



Southern California Association of Governments
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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Transportation Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its 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:

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| Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey | District 25 |
| Hon. Phil Bacerra, Santa Ana | District 16 |
| Hon. Kathryn Barger | Los Angeles County |
| Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar | Air District Representative |
| Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park | District 21 |
| Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo | OCTA |
| Hon. Diane Dixon, Newport Beach | OCCOG |
| Hon. John Dutrey, Montclair | SBCTA |
| Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita | District 39 |
| Sup. Curt Hagman | San Bernardino County |
| Hon. Ray Hamada, Bellflower | District 24 |
| Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert | RCTC |
| Hon. Lindsey Horvath, West Hollywood | WSCCOG |
| Hon. Mike T. Judge, Simi Valley | VCTC |
| Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo | OCCOG |
| Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet | WRCOG |
| Hon. Richard Loa, Palmdale | NCTC |
| Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale | District 4 |
| Hon. Steven Ly, Rosemead | District 32 |
| Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore | District 63 |
| Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills | District 10 |
| Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland | SBCTA |

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. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	NCTC
Hon. L. Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga	District 9
Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Hector Pacheco, San Fernando	District 67
Hon. Ed Reece, Claremont	SGVCOG
Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto	WRCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	District 27
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Rey Santos, Beaumont	District 3
Hon. Zak Schwank, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon. Jeremy Smith	Canyon Lake
Hon. Ward Smith, Placentia	OCCOG
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood	District 26
Sup. Karen Spiegel	Riverside County
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Jess Talamantes	SFVCOG
Hon. Steve Tye	District 37
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro (Chair)	District 1
Hon. Don Wagner	Orange County
Sup. Colleen Wallace	Banning
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SBCTA/SBCOG
Hon. Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas	LVMCOG
Mr. Paul Marquez, Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio Member

Members Not Present:

Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon. Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel	District 12

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public requested to comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

1. Minutes of TC Meeting, November 5, 2020

Receive and File

2. California Air Resources Board (CARB) Acceptance of Connect SoCal and Recommendations
3. California Transportation Commission Adoption of Senate Bill (SB) 1 Competitive Programs

A MOTION was made (Navarro) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 and 3. The motion was SECONDED (Wallace) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: ASHTON, BACERRA, BARGER, BENOIT, BROWN, CHUN, DIXON, DUTREY, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HORVATH, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, LY, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVARRO, PACHECO, REECE, RUIZ, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMITH W., SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, TALAMANTES, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (45)*

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

* The vote recorded at the meeting was adjusted due to the vote of SCAG member Betts who is not a member of this committee but was inadvertently included in the roll call vote.

Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo, OCCOG, asked for a discussion on Consent Calendar Item 2, CARB recommendations and her concern about the retention of capacity building transportation projects previously approved by local sales tax measures. Kome Ajise, Executive Director, responded that staff will provide a response to CARB regarding each of its recommendations. Further, there will be an ongoing dialouge with CARB throughout preparation of the 2024 plan and this matter will be part of the policy considerations looking forward.

A MOTION was made (Kelley) to approve Consent Calendar Item 2. The motion was SECONDED (Ashton) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: ASHTON, BACERRA, BARGER, BENOIT, BROWN, CHUN, DIXON, DUTREY, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HORVATH, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, LY, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVARRO, PACHECO, REECE, RUIZ, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMITH W., SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, TALAMANTES, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (46)*

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

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ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Regional Safety Targets 2021

Courtney Aguirre, SCAG staff, reported on Regional Safety Targets 2021. Ms. Aguirre stated this region represents half of the state's population and experiences 1,600 accident fatalities and 6,300 serious injuries yearly. She reviewed data trends and noted fatalities have increased in recent years as well as non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries which follows a national trend. Ms. Aguirre reviewed the proposed 2021 Regional Safety Targets and goals. She next reviewed SCAG's recent role in transportation safety including participation in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan Steering Committee and working with Assemblymember Laura Friedman's office on safety legislation including AB 43 which could allow local jurisdictions more latitude in setting safer speed limits.

Ms. Aguirre further noted that SCAG is creating a Regional High Injury Network with the aim to help local jurisdictions focus safety efforts where needed most. Additionally, there is an ongoing effort to support local entities in creating safety plans through Sustainable Communities Planning Grants, and to encourage best practices through Toolbox Tuesdays Trainings and SCAG's Go Human advertising and safety education campaigns. She noted SCAG's safety policy seeks to develop a data driven approach to inform public policy and planning and encourage strategic use of available funds. It also seeks to engage stakeholders in transportation safety policy and plan development. She noted it is recommended that the Regional Council adopt 2021 safety targets which include the goal to reduce fatalities and serious injuries by 3.5 percent and work Towards Zero Deaths by 2050.

Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, NCTC, asked if outreach efforts could encourage transit use to increase safety and support legislation enabling greater local control over street speeds as well as enhanced law enforcement efforts.

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, noted that planning features ought to be included in safety planning and street markings and crosswalk planning can be improved to enhance safety.

Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills, District 10, asked if the safety impacts of autonomous vehicles can be monitored.

A MOTION was made (Marquez) to recommend that the Regional Council adopt the 2021 Regional Safety Targets and the supporting Regional Safety Policy Resolution. The motion was SECONDED (Ashton) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: ASHTON, BACERRA, BARGER, BENOIT, BROWN, CHUN, DIXON, DUTREY, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HORVATH, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVARRO, PACHECO, REECE, RUIZ, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMITH J., SMITH W., SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, TALAMANTES, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (46)*

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

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5. California High-Speed Rail Los Angeles to Anaheim Section

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, stated that California High-Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) will submit an EIR and EIS for the Los Angeles to Anaheim segment. This includes the addition of freight and goods movement facilities in Colton and Barstow. He noted SCAG, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and the Air Quality Management District submitted a joint letter to HSRA requesting better collaboration and communication on the proposed project. LaDonna DiCamillo, Southern California Regional Director, HSRA, provided an update, noting Phase 1 of the project is 520 miles from San Francisco to Los Angeles/Anaheim, and of that, 119 miles is already under construction. Phase II would extend the line 300 miles to include Sacramento in the north and San Diego in the south with trains traveling at approximately 200 miles per hour utilizing 24 stations. She reviewed regional investments in the project including the Link US expansion of Union Station and the \$77 million grade separation project at Rosecrans and Marquardt. She noted the Bakersfield to Palmdale section is 80 miles and the Palmdale to Burbank section is approximately 40 miles which will require approximately 30 miles of tunneling. Burbank to Los Angeles is 14 miles and includes two stations.

Ms. DiCamillo stated the Los Angeles to Anaheim segment is approximately 30 miles and four stations are proposed, Union Station, Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs, Fullerton Transportation Center and Anaheim (ARTIC). She noted four tracks are planned for the corridor which is predominantly owned by BNSF Railway.

Lena Kent, Regional Director Public Affairs, BNSF, stated the proposed Colton Intermodal Facility will accommodate freight trains that cannot be handled in the LOSSAN Corridor due to increased passenger rail service. She noted it is anticipated that traffic to the facility would be generated mostly from local origins and electric cargo handling equipment is planned for the facility. Further benefits include jobs during construction, economic activity, and the construction of locally needed grade separations. Ms. DeCamillo noted the project's environmental document is scheduled to be released summer 2021 followed by stakeholder outreach.

Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, stated that SCAG and San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) have not planned for truck movement created by the project and requested that HSRA model and mitigate its impacts. Also, it is anticipated mitigation efforts would require widening freeways, interchanges and arterials which is in opposition to current state goals. Mr. McCallon encouraged HSRA to dialogue with SBCTA and the communities affected by the project and to mitigate each of the impacts it would create for residents.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, SBCTA, expressed concerns that San Bernardino County is being asked to bear a disproportionate environmental burden from the project.

Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton, SBCTA, noted nearby communities impacted by this project are currently listed in CalEnviroScreen 3.0 as greatly impacted by environmental pollutants and expressed concern this project only adds more.

6. Update on Comments Received for Draft 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Naresh Amatya, SCAG staff, provided an update on the 2021 FTIP. Mr. Amatya noted a draft of the document was released November 6, 2020 for a (30) day public review ending December 7, 2020. He noted during that time two public hearings were conducted on November 17 and December 20, 2020. Mr. Amatya reviewed the comments received and based on current feedback from partner agencies and stakeholders no significant changes are anticipated for the final document. He stated the final document will be brought before the committee at the February meeting for their approval to submit to the Regional Council for their approval.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, noted the request by members to invite Assemblymember Laura Friedman to speak to the committee. She also welcomed new member, Lindsey Horvath, West Hollywood, WSCCOG, and thanked outgoing members for their service.

METROLINK REPORT

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, reported Metrolink's Board elected Ara Najarian as chair, Larry McCallon as first vice-chair and Doug Chaffee as second vice-chair. Ara Najarian serves on Glendale City Council and represents the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Additionally, Metrolink has installed new, state-of-the-art antimicrobial air filters on all its train cars. The filters are capable of neutralizing pathogens via a proprietary antimicrobial technology that attack the pathogens' cell walls, thereby eliminating 99.9 % of pathogens. Further, Metrolink has developed a combination draft strategic business plan/short-range business plan that provides a foundation for advancing the region's Metrolink system to meet current and future regional travel needs.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

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2020- 21

MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	2020- 21													Total Mtgs Attended To Date
			JUN (GA)	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
Ashton, Sean	Downey	District 25		1		1	1	1			1					5
Bacerra, Phil	Santa Ana	District 16		1		1	1	1			1					5
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County	Los Angeles County									1					1
Benoit, Ben	Wildomar	South Coast AQMD		1				1	1		1					4
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21		1		1	1	1			1					5
Buscaino, Joe	Los Angeles	District 62				1										1
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCTA		1		1	1	1			1					5
Curtis, Jonathan	La Cañada Flintridge	District 36						1								1
Dixon, Diane	Newport Beach	OCCOG		1		1	1	1			1					5
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair	SBCTA		1		1	1				1					4
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39		1		1	1	1			1					5
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino Cnty	San Bernardino Cnty		1		1	1	1			1					5
Hamada, Ray	Bellflower	Bellflower		1		1	1	1			1					5
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC		1		1	1	1			1					5
Horvath, Lindsey	West Hollywood	WSCCOG									1					1
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC				1	1	1			1					4
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG		1		1	1	1			1					5
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49														
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG		1		1	1	1			1					5
Loa, Richard	Palmdale	NCTC		1		1	1	1			1					5
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4		1		1	1				1					4
Ly, Steven	Rosemead	District 32		1		1	1	1			1					5
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63		1		1	1	1			1					5
Marquez, Paul	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio		1				1	1		1					4

Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1	1	1	1	5
McCallon, Larry	Highland	SBCTA	1	1	1	1	1	5
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67	1	1	1	1	1	5
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9	1	1		1	1	4
Minagar, Fred	Laguna Niguel	District 12			1	1		2
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG	1	1	1	1	1	5
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCJPA	1	1	1	1	1	5
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6		1		1		3
Pacheco, Hector	San Fernando	District	1	1	1		1	4
Reece, Ed	Claremont	SGVCOG	1	1	1	1	1	5
Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG	1	1	1	1	1	5
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG	1		1		1	3
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38	1	1	1	1	1	5
Santos, Rey	Beaumont	District 3	1	1	1	1	1	5
Schwank, Zak	Temecula	District 5	1	1	1	1	1	5
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22	1		1	1	1	4
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake	1	1	1	1	1	5
Smith, Ward	Placentia	OCCOG	1	1		1	1	4
Solache, Jose Luis	Lynwood	District 26			1		1	2
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	Riverside County	1	1	1	1	1	5
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City	SGVCOG		1	1	1	1	4
Talamantes, Jess	Burbank	AVCJPA		1	1	1	1	4
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar	District 37	1	1	1	1	1	5
Viegas-Walker, Cheryl	El Centro	District 1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Wagner, Don	Orange County	Orange County	1	1	1	1	1	5
Wallace, Colleen	Banning	Banning		1	1	1	1	4
Wapner, Alan	Ontario	SBCTA	1	1	1	1	1	5
Weintraub, Alicia	Calabasas	LVMCOG	1	1	1	1	1	5