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AB 1246 CONSULTATION MEETING

*Friday, August 16, 2024
12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.*

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AB 1246 Consultation Meeting

Date: Friday, August 16, 2024
Time: 12:00 PM – 12:15 PM

List of Members

1. **Kome Ajise**
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2. **David Aguirre**
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AB 1246 CONSULTATION MEETING AGENDA

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CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public wishing to verbally address the legislative body in real time during the meeting will be allowed up to 3 minutes to speak. The presiding officer retains discretion to adjust time limits as necessary to ensure efficient and orderly conduct of the meeting, including equally reducing the time of all comments based upon the number of comments received.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. AB 1246 Consultation Regarding 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1, including the associated transportation conformity determinations

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director, SCAG)

ADJOURNMENT

Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017

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

From: Kome Ajise, Executive Director, SCAG

Subject: AB 1246 Consultation Regarding 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1, including the associated transportation conformity determinations

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Accept this report as fulfillment of the AB 1246-required consultation process for 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1, including the associated transportation conformity determinations.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goals:

Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

Goal 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to deliver work products effectively and efficiently.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

California State Statute Assembly Bill 1246 (AB 1246; Chapter 1333, Statutes of 1976) requires that appropriate consultation occur between the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), county transportation commissions (CTCs), and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on formal planning and programming actions related to the Regional Transportation Plan and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). This item is brought before you 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 FTIP in cooperation with the State (Caltrans), the county transportation commissions, and public transit operators.

On June 6, 2024, SCAG's Regional Council (RC) authorized the release of the draft 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1, including the associated draft transportation conformity analyses, for a 30-day public review and comment period in July. SCAG facilitated two (2) public

hearings. The first public hearing was on July 23, 2024. The second public hearing was on July 30, 2024. Staff updated the draft 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 to address comments received.

Staff will report back to the SCAG Transportation Committee (TC), the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC), and RC at the September 2024 meetings to seek approval of the proposed final 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1, including the associated proposed final transportation conformity determination.

BACKGROUND:

California State Statute AB 1246 (Chapter 1333, Statutes of 1976) requires that appropriate consultation occur among SCAG, CTCs, and Caltrans on formal planning and programming actions related to the FTIP and Connect SoCal (RTP/SCS) Amendments.

SCAG is the federally designated MPO for the six-county region of Southern California and the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) per state law. As such, it is responsible for developing and maintaining the FTIP in cooperation with Caltrans, regional CTCs, and public transit operators.

Over the past several months, SCAG staff worked in consultation and continuous communication with the county transportation commissions throughout the region to develop the draft 2025 FTIP. The 2025 FTIP is a programming document totaling \$38.8 billion in programming and containing 1,128 projects covering a six (6) year period. The draft 2025 FTIP includes 25 projects for Imperial County programmed at \$39.5 million; 670 projects for Los Angeles County programmed at \$22.2 billion; 66 projects for Orange County programmed at \$1.6 billion; 135 projects for Riverside County programmed at \$8.1 billion; 132 projects for San Bernardino County programmed at \$5.4 billion; and 99 projects for Ventura County programmed at \$1.3 billion.

Concurrent with the draft 2025 FTIP, staff has also developed the draft Amendment 1 to Connect SoCal 2024. Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 serves as a consistency amendment to the 2025 FTIP and allows for changes to long-range RTP/SCS projects in addition to changes to state and local highway, transit, and passenger rail projects currently in the FTIP that will be carried forward as part of the 2025 FTIP. In summary, Amendment 1 consists of 348 project modifications. Of these, 14 projects have been deleted and 20 new projects have been added. Despite project modification, deletions, additions, the Connect SoCal 2024 with Amendment 1 remains financially constrained per federal fiscal constraint requirements (23 U.S.C. § 134(i) (2)(E)).

The projects contained within the draft 2025 FTIP have been developed in accordance with the applicable provisions and requirements of 23 CFR Part 450 and are expected to support the achievement of performance measure targets. These targets will be achieved through the implementation of investment priorities, which is achieved through the programming of transportation projects in the 2025 FTIP, and subsequent FTIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications.

Following the 30-day public comment period, SCAG staff continued to revise the draft documents based on public comments and provided updates to Caltrans, the county transportation commissions, and federal and State agencies at SCAG’s Transportation Conformity Working Group (TCWG), which serves as the primary regional forum for interagency consultation.

Once SCAG’s RC approves the proposed final 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1, including the associated transportation conformity determination, the items will be forwarded to the appropriate federal and state reviewing agencies for final approval.

The draft 2025 FTIP is available at: www.scag.ca.gov/2025-FTIP

The draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 is available at: www.scag.ca.gov/connect-socal

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Overall Work Program (010.0170.01: RTP Amendments, Management, and Coordination, 030.0146.02: Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and 025.0164.01: Air Quality and Conformity).