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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD)
THURSDAY, May 7, 2020

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.igm2.com/Citizens/>

The Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting telephonically and electronically given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s recent Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon. Peggy Huang, Chair
Hon. Stacy Berry, Vice Chair
Hon. David Avila
Hon. Russell Betts
Hon. Wendy Bucknum
Hon. Michael C. Carroll
Hon. Steve De Ruse
Hon. Rose Espinoza
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay
Hon. Micheal Goodland
Hon. Mark Henderson
Hon. Tim Holmgren
Hon. Cecilia Hupp
Hon. Bill Jahn
Hon. Robert “Bob” Joe
Hon. Kathleen Kelly
Hon. Jed Leano
Hon. Marisela Magana
Hon. Jorge Marquez
Hon. Anni Marshall
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.
Hon. Lauren Meister

Cypress
Yucaipa
Desert Hot Springs
Mission Viejo
Irvine
La Mirada
La Habra
Duarte
Jurupa Valley
Gardena
Fillmore
Brea
Big Bear Lake
South Pasadena
Palm Desert
Claremont
Perris
Covina
Avalon
Tribal Gov’t Regl Planning
West Hollywood

TCA
District 18
SBCTA
Pres. Appt., Member at Large
District 13
District 14
GCCOG
OCCOG
District 35
WRCOG
District 28
District 47
OCCOG
District 11
AVCJPA
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SGVCOG
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District 33
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OUR MISSION

To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

OUR VISION

Southern California’s Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

Be Open | Lead by Example | Make an Impact | Be Courageous



Hon. Bill Miranda	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. John Mirisch	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	<i>Pres. Appt., Member-at-Large</i>
Hon. James Mulvihill	<i>San Bernardino</i>	<i>Pres. Appt., Member-at-Large</i>
Hon. Steve Nagel	<i>Fountain Valley</i>	<i>District 15</i>
Hon. Trevor O'Neil	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Jim Predmore		ICTC
Hon. Jan Pye	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	CVAG
Hon. Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. David Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Joseph Tessari	<i>Eastvale</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Acquanetta Warren	<i>Fontana</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Al Austin, II	<i>Long Beach</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Juan Carrillo	<i>Palmdale</i>	North L.A. County
Hon. Bill Hodge	<i>Calexico</i>	ICTC
Hon. Edward Paget	<i>Needles</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Rita Ramirez	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Paul Rodriguez	<i>Chino</i>	<i>Pres. Appt., Member-at-Large</i>
Hon. Lyn Semeta	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Peggy Huang, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Huang opened the public comment period and reminded the public to submit comments via email to CEHDPublicComment@scag.ca.gov.

Staff acknowledged that public comments received by email would be read after the presentation of each agenda item.

Chair Huang closed the public comment period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEM/S

There were no reprioritizations made.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Proposed Final Connect SoCal (2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR))**

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, provided historical background on the development of the Final Connect SoCal process, which included a brief overview and acknowledgement of the work and extensive coordination accomplished with SCAG's local jurisdictions, significant public outreach, the County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) and other partner agencies.

Mr. Ajise requested and submitted for consideration, the Resolution on the Proposed Final Connect SoCal plan (the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy) and PEIR to the Committee, as set forth in the Recommended Action. He asked Ms. Sarah Jepson, Transportation Director, to provide additional information and a presentation.

Ms. Jepson provided a brief presentation and overview of the planning process from draft to the final Connect SoCal plan, as well as highlights on the changes made. Topics included, but were not limited to the following:

- Overview of the planning process Core Vision and Key Connections
- Transportation System Investments Clarifications, and Opportunities for adding projects and amending the plan in response to the Pandemic
- Refinement of Modeling Data
- Job Creation & Economic engine
- Similar Process for the Draft PEIR
- Next Steps, which included recommending the Committee approve the Connect SoCal as required for federal conformity purposes only, and postpone for up to 120 days in order to submit Connect SoCal to the California Air Resources Board. After the 120 days, staff will return to the Regional Council for approval of Connect SoCal in its entirety and for all other purposes.

Chair Huang asked staff to read public comments into the record before receiving questions from the Committee.

Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG Staff noted that there were 112 comments received before the May 6, 2020 deadline and that there were 11 public comments letter received after the cutoff, of which she would read each, including the respective subject lines into the record. The 11 public comments were read as follows: Richard Lambros, et al, Support for Resolution for the proposed Resolution No. 20-621-1. President Jahn asked that the Lambros public comment letter be read in its entirety, which was then read into the record in its entirety; Paavo Monkkonen, Urged adoption of the full RTP/SCS at the May 7, 2020 RC; Daniel Poineau, Save the Coastal Plan; Ann Bickerton, Save the Coastal Plan; Ryan Koyanagi, Save the Coastal Plan; Michael Dworsky, Save the Coastal Plan; Chris Edgar, Save the Coastal Plan; Zachary Steinert-Threlkeld, Save the Coastal Plan; Matt Stauffer, Save the Coastal Plan; Gregory Dina, Save the Coastal Plan; Denny Schneider and Robert Acherman, Comments to the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR); and David Wheatley, who spoke and indicated support for the proposed Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Ms. Johnson noted that the public comment letters will be available online after the meeting.

Staff responded on the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers, including concerns over what if any, are the ramifications or penalties for delaying the plan for 120 days; what are the proposed changes to the plan due to the Covid-19 Pandemic; The approach for Smart Cities and its privacy concerns; and the concerns that the plan should have an amendment process and include a more in-depth look at high speed internet and telecommuting.

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, responded that the timely adoption of Connect SoCal is essential to meeting federal transportation conformity requirements, in order for the region to move forward with critical transportation infrastructure projects. He noted that there will be discussions within the next 120 days on strategies and amendments that will include more efficient ways to reduce travel, such as telecommuting, expanding broadband, and housing elements required to strengthen the SCS.

Discussion ensued. After discussion, the overall consensus of the Committee was to support staff's recommendation.

The complete Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) report was included in the agenda packet.

A MOTION was made (Zerunyan) to approve Staff's Recommendation: Recommend to the Regional Council adoption of Resolution No. 20-621-1-(amended to include all non-substantive corrections, including correction of the December 9, 2020 date, correction to read: December 9, 2019); and, which

includes approval of the Connect SoCal as required for federal transportation conformity purposes only, and to postpone for up to 120 days the date by which the Regional Council would be asked to consider approval of Connect SoCal in its entirety and for all of the reasons. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: BERRY, BETTS, BUCKNUM, CARROLL, DE RUSE, ESPINOZA , FINLAY, GOODLAND, HENDERSON, HOLMGREN, HUANG, HUPP, JAHN, JOE, KELLY, LEANO, MAGANA, MARQUEZ, MARSHALL, MEISTER, MIRANDA, MIRISCH, MULVIHILL, NAGEL, O'NEIL, POSEY, PREDMORE, PYE, RICHARDSON, SANTA INES, SHAPIRO, SHEVLIN, TA TESSARI, WARONEK, WARREN, YOKOYAMA AND ZERUNYAN (38).

NOES: NONE (0).

ABSTAIN: NONE (0).

2. 6th Cycle RHNA Appeals Procedures

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, provided an overview of the impact to the RHNA appeals process as it relates to the 120-day delay of the Connect SoCal. He asked Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG staff, to provide a presentation of the RHNA appeals procedures.

Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG Staff, provided a brief presentation that outlined the appeals process. The presentation included information on the appeals process timeline that included mention of needed modification due to the potential delay of the Connect SoCal Plan, the basis for appeals, the public hearings on appeals, the reallocation of housing need from successful appeals, and the process for next steps.

Ms. Johnson reported that there were five public comments received. She read the subject lines of each and read into the record the following letters: the City of Fountain Valley (unsigned), Proposed Housing Legislative Amendments; Amy Wasson, RHNA Methodology; Hon. Trevor O'Neil, OCCOG, RHNA Methodology; Holly Osborne, RHNA Methodology; and, Holly Osborne RHNA Methodology. Ms. Osborne's second letter was read for 1 1/2 minutes into the record per the Chair's discretion.

Following the public comments, Chair Huang opened the meeting to questions from the Committee.

Staff responded on the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers, including concerns over the relevancy of ex-officio members on the appeals board and the process for removing ex-officio members from the appeals board, the appeals deadline process and overall concerns regarding the oversight and transparency process, specifically comments regarding

retention of an outside consultant to review the final appeals recommendations. Ms. Johnson commented that an internal review for hiring a consultant to review the final appeals recommendations will be given some consideration.

SCAG's legal team noted that the RHNA Subcommittee Charter outlines the membership composition and that the Charter could be modified for the Committee's approval at a subsequent meeting to address any membership changes concerning ex-officio members. After discussion and comments from the Committee and SCAG's legal team regarding the removal of ex-officio members and modification of the RHNA Subcommittee Charter, the Committee voted to support staff's recommendation, with an advisory to the incoming SCAG President to remove the ex-officio members from the Appeals Procedures Board.

The complete report was included in the agenda packet.

A MOTION was made (O'Neil) to approve the 6th Cycle RHNA Appeals Procedures, with an advisory to the incoming SCAG President to remove the ex-official members from the 6th Cycle RHNA Appeals Procedures Board. Motion was SECONDED (Zerunyan) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: BERRY, BETTS, CARROLL, DE RUSE, FINLAY, HENDERSON, HOLMGREN, HUANG, HUPP, JOE, LEANO, MARQUEZ, MARSHALL, MIRANDA, MIRISCH, MULVIHILL, NAGEL, O'NEIL, POSEY, PREDMORE, PYE, RICHARDSON, SANTA INES, SHAPIRO, SHEVLIN, TESSARI, WARONEK, WARREN, YOKOYAMA AND ZERUNYAN (30).

NOES: BUCKNUM, ESPINOZA, GOODLAND AND MEISTER (4).

ABSTAIN: JAHN (1).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

3. Minutes of the March 5, 2020 Meeting

Receive and File

4. COVID-19: Leading and Learning in Uncertain Times

5. Housing Legislative Updates

A MOTION was made (Posey) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Marquez) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: BERRY, BETTS, BUCKNUM, CARROLL, DE RUSE, ESPINOZA, FINLAY, GOODLAND, HENDERSON, HOLMGREN, HUANG, HUPP, JAHN, JOE, KELLY, LEANO, MARQUEZ, MARSHALL, MEISTER, MIRANDA, MIRISCH, NAGEL, O'NEIL, POSEY, PREDMORE, PYE, RICHARDSON, SANTA INES, SHAPIRO, SHEVLIN, TESSARI, WARONEK, WARREN, YOKOYAMA AND ZERUNYAN (35).

NOES: (0).

ABSTAIN: (0).

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Huang announced that nominations for Chair and Vice Chair will be held during the next CEHD meeting. She asked the members to submit their names to the Clerk of the Board as soon as possible. Chair Huang thanked President Jahn for his leadership and congratulated Hon. Rex Richardson, SCAG's incoming President.

STAFF REPORT

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, expressed appreciation to Chair Huang for her leadership, service and valuable contributions for her work with the CEHD committee and on the RHNA Subcommittee. He also thanked the CEHD committee members for their work and dedication to the issues at hand.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

For a future meeting, it was requested to agendaize an amendment to the Charter in order to remove ex-officio members from the Appeals Procedures, pending initial action from the SCAG President; and agendaize a discussion for a peer review for the RHNA Appeals recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Huang adjourned the CEHD Committee meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carmen Summers
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

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CEHD Attendance Record

2019 - 2020

MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	21-Oct	NOV JPC	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	21-May	To M Atte To
Austin, Al	Long Beach	GCCOG							1									
Avila, David	Yucaipa	SBCTA				1	1		1	1				1		1		
Beaman Jacinto, Mega	Coachella	District 66		1			1	1	1									
Berry, Stacy, V-Chair	Cypress	District 18		1		1	1		1	1			1	1		1	1	
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	President's Appointment				1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1	
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo	District 13		1		1			1	1			1	1		1		
Carrillo, Juan	Palmdale	North LA County							1	1				1				
Carroll, Michael, C.	Irvine	District 14		1			1		1	1			1	1		1		
DeRuse, Steve	La Mirada	District 31		1		1	1	1	1	1						1	1	
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra	OCCOG		1		1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1	1
Finlay, Margaret	Duarte	District 35		1		1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1	1
Goodland, Micheal	Jurupa Valley	WRCOG											1	1		1	1	
Henderson, Mark	Gardena	District 28														1	1	
Hodge, Bill	Calexico	ICTC		1		1	1	1	1	1			1	1				
Holmgren, Tim	Fillmore	District 47		1		1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1	1
Huang, Peggy, Chair	Yorba Linda	TCA		1		1		1	1	1			1	1		1	1	
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea	OCCOG		1		1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1	1
Jahn, Bill	Big Bear Lake	District 11		1		1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1	1
Joe, Robert	So. Pasadena	AVCJPA		1		1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1		
Kelly, Kathleen	Palm Desert	District 2		1		1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1	1
Leano, Jed	Claremont	SGVCOG		1		1	1		1				1	1		1	1	
Magana, Marisela	Perris	District 69		1			1	1					1	1		1		
Marquez, Jorge	Covina	District 33		1		1	1	1	1	1			1			1	1	
Marshall, Anni	Avalon	GCCOG				1	1		1	1			1			1		
Masiel, Andrew	Pechanga Band	TGRPB												1		1	1	
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood	WSCCOG		1		1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1	1
Miranda, Bill	Santa Clarita	SFVCOG		1		1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1	1
Mirisch, John	Beverly Hills	President's Appointment				1	1	1	1				1	1		1	1	
Mulvihill, James	San Bernardino	President's Appointment		1		1	1	1	1	1				1		1	1	
Nagel, Steve	Fountain Valley	District 15				1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1	
O'Neil, Trevor	Anaheim	District 19		1				1	1	1			1	1		1	1	
Paget, Ed	Needles	SBCTA															1	
Posey, Michael	Huntington Beach	OCCOG		1			1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1	
Predmore, Jim		ICTC		1				1	1	1			1	1		1	1	
Pye, Jan	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG		1			1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1	
Ramirez, Rita	Victorville	District 65		1		1	1		1	1								
Richardson, Rex	Long Beach	District 29		1		1	1	1	1	1				1		1	1	
Rodriguez, Paul	Chino	President's Appointment		1		1		1	1	1			1	1				
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower	District 24				1	1		1	1				1		1	1	
Semeta, Lyn	Huntington Beach	District 64		1		1	1		1					1			1	
Shapiro, David	Calabasas	LVMCOG		1		1	1	1	1					1		1	1	
Shevlin, Becky	Monrovia	SGVCOG		1		1	1	1		1				1		1	1	
Ta, Tri	Westminster	District 20		1				1	1					1		1	1	
Tessari, Joseph	Eastvale	WRCOG		1		1	1	1	1	1				1		1	1	
Waronek, Mark	Lomita	SBCCOG		1			1	1	1	1			1			1	1	
Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana	SBCTA											1			1	1	
Wu, Tony	West Covina	SGVCOG					1	1						1			1	
Yokoyama, Frank	Cerritos	District 23												1		1	1	
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates	SBCCOG		1		1	1	1	1					1		1	1	

Attachment: Attendance Record (Minutes of the May 7, 2020 Meeting)