



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.ig2.com/Citizens/>.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Jan Harnik, President		RCTC
Hon. Art Brown, 1st Vice President	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Sup. Curt Hagman, 2nd Vice President		San Bernardino County
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, EEC	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chair, TC	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Vice Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President’s Appt.	Duarte	District 35
Hon. Kathleen Kelly, President’s Appt.	<i>Palm Desert</i>	District 2
Hon. Larry McCallon, President’s Appt.	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Vice Chair, TC	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Nithya Raman, President’s Appt.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRP Representative

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer



Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Jan Harnik called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. President Harnik asked Regional Council Member Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. She noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG’s jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. She reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov.

The Clerk acknowledged there no written public comments received before or after the deadline.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Harnik closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

1. Resolution No. 23-654-1 Authorizing Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to Support the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

There were no public comments on this item.

Hannah Brunelle, Senior Regional Planner, reported that SCAG was recently awarded a \$500,000 grant from the FCC to build upon the work supporting ACP outreach. She noted that SCAG was the only MPO selected through the competitive grant cycle. She explained that through coordination with the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF), SCAG identified two key strategies it would be pursuing through the grant: 1) Partner with entities to supplement existing campaigns to execute targeted, multi-lingual, and multi-pronged advertising strategies across the region; and 2) Develop and build upon Digital Navigators cohorts to lead local engagement, ACP sign ups and

training in targeted areas. She noted that next steps would be to convene other grant awardees through the SoCal Digital Divide Working Group to help SCAG align and coordinate with partners.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Lock Dawson) that the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommend that Regional Council (RC): 1) Approve Resolution No. 23-654-1 to accept grant funding for a minimum of \$500,000 from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to support SCAG's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Campaign; and 2) Authorize SCAG to use available general fund balance to begin project work for the FCC ACP. Upon execution of the grant agreement, the grant funding will be included and reconciled in a future budget amendment during FY 2023-24 and the general fund will be reimbursed for grant expenditures incurred. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Finlay, Hagman, Harnik, Kelly, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, Shapiro, Solache and Yokoyama (12)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

2. Minutes of the Meeting – March 1, 2023
3. Regional Council Stipend Payments Update
4. Contract Amendment Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value: Contract No. 21-053-C01, Gartner for Human Resources (HR) Leaders
5. Resolution No. 23-654-2 Approving Amendment 3 to the FY 2022-23 Comprehensive Budget, including a Third Amendment to the Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget, Second Amendments to the Indirect Cost Budget and FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget, and an Amendment to the TDA Budget
6. Early Legislative Bills – Support
7. Housing and Transportation Bills of Interest

Receive and File

8. Connect SoCal 2024: Locally-Reviewed Growth Forecast Demographic and Economic Evaluation
9. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
10. CFO Monthly Report

Item No. 7 was pulled for discussion at the request of Regional Council Member and LCMC Chair Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood, District 26. He explained that the LCMC had recommended a watch position on AB 1335, but since the recommendation they had good conversations with the Assemblymember and those who sponsored the bill. Unfortunately, they did not meet SCAG's request and therefore, he was requesting that they approve Item No. 7 with the exception of AB 1335, and suggested they take an oppose position on this bill.

Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer, reported that AB 1335 would require SCAG to use the same population projections that the Department of Finance (DOF) uses for RHNA for the Sustainable Communities Strategies. She stated that it was important to know that the DOF's projections are single objective that forecast population increase or decrease. She explained that SCAG's forecasts include future population, employment, and households. Additionally, she stated that SCAG's population housing and employment forecast undergo extensive public input and outreach, which DOF does not go through. She explained that the Assemblymembers office reached out to SCAG early on and that SCAG's legislative team led by Kevin Gilhooley along with our colleagues at MTC and CALCOG also met with the Assemblymember's office and the bill sponsors to share their concerns. Unfortunately, their concerns were not taken into consideration, and the bill had since passed the Assembly Transportation Committee.

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve the Consent Calendar as presented with the exception on Item No. 7, changing the position on AB 1335 from watch to oppose. Motion was SECONDED (Solache) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Finlay, Hagman, Harnik, Kelly, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, Shapiro, Solache and Yokoyama (12)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, thanked the EAC for their support of budget amendment three which was the final budget amendment for FY 2023. She reported that for FY 2024 the 30-day public comment period for the proposed FY 2024 overall work program ended on Monday, April 3 and no public comments were received. She also highlighted agenda Item No. 3 which included

improvements to the stipends process and a payment schedule. She explained that there would be further discussion on stipends at the EAC retreat to address what type of changes, if any, the board may want to make to the Regional Council Policy Manual.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Harnik reported that the next meeting of the EAC was scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 3 p.m. at the JW Marriot Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert and it was part of SCAG's 58th annual Regional Conference and General Assembly on May 4th and 5th. She explained that the programming for this event would feature panels on planning and implementing mobility hubs; accelerating clean transportation in Southern California; job growth in an inclusive economy; housing in the region; and Connect SoCal – the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. She noted that there would be a session showcasing outstanding student work, bringing in bright minds from across the region to share innovative research and planning projects. She indicated that it also included the annual SCAG Sustainability Awards, the region's highest honors for projects that promote and improve mobility, livability, prosperity and sustainability in Southern California. She also reported on Public Outreach Initiatives for Connect SoCal 2024. She explained that the outreach efforts were underway, and that they kicked off the public outreach phase last month to gather input on priorities for the next 30 years. She explained that they were hosting several workshops and pop-up events across the region to gather input from our communities. She highlighted the online survey available for stakeholders and members of the public to share their thoughts on the important issues affecting our region. Lastly, she noted that staff had emailed a toolkit with information for them to share.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise reported that SCAG co-sponsored the Annual California Transportation Congressional Reception in Washington, DC. He stated that they were delighted to host all of their transportation stakeholders on March 28 at the Rayburn House Office Building. He explained that the event brought together California transportation leaders and stakeholders, including 42 transportation agencies, to network with Congressional members and staff. He noted that they had various distinguished guests, including former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, US Deputy Secretary of Transportation Polly Trottenberg and various members of congress. He also provided an update on the Compliance Action Plan which was approved by the Regional Council in March. He reported that last year, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration conducted a joint review and evaluation of SCAG's metropolitan transportation planning process and found that SCAG met the federal requirements – with one corrective action. He stated that the action relates to SCAG's role in the prioritization and selection of projects funded with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and Surface Transportation Block Grant funds. He explained that in response, SCAG staff worked closely with the county transportation commission to develop a Compliance Action Plan. He stated that last month, Caltrans confirmed that their plan will

address the corrective action. He indicated that with this confirmation, SCAG would continue to develop more detailed program guidelines for these grants that are consistent with the framework in the Compliance Action Plan. Lastly, he reported that applications were now open for SoCal Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee. He reminded the EAC that the Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning Policy Framework was approved by the Regional Council in February. He explained that the framework directed the creation of the SoCal Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee, also known as the TAC, to help ensure the future SoCal Greenprint tool was aligned with policy objectives identified in the approved framework. He stated TAC applications were now open through April 17. He described that the TAC membership was designed to represent the expected primary user groups of the SoCal Greenprint tool and government agencies who may participate in Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning. He stated that the TAC would be open to the public and seek input from the development community, non-governmental conservation groups, regional conservation agencies, researchers, and other stakeholders. He indicated that that interested applicants were encouraged to fill out the application form online.

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

City of Huntington Beach, et al. v. State of California, et al.; US District Court for the Southern District of California Case No. 8:23-CV-00421 [Note: SCAG is named as a defendant]

Public Employment

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Title: Executive Director

Public Employment

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency designated representatives: Ruben Duran, Board Counsel

Unrepresented employee: Executive Director

There were no public comments for closed session. Seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

President Harnik recessed the EAC into Closed Session.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

President Harnik reconvened the meeting of the EAC.



Board Counsel Duran reported that with respect first item under Closed Session (Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), *City of Huntington Beach, et al. v. State of California, et al.*; US District Court for the Southern District of California Case No. 8:23-CV-00421 [Note: SCAG is named as a defendant]), the EAC on a vote of 12-0 directed Special Counsel Debra Fox to defend SCAG in the litigation. With respect to the Public Employee Performance Evaluation of the Executive Director, he stated that there was no reportable action.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Harnik adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 6:11 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	2022-23															Total M Attend To Dat
			JUN	30-Jun	1-Jul	JULY	AUG	15-Aug	31-Aug	OCT	NOV	30-Nov	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, President, Chair		RCTC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	
Hon. Art Brown, 1st Vice Chair	Buena Park	District 21	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	11	
Hon. Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County	[REDACTED]									1	1	1	1	0	1	5
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President	Eastvale	District 4	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	
Hon. Deborah Roberston, Chair, EEC	Rialto	District 8	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	12	
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chair, TC	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Vice Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	8	
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Vice Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68	[REDACTED]										1	1	1	1	4	
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President's Appt.	Duarte	District 35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	12	
Hon. Kathleen Kelly, President's Appt.	Palm Desert	District 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.	Highland	District 7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	
Hon. Nithya Ramen, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	District 51	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	8	
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Mar	Business Representative	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	12	
			13	14	13	14	12	13	14	12	13	13	16	14	14	14	0	1

Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2022-23 (Minutes of the Meeting - April 5, 2023)