



Southern California Association of Governments
March 5, 2026

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Transportation Committee (TC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon. Mike T. Judge (Chair)		VCTC
Hon. Thomas Wong (Vice Chair)	Monterey Park	District 34
Hon. Zeel Ahir	<i>Artesia</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Phil Bacerra	<i>Anaheim, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Ryan Balius	<i>Anaheim</i>	
Hon. Brian Berkson	<i>Jurupa Valley, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Jeanette Burns		Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Denise Delgado	<i>Coachella, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. John Dutrey	<i>Montclair</i>	District 9
Hon. Bryan Fish	<i>Culver City</i>	WSCCOG
Hon. William Go	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Jan Harnik		RCTC
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Fred Jung	<i>Fullerton</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Trish Kelley		TCA
Hon. Linda Krupa	<i>Hemet</i>	District 3
Hon. Andrew Lara	<i>Pico Rivera</i>	District 31
Hon. Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Ken Mann	<i>Lancaster</i>	NCTC
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Larry McCallon		Air District Representative
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Linda Molina	<i>Calimesa, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Carol Moore	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Zizette Mullins	<i>Burbank</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Ara Najarian	<i>Glendale</i>	SFVCOG



Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Nikki Perez	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. David Ready	<i>Palm Springs</i>	CVAG
Hon. Gil Rebolgar	<i>Brawley</i>	District 1
Hon. Crystal Ruiz	<i>San Jacinto</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Steve Sanchez	<i>La Quinta</i>	District 66
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Emma Sharif	<i>Compton</i>	District 26
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Ward Smith	<i>Placentia</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Wes Speake	<i>Corona</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist	<i>Temple City</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. William Uphoff	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Michael Vargas	<i>Perris</i>	Pres Apt
Hon. Colleen Wallace	<i>Banning</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Alicia Weintraub	<i>Calabasas</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Zhen Wu	<i>San Clemente</i>	OCCOG
Mr. Marlon Regisford	<i>Caltrans District 7</i>	Ex-Officio Member

Members Not Present:

Hon. Javier Amezcua	<i>Calipatria</i>	ICTC
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Hon. Austin Bishop	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. Jonathan Dumitru	<i>Orange</i>	District 17
Hon. Jason Gibbs	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	NCTC
Hon. Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Hon. Lauren Hughes-Leslie	<i>Lancaster</i>	NCTC JPA
Hon. Heather Hutt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Lauren Kleinman	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Carlos Leon		OCTA
Hon. Bridgett Lewis	<i>Torrance, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Tim McOsker	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Juan Munoz-Guevara	<i>Lynwood</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Ed Reece	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Gabriel Reyes	<i>Adelanto</i>	Presidential Appt.
Hon. Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Asam Sheikh	<i>Torrance</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Jeremy Smith	<i>Canyon Lake, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Hilda Solis		Los Angeles County
Hon. Karen Spiegel		Riverside County



Hon. Edward Twining	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Scott Voigts	<i>Lake Forest</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Don Wagner		Orange County
Hon. Alan Wapner		SBCTA

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mike Judge, VCTC, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills, District 10, led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Judge opened the Public Comment Period.

There were no public comments.

Chair Judge closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

The roll call vote for the Consent Calendar and Action Item 6 were taken together.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – November 6, 2025
2. Regional Transportation Safety Targets for 2026

Receive and File

3. Transportation Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items
4. CalSTA Transit Transformation Task Force Update
5. Innovative Clean Transit Regional Assessment Study Update

ACTION ITEM

6. Approval of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Programming Procedures

There were no public comments on Item No. 6.

Warren Whiteaker, SCAG staff, provided a presentation on approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Programming Procedures. He noted SCAG was responsible for selecting FHWA-funded projects in the SCAG region, particularly projects with Carbon Reduction Program funding such as Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ). He noted the primary goal of the Regional Programming Procedures was to outline the post-award requirements for programming and project delivery. Mr. Whiteaker reported the procedures were complementary to previously approved program guidelines and were developed in collaboration with the region's six county transportation commissions over the course of a year plus of engagement.

Mr. Whiteaker noted the intent of these procedures was to prevent and minimize loss of federal funds to the SCAG region, and to provide flexibility in delivering transportation projects. He reported upon Regional Council approval, SCAG staff would work with the county transportation commissions to ensure compliance. He noted staff would be providing resource materials on the website as well as hosting a Toolbox Tuesday on February 10 to review the overall federal transportation project development process.

A MOTION was made (Navarro) to: (1) approve Consent Calendar items 1 and 2 and Receive and File items 3 through 5; and 2) recommend the Regional Council approve the Programming Procedures for FHWA-Administered Federal Funding. The motion was SECONDED (Molina) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: Ahir, Bacerra, Balias, Berkson, Burns, Delgado, Dutrey, Fish, Go, Harnik, Hernandez, Judge, Jung, Kelley, Krupa, Lara, Mann, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Michael, Molina, Moore, Najarian, Navarro, Ready, Rebollar, Ruiz, Saleh, Sanchez, Sandoval, Sharif, Simonoff, W. Smith, Speake, Sternquist, Tye, Uphoff, Vargas, Wallace, Weintraub, Wong, and Wu (44)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Metrolink Update

There were no public comments on Item No. 7.

Darren Kettle, Metrolink Executive Director, provided an update on system ridership, performance, and goals. He noted Metrolink serves as a critical backbone of the region's multimodal transportation network, providing passenger rail service across Southern California connecting major employment centers, education institutions, and activity hubs. Mr. Kettle reviewed the rail network indicating the system operates seven rail lines over 545 miles in Southern California making it the third largest regional passenger rail system in the country. He indicated the goal was to grow ridership and understand better how to attract those still inclined to drive. He reviewed the current funding structure noting Metrolink relies on regional partners for funding. He noted that pre-pandemic the system carried 12 million annual riders or approximately 40,000 riders per day and that during the pandemic ridership dropped to 4,000 daily riders.

Mr. Kettle reviewed the nature of ridership changes and noted that post pandemic there were fewer commuters but an increase in senior, disabled, and student riders. He reported there had been a shift in perspective from a commuter to a regional rail network offering later night trains and more frequent trips during the day. He noted that additional measures include a new fare structure including an updated day pass and other changes included an open-loop payment option as well as replacing older locomotives with cleaner options.

Hon. Colleen Wallace, Banning, WRCOG, asked about crime on the system and if a decrease had occurred. Mr. Kettle responded there were improved efforts to catch potential criminals before they board trains; however, vandalism on the right of ways continued to be a problem affecting system operation.

Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert, RCTC, expressed that riding Metrolink benefits riders by providing them time not spent in traffic for improved productivity and asked if safe overnight parking can be considered for some of the stations. Mr. Kettle responded that stations are run by local direction but could advance it for Riverside stations.

Hon. Phil Bacerra, Anaheim, Orange County, encouraged later trains particularly into the evening and shared that users have concerns about being stranded in distant destinations without return train service. Mr. Kettle responded that efforts to provide late night service frequency continue, noting a Lancaster train from Union Station that arrived at Lancaster at 1:00 a.m.

8. The Road to LA28: A Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategy

There were no public comments on Item No. 8.

Courtney Aguirre, SCAG staff, provided an update on the Road to LA28 Traffic Demand Management Strategy and efforts to prepare for the games. She noted 29 months remained to prepare for the event. She reported that coordinated communications as well as Transportation Demand Management for freight and passenger vehicles would be needed to manage the game's operations and travel effectively. She noted the events would be dispersed throughout the region and SCAG was tasked with travel demand management. Ms. Aguirre reviewed the resources available,

including the TDM Toolbox and being a resource for connecting with local partners. She reviewed the importance of centralized messaging and regional coordination to accommodate Olympic events. Next steps include approval of TDM programmatic categories.

Michael Krouse, President and Chief Executive Officer, GOCAL, reported on how they are preparing for the games and exploring how jurisdictions can maximize economic benefit.

9. Connect SoCal 2050: Process Preview

Due to timing, Item 9 was deferred to a future meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no report from the Chair.

METROLINK REPORT

There was no Metrolink report.

STAFF REPORT

There was no report from staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Judge adjourned the meeting of the Transportation Committee at 11:12 a.m.

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MEMBERS	Representing	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
Ahir, Zeel	Artesia, GCCOG	1								1	
Amezcuca, Javier	Calipatria, ICTC				1						
Andrade-Stadler, Adele	Alhambra, SGVCOG										
Bacerra, Phil	Orange County, CoC	1			1		1			1	
Balius, Ryan	Anaheim, District 19	1			1		1			1	
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County						1				
Berkson, Brian	Jurupa Valley, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1			1		1			1	
Bishop, Austin	Palmdale, District 43										
Burns, Jeanette	Morongo Band of Mission Indians				1					1	
Delgado, Denise	Coachella, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1			1					1	
Dumitru, Jonathan	Orange, RC District 17										
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair, SBCTA	1			1		1			1	
Brian, Fish	Culver City, WCCOG	1			1		1			1	
Gibbs, Jason	Santa Clarita, NCTC	1			1		1				
Go, William	Irvine, District 14				1		1			1	
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino County	1			1		1				
Harnik, Jan	RCTC	1			1		1			1	
Hernandez, Laura	Port Hueneme, RC District 45	1			1					1	
Hughes-Leslie, Lauren	Lancaster, NCTC JPA	1			1		1				
Hutt, Heather	Los Angeles, RC District 57										
Judge, Mike	VCTC	1			1		1			1	
Jung, Fred	Fullerton, OCCOG	1			1		1			1	
Kelley, Trish	TCA Representative	1			1		1			1	
Kleiman, Lauren	Newport Beach, District 15	1			1		1				
Krupa, Linda	Hemet, RC District 3	1			1		1			1	
Lara, Andrew	Pico Rivera, Dist 31	1					1			1	
Leon, Carlos	OCTA	1					1				
Lewis, Bridgett	Torrance, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)										
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale, RC District 4	1			1					1	
Mann, Ken	Lancaster, NCTC						1			1	
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore, RC District 63	1			1		1			1	
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills, RC District 10	1			1		1			1	
McCallon, Larry	Air District Representative	1			1		1			1	
McLean, Marsha	Santa Clarita, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1			1		1			1	
McOsker, Tim	Los Angeles, RC District 62										
Michael, Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga, SBCTA									1	
Molina, Linda	Calimesa, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1			1					1	
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1			1		1			1	
Mullins, Zizette	Burbank, AVCJPA				1					1	
Munoz-Guevara, Juan	Lynwood, GCCOG	1			1		1				
Najarian, Ara	Glendale, SFVCOG	1			1		1			1	

Navarro, Frank	Colton, RC District 6	1	1	1	1
Perez, Nikki	Burbank, District 42		1		1
Ready, David	Palm Springs, CVAG	1	1	1	1
Rebollar, Gil	Brawley, RC District 1	1	1		1
Reece, Ed	Claremont, SGVCOG	1	1	1	
Regisford, Marlon	Caltrans, District 7, Ex-Officio Member	1		1	
Reyes, Gabriel	San Bernardino County CoC		1		
Ruiz, Crystal	Sna Jacinto, WRCOG	1	1	1	1
Saleh, Ali	Bell, RC District 27	1	1	1	1
Sanchez, Steve	La Quinta, District 66	1	1	1	1
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona, RC District 38		1	1	1
Schwank, Zak	Temecula, RC District 5		1		
Sharif, Emma	Compton, District 26		1		1
Sheikh, Asam	Torrance, SBCCOG	1		1	
Simonoff, Marty	Brea, RC District 22	1	1	1	1
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)		1	1	
Smith, Ward	Placentia, OCCOG	1	1	1	1
Solis, Hilda	Los Angeles County				
Speake, Wes	Corona, WRCOG	1	1	1	1
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	1	1	1	
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City, SGVCOG	1	1	1	1
Twining, Butch	Huntington Beach, District 64	1	1		
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar, RC District 37	1	1		1
Uphoff, William	Lomita, SBCCOG	1	1	1	1
Vargas, Michael	Perris, Pres Apt		1	1	1
Voigts, Scott	Lake Forest, OCCOG				
Wagner, Don	Orange County	1	1		
Wallace, Colleen	Banning, WRCOG	1	1	1	1
Wapner, Alan	SBCTA	1	1	1	
Weintraub, Alicia	Calabasas, LVMCOG				1
Wong, Thomas	Monterey Park, SGVCOG	1	1	1	1
Wu, Zhen	San Clemente, OCCOG	1		1	1