

NO. 539
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MAY 3, 2012

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN THE OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT.

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting at the SCAG Los Angeles Office. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Pam O'Connor, President	<i>Santa Monica</i>	District 41
Hon. Glen Becerra, 1 st Vice-President	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Larry McCallon, Immediate Past President	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
Hon. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Shawn Nelson		Orange County
Hon. Gary Ovitt		San Bernardino County
Hon. Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Mary Craton	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	RCTC
Hon. Alan Wapner	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Keith Millhouse	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCTC
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Jim Hyatt	<i>Calimesa</i>	District 3
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Bill Jahn	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Paul Glaab	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Joel Lautenschleger	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	District 13
Hon. Sukhee Kang	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Leroy Mills	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
Hon. Kris Murray	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Brett Murdock	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Bruce Barrows	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. David Gafin	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Jim Morton	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Gene Daniels	<i>Paramount</i>	District 24
Hon. Frank Gurulé	<i>Cudahy</i>	District 27
Hon. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Stan Carroll	<i>La Habra Heights</i>	District 31
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Keith Hanks	<i>Azusa</i>	District 33
Hon. Barbara Messina	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Donald Voss	<i>La Cañada/Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Paula Lantz	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39

Members Present - continued

Hon. Judy Mitchell	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	District 40
Hon. Frank Quintero	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Steven Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. Bryan A. MacDonald	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. Carl Morehouse	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Tom LaBonge	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Matthew Harper	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Ginger Coleman	<i>Town of Apple Valley</i>	District 65
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
Hon. Mario F. Hernandez	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio		Lewis Operating Group

Members Not Present

Hon. Greg Pettis, 2 nd Vice-President	<i>Cathedral City</i>	District 2
Hon. Jerry Amante	<i>Tustin</i>	OCTA
Hon. Jeff Stone		Riverside County
Hon. Ronald Loveridge	<i>Riverside</i>	District 4
Hon. Ronald Roberts	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Jon Harrison	<i>Redlands</i>	District 6
Hon. Paul Eaton	<i>Montclair</i>	District 9
Hon. Glenn Duncan	<i>Chino</i>	District 10
Hon. Leslie Daigle	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Michele Martinez	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. John Nielsen	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Andy Quach	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Sharon Quirk-Silva	<i>Fullerton</i>	District 21
Hon. Steven Neal	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. James Johnson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Carol Herrera	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Mark Rutherford	<i>Westlake Village</i>	District 44
Hon. Ed P. Reyes	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49
Hon. Dennis Zine	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. Paul Koretz	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Tony Cárdenas	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
Hon. Richard Alarcón	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Bernard Parks	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Jan Perry	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Bill Rosendahl	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. Mitchell Englander	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. José Huizar	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Darcy Kuenzi	<i>Menifee</i>	District 63
Hon. Lisa Bartlett	<i>Dana Point</i>	TCA
Hon. Mark Calac		Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
Joann Africa, Chief Counsel
Sharon Neely, Deputy Executive Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs
Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director, Administration
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer
Catherine Chavez, Acting Chief Information Officer
Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use & Environmental Planning
Rich Macias, Director of Transportation Planning
Sylvia Patsouras, Interim Director of Regional Services and Public Affairs
Deby Salcido, Officer to the Regional Council
Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, called the meeting to order at approximately 2:06 p.m. Councilmember Carl Morehouse, Ventura, District 47, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment received.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no changes to the agenda items.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, thanked the councilmembers for their flexibility in adjusting their schedule to meet Senate President pro-Tempore Darrell Steinberg.

President O'Connor reported that she, along with 2nd Vice President Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, District 2, and Sharon A. Neely, Deputy Executive Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, are travelling to Washington D.C. on May 9 – 10, 2012 to attend the Annual Meeting of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) and to meet congressional members regarding pending transportation re-authorization legislation.

President O'Connor announced that a brochure of the "Goods Movement in the Southern California Region" is included in the Regional Council Board Information packet highlighting the region's vision and Goods Movement benefits from the recently adopted 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. In addition, a monthly legislative update is also included in the packet with a one-page summary of the MAP 21 conference committee priorities completed in partnership with the County Transportation Commissions (CTC), which are consistent with the Regional Council's adopted legislative goals to streamline environmental process for project delivery, consolidate programs and maximize funding of these projects.

President O'Connor thanked the Regional Council and Policy Committee members, Host Committee, stakeholders and those who attended the recent 2012 Regional Conference and General Assembly.

Additionally, President O'Connor thanked Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, for his leadership and assistance in the past year; and commended SCAG staff for their teamwork during the development of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. Lastly, President O'Connor thanked CTC Commissioner Fran Inman, who was in the audience.

New Regional Councilmembers

Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills, District 10

Hon. Jim Morton, Lynwood, District 26

Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena, District 28

Representatives to the EEC:

Hon. Mario Hernandez, San Fernando, District 67

Hon. Rafi Manoukian, Glendale, San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, reported that he testified in Sacramento at a hearing last week regarding SB 1151 and SB 1156, authored by Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg. He stated that the bills would create a structure for continuing redevelopment activities in the form of voluntary county-city joint powers authorities. Mr. Ikhata stated these bills will be brought to the May 15, 2012 SCAG Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) for review and recommended support. Mr. Ikhata also reported that the Strategic Growth Council made a recommendation to award \$1M to SCAG for building sustainable communities in southern California that will include initiatives to help implement the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS.

California High-Speed Rail Update

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, reported that Sharon A. Neely, Deputy Executive Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, testified in Sacramento last week regarding the high-speed rail MOU, approved by SCAG and partner transportation agencies. The legislature is considering whether to include funding for high-speed rail in the state budget. Mr. Ikhata stated that the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Board passed the 2012 revised Business Plan that will provide for high-speed rail service; connect the state's major metropolitan areas; utilize existing rail infrastructure in Northern and Southern California; and provide statewide benefits to commuters in the Bay Area and Los Angeles. Mr. Ikhata also stated that the CHSRA approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Northern California transportation entities that would electrify the Caltrain commuter train from San Jose to San Francisco.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) Report

1. Final Adoption of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/2013 Comprehensive Budget

A motion was made (McCallon) to adopt the FY 2012/13 Comprehensive Budget and corresponding Resolution No. 12-539-1 to authorize submittal of the Overall Work Program (OWP) to the Federal

Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and Caltrans. Motion was SECONDED (Becerra) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Scholarship Committee Report

2. SCAG Scholarship Program Final Award Nominees

President Pam O'Connor reported that the Scholarship Committee received 89 applications and recommended seven (7) nominees for the scholarship award—one (1) student from each of the counties and two (2) students from the County of Los Angeles. As Chair of the Scholarship Committee, President O'Connor stated that the program is a credit to the Regional Council and will make a difference in the future of the lives of the students as each will receive a \$2,000 scholarship award; will complete an internship program with a local planning agency; and attend a Regional Council meeting. She stated that the committee is comprised of Immediate Past President and Councilmember Larry McCallon; Mr. Randall Lewis, Lewis Group of Companies; Dr. Dohyung Kim, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; and Dr. James E. Moore, II, University of Southern California.

President O'Connor made a motion to award the SCAG Scholarship to the final seven (7) nominees: Victoria Carrillo, Brawley (Imperial County); Daniel Sobajian, Los Angeles, and Mariam Kyarunts, Burbank (Los Angeles County); Samantha Trippy, Mission Viejo (Orange County); Gema Loera, Riverside (Riverside County); Jesus Flores, San Bernardino (San Bernardino County); and Tanner Shelton, Santa Paula (Ventura County). Motion was SECONDED (Glaab).

Supervisor Shawn Nelson, Orange County, asked for legal opinion on whether it is permissible for SCAG to provide monies for scholarships, as he understood from his County that public funds could not be used for scholarships. Upon discussion, Hasan Ikhata responded that the matter will be researched and will return to the Regional Council with further clarification. President O'Connor stated that action on this matter will be taken after clarification has been provided to the councilmembers at the June 7, 2012 Regional Council meeting.

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) Report

3. Proposed Amendment to SCAG's Guidelines related to the RHNA Trade & Transfer Process

Councilmember Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake, District 11, provided a brief report on the RHNA Trade and Transfer process. A motion was made (Jahn) to approve a proposed amendment to SCAG's Guidelines related to the RHNA Trade & Transfer process. Motion was SECONDED (Parks) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) Report

4. Conformity Re-determination for 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) with New South Coast Ozone Emission Budgets

Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, provided a brief report on the recommendation of the EEC on this item. A motion as made (Viegas-Walker) to approve conformity

re-determination for 2012-2035 RTP/SCS with the new 8-hour ozone budgets for the South Coast Air Basin. Motion was SECONDED (McCallon) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Transportation Committee (TC) Report

Councilmember Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel, District 12, stated that there was nothing to report.

Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) Report

Councilmember Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates, District 40, provided a brief report on Agenda Item Nos. 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 17.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made (Millhouse) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Morehouse) and approved by a MAJORITY VOTE; with 2 NOES (Nelson and Lantz) for Agenda Item No. 12; and a "No" vote (Nelson) for Agenda Item No. 14.

5. Minutes of the April 4, 2012 Meeting
6. SCAG Sponsorship of Annual Events: 1) 21st Annual Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) General Assembly, June 21, 2012, at \$2,500; 2) Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors Annual Conference, May 9, 2012, at \$2,500; 3) 6th Annual Orange County Housing Summit, May 31, 2012, at \$1,000; 4) 12th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Event, February 7-9, 2013, In-kind Sponsorship; 5) City of Long Beach Pro Walk/Pro Bike Conference, September 10, 2012, at \$2,000; 6) Council for Watershed Health's The Mediterranean City: A Conference on Climate Change Adaptation, June 25, 2012, at \$2,000; 7) Four Corners Coalition 2012 Economic Summit, May 16, 2012, at \$1,000, for a total up to \$11,000
7. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 12-035-C1, Interactive Web Applications and Complete the Migration of the SCAG Main Website
8. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 12-036-C1, Secured and Managed Data Facility
9. Amendment \$75,000 or Greater: Contract No. 11-023-C1, SCAG's 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Program Environmental Impact Report (RTP/SCS PEIR)
10. SB 1225 (Padilla): Intercity Rail Agreements (ITAs) (LOSSAN/Pacific Surfliner Local Control)
11. AB 2405 (Blumenfeld): Vehicles: High-Occupancy Toll Lanes
12. AB 1455 (Harkey): High Speed Rail Bond
13. AB 1778 (Williams): Local Transportation Funds
14. SCAG Staff Salary Schedule
15. Special General Assembly Meeting - June 7, 2012

Receive & File

16. Contracts/Purchase Orders and/or Amendments Between \$5,000 - \$200,000

17. May 2012 State and Federal Legislative Update

18. California Household Travel Survey (CHTS)

INFORMATION ITEM

19. CFO Monthly Report

A written report was provided.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, asked Sharon A. Neely, Deputy Executive Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, to provide a report regarding the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill. Ms. Neely stated that a written legislative report was distributed to the Board. She reported that Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Chair of the House and Senate Conference Committee on the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill, that is scheduled to meet on May 8, 2012 to negotiate and reach a compromise between a new 90-day extension on the House Bill (HR 4348) with three (3) environmental amendments; and an 18-month extension for the Senate Bill (SB 1813) that provides a number of policy changes in terms of program consolidation and new initiatives. Ms. Neely stated that due to disparate differences between the two (2) bills, a summary report of the key differences is included with the legislative report. Additionally, a letter addressed to Chairwoman Boxer, requesting the need for clarification to maximize funding for southern California transportation commissions and their projects, has also been distributed to the Board.

Councilmember Kris Murray, Anaheim, District 19, asked for clarification regarding the programmatic change that was made with regard to the bill and its possible detrimental impacts in southern California. Because the bill has a \$45M annual impact, Ms. Neely responded that this is one of the top priorities for further amendment since 30% of the allocated funds will be directed towards private sector construction equipment retro-fit. Currently, these funds are being used by the agencies for construction of transportation projects that would result in job and financial impacts. As the bill stands, Ms. Neely stated that the Senate version proposes a 95% return-to-source. If this stays in the Conference Committee, there is a significant net increase for California. President O'Connor and 2nd Vice President Pettis will be discussing this and other clarification with Sen. Boxer next week.

Councilmember Carl Morehouse, Ventura, District 47, announced that the Port of Hueneme celebrated its 75th Anniversary and encouraged the members to read an article in the Ventura County Star charting the Port's timeline with considerable developments that have taken place in the years since and how the Port relates to the present day Goods Movement. Councilmember Morehouse also thanked Hasan Ikhata and those who attended the American Planning Association National Conference in Los Angeles on April 14 to 17, 2012.

Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles, District 51, congratulated and commended Congresswoman Janice Hahn, founder and co-chair of the bipartisan House Ports Opportunity, Renewal, Trade, and Security (PORTS) Caucus, who spoke to the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) Spring Conference in Washington, DC.

Councilmember Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, introduced City of San Bernardino Mayor Pat Morris who was in the audience.

President O'Connor announced that the Regional Council would recess for ten (10) minutes. There being no objection, the Regional Council meeting recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

Introduction of Senate President pro-Tempore Darrell Steinberg

President Pam O'Connor welcomed California Senate President pro Tempore, Darrell Steinberg.

Executive Director Hasan Ikhata introduced Sen. Steinberg, author of the California Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375).

Senate President pro Tempore, Darrell Steinberg, thanked the SCAG Officers and the Regional Council for their bold and courageous action which has received national attention. He stated that SB 375 is a rational approach that serves as a blueprint for other states on how to turn inevitable growth into smart growth. Referring to an article he wrote in response to another article in the Wall Street Journal, Sen. Steinberg stated that SB 375 provides regions with a thoughtful framework to minimize expanding development, relieve roadway congestion, provide housing and working alternatives to Californians confounded by gridlock, and improve air quality. Sen. Steinberg stated that as a result, SB 375 earned the support of a broad coalition including the California Building Industry Association; League of California Cities; California State Association of Counties; and environmental and affordable housing advocates. He stated that one of the important components of SB 375 is that it establishes greenhouse gas emission reduction targets while respecting the decision of local elected officials and agencies on how to best achieve the goals. Sen. Steinberg stated that the transportation and housing plan that SCAG adopted provides choices for the region. He applauded SCAG for thinking long-term and strategically in improving the region's air quality, mobility and public health. While there will be funding challenges, Sen. Steinberg stated that he is committed to finding other economic tools for local governments to be able to implement this law and create jobs consistent with climate change policies and follow the model of SB 375.

President Pam O'Connor introduced other partner agencies in attendance at the meeting: Will Kempton, Chief Executive Officer, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA); Art Leahy, Chief Executive Officer, Metro; Fran Inman, Commissioner, California Transportation Commission (CTC); Mark Baza, Executive Director, Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC); and Ty Schuilling, Interim Executive Director, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG).

Sup. Michael D. Antonovich, Los Angeles County, commented on SB 375 when it was proposed—now enacted into law—suggested better collaboration with local government so as to not enact mandates that make it difficult for cities and counties to develop affordable housing and commercial centers. Sen. Steinberg stated his recognition and respect that this law is not favored by everyone and clarified a misperception. He stated that the successful passage of the bill was because it fully maintained local land use control and that federal transportation funding would be directed to projects that are consistent with the region's SCS. Sen. Steinberg further clarified that the law does not expressly state or imply the removal of local land use authority but will allow the opportunity for collaboration between cities and counties; and the state and local government.

Councilmember Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, Ventura County Transportation Commission, asked when would the State release \$1 billion in Prop 1A or other funds that could be used for early investment projects along the high-speed rail corridors while improving air quality and generating jobs, as defined in the Business Plan of the MOU between CHSRA, SCAG and other agencies. Sen. Steinberg responded that despite the problematic State budget, he fully favors the Governor's revised proposal that takes a blended approach to high-speed rail and that the Governor would like to see this appropriation as part of the June 15, 2012 budget. Sen. Steinberg expressed his commitment to gaining the votes to pass the appropriation before the end of the legislative session in September 2012 and after the final budget is approved.

1st Vice-President Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, District 46, commented that he worked hard to gather support to pass the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS with the commitment to reduce emissions from transportation sources to comply with SB 375. He also stated that he was pleased that local control was in place with a bottom-up approach. 1st Vice-President Becerra stated that the success of the Plan is in the ability to fund it and the importance of restoring the public's trust and commented on the California Forward initiatives. Sen. Steinberg stated that he is currently working on and looking at some of the legislative initiatives of California Forward recommendations. Sen. Steinberg emphasized the need for revenue and pension reform.

City of San Bernardino Mayor Pat Morris asked for clarification on the comments made in reference to redevelopment; the issue of housing strategy consistent with SB 375; asked how to unwind the Redevelopment Agency (RDA); and expressed his views on AB 26X and AB 27X. In response to comments regarding AB 26X and AB 27X, Sen. Steinberg clarified that the interest is to allow projects where there are genuinely enforceable obligations while ensuring there will be available funds for public services. Sen. Steinberg stated that there is a new opportunity for physical assets (buildings, parking leases, etc.) owned by the RDAs that should be appropriated back to local governments. He stated that SB 1156 would stop the sale of RDA assets requiring communities to develop long range asset management plans to determine the best way to develop real property holdings consistent with the sustainable community framework of SB 375. Sen. Steinberg stated that SB 1156, as a companion measure to SB 1151, will allow communities to form community development and housing Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs) to administer local economic development and housing programs. He stated his cognizance that with the absence of funds, the adopted Plan will be harder to implement.

Councilmember Carl Morehouse, Ventura, District 47, asked what the legislature can do to fundamentally change the revenue stream in the State and not turn to the voters for funding sources while providing the opportunity for a consistent and dependable revenue stream. As defined in Prop 1A, Sen. Steinberg responded that the State cannot engage in sales tax sharing and explained the reason why SB 375 is a different approach. He discussed the tax issue and the need for revenues and tax reform that will allow local governments the ability to raise funds—with voter approval—for a special purpose by majority vote.

Councilmember Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, commented that the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS reflected the achievement of significant targets; appreciated Sen. Steinberg's clarification on the ambiguities of AB 26X; commented on SB 1551; and asked for support of SB 986 (Dutton) by Sen. Steinberg.

Councilmember Matthew Harper, Huntington Beach, District 64, commented that Sen. Steinberg's proposal has made it easier for the State legislature to place ballot measures; however, at the same legislative session, it restricted the public's ability to place ballot measures and asked whether the public

would be allowed to place a ballot measure on the 2014 Primary Election or wait until the General Election. Sen. Steinberg clarified that his proposal was to allow the legislature with the Governor's approval by majority vote to place a statute on the ballot for the General Election to allow consistency with voter initiatives.

Councilmember Alan Wapner, Ontario, SANBAG, thanked Sen. Steinberg for the article he authored in the Wall Street Journal; commented regarding the continued reduction to greenhouse gases; commented regarding the initiation of the SCS process years ago as part of SCAG's Compass Blueprint Demonstration Projects; and thanked Sen. Steinberg for his vision as there are positive impacts in public health, economic, mobility, and the environment.

Councilmember Barbara Messina, Alhambra, District 34, asked for clarification on SB 1151 and reported that the City of Alhambra received a letter from State Controller John Chiang ordering the city to turn-over the city's assets. Citing as an example, Councilmember Messina stated that the city's parking structures were built with multi-types of city funding and are not necessarily built with redevelopment funds. Sen. Steinberg responded that he would look into this issue and explained that the intent is to allow the State Controller to perform an audit on redevelopment assets (not on non-redevelopment assets) but clarification is necessary with respect to the mixed-asset issue.

Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio, Lewis Operating Group, commented that the business community strongly supported the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and asked for guidance for early project delivery time and reduction of the cost of infrastructure. Sen. Steinberg responded that permitting for a major project is currently done consecutively—instead of concurrently—and this is the change that is needed to be made.

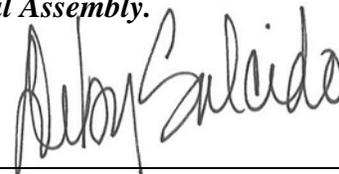
With no further comments or questions, President Pam O'Connor again thanked Sen. Steinberg for attending the Regional Council meeting and presented him with a small token of appreciation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office in conjunction with the Special General Assembly.



Deby Salcido, Officer to the Regional Council