



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

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.iqm2.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

Sup. Curt Hagman, President

Hon. Ray Marquez, 2nd Vice President

Hon. Art Brown, Imm. Past President

Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair, CEHD

Hon Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair CEHD

Hon. Luis Plancarte, Chair, EEC

Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, Vice Chair EEC

Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC

Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC

Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC

Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President’s Appt.

Hon. Jan Harnik, President’s Appt.

Hon. Alan Wapner, President’s Appt.

Hon. Lucy Dunn

Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.

Chino Hills

Buena Park

Calabasas

Simi Valley

Santa Paula

VCTC

Riverside

Lynwood

Mission Viejo

RCTC

Pechanga Dev. Corp.

San Bernardino County

District 10

District 21

District 44

District 46

Imperial County

District 47

Ventura County

District 68

District 26

District 13

Riverside

SBCTA Representative

Business Representative

TGRP Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice President

Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC

Hon. Karen Bass, President’s Appt.

Long Beach

Pomona

Los Angeles

District 30

District 38

Member-At-Large

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director



Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Michael Maurer, Assistant Board Counsel
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Curt Hagman called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. President Hagman asked Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, District 68, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Hagman opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda.

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

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

1. 2024 California Clean Air Day Proclamation

There were no public comments for Item 2.

Executive Director Ajise reported this item was for a Regional Council proclamation pledging SCAG's support for California Clean Air Day. He shared the California Clean Air Day encouraged individuals and organizations to commit to contributing to cleaner air through actions both big and small. He stated that the year before, more than 16,500 individuals made more than 125,000 clean air action pledges; 22 transit agencies provided free rides on buses, trains, bike share programs, and ferries; and 121 California Clean Air Day events took place virtually and in-person. He stated SCAG has

participated in the annual California Clean Air Day in the past by signing the organizational pledge, encouraging our 197 member jurisdictions to explore actions and pledges, encouraging SCAG staff to take the California Clean Air Day pledge – and approving a proclamation similar to the one before them. He stated SCAG’s regional planning policies, programs, strategies, and initiatives, as reflected in the adopted Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, would continue to have an important role in achieving significant air quality improvements in the SCAG region.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to recommend that the Regional Council approve and adopt proclamation in support for and declaration of 2024 California Clean Air Day. Motion was SECONDED (Brown) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Marquez, McCallon, Plancarte, Rhodes and Shapiro (12)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Wendy Bucknum, Mission Viejo, District 13 requested to pull Item No. 5 from the Consent Calendar.

Bucknum moved the remainder of the Consent Calendar and was seconded by Shapiro.

Before the Committee voted on the motion, President Hagman provided some comments on some of the Consent Calendar items. He stated both he and Executive Director Ajise were going to be traveling to a conference and the flights were going to be quite long. He shared he had traveled extensively for San Bernardino County, and they had a different policy. He stated other boards had different policies where if flights were for an extended period of time, they could upgrade from coach because you [are beat] on a coach flight for 14 hours. He stated this was something he wanted to bring up to the group. He explained how other policies allow members to upgrade from coach to coach plus or business depending on the length of the flight. He stated this was something he wanted to get consensus on and clarified there was no action to be taken. He stated he wanted to get feedback and provided the Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer with direction to look at what other agencies were doing. He stated they would go through [the Regional Council] to see what would be appropriate.



Michael Maurer, Assistant Board Counsel, noted this vote did not include Item 5 on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

2. Minutes of the Meeting – July 31, 2024
3. Amendment to Lodging Reimbursement Policy in the Regional Council Policy Manual
4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-037-C01 through 24-037-C06, Temporary Worker Services
5. SB 960 (Wiener) - Transportation: Complete Streets Facilities: Transit Priority Facilities
6. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

7. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council’s Approval Threshold
8. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Bucknum) to approve Consent Items 2 through 4 and 6 and Receive and File Items 7-8. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Marquez, McCallon, Plancarte, Rhodes, Shapiro and Solache (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

The EAC members entered into discussions regarding Consent Item 5.

Member Bucknum explained a presentation was not necessary for Item No. 5 as she pulled the item because she wanted to vote differently on it.

Executive Director Ajise explained SB 960 was a Weiner bill that was intended to do more in terms of what Caltrans does with Caltrans projects to encourage active transportation facilities on State highways. He stated it had been contested very hotly across the plane, and there were a lot of negotiations. He stated he talked to the Caltrans Director about it, and he shared the Department

was on board with the bill. He stated that there was opposition because of the amendments that were made to the bill. He explained that the intent of the amendments were really to show that Caltrans was already doing some of [these things therefore] why make it into law. Additionally, he stated that the point the other side was making was that they were not getting enough of what Caltrans was supposed to be doing already and this made it more certain. He explained there was a provision in the law that said “to the extent possible” therefore it was not a mandate that Caltrans had to absolutely do this everywhere. He stated it had to be what was reasonable to do and there were sections of the State highway system that they could not put active transportation facilities on. He stated this was more of a due diligence effort with SB 960, and they had felt compelled that it was okay to support it given the amendments to the bill.

Member Bucknum stated she continued to be concerned with the SB 960’s requirements to have Caltrans justify every SHOPP project that does not have the complete streets element which [the Executive Director had mentioned]. She stated it seemed to be overkill, and a significant investment of Caltrans's time. She stated she did not know if they had gone on record to support, and maybe it was something they did not do. She stated it seemed that the SHOPP projects were for the most part projects that involved maintenance and safety and the reserivicing of the State highway system. She stated that for this reason she really could not support this bill. She indicated that she welcomed any input from their county transportation commissions and if so, why they support the bill. She stated she would be voting against it but respected her colleagues and staff's report on it.

Jan Harnik, RCTC Representative, stated she wanted member Bucknum to explain more. She asked her what her apprehension was.

Member Bucknum explained she thought that by supporting this it meant they were going too far. She stated she thought they should be taking the same position as Caltrans. She stated she thought maybe they could just support if amended however the amendments did not seem to make a big difference, therefore in her view and in good conscience and because the COG also voted to not support this, she would be voting no.

Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood, District 26, stated that while respecting member Bucknum’s perspective, the committee had not moved forward with the item as they knew it was important for SCAG. He stated member Bucknum’s comments were going to be taken care of by staff, and that they would be vigilant to how they proceed with this moving forward, so they report back to the committee and the Regional Council at the appropriate time.

A MOTION was made (Solache) to approve Consent Item 5. Motion was SECONDED (Brown) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Crosswhite, Hagman, Harnik, Lock Dawson, Marquez, McCallon, Plancarte, Shapiro

and Solache (9)

NOES: Brown, Bucknum and Rhodes (3)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

There were no public comments for the CFO report, President's report or the Executive Director's report.

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on SCAG's membership dues collection. She reported they had collected 91% of all of their membership dues for fiscal year 25. Additionally, she stated that this month's report included quarterly updated charts, and their first look at their preliminary numbers for fiscal year 24. She stated the agency's Controller was doing an excellent job preparing their books and records for the preparation of their annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR). She reported Eide Bailey was continuing their audit field work through October, and their hope was to bring the final ACFR to the EAC and the board in December. Furthermore, she reported Caltrans had completed their incurred cost audit of SCAG. She stated the audit concluded that their costs were adequately supported, resulting in \$0 dollars of findings. She stated they did have three recommendations based on compliance issues while they were performing their field work. Lastly, she stated they were confident they would be able to address those and that they would be reviewing the report in detail with the Audit Committee.

Executive Director Ajise stated that what the CFO did not mention was there were no findings on procurement. He stated it had been a clean audit and that this had been the follow up audit to the audit from four years ago that had been close to disastrous. He stated he wanted to ensure they had some context to the subtle presentation the CFO had just presented. He stated they had a great audit by Caltrans.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hagman provided an update on the schedule change [for meetings]. He thanked members, stating this was what they had pre-COVID. He stated it allowed them to be very efficient in one day meetings. He shared he wanted to spend more time discussing issues versus doing roll call votes with 84 members on the [Regional Council] because that took a lot of time. He stated he asked staff to pull up the participation levels of remote versus in person and it had turned out that they had more participation in person than they did remotely. He reported that at the EAC retreat they decided this would be the new format they were going to move forward with. Additionally, he stated there were scheduling changes to the policy committees where members still had the

opportunity to participate remotely and formatting changes to the Regional Council meetings. He explained the goal was to have the hard work at the committees and wanted the committee chairs to report out at the Regional Council meeting. Furthermore, he reported that in observance of Rosh Hashanah they would not be meeting in October. He also reported that in December they would be incorporating the Economic Summit alongside the regular regional economic analysis. He stated this format would allow for in-depth discussion among the Regional Council members about the analysis after the business of the day. President Hagman also reported that SCAG-sponsored bill AB 2485 had been held in the Senate Appropriations Committee. He stated this was the bill to increase transparency measures in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment determination process. He stated the plan was to bring this item back to the members at another time and it would also be discussed at the LCMC meeting. Furthermore, he stated the Senate Appropriations Committee held 34 percent of its 515 measures, including AB 2485 and that the typical hold rate was about 25 percent. President Hagman also provided an update on the tour of Port of Hueneme. He shared that at the end of the harbor tour, they had a very nice ceremony for [former Regional Council Member Carmen Ramirez]. Lastly, he reported that the next EAC meeting would be taking place on November 7.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise provided an update about their ongoing issue with the EPA related to air quality standards. He shared that as it was previously reported in July, they collectively as a region with AQMDs lead, resolved the EPA's proposed disapproval of the 2019 contingency measure plan and as a result of that, prevented highway sanctions in the region. He stated that in August the EPA had another proposed action, which was a finding of failure of the South Coast region to attain the 1997 Federal ozone standards. He stated this was a follow up to what had already been resolved because the 1997 ozone standard had been revoked. He stated this finding upon finalization, would not trigger any highway sanctions. He shared that as a result there would be no impact to the RTP/SCS. Furthermore, he explained it would not trigger any air quality planning requirements by the South Coast Air District. He shared that the good news was that SCAG had received \$50 million dollars in EPA funds from the CPRG program which would be directed at the Last Mile Freight Program. He said this was a big win for them. Additionally, he reported they had hosted the 5th meeting of the Transit Transformation Task Force. He explained this was a task force that was set up under SB 125. He stated they had highlighted SCAGs regional approach to planning for transit at the meeting and discussed policy recommendations SCAG had in its plan, but also policy recommendations that this task force will take to the legislature as required by the end of 2025 in support of President Hagman's presidential priorities for the year, and the work of the task force. He reported they had invited three speakers to the Regional Council [meeting] to have a conversation with the Regional Council about transit recovery and technology and hoped they could join in that conversation. Lastly, he reported how in August there was a Paris observation tour and in anticipation of the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics in Los Angeles, SCAG staff had been working

with LA28, LA Metro, Caltrans, LADOT, the LA Mayor's office, and Metrolink to develop mobility plans and pursue State and Federal funds to support the transmission infrastructure they will need for the region. He stated that during the 2028 Olympic games, SCAG would support several mobility strategies in that process, and were working very closely with their stakeholders to set that up. He stated they were leading the work on freight transportation demand management and the overall demand management efforts across the SCAG region. He reported SCAG sent two staff members to Paris as part of the observation program and gave Chief Planning Officer Sarah Jepson and Deputy Director - Transportation, Annie Nam an opportunity to briefly share their experience in Paris.

Ms. Jepson and Ms. Nam shared with the EAC their experience and observations while in Paris. They touched on the sessions they attended which were focused on fleet management. They also shared their positive experience with the Paris government, specifically the sessions that were held for LA and other cities that will be hosting the Olympics in the future to help them understand what it took to put on the games in Paris. They discussed their experience on a bike tour of the city and shared what had been done in the city to make it safe and comfortable for everyone to ride bikes. They also provided an update on the Paris transportation demand management strategy. They shared how they strategically created public spaces where they projected the games on a big screen for the community to gather around to avoid residents flooding the areas of the venues while trying to get people in and out and to also avoid clogging up the transportation system. Lastly, they shared their big takeaways were the huge levels of collaboration needed across all levels of government, the transit agencies, the city, the federal government, the metropolis of Paris, the sports federations, the volunteers, and the sponsors. They shared it was a lot that must come together for these games to be successful, and they felt Paris did a tremendous job.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hagman adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:45 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

| 2024-25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total Mtg: Attended To Date | |
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| MEMBERS | CITY | Representing | 6-Jun | 27-Jun | 28-Jun | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | | |
| Hon. Curt Hagman, President, Chair | | San Bernardino County | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 5 | |
| Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice Chair | Long Beach | District 30 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 0 | | | | | | | | | 4 | |
| Hon. Ray Marquez, 2nd Vice Chair | Chino Hills | District 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 5 | |
| Hon. Art Brown, Imm. Past President | Buena Park | District 21 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | D | 1 | | | | | | | | | 5 | |
| Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair, CEHD | Calabasas | District 44 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 5 | |
| Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair, CEHD | Simi Valley | District 46 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 5 | |
| Sup. Luis Plancarte, Chair, EEC | | Imperial County | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 5 | |
| Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, Vice Chair, EEC | Santa Paula | District 47 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | A | 1 | | | | | | | | | 5 | |
| Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC | Pomona | District 38 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 0 | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC | | VCTC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 3 | |
| Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC | Riverside | District 68 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 4 | |
| Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC | Lynwood | District 26 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | R | 1 | | | | | | | | | 5 | |
| Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt. | Los Angeles | Member-At-Large | | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 0 | | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt. | Mission Viejo | District 13 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 4 | |
| Hon. Jan Harnik, President's Appt. | | RCTC | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 5 | |
| Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt. | | Air District Representative | | 1 | 1 | 1 | K | 1 | | | | | | | | | 4 | |
| Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr. | Pechanga Dev. Corporation | Tribal Government Regional Planning Board | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 4 | |
| Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member | Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Mar | Business Representative | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 4 | |
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Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2024-25 (Minutes of the Meeting - September 5, 2024)