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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, March 5, 2020

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 (TC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting at the SCAG main office, 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, California 90017. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey	District 25
Hon. Phil Bacerra, Santa Ana	District 16
Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar	South Coast AQMD
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	OCTA
Hon. Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Diane Dixon, Newport Beach	OCCOG
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Jack Hadjinian	Montebello
Hon. Ray Hamada	Bellflower
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Simi Valley	VCTC
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Richard Loa, Palmdale	NCTC
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	SBCTA
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	District 9
Hon. Lisa Middleton, Palm Springs	CVAG
Hon. Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel	District 12

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. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Charles Puckett, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Ed Reece	SGVCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	GCCOG
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. Larry Smith	Calimesa
Hon. Karen Spiegel	Riverside County
Hon. Jess Talamantes (Vice Chair)	SFVCOG
Hon. Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera	GCCOG
Hon. Steve Tye	District 37
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro (Chair)	District 1
Hon. Don Wagner	Orange County
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SBCTA/SBCOG
Mr. Paul Marquez, Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio Member

Members Not Present:

Hon. Rusty Bailey, Riverside	District 68
Hon. Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles County
Hon. Will Berg, Port Hueneme	VCOG
Hon. Drew Boyles	El Segundo
Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. John Dutrey, Montclair	SBCTA
Hon. Emily Gabel-Luddy	AVCJPA
Hon. Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
Hon. Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Cory Moss	SGVCOG
Hon. Hector, Pacheco, San Fernando	District 67
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Hon. Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest	OCCOG
Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto	WRCOG
Hon. Thomas Small, Culver City	Culver City
Hon. Jeremy Smith	Canyon Lake

Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City
Hon. Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas

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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. John Asuncion, SCAG staff, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public requested to comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of the Meeting – February 6, 2020

Receive and File

2. California High Speed Rail Authority Draft 2020 Business Plan
3. 31st Annual Demographic Workshop – Save the Date
4. Permitting Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment
5. Building Sector Decarbonization
6. Status Update on the Connect SoCal Final PEIR

A MOTION was made (Hofbauer) to approve Consent Calendar Agenda items 1 – 6. The motion was SECONDED (Ashton) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: ASHTON, BENOIT, BROWN, CHUN, CURTIS, GAZELEY, HADJINIAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, JUDGE, KELLEY, LOA, LORIMORE, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MEDINA, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVARRO, PUCKETT, REECE, SANTOS, SIMONOFF, SMITH L., SPIEGEL, TALAMANTES, TERCERO, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER (35)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: BACERRA*, MIDDLETON*and SCHWANK* (3) [Agenda Item 1 only*]

While the voting results were being reviewed, Councilmembers Lisa Middleton, Phil Bacerra and Zak Schwank stated they intended to vote “Abstention” for Agenda Item 1 only, Minutes of the Meeting – February 6, 2020. Chair Viegas-Walker directed staff to correct the votes of Councilmembers Lisa Middleton, Phil Bacerra and Zak Schwank as annotated* above.

7. Status Update on Final Federal Safer, Affordable, Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule

Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo, asked to pull and review Consent Calendar Item 7, Status Update on Final Federal Safer, Affordable, Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule and asked if a lack of federal action could delay the release of Connect SoCal. Naresh Amatya, SCAG staff, responded that could be an outcome and noted that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is working with the California Air Resources Board and there is an awareness the region's transportation conformity determination will expire June 1, 2020.

A MOTION was made (Kelley) to approve Item 7, Status Update on Final Federal Safer, Affordable, Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule. Motion was SECONDED (Hofbauer) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: ASHTON, BACERRA, BENOIT, BROWN, CHUN, CURTIS, DIXON, GAZELEY, HADJINIAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, JUDGE, KELLEY, LOA, LORIMORE, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MEDINA, MICHAEL, MIDDLETON, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVARRO, PUCKETT, REECE, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMITH L., SPIEGEL, TALAMANTES, TERCERO, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER (41)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

8. Automated Bus Consortium

Richard Wolsfeld, Executive Vice President, AECOM, reported on the Automated Bus Consortium. Mr. Wolsfeld stated the goal of the consortium is to explore the deployment of full-sized, full speed automated transit busses in a variety of geographies and applications and to advance industry knowledge of the technology. He noted the benefits of automated busses such as improving the rider experience and environmental quality and the challenges such as cost and potentially reduced safety. Next, he reviewed cost and consortium member agencies including Los Angeles Metro. The consortium seeks to gather experience in automated bus operations in a variety of weather conditions and services such as Bus Rapid Transit, shuttle, point-to-point as well as automation of maintenance depots.

Mr. Wolsfeld stated the value of the consortium is to accelerate technology development and deployment, reduce planning and procurement costs, share lessons and stimulate technology demand. He reviewed current automated bus pilot projects in development including Los Angeles Metro's Orange Line and projects in Dallas and Pinellas, Florida. Next, he examined the various steps in the process to move the service from feasibility to service implementation.

Chair Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, asked if there are full sized, full speed autonomous busses in operation internationally. Mr. Wolsfeld responded that there are currently no autonomous busses in operation in another county.

Hon. Ed Reece, Claremont, asked if compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is being explored and how it might function. Mr. Wolsfeld responded that ADA compliance is a performance metric issued to manufacturers and they will investigate how it would function in the autonomous space.

Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale, asked about liability with autonomous bus service and if liability is held by the transit agency or the manufacturer. Mr. Wolsfeld noted that the aspiration is that autonomous busses would be safer than driver operated busses.

9. Overview of Draft Connect SoCal Comments and Revision Approach

Naresh Amatya, SCAG staff, provided an overview of Draft Connect SoCal comments. Mr. Amatya stated SCAG released the Draft Connect SoCal for public comment 70 days, longer than the 60-day requirement. He noted during this time SCAG conducted a large-scale outreach campaign throughout the six-county region to educate and solicit feedback. Further, there were 21 elected official briefings which were also open to the public, one tele-town hall, one webinar and three public hearings which were video-conferenced simultaneously to the five regional offices. There were more than 1,800 comments received, 81 of them from agencies and organizations.

Mr. Amatya stated transportation comments generally related to individual modes and activities including active transportation, aviation and airport ground access, goods movement, transit, transportation and finance, passenger rail and project list. He highlighted plan elements noting that active transportation funding has nearly doubled since the 2016 plan. Transit comments encourage adding new bus service including Bus Rapid Transit and improvement of first/last mile connections. Further, comments were received on the project list as the plan consist of greater than 4,000 projects in the 6-county region. Many were from CTC partners seeking modifications or members of the public expressing support or objection to individual projects. He noted next steps include a Joint Policy Committee meeting leading toward Regional Council approval to forward the plan to state and federal partners.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, expressed concern about expansion at Los Angeles Airport and its potential for increased environmental impacts on the region, including transportation conformity.

Hon. Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale, asked about the XpressWest rail line and if the Victorville to Palmdale portion is in the constrained plan. Mr. Amatya responded that the segment is not currently in the constrained plan but should further developments occur and Metro concurs, the plan can be amended to include it.

10. 2021 Active Transportation Program Guidelines and Call for Projects

Cory Wilkerson, SCAG staff, reported on the 2021 Active Transportation Program Guidelines. He stated the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has released the draft ATP guidelines for public comment which will lead to a call for projects from March 25, 2020 to June 15, 2020. He noted the ATP will award approximately \$440 million through fiscal years 2021-22 to 2024-25. Further, applications are submitted to the state which scores them and allocates 50% of the funds while assigning 10% to small and rural areas. The remaining 40% goes to the 10 largest MPOs which includes SCAG. He stated approximately \$93 million will be available to the SCAG region. Mr. Wilkerson noted there have been improvements with each ATP cycle and reviewed added tools to benefit evaluators and applicants.

11. Road User Charges (RUCs) – Lessons Learned

Annie Nam, SCAG staff, reported on a recent study trip to New Zealand and Australia to understand their experience with road user charges. Ms. Nam stated that SCAG's 2012, 2016 and 2020 RTP/SCS include a mileage-based user fee component. She noted that shrinking funding, aging infrastructure and increasing fuel efficiency prompt the exploration of alternate funding methods. Ms. Nam introduced Norma Ortega, who reviewed the lessons learned from the California Road Charge Pilot Program and the study trip. She noted a road charge is a "user pays" principle where the user pays by the mile. She noted the pilot program involved 5,000 participants statewide in a 9-month trial involving diverse vehicles types, multiple reporting methods with mechanisms to protect user privacy. She noted concerns include privacy and data security, urban vs. rural differential impacts, income equity and rate setting. Further, 73% of participants agreed that a road charge is fairer than a gas tax. Additionally, smartphone applications and in-vehicle telematics show promise as fee collections method but need further development.

Ms. Ortega reviewed lessons from New Zealand and Australia. She noted New Zealand's focus is on light and heavy-duty trucks which purchase a license for every 1,000 kilometers travelled. She noted their cost allocation model as providing a useful mechanism for the program's effectiveness. Further, Australia is undergoing heavy duty truck reform and the creation of a dedicated road fund. She stated the program would measure both the distance a truck travels as well as the weight carried. She noted key observations of performance include administrative and program management, cost allocation model,

compliance and enforcement and public perception and engagement. She noted next steps can include partnering with Caltrans to apply for a Federal Surface Transportation Systems Funding Alternatives (STSFA) grant to pilot a regional road charge effort.

METROLINK REPORT

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, reported that a study is underway to explore rail connectivity to Ontario International Airport, including zero emission vehicles deployed between the airport and the Rancho Cucamonga station. Also, in collaboration with Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) and Union Pacific Railroad, plans are being explored to offer weekend service on the Ventura line.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

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2019- 20																Total Mtgs Attended To Date
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	MAY (GA)	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR		
Ashton, Sean	Downey	District 25		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
Bacerra, Phil	Santa Ana	District 16											1		1	
Bailey, Rusty	Riverside	WRCOG					1	1				1			3	
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County	Los Angeles County		1			1								2	
Benoit, Ben	Wildomar	South Coast AQMD		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
Berg, Will	Port Hueneme	VCOG		1			1	1				1			4	
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo	El Segundo		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							2	
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCTA		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
Curtis, Jonathan	La Cañada Flintridge	District 36										1	1		2	
Dixon, Diane	Newport Beach	OCCOG										1	1		1	
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair	SBCTA					1	1				1			3	
Gabel-Luddy, Emily	Burbank	AVCJPA		1		1	1					1			4	
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
Hadjinian, Jack	Montebello	SGVCOG		1		1						1	1		4	
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino Cnty	San Bernardino Cnty		1				1							2	
Hamada, Ray	Bellflower	Bellflower		1		1	1						1		4	
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
Harrington, Dave	Aliso Viejo	OCCOG													0	
Hofbauer, Steven	Palmdale	District 43				1	1	1				1	1		5	
Huizar, Jose	City of Los Angeles	District 61													0	
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC		1		1	1					1	1		5	
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG		1		1	1					1	1		5	
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49													0	
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG				1		1							2	
Loa, Richard	Palmdale	NCTC											1		1	
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63		1		1	1	1					1		5	
Marquez, Paul	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio		1			1	1				1	1		5	
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
McCallon, Larry	Highland	SBCTA		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67		1		1	1	1					1		5	
Medina, Dan	Gardena	District 28		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9		1		1		1				1	1		5	
Middleton, Lisa	Palm Springs	CVAG				1	1	1					1		4	
Minagar, Fred	Laguna Niguel	District 12				1	1	1				1	1		4	
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG				1	1	1				1	1		5	
Moss, Cory	City of Industry	SGVCOG					1	1				1			3	
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCJPA		1			1						1		3	
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6					1	1				1	1		4	
Pacheco, Hector	San Fernando	District						1				1			2	
Puckett, Charles	Tustin	District 17		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park	SGVCOG		1		1	1								3	
Reece, Ed	Claremont	SGVCOG					1	1				1	1		4	
Robinson, Dwight	Lake Forest	OCCOG													0	
Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG				1	1					1			3	
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG					1	1				1	1		4	
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		3	
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
Small, Thomas	Culver City	Culver City					1					1			2	
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake						1				1			2	
Smith, Larry	Calimesa	Calimesa				1	1	1				1	1		5	
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	Riverside County		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City	SGVCOG				1	1					1			3	
Talamantes, Jess	Burbank	SFVCOG		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
Tercero, Brent	Pico Rivera	GCCOG				1	1	1				1	1		5	
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar	District 37		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
Viegas-Walker, Cheryl	El Centro	District 1		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
Wagner, Don	Orange County	Orange County		1		1						1	1		4	
Wapner, Alan	Ontario	SBCTA		1		1	1	1				1	1		6	
Weintraub, Alicia	Calabasas	LVMCOG		1			1								2	