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Mr. Bob Balgenorth, Chair
California Transportation Commission
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Sacramento, CA 94273-0001

Subject: **RTP Checklist for SCAG's 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (2004 RTP)**

Dear Mr. ~~Balgenorth~~ Bob,

Pursuant to the Supplement to the 1999 RTP Guidelines, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is pleased to submit the adopted and conforming 2004 RTP along with the completed Regional Transportation Plan Checklist. For your convenience and ready reference, we have also enclosed the associated technical appendices (two volumes). Transportation Conformity determination covering the entire SCAG region was completed and issued by the federal agencies on June 16, 2004.

The 2004 RTP provides a comprehensive and multi-modal transportation plan that is responsive to Caltrans, local government, county transportation commission as well as the public input. It reflects a vision for the region that balances land use with transportation investments in a way that is complementary to existing investments. The collaboration needed to develop a consensus on the plan was unprecedented and reflects the growing realization that we must better integrate land use planning and transportation investment decisions.

As demonstrated by the RTP Checklist, the 2004 RTP meets and complies with pertinent state and federal requirements. The plan presents a clear vision with explicit Policy, Action, and Financial Elements. The plan benefited from one of the most comprehensive and intensive public outreach and participation program. As required by the RTP Guidelines, an Executive Summary is provided at the outset of the document and an entire chapter is devoted to a clear description of the Needs Assessment. More importantly, the 2004 RTP is a conforming plan that is financially constrained and enjoys an unprecedented consensus in the region.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any part our submittal, please feel free to contact me at (213) 236-1944 or Ikhrata@scag.ca.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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APPENDIX ONE

Regional Transportation Plan Checklist

(To be completed electronically Microsoft Word format by the MPO/RTPA and submitted along with draft RTP to the Calif. Department of Transportation)

Name of MPO/RTPA: *Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)*

Date Draft RTP Completed: *October 2003*

RTP Adoption Date: *April 1, 2004*

Environmental Document (ED) Certification Date (if applicable): *Approved by SCAG's Regional Council on April 1, 2004*

Identify where the ED is located (in the RTP, separate document, etc.): *The 2004 RTP Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) is a separate and stand alone document available to public at designated libraries in the region and posted on SCAG's website.*

By completing this checklist, the MPO/RTPA verifies the RTP addresses all of the following required information within the RTP.

A. Regional Transportation Plan Components

1. Explain how the RTP provides a coordinated and balanced transportation system.

SCAG's 2004 RTP, titled 'Destination 2030', provides a comprehensive and multi-modal regional transportation plan that is responsive to public input, local government input, Caltrans input and county transportation commission input. It reflects a vision for the region that balances land use with transportation investments in a way that is complementary to existing investments. The collaboration needed to develop a consensus on DESTINATION 2030 was unprecedented and reflects the growing realization that we must better integrate transportation and land use planning. It includes strategies that address all modes of transportation in a systems approach that reinforces the connections and dependencies of each mode on other modes.

2. Contains a short-term (10-year) time horizon. Page # *Technical Appendix I, p. I-175*

3. Contains a long-term (20-year) time horizon. Page #*Chapter 4 starting on p. 83*

4. Considers strategies to meet the seven planning factors specified in Title 23, 134(f) of the U.S. Code. **(MPOs only)** Page # *Chapter 1, p. 26 & 27*

5. Identify where the RTP describes how it is consistent with the Civil Rights Act as identified in Title 23, CFR § 450.316(b)(2). **(MPOs only)** Page #*Chap. 1 (p. 30), and Technical Appendices G and H documenting the Environmental Justice Program and the Public Outreach Program.*

6. Specify where the RTP identifies actions necessary to meet the

ADA as identified in Title 23, CFR § 450.316(b)(3). **(MPOs only)** Page # *Technical Appendix I, p. I-162, I-165, I-170, I-173 (Specific programs identified to provide and ensure transportation services for Elderly and Handicapped)*

7. Explain how the RTP considers, analyzes and reflects the following social and environmental effects. **(MPOs only)**

a) Housing Page # *Chap. 2 (p. 35-52), Table 2.1, and Appendix A*
b) Employment Page # *Chap. 2 (p. 35-52), Table 2.1, and Appendix A*
c) Community development Page # *Chap. 2 (p. 35-52), Table 2.1, and Appendix A*
d) Land Use Page # *Chap. 1 (p.19-23), Chap. 2 (p. 35-52), Table 2.1, and Appendix A*
e) Central city development goals Page # *Chap. 2 (p. 35-52), Table 2.1; and Appendix A*

8. Other social and environmental effects (identify and specify page number)

Adopted Goals, Page # 79 & 80, Adopted Policies, Page # 80, and Adopted performance objectives on Page # 82

B. Public Involvement

1. Includes a public involvement program that meets the requirements of Title 23, CFR § 450.316(b)(1) **(MPOs only)** Page #*Chap. 1 (p. 30); and Appendix H*

2. Where there are Native American Tribal Governments within the RTP boundaries, the tribal concerns have been addressed and the Plan was developed in cooperation with the Tribal Government(s) and the Secretary of the Interior (Bureau of Indian Affairs) (Title 23, CFR § 134, 135 [e]). Page #*Chap. 1 (p. 30, 31), and Appendix H*

3. Identify where the RTP describes the public involvement efforts the MPO/RTPA used during the development of the Plan. Page # *Chap. 1 (p. 30); and Appendix H*

4. Identify where the RTP describes the private sector involvement efforts the MPO/RTPA used during the development of the Plan. Page #*Chap. 1 (p. 27-30); Appendix H*

5. The RTP describes the coordination efforts of MPO/RTPA with regional air quality planning authorities. **(federal nonattainment and maintenance areas only)** Page #*Chap. 5, (p. 169, 170); Also Appendix E*

6. Specify where the RTP addresses efforts concerning interagency coordination. Page #*Chap. 5 (p. 170); Also Appendix E*

C. Policy Element

1. Identify where the regional transportation issues are addressed in the Policy Element. Page # *Chapter 4*

2. Specify where the regional needs are identified in the Policy Element. *Page # Chapter 2, Page # 54-65*

3. Identify where the regional transportation issues are described in the RTP.

Page # *Chapter 2 (p. 35-78)*

4. Identify where the objectives in the RTP are linked to a 10-year time frame. *Page #* *Chap. 3 (p.82)*

5. Identify where the objectives in the RTP are linked to a 20-year time frame. *Page #* *Chap. 3 (p.82)*

D. Action Element

1. Where are the transportation needs as discussed in the Policy Element identified in the RTP. Page # *Chapter 2 (p. 54-65)*

2. Specify where the RTP describes that it is consistent with the adopted regional transportation goals and policies? Page # *Chapter 3; and Appendix C*

3. Identify where the RTP conforms to the projected revenues. Page #*Chap. 4 (p. 147), Table 4.18; Also Appendix B*

4. Where does the RTP identify consistency with the projected constrained financial revenues. Page #*Chap. 4 (p. 140-147), and Appendix B*

5. Includes a discussion of highways. *Page #* *Chap. 2 (p.54, 55), Chap. 4 (p.96-106); and Appendix D-1*

6. Includes a discussion of mass transportation. Page #*Chap. 2 (p. 56-59), Chap. 4(p. 106-116); and Appendix D-4*

7. Includes a discussion of the regional airport system. Page #*Chap. 2 (p. 62-64), Chap. 4 (p. 135-140); and Appendix D-6*

8. Includes a discussion of regional pedestrian needs. Page # *Chap. 2 (p. 53, 54) Chap.4 (p. 90-93); and Appendix D-2*

9. Includes a discussion of non-motorized transportation Page # *Chap. 2 (p. 53, 54) Chap.4 (p. 90-93); and Appendix D-2*

10. Includes a discussion of rail transportation. Page #*Chap. 2 (p. 60,61), Chap. 4 (p. 117-128); and Appendix D-3*

11. Includes a discussion of maritime transportation. Page #*Chap. 2 (p. 61, 62), Chap. 4 (p. 129); and Appendix D-3*

12. Includes a discussion of goods movement. Page # *Chap. 2 (p. 60,61), Chap. 4 (p. 117-128); and Appendix D-3*

E. Consistency Requirement

1. Where does the RTP state the first four years of the fund estimate is consistent with four year STIP fund estimate adopted by the CTC. Page # Chap. 4 (p. 142)

2. Where does the RTP state the goal, policy and objective statements is consistent with the Financial Statement. Page # Chap. 5 (Consistency is implied by the demonstrated achievement of performance objectives.)

3. Where does the RTP state the projects included in the ITIP are consistent with those included in the RTP. Page # *Chap. 4 (p. 83) (ITIP for SCAG region is included in the RTIP)*

4. Where does the RTP identify the projects included in the RTIP are consistent with the RTP. Page # *83 (The 2002 RTIP is the baseline for the 2004 RTP and therefore is not only entirely consistent but is included in the RTP in its entirety. In fact, RTIP represents the first 6 years of the RTP.)*

F. Performance Measurement

1. Identify the objective criteria for measuring the performance of the transportation system located in the RTP? *Page # Chap. 3 (p. 82), Table 3.1, and Appendix C*

G. Environmental Considerations

1. How were the environmental impact considerations of the RTP addressed **(Choose A or B)**:

a) It was determined through the Initial Study (IS) process the projects in the RTP will not impact the environment, therefore a Negative Declaration was prepared. _____

b) The MPO/RTPA prepared a program EIR in accordance with CEQA guidelines. ***XXX***

2. Specify where the RTP identifies how it will conform to the State Implementation Plan (SIP). **(Federal nonattainment and maintenance areas only)** Page # *Chap. 5 (p. 169, 170, and Appendix E*

3. Specify where the RTP identifies TCM's to be implemented in the region. **(Federal nonattainment and maintenance areas only)** *Appendix E*

4. Identify where the RTP addresses efforts to coordinate with the regional Air Pollution Control District and the Calif. Air Resources Board (CARB) to ensure conformity with the SIP. **(Federal nonattainment and maintenance areas only)** *Appendix E*

I have reviewed the above information and concur that it is correct and complete .

Hasan Ikhrata, Director
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