
The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its special 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 Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

**Members Present**

- Hon. Rex Richardson, President, **Long Beach**
- Hon. Clint Lorimore, 1st Vice President, **Eastvale**
- Hon. Jan Harnik, 2nd Vice President, **RCTC**
- Hon. Alan Wapner, Imm. Past President, **SBCTA**
- Supervisor Luis Plancarte, **Imperial County**
- Supervisor Kathryn Barger, **Los Angeles County**
- Supervisor Holly Mitchell, **Los Angeles County**
- Supervisor Don Wagner, **Orange County**
- Supervisor Karen Spiegel, **Riverside County**
- Supervisor Curt Hagman, **San Bernardino County**
- Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, **Ventura County**
- Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich, **ICTC**
- Hon. Peggy Huang, **TCA**
- Hon. Ben Benoit, **Air District Representative**
- Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr., **Pechanga Dev. Corp.**
- Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, **El Centro**
- Hon. Kathleen Kelly, **Palm Desert**
- Hon. Rey Santos, **Beaumont**
- Hon. Zak Schwank, **Temecula**

**AGENDA ITEM 2**
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- Hon. Mike T. Judge  
  VCTC
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- Hon. Wendy Bucknum  
  Mission Viejo  
  District 13
- Hon. Steve De Ruse  
  La Mirada  
  District 31
- Hon. Jonathan Curtis  
  La Cañada Flintridge  
  District 36
- Hon. Steve Tye  
  Diamond Bar  
  District 37
- Hon. Alex Fisch  
  Culver City  
  District 41
- Hon. Paula Devine  
  Glendale  
  District 42
- Hon. David J. Shapiro  
  Calabasas  
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- Hon. Laura Hernandez  
  Port Hueneme  
  District 45
- Hon. Lorrie Brown  
  Ventura  
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- Hon. Gilbert Cedillo  
  Los Angeles  
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- Hon. Paul Krekorian  
  Los Angeles  
  District 49/Public Transit Rep.
- Hon. Bob Blumenfield  
  Los Angeles  
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- Hon. Nithya Raman  
  Los Angeles  
  District 51
- Hon. Paul Koretz  
  Los Angeles  
  District 52
- Hon. Nury Martinez  
  Los Angeles  
  District 53
- Hon. Monica Rodriguez  
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  District 54
- Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson  
  Los Angeles  
  District 55
- Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.  
  Los Angeles  
  District 56
- Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas  
  Los Angeles  
  District 57
- Hon. Mike Bonin  
  Los Angeles  
  District 58
- Hon. John Lee  
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  District 59
- Hon. Mitch O’Farrell  
  Los Angeles  
  District 60
- Hon. Kevin de León  
  Los Angeles  
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- Hon. Michael Posey  
  Huntington Beach  
  District 64
- Hon. Elizabeth Becerra  
  Victorville  
  District 65
- Hon. Hector Pacheco  
  San Fernando  
  District 67
- Hon. Eric Garcetti  
  Los Angeles  
  Member-at-Large

**Staff Present**

- Kome Ajise, Executive Director
- Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
- Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
- Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
- Michael Houston, Chief Counsel
CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:32 am. President Richardson asked Regional Councilmember José Luis Solache, Lynwood, District 26, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Richardson opened the Public Comment Period, and he outlined instructions for public comments.

Board Counsel Ruben Duran stated that there were no written public comments received by email after the deadline. Seeing no public comment speakers, President Richardson closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Final Comprehensive Budget

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, presented on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Final Comprehensive Budget. She began her presentation by reviewing past actions of the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) and Regional Council in March. These bodies provided approval to proceed with the draft budget for a 30-day public comment period, during which no public comments were received. She noted that the EAC approved the FY 2021-22 Final Comprehensive budget at its meeting yesterday. She announced that the Draft Overall Work Program was also submitted to Caltrans, Federal Highway Administration (FWHA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for comments. Comments received were addressed and incorporated into the final budget. She stated that staff recommends approval of the FY 2021-22 Final Comprehensive Budget in the amount of $147.1 million, which is $700,000 less from the draft budget, and she highlighted changes made, including a reduction in FHWA planning funds. In
closing, she remarked that the final budget supports regional work of Connect SoCal and furthers the policy directions of the Regional Council.

A MOTION was made (Robertson) to 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-632-2 approving the Fiscal Year 2021-22 (FY 2021-22) Final Comprehensive Budget, subject to approval of the General Fund Budget and Membership Dues Assessment by the SCAG General Assembly; and 2) Authorize the submittal of the FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Motion was SECONDED (Solache). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ALLEN, ASHTON, BARGER, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, BUSCAINO, CARRILLO, CLARK, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, KALMICK, KELLY, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAVA-FROELICH, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, SALEH, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (44)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

2. Draft Racial Equity Early Action Plan

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, presented on the Racial Equity Early Action Plan. Mr. Ajise reviewed the final meeting of the Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice in March, when the draft Racial Equity Early Action Plan was discussed. He provided background on the Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice, the committee’s focus and the committee’s work. He discussed the development of the Early Action Plan and he listed components of the plan, such as equity goals and strategies. He then expounded upon the definition of equity, as well as equity goals and strategies. Subsequently, he shared on overview of 29 actions, split across the goals and strategies, and he directed members to the staff report for further details. He highlighted a handful of these actions involving shifting organization culture and encouraging racial equity and local planning. In closing, he stated staff’s recommendation for the Regional Council to adopt the Racial Equity Early Action Plan, and he elaborated on next steps. Finally, he displayed a certificate of appreciation, and he expressed his thanks to stakeholders and committee members involved in the process of developing the plan.

President Richardson provided remarks on the responsibility to treat equity as a professional
standard in government, and he recognized the work of the Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice. He reviewed the committee’s meetings and activities over the past nine months, and he specially recognized Mr. Charles Brown of Equitable Cities, LLC for serving the role as facilitator of these meetings. He invited committee members to provide comments.

Dr. Thomas Parham, California State University, Dominguez Hills, thanked President Richardson for his leadership, and he commented on the importance of this work.

Mr. Micah Weinberg, California Forward, thanked SCAG’s leadership. He endorsed the plan; he recommended considering this plan as a beginning; and he spoke about the relevance of racial equity work to SCAG’s work in planning and decision-making. In closing, he offered collaboration with California Forward moving forward.

Mr. Charles Brown, Equitable Cities, LLC, thanked President Richardson, Mr. Ajise, the committee and SCAG staff for their leadership and work.

Regional Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, thanked President Richardson, and she expressed her belief that this will serve as a blueprint for many communities in the nation.

Regional Councilmember Mark Henderson, Gardena, District 28, thanked President Richardson, and he encouraged the Regional Council to think about how policies being created impact various groups of populations.

Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County, echoed comments made by Regional Councilmembers, and she recognized SCAG’s leadership. In closing, she expressed that if we all thrive, we will all be better off.

Regional Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, reiterated previous comments of thanks to President Richardson, and she applauded committee members for creating this starting point. She spoke about relevant efforts in Rialto and at SBCTA.

Regional Councilmember Leticia Clark, Tustin, District 17, thanked President Richardson for his leadership, and she acknowledge this plan as a blueprint for cities like Tustin to encourage investment in this work.

Regional Councilmember Adele Andrade-Stadler, Alhambra, District 34, thanked SCAG for this framework to help local leaders develop and advocate for residents. She expressed desire for a checklist for use by cities to reference in ensuring development and planning occur through an equity lens.
Regional Councilmember José Luis Solache, Lynwood, District 26, commented on past work of President Richardson and his current leadership. He thanked members and encouraged continuation of these efforts.

Regional Councilmember Trevor O’Neil, Anaheim, District 19, commented that he believes SCAG has gone out its lane with this initiative, although he appreciates the passion and work done. He expressed that he believes time should have gone to cities in supporting their Housing Elements instead.

A MOTION was made (Mitchell) to adopt the proposed Racial Equity Early Action Plan, which will guide and sustain SCAG’s regional leadership in service of equity and social justice. Motion was SECONDED (Robertson). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ALLEN, ANDRADE-STADLER, ASHTON, BACERRA, BARGER, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, BUSCAINO, CARRILLO, CARROLL, CLARK, DIXON, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, KALMICK, KELLY, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, LY, MAGANA, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, SALEH, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (50)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: O’NEIL (1)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Meeting – April 1, 2021

4. Approval of Additional Stipend Payments

5. 2021 Active Transportation Regional Program

6. Resolution No. 21-632-3 Approving Amendment 4 to the FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program Budget
7. Contract Amendment Greater than $75,000, Contract 19-034-C01, SCAG Integrated Passenger and Freight Forecast, Amendment No. 4

8. Contracts $200,000 or Greater: 21-033-C01, Travel Demand Model Improvement and Validation

9. Contracts $200,000 or Greater: 21-037-C01, Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Study

10. Contract Amendment Greater than 30% of the contracts original value, Contract No. 21-045-C01, Protective Glass Installation, Amendment No. 1

11. SCA 2 (Allen) – Public Housing Projects

12. SB 9 (Atkins) – Duplex Approvals

13. SB 10 (Wiener) – CEQA Exemption for Up-Zoning up to 10 Units

14. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

15. May 2021 State & Federal Legislative Update

16. CFO Monthly Report

Regional Councilmember Mark Henderson, Gardena, District 28, requested to pull Agenda Item Nos. 12 and 13 from the Consent Calendar.

A MOTION was made (Solache) to approve the Consent Calendar, Agenda Item Nos. 3-11; 14-16. Motion was SECONDED (Viegas-Walker). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ALLEN, ANDRADE-STADLER, ASHTON, BACERRA, BARGER, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, BUSCAINO, CARRILLO, CARROLL, CLARK, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, KALMICK, KELLY, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, LY, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O’NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, SALEH, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (51)

NOES: NONE (0)
President Richardson announced that the two pulled items, Agenda Item No. 12 and Agenda Item No. 13, would be heard together, and he called on Javiera Cartagena, Acting Director of Policy and Public Affairs, to provide a report on both items. Ms. Cartagena began with a report on Agenda Item No. 12, SB 9 (Atkins) – Duplex Approvals, and she described that the bill would require the ministerial approval of a housing development of no more than two units proposed for a single-family zone, and it would require the ministerial approval of a parcel for residential use into two equal parcels, also known as a lot split. She then described conditions of the bill and limitations to the bill’s authority. She stated that the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) and EAC voted to forward an “oppose unless amended” position. She spoke about amendments that SCAG would propose to the author if the motion was carried, and she talked about next steps for the bills.

She continued her report with background on Agenda Item No. 13, SB 10 (Wiener) – CEQA Exemption for Up-Zoning up to 10 Units, which would allow a city or county’s legislative body to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 residential units if a parcel is in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area or an urban infill site. She stated that such projects would be exempt from CEQA. She noted that the LCMC and EAC have taken a “support if amended” position, and she elaborated on amendments that SCAG will propose to the author if the motion is carried. She closed by explaining next steps for the bill, and she discussed the bill’s support and opposition. She also noted relevant vote tallies from SCAG committees.

Regional Councilmember Mark Henderson, Gardena, District 28, thanked staff for the report, and he commented on concerns over SB 10 overriding the vote of the people. He expressed desire that SCAG not support the bill until amendments are known. He commented in support of the bill including a more concrete description of “jobs-rich.”

Regional Councilmember Drew Boyles, El Segundo, District 40, echoed Regional Councilmember Henderson’s comments, and he expressed opposition to SB 9 and SB 10, while noting the oppose position taken by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.

Regional Councilmember Trevor O’Neil, Anaheim, District 19, noted that the Orange County Council of Governments has taken an oppose position on SB 9 and an oppose unless amended position on SB 10. He expressed concerns over infringement on local control by the bills.

Regional Councilmember Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, District 68, supported SCAG staff’s recommended amendments as noted in the staff report. She asked how these potential amendments have been received by the author. Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager, discussed an outreach meeting with a consultant for the author, Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins,
about how SCAG’s legislative platform relates to the bill. He elaborated that the consultant expressed a desire of Senate President pro Tem Atkins to make amendments which maintain fabric of communities while increasing housing options. He elaborated on a way to limit the bill’s authority to four units total, and he talked about a proposal mentioned to the LCMC to limit units to two.

Regional Councilmember James Gazeley, Lomita, District 39, commented about the problem of overriding local zoning ordinances, and he stated that he does not believe SCAG should support any bill that takes away local control.

Regional Councilmember Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore, District 63, asked Mr. Gilhooley if SB 9 addresses homeowners associations (HOAs) or preempt their inclusion. Mr. Gilhooley stated that it would affect jurisdictions that are impacted under the Davis-Stirling Act.

Regional Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, echoed Regional Councilmember Lock Dawson’s comments. She expressed concern about one-size-fits-all approaches and SB 9’s impact on older neighborhoods. In closing, she expressed support of staff’s recommendation.

Regional Councilmember Kathleen Kelly, Palm Desert, District 2, echoed Regional Councilmember Robertson’s comments.

Regional Councilmember José Luis Solache, Lynwood, District 26, thanked staff for their work, and he shared the sentiments of LCMC, while touching upon the importance of compromising and continuing discussion with the author’s office.

President Richardson expressed support of Regional Councilmember Solache’s recommendation, and he reviewed discussion at SCAG’s legislative bodies. He supported tools and incentives to increase housing production and the need for ongoing collaboration.

Regional Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, clarified the motion.

Regional Councilmember Alan Wapner, SBCTA, asked to have the items divide. President Richardson explained the process for voting separately.

A MOTION was made (Solache) to Oppose Unless Amended Agenda Item No. 12 and Support if Amendment Agenda Item No. 13. Motion was SECONDED (Beaman Jacinto). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

**AYES:** ALLEN, ANDRADE-STADLER, ASHTON, BARGER, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, A. BROWN, BUSCAINO, CARRILLO, CLARK, FINLAY, HAMADA, HARNIK, KELLY, LOCK
DAWSON, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MAISEL, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAVAFROELICH, NGUYEN*, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SOLACHE, SPEIGEL, VIEGASWALKER and YOKOYAMA (37)

NOES: BOYLES, CARROLL, DIXON, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HENDERSON, HUANG, KALMICK, LORIMORE, LY, MCCALON, NAVARRO, O’NEIL, SIMONOFF, WAGNER and WAPNER (16); Item No. 12: HARNIK (1); Item No. 13: HAMADA, MICHAEL, PUTZ and SPIEGEL (4)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

* While the voting results were being reviewed, Regional Councilmember Kim Nguyen, Garden Grove, District 18, informed staff that she was experiencing technical difficulties and intended to vote “For” the motion. The vote for Regional Councilmember Nguyen is annotated above.

INFORMATION ITEM

17. Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy – Summary and Draft Recommendations

President Richardson shared remarks on the current state of the pandemic and the region’s recovery. He introduced Jenna Hornstock, Deputy Director of Planning, who provided a summary of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) and outlined draft recommendations. Ms. Hornstock began her presentation by reviewing the work plan and the process for developing the IERS. She continued by providing an economic overview of the region, including unemployment statistics by industry and income bracket. Furthermore, she shared equity indications for the National Equity Atlas and disaggregated impacts by race. She noted that, pre-pandemic, the percentage of Working Poor has increased in the SCAG region, and people of color are Working Poor at rates three times as high as the white population. She continued by highlighting national data of COVID-19’s effect on unemployment rates, and she then pinpointed statewide data. Subsequently, she explained that equity is stimulus, and she showcased impacts of decreasing disparities, such as increased spending and tax revenue. She then elaborated upon how this data informs the IERS, and she outlined guiding principles as well as focus areas. In closing, she listed next steps and referred members to the staff report for draft recommendations.

President Richardson noted that this item will return to the Regional Council for a vote, and he acknowledged Ms. Hornstock’s work.
President Richardson introduced Mr. Randall Lewis, Business Representative, who provided a brief report. Mr. Lewis acknowledged President Richardson’s leadership, welcomed incoming President Clint Lorimore and outlined projected recovery for the region spanning various sectors. He expressed concern about rising home prices, which have increased by 12-14 percent throughout the region. He postulated on return-to-work plans for office employees and how this will affect communities in terms of traffic, shopping and the office market. He forecasted the morphing of real estate types. In closing, he emphasized that the recovery will be uneven and the importance of ensuring that the recovery is equal, while noting the need to properly prepare for future events.


Executive Director Kome Ajise announced that Javiera Cartagena is now serving as the Acting Director of Policy and Public Affairs. Mr. Ajise also announced that the Last Mile Freight Program will be launched on May 10, 2021 in partnership with AQMD Mobile Source Reduction Committee to bring about transformative technology in the last-mile delivery process. Lastly, he highlighted that the approved active transportation item today includes $93 million in funding spanning the entire region to advance activity transportation.

There were no additional future agenda items requested.

Regional Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, asked about the deadline for Scholarship Program applications. President Richardson stated that April 23 was the deadline.

President Richardson reminded members about the General Assembly meeting at 10:15 a.m.
ADJOURNMENT

President Richardson adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 10:09 a.m.

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