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SPECIAL MEETING

AB 1246 CONSULTATION MEETING

Friday, October 15, 2021
12:00 p.m. –12:30 p.m.

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Special Meeting - AB 1246 Consultation Meeting

Date: Friday, October 15, 2021

Time: 12:00PM – 12:30 PM

Location: Remote Participation Only

List of Members

1. **Kome Ajise**
Executive Director
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Executive Director
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CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Update/Coordination of the Final Amendment No.1 to the Connect SoCal (2020 Regional Transportation/Sustainable Communities Strategy) as Required by AB 1246

(Darin Chidsey, *Chief Operating Officer, SCAG*)

ADJOURNMENT



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To: CEOs AB 1246 Consultation Group (County Transportation Commissions and Caltrans)

From: Kome Ajise, Executive Director, SCAG

Subject: AB 1246 Consultation Regarding the Connect SoCal (2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy) Amendment 1 and Consistency Amendment No. 21-05 to the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Accept this report as fulfillment of the AB 1246-required consultation process for the Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No.21-05.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

California State Statute Assembly Bill 1246 (AB 1246) requires that appropriate consultation occur between the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), county transportation commissions (CTCs), and Caltrans on formal planning and programming actions related to the RTP and FTIP. This item is brought before you in part to comply with this requirement.

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region, SCAG is responsible for developing and maintaining the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) in cooperation with the State (Caltrans), the county transportation commissions (CTCs), and public transit operators. SCAG, working in cooperation with its stakeholders, developed the Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) and Amendment 1. It was prepared through a collaborative, continuous, and comprehensive process with input from local governments, county transportation commissions, tribal governments, non-profit organizations, businesses and local stakeholders within the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura.

In early 2021, SCAG began the process for Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 in response to project changes prompted by county transportation commission (CTCs). Over the past several months, staff has worked in consultation and continuous communication with CTCs throughout the region to develop the Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05. Modifications received from the CTCs are broadly categorized as new projects, existing projects that either have a revised description, revised schedule, and/or change in total cost, or project is removed from the Connect SoCal. Informed by these changes, staff has drafted content and assessed that these project modifications will not impact Connect SoCal's ability to meet state and federal requirements.

On July 1, 2021, the Regional Council released the Draft Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05 for a 30-day public review and comment period, from July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021. In addition, a public hearing was held on July 15, 2021. SCAG received 3 comments; 1 general and 2 project specific. The comments were for the most part technical in nature and do not raise issues that affect conformity. SCAG staff worked closely with the CTCs and SCAG legal staff to address the comments. All minor and technical changes to projects have been addressed in the Proposed Final Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05.

BACKGROUND:

As requested by CTCs in early 2021, SCAG began the process for the Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1. Over the past several months, staff has worked in consultation and continuous communication with CTCs throughout the region to develop the Draft Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05.

Specific changes include project modifications amounting to a total 296 project modifications. Of the 296 project modifications, 6 of the projects are within Imperial County, 111 of the projects are within Los Angeles County, 15 of the projects are within Orange County, 122 of the projects are within Riverside County, 38 of the projects are within San Bernardino County, 2 projects are within Ventura County, and 2 projects are regional. Of the 60 new projects, 51 of the projects are within Los Angeles County, 4 of the projects are within Riverside County, 3 of the projects are within San Bernardino County, and 2 of the projects are within Ventura County.

After analysis of the addition of new projects and project modifications, SCAG staff concludes the following:

1. Amendment No. 1 does not adversely impact the financial constraint of the Connect SoCal. The Connect SoCal remains financially constrained.
2. Amendment No. 1 passes all five tests of transportation conformity.
3. With Amendment No. 1, Connect SoCal remains in compliance with SB 375 and continues to meet and/or exceed the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

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The Proposed Final Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 is accessible at:

<https://scag.ca.gov/post/proposed-final-amendment-1>

The 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05 is accessible at:

<https://scag.ca.gov/2021-proposed-amendments>

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Overall Work Program (WBS No. 21-010.0170.01: RTP Amendments, Management, and Coordination and WBS No. 21-030.0146.02: Federal Transportation Improvement Program).