



Southern California Association of Governments
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)
THURSDAY, May 7, 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 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:

Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey	District 25
Hon. Phil Bacerra, Santa Ana	District 16
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. Drew Boyles	El Segundo
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. John Dutrey, Montclair	SBCTA
Hon. Emily Gabel-Luddy	AVCJPA
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Jack Hadjinian	Montebello
Hon. Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
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. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG

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. 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. L. Dennis Michael	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. Charles Puckett, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Ed Reece	SGVCOG
Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto	WRCOG
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. Thomas Small, Culver City	Culver City
Hon. Jeremy Smith	Canyon Lake
Hon. Larry Smith	Calimesa
Hon. Karen Spiegel	Riverside County
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Jess Talamantes (Vice Chair)	SFVCOG
Hon. Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera	GCCOG
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro (Chair)	District 1
Hon. Don Wagner	Orange County
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. Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon. Lisa Middleton, Palm Springs	CVAG
Hon. Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel	District 12

Hon. Cory Moss	SGVCOG
Hon. Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest	OCCOG
Hon. Steve Tye	District 37

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Imperial County Transportation Commission, called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call of members was conducted. A quorum was present.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Proposed Final Connect SoCal (2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR))

Kome Ajise, SCAG Executive Director, stated that Connect SoCal represents a collaborative effort as member jurisdictions contributed input to the plan and brought forth the best strategies for how the region will live and get around. Mr. Ajise introduced Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning, for a plan overview. Ms. Jepson noted the plan was formulated with wide ranging inclusion including community groups and neighborhood organizations as well as employing the newest technology in new ways to deepen that engagement and reach more of the public. She stated the plan development included in-depth technical analysis, community engagement and was guided by 10 goals including improving quality of life, strengthening the economy, protecting the environment as well as creating safe, resilient and healthy communities particularly in response to the global pandemic. Additionally, the plan is required to comply with both federal and state requirements.

Ms. Jepson stated Connect SoCal includes over 4,000 individual transportation projects totaling over \$638 billion in regional investment through 2045. She noted the plan seeks to reduce dependency on the automobile noting active transportation has increased from \$12 billion in 2016 to \$22 billion in 2020 which reflects collaboration with local jurisdictions particularly to identify and compete for grant funding. She noted a plan draft and its Program Environmental Impact Report was released November 14, 2019 through January 24, 2020 for public comment during which SCAG conducted outreach throughout its 6 counties to solicit input. During this time 1,800 comments were received from 81 different agencies, organizations and individuals were posted on SCAG's website. Subsequently, revisions and updates were made to evolve and add improvements. Additionally, the plan meets greenhouse gas emissions standards and will be an economic driver to lead the region's economic recovery with 168,400 jobs created annually through transportation system investments.

Hon. Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County, expressed thanks to Hon. Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale, for collaboration on the rail portion of the High Desert Corridor.

Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, asked about adding a fixed route transit system to Ontario Airport and how it can be included in the plan. Sarah Jepson, SCAG staff, responded that the plan is typically amended during the 4-year cycle and that new projects are submitted through the county transportation commissions, although an amendment is not likely needed as rail to the airport is currently contained in the plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Asuncion, SCAG staff, noted that 112 public comments were received by 5:00 p.m. May 6, 2020 which have been distributed to committee members. In addition, 14 comments were received past the 5:00 p.m. May 6, 2020 deadline. Mr. Asuncion read and summarized the comments.

A MOTION was made (Talamantes) to approve Proposed Final Connect SoCal (2020-2045) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Program Environmental Impact Report. Motion was SECONDED (Hofbauer) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: ASHTON, BACERRA, BAILEY, BARGER, BENOIT, BERG, BOYLES, BROWN, CHUN, CURTIS, DIXON, DUTREY, GABEL-LUDDY, GAZELEY, HADJINIAN, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVARRO, PACHECO, PUCKETT, REECE, RUIZ, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMALL, SMITH J., SMITH L., SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, TALAMANTES, TERCERO, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (52)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Minutes of the Meeting – March 5, 2020

Receive and File

3. COVID-19: Leading and Learning in Uncertain Times

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

AYES: ASHTON, BACERRA, BAILEY, BARGER, BENOIT, BERG, BOYLES, BROWN, CHUN, CURTIS, DIXON, DUTREY, GABEL-LUDDY, GAZELEY, HADJINIAN, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVARRO, PACHECO, PUCKETT, REECE, RUIZ, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMALL, SMITH J., SMITH L., SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, TALAMANTES, TERCERO, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (52)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

METROLINK REPORT

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, reported that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (L.A. Metro) has been awarded \$107 million through California's Transit and Intercity Rail Capital (TIRCP) grant program for upgrades to the Metrolink Antelope Valley Line. These improvements will result in 30-minute bi-directional service between Los Angeles Union Station and Santa Clarita, and 60-minute bi-directional service to the Antelope Valley.

In March, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced an award of \$10.7 million from the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant Program to fund passenger rail safety and speed improvement projects in the Burbank to Anaheim Rail Corridor. This project will improve the tracks and signal controls between Metrolink's Burbank Airport-South and Glendale stations. As with all transit agencies across our nation and region, Metrolink ridership is down significantly--90% systemwide due to COVID-19. Metrolink has reduced its service 30% in response.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, adjourned the meeting at 12:09 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	7-May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Ashton, Sean	Downey	District 25		1		1	1	1				1	1	1	7
Bacerra, Phil	Santa Ana	District 16											1	1	2
Bailey, Rusty	Riverside	WRCOG					1	1				1	1	1	5
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County	Los Angeles County	1				1							1	3
Benoit, Ben	Wildomar	South Coast AQMD	1			1	1	1				1	1	1	7
Berg, Will	Port Hueneme	VCOG	1				1	1				1		1	5
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo	El Segundo	1				1	1				1		1	5
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21	1			1	1					1	1	1	6
Buscaino, Joe	Los Angeles	District 62					1	1							2
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCTA	1			1	1	1				1	1	1	7
Curtis, Jonathan	La Cañada Flintridge	District 36										1	1	1	3
Dixon, Diane	Newport Beach	OCCOG										1	1	1	1
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair	SBCTA					1	1				1		1	4
Gabel-Luddy, Emily	Burbank	AVCIPA	1			1	1					1		1	5
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39	1			1	1	1				1	1	1	7
Hadjiman, Jack	Montebello	SGVCOG	1			1						1	1	1	5
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino Cnty	San Bernardino Cnty	1					1						1	3
Hamada, Ray	Bellflower	Bellflower	1			1	1						1	1	5
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC	1			1	1	1				1	1	1	7
Harrington, Dave	Aliso Viejo	OCCOG													0
Hofbauer, Steven	Palmdale	District 43				1	1	1				1	1	1	6
Huizar, Jose	City of Los Angeles	District 61													0
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC	1			1	1					1	1	1	6
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG	1			1	1					1	1	1	6
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49													0
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG				1		1						1	3
Loa, Richard	Palmdale	NCTC											1	1	2
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4	1			1	1	1				1	1	1	7
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63	1			1	1	1				1	1	1	6
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	1	7

McCallon, Larry	Highland	SBCTA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Middleton, Lisa	Palm Springs	CVAG	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Minagar, Fred	Laguna Niguel	District 12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Moss, Cory	City of Industry	SGVCOG	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCIPA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pacheco, Hector	San Fernando	District	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Puckett, Charles	Tustin	District 17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Reece, Ed	Claremont	SGVCOG	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Robinson, Dwight	Lake Forest	OCCOG	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Santos, Rey	Beaumont	District 3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Schwank, Zak	Temecula	District 5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Small, Thomas	Culver City	Culver City	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Smith, Larry	Calimesa	Calimesa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	Riverside County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City	SGVCOG	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Talamantes, Jess	Burbank	SFVCOG	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tercero, Brent	Pico Rivera	GCCOG	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar	District 37	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Viegas-Walker, Cheryl	El Centro	District 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wagner, Don	Orange County	Orange County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wapner, Alan	Ontario	SBCTA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Weintraub, Alicia	Calabasas	LVMCOG	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1