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Thank you for sharing the RHNA Reform Draft Recommendations Matrix. Regarding comments 14 and 15, SCAG should be focusing on why high-quality transit service is being provided or planned, rather than basing RHNA allocations on whether an HQTAs is simply included in Connect SoCal. Currently, some local jurisdictions are resisting and scrutinizing existing and planned high-quality transit service. This concern from local jurisdictions is working against the goals of Connect SoCal, RHNA, and transit operators. By modifying the RHNA allocation methodology to instead use metrics that reflect corridor characteristics that support high-quality transit service, the RHNA-related concerns that are currently associated with transit service would be removed. This will allow transit operators to plan for and implement more effective and efficient transit service throughout the region and better support the goals of Connect SoCal. Additionally, we are supportive of comment 22, particularly if the funding could be used to support transit-oriented developments.

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