



Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017  
June 6, 2019

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
THURSDAY, April 4, 2019

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation Committee (TC) met at SCAG, 900 Wilshire Blvd., 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey	District 25
Hon. Rusty Bailey, Riverside	District 68
Hon. Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles County
Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar	South Coast AQMD
Hon. Will Berg, Port Hueneme	VCOG
Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Emily Gabel-Luddy	AVCJPA
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Jack Hadjinian, Montebello	SGVCOG
Hon. Curt Hagman <b>(Chair)</b>	San Bernardino County
Hon. Ray Hamada	Bellflower
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa	District 3
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Simi Valley	VCTC
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
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. Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Hon. Carlos Rodriguez, Yorba Linda	President's Appointment
Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto	WRCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	GCCOG

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Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon. Thomas Small, Culver City	Culver City
Hon. Karen Spiegel	Riverside County
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Jess Talamantes	SFVCOG
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro ( <b>Vice Chair</b> )	District 1
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SBCTA/SBCOG
Mr. Paul Marquez, Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio Member

**Members Not Present:**

Hon. Austin Bishop, Palmdale	North L.A. County
Hon. Drew Boyles	El Segundo
Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	OCTA
Hon. Diane Dixon, Newport Beach	OCCOG
Hon. Lena Gonzalez, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar	District 37
Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Randon Lane, Murrieta	District 5
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale	District 4
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	District 9
Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Charles Puckett, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest	OCCOG
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera	GCCOG
Hon. Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas	LVMCOG

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public requested to comment.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Election of 2019-20 Chair and Vice Chair

Joann Africa, SCAG Chief Counsel, announced that the Committee will elect its 2019-20 Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Africa stated that additional nominations would be accepted from the floor and opened the floor for any additional nominations. As no nomination were received from the floor Ms. Africa stated the candidate for Chair is Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, and the candidates for Vice Chair are

Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey, Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale and Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank. After statements were given by each candidate, the Committee voted.

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, received the majority of votes and was elected Chair as follows:

Viegas-Walker: Ashton, Bailey, Barger, Benoit, Berg, Betts, Brown, Curtis, Gabel-Luddy, Gazeley, Hadjinian, Hagman, Hamada, Harnik, Hyatt, Judge, Kelley, Manos, Marquez, Medina, Minagar, Moore, Real Sebastian, Rodriguez, Ruiz, Saleh, Sandoval, Simonoff, Small, Spiegel, Sternquist, Talamantes, Viegas-Walker (33)

Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank, received the majority of votes and was elected Vice Chair as follows:

Ashton: Ashton, Berg, Hadjinian, Hagman, Hamada, McLean, Minagar, Moore, Sandoval, Saleh, Simonoff, Small, Sternquist, Viegas-Walker (12)

Hofbauer: Betts, Gazeley, Hyatt, Judge, McCallon (5)

Talamantes: Bailey, Barger, Benoit, Brown, Curtis, Gabel-Luddy, Harnik, Kelley, Manos, Marquez, Medina, Navarro, Real Sebastian, Rodriguez, Ruiz, Spiegel, Talamantes (17)

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### 2. Minutes of the March 7, 2019 Meeting

#### **Receive and File**

3. RHNA Methodology Survey Packet
4. May is National Bike Month
5. Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework Update

Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert, requested to pull Receive and File item 5. It was requested that the definition to emphasize land use patterns that facilitate multi-modal access to destinations include not only work and non-work destinations but also education. A MOTION was made (Brown) and SECONDED (Talamantes) to approve Consent Calendar items 2 – 4. The Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Ashton, Bailey, Barger, Benoit, Berg, Betts, Brown, Curtis, Gabel-Luddy, Gazeley, Hadjinian, Hagman, Hamada, Harnik, Hyatt, Judge, Kelley, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Medina, Minagar, Moore, Navarro, Real Sebastian, Rodriguez, Ruiz, Saleh, Sandoval, Simonoff, Small, Spiegel, Sternquist, Talamantes, Viegas-Walker (36)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

A MOTION was made (Real Sebastian) and SECONDED (Ashton) to approve Consent Calendar item 5 as modified. The Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Ashton, Bailey, Barger, Benoit, Berg, Betts, Brown, Curtis, Gabel-Luddy, Gazeley, Hadjinian, Hagman, Hamada, Harnik, Hyatt, Judge, Kelley, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Medina, Minagar, Moore, Navarro, Real Sebastian, Rodriguez, Ruiz, Saleh, Sandoval, Simonoff, Spiegel, Sternquist, Talamantes, Viegas-Walker (35)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### 6. Connect SoCal: How Will We Connect?

Brian Taylor, University of California, Los Angeles, reported on congestion pricing. Professor Taylor stated roadway congestion can simply be viewed as a shortage of road space. He noted when valuable things are given away free the demand exceeds available supply resulting in shortages. Further, there are three options when faced with a shortage, increase supply, reduce demand or bring supply and demand into equilibrium with pricing. Professor Taylor stated that increasing roadway capacity at first will improve traffic flows and for travelers “time cost” decreases, driving becomes more attractive and congestion and delays return to that roadway. He noted that enacting roadway pricing reduces the “time cost” and driving becomes easier and more expensive but congestion delays do not return. Additionally, urban areas have not been successful in reducing congestion using the common approaches of either reducing demand or increasing supply.

Professor Taylor stated that there are often concerns about equity when considering pricing. He noted that under our current system of non-priced roadways those with higher incomes own more cars, drive more often, travel more often in the peak hours and also live further from freeways and the increased emissions while paying a lower share of their incomes in sales taxes for transportation. By comparison those in low-income households tend to live nearer to congested roadways and bear the brunt of emissions and evidence indicates that our current system of free roads disproportionately hurt the poor. Professor Taylor noted that when enacting congestion pricing lower income users of toll roads can be compensated similar to life-line rates for utilities. Professor Taylor stated that as urban areas grow traffic continues to worsen and drivers will increasingly pay more in travel time for our current free road system.

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, asked about research on people’s opinions about their travel behavior and the shift in thinking that needs to occur for them to move from driving alone to embracing car and van pooling. Professor Taylor responded that research indicates that people tend to believe that their behaviors are more fixed than they actually are. Additionally, when there people think that small changes in their behavior will not have a collective effect this enforces that belief that there behaviors are generally fixed.

### 7. Mobility Go Zone & Pricing Feasibility Study Overview and Findings

Annie Nam, SCAG staff, provided an update on Mobility Go Zone & Pricing Feasibility Study. Ms. Nam stated that there are two kinds of pricing models. The first is Cordon Pricing which is used in Stockholm and uses a fee to enter a specific area. The second is area pricing which is used in London and enacts a flat rate for driving into and within an area. It was noted these efforts are often accompanied by enhancements in pedestrian infrastructure, bike sharing and infrastructure and on demand ride sharing. Ms. Nam noted the study examined a 4.3 mile area in West Los Angeles with recurring congestion. It is an area with 80,000 jobs and a 3 to 1 job to housing ratio. The study area is served by transit including Expo light rail although if pricing were used in this area it would be preceded by transit and mobility enhancements such as two local circulators and two commuter express bus lines serving the San Fernando Valley and South Bay.

Ms. Nam stated that the study assumes a \$4 charge to enter the area in weekday peak periods with discounts for residents and low-income with toll collections similar to Metro Express Lanes. An analysis was conducted on low-income travelers which indicated that only 6% of all auto trips

and 24% of all transit users travelling in peak hours are low-income. She reported that findings indicate the area would experience 21% less vehicle miles travelled and a 24% decrease in the a.m. and p.m. peak periods. On a daily basis an 8% decrease in vehicle miles travelled and a 10% decrease in vehicle hours travelled would be realized. Additionally, a 9% increase in transit use was seen as well as a 7% increase in walking and a 19% decrease in vehicle trips. This can be viewed as taking one in five vehicle off the road in peak periods which reduces greenhouse gas emissions. She noted that net revenue of approximately \$70 million is anticipated which could be used to support toll infrastructure, transit, active transportation as well as discounts and credits. Ms. Nam stated the start-up capital needed for implementation is estimated to be \$15 million for toll infrastructure and \$28 million for transit expansion.

Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo, asked who would approve implementation of pricing in an area. Ms. Nam responded that under current state law local jurisdictions are not able to implement a strategy without enabling legislation. Additionally, because SCAG is not an implementing agency, SCAG's study was intended to be a feasibility study.

Hon. Steve Manos, asked if there had been an examination of the effects on businesses in fee priced areas. Ms. Nam responded that an economic assessment was conducted as well as examining the results in London and Stockholm which showed no negative impact on business and as a result of the improved foot traffic businesses saw improved sales.

8. 2019 SCAG Regional Active Transportation Program

Rye Baerg, SCAG staff, provided an update on the 2019 SCAG Regional Active Transportation Program. Mr. Baerg stated the regional active transportation program consists of 26 projects totaling \$92.6 million that support walking and bicycling. He noted that with the committee's approval the Regional Program will be submitted to the California Transportation Commission for adoption at their June 26, 2019 meeting.

A MOTION was made (Navarro) and SECONDED (Viegas-Walker) to recommend to the Regional Council approval of the 2019 SCAG Regional Active Transportation Program. The Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Ashton, Bailey, Barger, Benoit, Berg, Betts, Brown, Curtis, Gabel-Luddy, Hadjinian, Hagman, Hamada, Harnik, Hyatt, Judge, Kelley, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, Medina, Minagar, Moore, Navarro, Real Sebastian, Rodriguez, Ruiz, Saleh, Sandoval, Simonoff, Spiegel, Sternquist, Talamantes, Viegas-Walker (33)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: McLean (1)

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, thanked the committee for allowing him to serve as Chair for the past two years. Mr. Hagman noted that SCAG's General Assembly will take place May 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 in Palm Desert. In addition, SCAG's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Demographic Workshop will be held June 11, 2019 at USC.

## **METROLINK REPORT**

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, reported that a second platform and new siding track is in the works for the Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station in the City of Anaheim. This will allow more than one train to serve the station and/or pass through the station area at a time, increasing on time performance and safety. Additionally, construction of a passing siding at the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink Station is underway which will reduce delays for Metrolink and Amtrak trains on the LOSSAN Corridor. This \$34 million project involves a 1.8-mile siding from the station to the city of San Juan Capistrano. Currently, southbound trains sometimes must wait up to five minutes for a northbound train to clear. Construction is expected to be completed by early 2021.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, suggested a future agenda item on alternate ways to reduce traffic congestion without using pricing. This suggestion was also endorsed by Hon. Carlos Rodriguez, Yorba Linda.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

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MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JAN (dark)	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total Mtgs Attended To Date	
Ashton, Sean	Downey	District 25		1	1	1									3	
Bailey, Rusty	Riverside	WRCOG			1	1									2	
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County	Los Angeles County		1		1									2	
Benoit, Ben	Wildomar	South Coast AQMD			1	1									2	
Berg, Will	Port Hueneme	VCOG		1		1									2	
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG		1	1	1									3	
Bishop, Austin	Palmdale	North L.A.		1	1										3	
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo	El Segundo		1	1										2	
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21		1	1	1									3	
Buscaino, Joe	Los Angeles	District 62													0	
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCTA		1	1										2	
Curtis, Jonathan	La Cañada Flintridge	District 36		1	1	1									3	
Dixon, Diane	Newport Beach	OCCOG													0	
Gabel-Luddy, Emily	Burbank	AVCJPA		1	1	1									3	
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39		1	1	1									3	
Gonzales, Lena	Long Beach	District 30													0	
Hadjinian, Jack	Montebello	SGVCOG		1	1	1									3	
Hagman, Curt	County of San Bernardino	County of San Bernardino		1		1									2	
Hamada, Ray	Bellflower	Bellflower				1									0	
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC			1	1									2	
Harrington, Dave	Aliso Viejo	OCCOG													0	
Herrera, Carol	Diamond Bar	District 37													0	
Hofbauer, Steven	Palmdale	District 43		1	1										2	
Huizar, Jose	City of Los Angeles	District 61													0	
Hyatt, Jim	Calimesa	District 3		1	1	1									3	
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC		1	1	1									3	
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG		1	1	1									3	
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49													0	
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG			1										1	
Lane, Randon	Murrieta	District 5		1	1										2	
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4		1	1										2	
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63		1	1	1									3	
Marquez, Paul	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio		1	1	1									3	
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10		1	1	1									3	
McCallon, Larry	Highland	SBCTA		1	1	1									3	
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67		1	1	1									3	
Medina, Dan	Gardena	District 28		1	1	1									3	
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9			1										1	
Minagar, Fred	Laguna Niguel	District 12		1	1	1									3	
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG		1	1	1									3	
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCJPA		1	1										2	
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6			1	1									2	
Puckett, Charles	Tustin	District 17		1	1										2	
Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park	SGVCOG		1	1	1									3	
Robinson, Dwight	Lake Forest	OCCOG													0	
Rodriguez, Carlos	Yorba Linda	President's Appointment		1	1	1									3	
Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG		1		1									2	
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG		1	1	1									3	
Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Mission Indians	Morongo Mission Indians													0	
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38		1		1									2	
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22			1	1									2	
Small, Thomas	Culver City	Culver City			1	1									2	
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	Riverside County			1	1									2	
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City	SGVCOG		1		1									2	
Talamantes, Jess	Burbank	SFVCOG		1	1	1									3	
Tercero, Brent	Pico Rivera	GCCOG		1	1										2	
Viegas-Walker, Cheryl	El Centro	District 1		1		1									2	
Wapner, Alan	Ontario	SBCTA		1	1	1									3	
Weintraub, Alicia	Calabasas	LVMCOG		1											1	

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