



Southern California Association of Governments
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October 3, 2019

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG’S OFFICE.

The Transportation Committee (TC) met at SCAG, 900 Wilshire Blvd., 17th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey	District 25
Hon. Rusty Bailey, Riverside	District 68
Hon. Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles County
Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar	South Coast AQMD
Hon. Will Berg, Port Hueneme	VCOG
Hon. Drew Boyles	El Segundo
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	OCTA
Hon. John Dutrey, Montclair	SBCTA
Hon. Emily Gabel-Luddy	AVCJPA
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Ray Hamada	Bellflower
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Simi Valley	VCTC
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	SBCTA
Hon. Brian McDonald	Tribal Government Board
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28

OUR MISSION

To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

OUR VISION

Southern California’s Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

Be Open | Lead by Example | Make an Impact | Be Courageous



Hon. Lisa Middleton, Palm Springs	CVAG
Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Cory Moss, City of Industry	SGVCOG
Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Charles Puckett, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Hon. Ed Reece, Claremont	SGVCOG
Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto	WRCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	GCCOG
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Rey Santos, Beaumont	District 3
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon. Thomas Small	Culver City
Hon. Larry Smith	Calimesa
Hon. Karen Spiegel	Riverside County
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Jess Talamantes (Vice Chair)	SFVCOG
Hon. Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera	GCCOG
Hon. Steve Tye	District 37
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro (Chair)	District 1
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SBCTA/SBCOG
Hon. Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas	LVMCOG
Mr. Paul Marquez, Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio Member

Members Not Present:

Hon. Austin Bishop, Palmdale	North L.A. County
Hon. Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Diane Dixon, Newport Beach	OCCOG
Hon. Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
Hon. Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	District 9
Hon. Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest	OCCOG
Hon. Carlos Rodriguez, Yorba Linda	President’s Appointment
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Hon. Don Wagner

Orange County

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Imperial County Transportation Commission, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Hon. Jess Talamantes, Arroyo Verdugo Cities, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public requested to comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Guidelines
2. Minutes of the Meeting, August 1, 2019

Receive and File

3. September is Pedestrian Safety Month
4. Transit Asset Management (TAM) Target Setting for Connect SoCal
5. Transportation System Management, Preservation and Resiliency in Connect SoCal
6. Active Transportation Element in Connect SoCal
7. Transportation Safety Element in Connect SoCal
8. Connect SoCal Job Center Strategies
9. SCAG Transportation Demand Management Strategic Plan
10. Update on the SCAG Region Airport Passenger Demand Forecasts
11. EAC Retreat Housing Discussion Follow-Up

A MOTION was made (Brown) and SECONDED (Navarro) to approve Consent Calendar items 1 – 11. The Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Ashton, Bailey, Barger, Benoit, Berg, Boyles, Brown, Dutrey, Gabel-Luddy, Gazeley, Hamada, Harnik, Hofbauer, Judge, Kelley, Lorimore, Manos, McCallon, McDonald, McLean, Middleton, Moore, Navarro, Puckett, Real Sebastian, Reece, Ruiz, Sandoval, Santos, Simonoff, Small, Smith, Sternquist, Talamantes, Tye, Viegas-Walker, Wapner (37)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

12. Connect SoCal Overview, Challenges and Opportunities
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Naresh Amatya, SCAG staff, presented an overview of Connect SoCal and current challenges. He reviewed plan requirements including meeting Greenhouse Gas reduction targets established by California Air Resources Board under SB 375. Further, he noted the different technical, planning, and stakeholder outreach underway. Mr. Amatya stated staff will provide briefings on important plan elements including (1) System Management, Preservation and Resiliency, (2) Active Transportation, (3) Transportation Demand Management and (4) Regional Aviation.

Tarek Hatata, System Metrics Group, provided an update on System Management, Preservation and Resiliency. Mr. Hatata stated transportation system preservation and resilience is a key Connect SoCal goal noting that compared to the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, the region is better positioned mainly as a result of SB 1 which will generate \$15 billion to local streets and road maintenance and rehabilitation and \$19 billion to state highway maintenance. He noted SB 1 will not only fund critical maintenance such as pavement improvements but will also require that a standard of pavement conditions is maintained in each county. Further, these funds will be used to make bridges and roads more earthquake resilient and plan for impacts due to increasing climate change. He next noted technology initiatives to improve system performance in response to an emergency such as the I-210 effort to create a coordinated technology link to manage signal synchronization on local arterials between jurisdictions when vehicles divert onto them as the result of an emergency or traffic disruption on the I-210.

Hon. Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County, asked if penalties would be issued to those cities who do not comply with the effort on the I-210 to coordinate traffic signal activity in response to an emergency. Mr. Hatata responded that Pasadena and Arcadia have signed onto the effort in Phase I and it is anticipated that other cities along the corridor will do the same.

Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods, encouraged the use of technology to manage traffic flows and emergencies and stated greater efficiencies can be achieved noting that waste from their city is currently transported to another city for processing creating environmental impacts and increasing traffic congestion as a result.

Hannah Keyes, SCAG staff, next reported on the Active Transportation component of Connect SoCal noting that 12% of regional trips are made by active transportation which also account for 27% of all fatalities. Ms. Keyes noted that the majority of those making bicycle trips are male while the greater portion of walking trips are made by females and walking is more frequent for those under 20 and over 65 years old. She reviewed the 2019

active transportation funding allocation, its health benefits as well as emerging micro-mobility devices such as bike share and scooters.

Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City, asked if data on the causes of active transportation accidents is available so cities can understand the situations which may lead to active transportation injuries.

Terenig Topjian, Have A Go, stated that increasing active transportation would reduce the amount of roadway wear and ought to be viewed as an integral mobility option linking the user with the greater regional transportation system.

Steve Fox, SCAG staff, next reported on Transportation Demand Management (TDM) component of Connect SoCal and noted these are strategies aimed at reducing demand for roadway travel such as public transit, carsharing, rideshare, biking, bikeshare, vanpooling and telecommuting. Mr. Fox reviewed TDM goals and objectives and stated key findings include regulation, when enforced, is a major driver in shaping TDM strategy as well as a lack of sufficient standardized data collection although technological advances provide an opportunity to collect better data and potentially increase users of TDM programs. He reviewed final recommendations including updating SCAG's TDM Toolbox of Strategies which include new technologies such as Waze, Scoop, dockless bikes/scooters, multi-modal applications and others. Mr. Fox noted recommended actions include creating a dedicated page on SCAG's website to share TDM Toolbox of Strategies and providing TDM training sessions/seminars in SCAG's six counties. Next, to establish a TDM regional data clearinghouse, formalize performance metrics and facilitate partnerships between the public and private providers of technology and new mobility services.

Finally, Hiroshi Ishikawa, Ph.D., SCAG staff, provided an update on regional air passenger forecast. Dr. Ishikawa stated that SCAG's required component in its aviation element is the ground access improvement program in response to anticipated airport passenger growth. He noted that in 2017 there were 110 million air passengers in the region and 3.14 million tons of cargo transported. Additionally, based on a 2.1% yearly growth projection, in 2045 it is anticipated there will be 197 million air passengers and 7.7 million tons of cargo moved regionally. Further, it is projected the regional airport system could reach capacity by 2045. Dr. Ishikawa stated next steps include continuing modeling efforts and aviation planning through the Aviation Technical Advisory Committee.

Hon. Drew Boyles, El Segundo, requested an update on expansion of Los Angeles Airport and their planned growth to 127 million air passengers. Mr. Ishikawa responded that staff would work with LAWA on updating the committee.

METROLINK REPORT

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, reported that Metrolink achieved its highest annual ridership in its almost 27-year history with 11,935,356 boardings in fiscal year (FY) 2018-2019. The new record is an increase of 247,000 boardings from the prior year and eclipses the previous record of 11,796,086 set in FY 2008-2009. This marks five years in a row of ridership increases. The rise in ridership is in stark contrast to a trend of declining or flat ridership in public transportation nationwide. Also, Metrolink will host a Rail Safety Summit at the Sheraton Grand Los Angeles, September 12, 2019. The sessions will cover topics of grade crossings and Right-of-Way (ROW) safety, the latest Positive Train Control (PTC) update, a discussion on mental health, rail safety and quiet zone implementation.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE]

2019															Total Mtgs Attended To Date
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JAN (dark)	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Ashton, Sean	Downey	District 25		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Bailey, Rusty	Riverside	WRCOG			1	1					1				3
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County	Los Angeles County		1		1		1			1				4
Benoit, Ben	Wildomar	South Coast AQMD			1	1		1		1	1				5
Berg, Will	Port Hueneme	VCOG		1		1		1			1				4
Bishop, Austin	Palmdale	North L.A.													0
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo	El Segundo		1	1			1			1				4
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Buscaino, Joe	Los Angeles	District 62									1				0
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCTA		1	1			1		1	1				5
Curtis, Jonathan	La Cañada Flintridge	District 36		1	1	1									3
Dixon, Diane	Newport Beach	OCCOG													0
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair	SBCTA								NM	1				1
Gabel-Luddy, Emily	Burbank	AVCIPA		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Hadjinian, Jack	Montebello	SGVCOG		1	1	1		1		1					5
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino Cnty	San Bernardino Cnty		1		1		1							3
Hamada, Ray	Bellflower	Bellflower				1		1		1	1				4
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC			1	1		1		1	1				5
Harrington, Dave	Aliso Viejo	OCCOG													0
Hofbauer, Steven	Palmdale	District 43		1	1					1	1				4
Huizar, Jose	City of Los Angeles	District 61													0
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49													0
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG			1					1					2
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4		1	1			1		1	1				5
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Marquez, Paul	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio		1	1	1		1			1				5
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
McCallon, Larry	Highland	SBCTA		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
McDonald, Brian	Tribal Gov't Board	Tribal Gov't Board								1	1				0
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Medina, Dan	Gardena	District 28		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9			1			1		1					3
Middleton, Lisa	Palm Springs	CVAG								1	1				2
Minagar, Fred	Laguna Niguel	District 12		1	1	1				1					4
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG		1	1	1				1	1				5
Moss, Cory	City of Industry	SGVCOG									1				1
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCIPA		1	1			1			1				4
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6			1	1		1			1				4
Puckett, Charles	Tustin	District 17		1	1	1		1		1	1				5
Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park	SGVCOG		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Reece, Ed	Claremont	SGVCOG									1				1
Robinson, Dwight	Lake Forest	OCCOG													0
Rodriguez, Carlos	Yorba Linda	President's Appt		1	1	1		1							4
Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG		1		1				1	1				4
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG		1	1	1					1				4
Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Mission Indians	Morongo Mission Indians													0
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38		1		1		1			1				4
Santos, Rey	Beaumont	District 3								1	1				2
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22			1	1		1		1	1				5
Small, Thomas	Culver City	Culver City			1	1					1				3
Smith, Larry	Calimesa	Calimesa								1	1				2
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	Riverside County			1	1		1		1	1				5
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City	SGVCOG		1		1				1	1				4
Talamantes, Jess	Burbank	SFVCOG		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Tercero, Brent	Pico Rivera	GCCOG		1	1	1				1	1				4
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar	District 37						1		1	1				1
Viegas-Walker, Cheryl	El Centro	District 1		1		1		1		1	1				5
Wagner, Don	Orange County	Orange County						1							2
Wapner, Alan	Ontario	SBCTA		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Weintraub, Alicia	Calabasas	LVMCOG		1	1	1		1			1				3