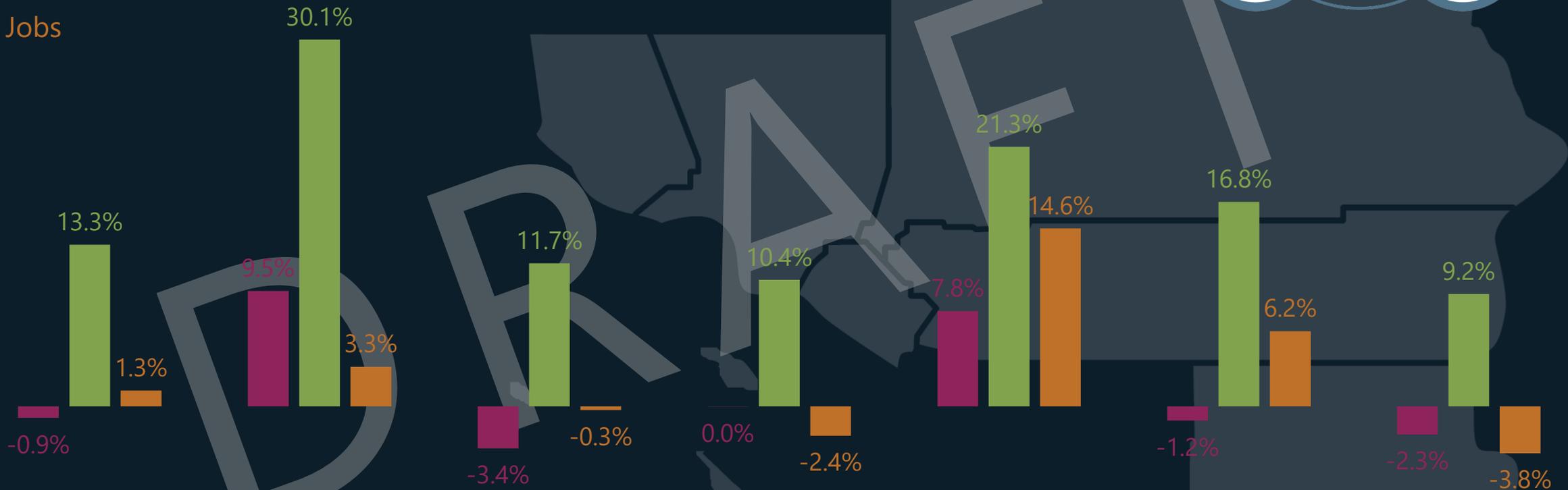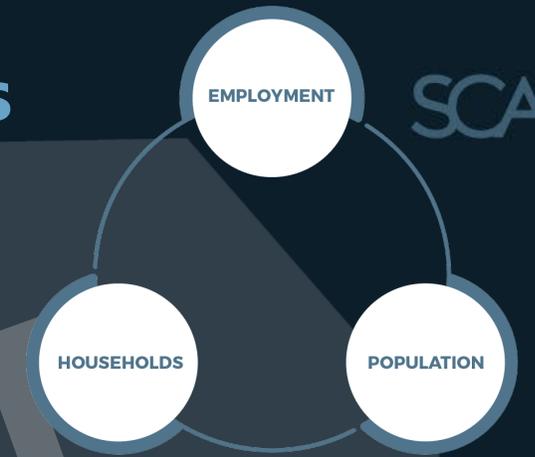
EMPLOYMENT

HOUSEHOLDS   POPULATION

SCAG

REGION
- Population: -0.9%
- Households: 13.3%
- Jobs: 1.3%

Imperial
- Population: 9.5%
- Households: 30.1%
- Jobs: 3.3%

Los Angeles
- Population: -3.4%
- Households: 11.7%
- Jobs: -0.3%

Orange
- Population: 0.0%
- Households: 10.4%
- Jobs: -2.4%

Riverside
- Population: 7.8%
- Households: 21.3%
- Jobs: 14.6%

San Bernardino
- Population: -1.2%
- Households: 16.8%
- Jobs: 6.2%

Ventura
- Population: -2.3%
- Households: 9.2%
- Jobs: -3.8%

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For more information, please visit:

https://scag.ca.gov/economic-insights-data-resources

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POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Considering Trends in Policy Development

Which policies continue to support us in achieving our goals considering updated trends and assumptions?

Context: Federal and State Regulation Uncertainty

Federal

- Scaling back of air quality and equity standards and requirements

State

- CARB adopting
    - Updated GHG reduction targets this Fall 2026
    - New SCS Guidelines in 2027

- Potential legislation reforming SB 375

DRAFT

Draft Policy Development Framework

Policy Structure

- Vision & Goals
- Regional Planning Policies
- Implementation Strategies

Policy Priorities

- Recent Resolutions
- Early Stakeholder & Public Outreach
- Connect SoCal Futures

Policy Development Leadership

- Policy Committees
- Joint Policy Committee
- Special RTP/SCS Subcommittee

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Draft Policy Development Framework: Structure

Vision and Goals
What we want the region to be by 2050

Regional Planning Policies
Provide guidance for integrating land use and transportation

Implementation Strategies
Guide where SCAG will lead, partner or support plan implementation

Updating these elements is focus of Policy Development

Priorities Consideration: Recent Policy Resolutions

Drought and Water Shortage Emergency Resolution (October 2022)

Goods Movement Supply Chain Resolution (March 2023)

Regional Complete Streets Policy Resolution (March 2023)

Planning for Uncertainty: Connect SoCal Futures

PURPOSE

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- Identify policies that are robust across diverse, plausible futures
- Identify policy gaps and potential research

ENGAGEMENT

- Frame policy discussions through a lens of **future uncertainties**
- Engage key stakeholders early in policy discussion

Planning for Uncertainty: Connect SoCal Futures

Connect SoCal 2050 Development

Connect SoCal Futures

Drivers of change, trends, signals

↓

4 diverse, plausible future narratives

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Proposed research   Proposed robust policies

"uncertainty"

Growth Forecast
+ Forecasted Regional Development Pattern
+ Other plan elements

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Policy discussions (Subcommittee/PC/JPC)

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Connect SoCal 2050 Policy Framework
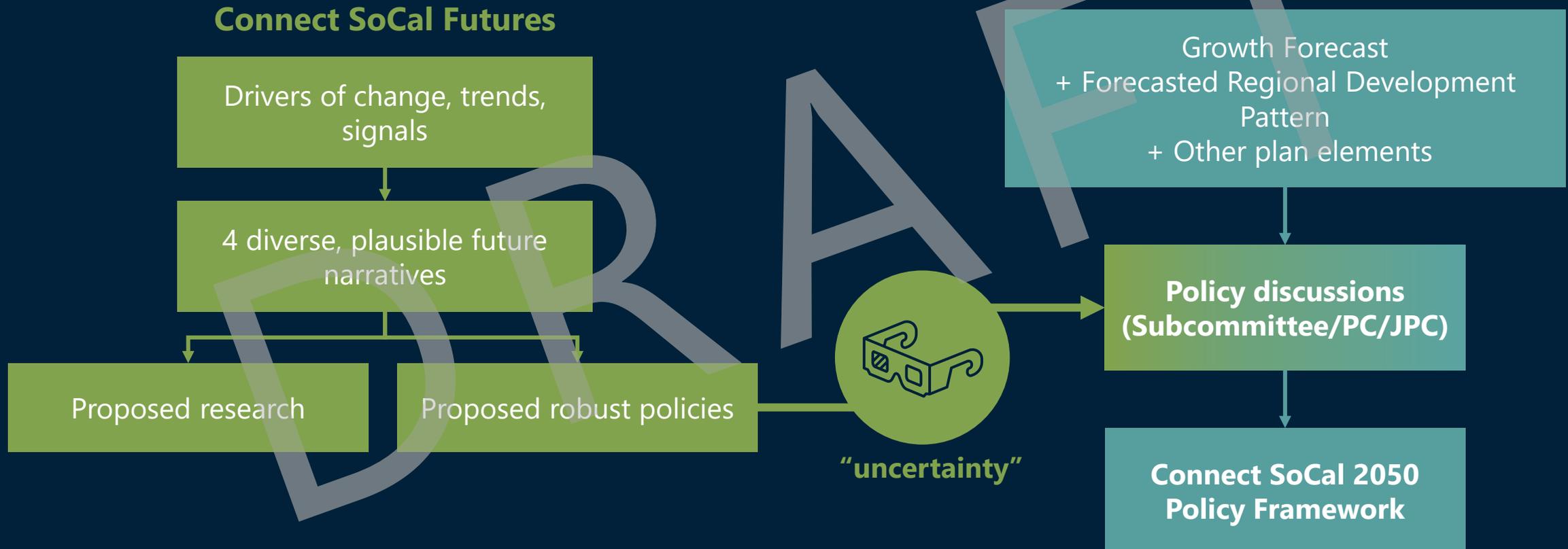
Policy Leadership: Policy Committees

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Regional Planning Policies		

Mobility
- System Preservation and Resilience
- Complete Streets
- Transit and Multimodal Integration
- Transportation Demand Management
- Transportation System Management
- Technology Integration
- Safety
- Funding the System/User Pricing

Economy
- Goods Movement
- Broadband
- Universal Basic Mobility
- Tourism

Environment
- Sustainable Development

Communities
- Priority Development Areas
- Housing the Region
- 15 Minute Communities
- Equitable Engagement and Decision-Making

Economy
- Workforce Development
- Tourism

Environment
- Sustainable Development
- Air Quality
- Clean Transportation
- Natural and Working Lands Preservation
- Climate Resilience

Environmental Compliance
- PEIR
- Transportation Conformity
- Environmental Justice
- SB 375 Technical Methodology

Policy Leadership: RTP/SCS Subcommittee

Purpose	Composition	Key Content	Responsibilities
• Forum for overarching, big-picture policy development	• At least two reps from each PC • Representation across region • Appointed by Regional Council President	• Policy Development Framework • Draft Plan Policies • Final Plan Policies	• Meet at least 7 times through Winter 2028 • Recommendations and reports back to PCs

Next Steps

- Stakeholder engagement and early public outreach to inform emerging issues for plan cycle

- Pending action of JPC and Regional Council
  - June EAC Retreat: Appoint members to RTP/SCS Subcommittee
  - July: First meeting of Subcommittee

- Adopt Policy Development Framework in October 2026

Recommended Action for JPC

- Recommend that the Regional Council establish a special Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Subcommittee to provide overarching policy leadership for Connect SoCal 2050.

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The Southern California Association of Governments' 2024–2050 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy

Connect SoCal 2050
Local Data Exchange (LDX)

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Local Data Exchange (LDX): A Local Input Process for Connect SoCal

- **What is LDX?**

  - Through the LDX, SCAG aims to meet and exchange _local information for regional purposes_ with all Southern California Jurisdictions.

- **Why LDX is used?**

  - A key purpose is to support SCAG in meeting the requirement to "set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region." The LDX is also the primary opportunity for local jurisdictions to provide input into the development of Connect SoCal, ensuring that the data are accurate and consistent across the region.

- **How LDX works?**

  - SCAG prepares jurisdiction-specific GIS data and maps and a survey. SCAG aims to meet one-on-one with local jurisdictions to discuss the data and plan development. For Connect SoCal 2050, meetings will begin in April 2026 and input is due to SCAG by _November 20, 2026_.

Connect SoCal 2050
Preliminary Milestones*

Foundations & Frameworks	Data Collection & Policy Development	Outreach & Analysis	Draft Plan & Adoption
2025	2026	2027	2028

Model Improvements

Connect SoCal Futures

Draft Plan Policy Discussions

Local Data Exchange Process

Project List Solicitation

Public Workshops

Public Comment Period
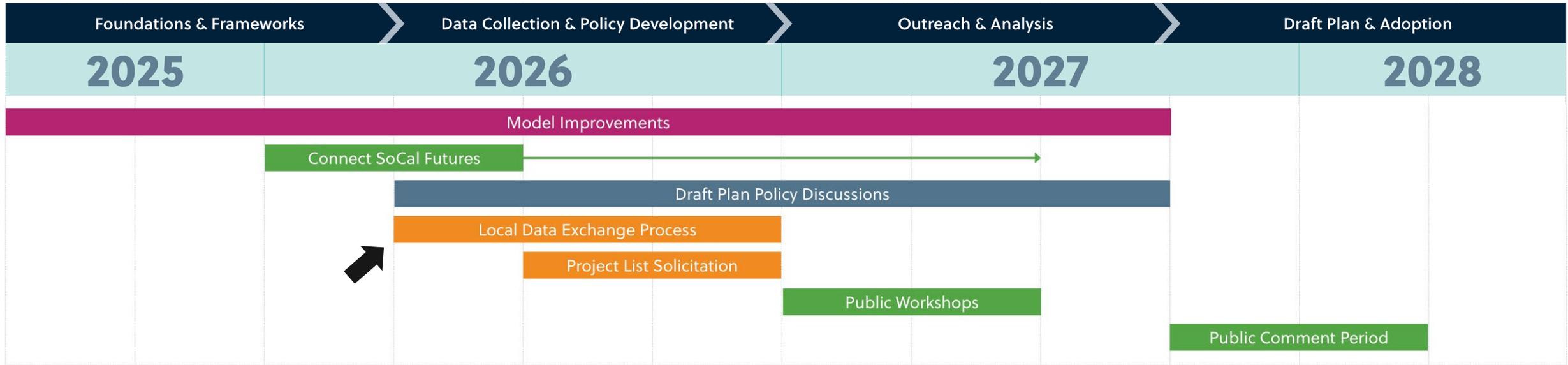
Milestones Color Key:

- Plan Foundation and Elements
- Local Agency Input Process
- Modeling/Forecast
- Outreach and Engagement

* Draft - Subject to Change

Statutory Requirement on *Forecasted Regional Development Pattern (FRDP)*

- Government Code 65080(b)(2)(B) et seq. requires that SCAG:

  "set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks to achieve, if there is a feasible way to do so, the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the state board and will allow the regional transportation plan to comply with Section 176 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C Sec. 706)."

Proposed LDX and FRDP Guiding Principles recommended by CEHD on 3/5/26 for RC adoption

- LDX provides a process for SCAG staff to work with local jurisdictions on technical inputs to Connect SoCal 2050 and to generate a forecasted regional development that will be:

   1. **Rooted in local planning policies.** The forecasted regional development pattern will use local general plans as a starting point, or ceiling, for growth and local jurisdictions will be asked to update and review the development pattern with their expertise of local planning context and pending/upcoming planning work.

   2. **Aligned with state policy.** The forecasted regional development pattern will reflect the housing element process and be assessed against SCAG's SB 375 greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

   3. **Steered by a regional vision.** The forecasted regional development pattern will further focus growth in areas supported by Regional Planning Policies adopted by the SCAG Regional Council and follow regional and county forecast totals as guided by SCAG's Demographic Panel of Experts.

Preliminary Data/Maps for Connect SoCal 2050

- Six categories of data/maps:
  - Local jurisdictions may update/correct data that fall within local purview
  - Additional regional data provided as a reference
- LDX serves as a two-way information exchange process to provide *transparency* into regional plan development process as well as *data*, *resources*, and *tools*.

Land Use

Geographical Boundary

Transportation

Green Region Resource Areas

Priority Development Areas

Preliminary Growth Forecast

Preliminary Data/Maps for Connect SoCal 2050

Update	Reference	Update/Reference	Reference	Reference	Update
Land Use	**Geographical Boundary**	**Transportation**	**Green Region Resource Areas (GRRA)**	**Priority Development Areas (PDA)**	**Preliminary Growth Forecast**
General Plan land use	City boundary	Major transit stops	Conserved Area	PDA category	Households 2024-2050
Specific Plan land use	Sphere of influence	Transit Priority Areas (TPA)	Climate Hazards (flood, fire hazard, sea level rise)		
Existing land use	Census tract	High Quality Transit Corridors (HQTC)	Habitat (aquatic resources, wildlife corridors, habit value)		Employment 2024-2050
Zoning code	Travel Analysis Zone (TAZ) geography	Dedicated Transit Lanes	Agriculture (farmland)		
6th cycle housing element sites		California Road System			
Residential development activity		*Mobility Hubs			
		*Regional bikeways			
		*Regional truck routes			

Note. SCAG is seeking input on all data and maps under the land use and preliminary growth forecast categories. In addition, we ask local jurisdictions to provide updates or corrections to transportation maps identified by an asterisk.

Data/Verification Form

- Signed by Planning Director or City Manager

- Also due by November 20

- Formal verification that data layers and preliminary growth forecast have been reviewed

- Update or correct data layers

- Approve or revise growth forecast/SED + reason and description

Data Review and Verification Form – SCAG Connect SoCal 2050 – Local Data Exchange (LDX) Process

Date: _____ Jurisdiction: _____

Name: _____ Position/Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please use this form to formally indicate that you have reviewed data for which SCAG is seeking update/corrections during the LDX process. For each layer requiring update/corrections, please ensure that it was provided via email to the Local Information Services Team (LIST) email to list@scag.ca.gov.

Category	Layer	Reviewed	Notes/Comments – Continue on back if needed
Land Use	General Plan	[check box]	
	Specific Plan	[check box	
	Existing land use	[check box	
	Zoning	[check box	
	6th cycle housing element sites	[check box	
	Candidate sites for rezoning	[check box	
	Residential development activity	[check box	
Transportation	Mobility hubs	[check box	
	Regional bikeways	[check box	
	Regional truck routes	[check box	

Please indicate whether you have completed a review of the preliminary growth forecast/socioeconomic data (SED). Please also indicate whether you made revisions at the jurisdiction or transportation analysis zone (TAZ) level. Note that changes will be integrated by SCAG and do not guarantee inclusion in the Final Connect SoCal 2050 due to state-mandated targets.

Growth/SED	Year	Jurisdiction-level		TAZ-level		Notes/Comments – Continue on back
Total Households	2024	Approve	Revise	Approve	Revise	
	2035	Approve	Revise	Approve	Revise	
	2050	Approve	Revise	Approve	Revise	
Total Employment	2024	Approve	Revise	Approve	Revise	
	2035	Approve	Revise	Approve	Revise	
	2050	Approve	Revise	Approve	Revise	

If growth/SED were revised, please select a reason and describe:

Reason	Data Layer / Concept	Description – Continue on back if needed
Data Update/Correction	Development capacity per local plans, e.g. General Plan capacity	
Data Update/Correction	6th cycle housing element sites or Candidate sites for rezoning	
Data Update/Correction	Development activity or Entitlements	
Planning/Policy	Local growth vision differs from region-wide Priority Development Areas (PDAs) approach	
Planning/Policy	Different level of development envisioned in Green Region/Resource Areas (GRRAs)	

LDX Survey

In addition to the LDX data and maps, local jurisdictions will also be asked to provide input through a qualitative survey, which is organized into five sections:

- Land Use & Housing,
- Transportation,
- Environmental,
- Implementation, and
- Data.

Local Data Exchange
Shared Data for Shared Goals

Major LDX and Connect SoCal 2050 Milestones

EVENT	ANTICIPATED DATE
Begin subregion-level outreach	Beginning March 2026
Finalize and complete LDX data	March 2026
Launch Local Data Exchange. Data made available for local review through Data/Map Books	April 9, 2026
Begin one-on-one meetings with local jurisdictions to review the data package and feedback opportunities	April 2026
Deadline for local jurisdictions to provide feedback for possible inclusion in Connect SoCal	**November 20, 2026**
Regional collaboration on plan development. Continued development of Connect SoCal strategies with stakeholders, working groups, and the public	2027
Draft RTP/SCS release	Fall 2027
Final RTP/SCS adoption	Spring 2028

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Upcoming LDX Outreach/Meeting Dates

EVENT	DATE
Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	March 3
Ventura County Planning Association	March 19
Westside Cities COG Transportation Working Group	March 24
SBCTA Transportation TAC	March 25
Imperial County Transportation Committee TAC	March 26
San Gabriel Valley COG Planning Directors	March 26
Gateway Cities Transportation Committee	April 1
South Bay Cities Transportation Committee	April 13
VCTC Transportation TAC	April 15
Western Riverside COG Planning Directors Committee	May 14

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CEHD's Recommended Action for RC

- Recommend that the Regional Council adopt the proposed "Local Data Exchange and Forecasted Development Pattern Guiding Principles" and direct staff to conduct a local data exchange process as the technical input opportunity for local jurisdictions for Connect SoCal 2050 with a due date of November 20, 2026.

THANK YOU

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Updated RPWG Structure

PURPOSE:

Reflecting the intersectional nature of SCAG's work to foster innovative regional solutions, the Regional Planning Working Group is a **forum for SCAG to share current projects and best practices with the public** to facilitate holistic discussions that shape SCAG's work and support local implementation of the regional goals.

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REGIONAL PLANNING WORKING GROUP

Housing

Safe and Active Streets

Natural and Farm Lands Conservation

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Existing SCAG Stakeholder Meetings

Technical Working Group

Modeling Task Force

Transportation Conformity Working Group

Aviation Technical Advisory Committee

Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee

Regional Planning Working Group*

Global Land Use and Economic Council

CTC Planning Directors Meeting

Subregional Executive Directors Meeting

*RPWG participants do not vote or take positions on any policy issues

TECHNICAL FOCUS

POLICY FOCUS

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Updated Schedule

- Monthly (with flexibility based on presenters' availability)

- Agendas to include mix of various focus areas

- Ad hoc meetings if necessary

Upcoming
April 2026