



Southern California Association of Governments
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November 5, 2020

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)
THURSDAY, October 1, 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. Ben Benoit, Wildomar	South Coast AQMD
Hon. Will Berg, Port Hueneme	VCOG
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. Dean Grose, Los Alamitos	District 20
Hon. Jack Hadjinian	Montebello
Hon. Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
Hon. Ray Hamada, Bellflower	District 24
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale (Vice Chair)	District 43
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

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. 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. Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Hector Pacheco	San Fernando
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. Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood	District 26
Hon. Karen Spiegel	Riverside County
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Jess Talamantes	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. 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. Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles County
Hon. Russell Betts	CVAG
Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	District 9
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Charles Puckett, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Ward Smith, Placentia	OCCOG

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Imperial County Transportation Commission, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank, 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 the Meeting, September 3, 2020

Receive and File

2. Pathways to Clean Vehicle Technology and Alternative Fuels Implementation in San Bernardino County
3. Updates on Regional Data Platform (RDP)

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

AYES: ASHTON, BACERRA, BAILEY, BENOIT, BERG, BROWN, CHUN, CURTIS, DIXON, DUTREY, GABEL-LUDDY, GAZELEY, GROSE, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LORIMORE, LY, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MOORE, NAJARIAN, PACHECO, REECE, RUIZ, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMALL, SMITH J., SMITH L., SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, TALAMANTES, TERCERO, VIEGAS-WALKER, WALLACE, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (47)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: MINAGAR, SALEH (2)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2050

John Thurston, Caltrans, reported on CTP 2050. Mr. Thurston stated the CTP 2050 seeks to identify future transportation conditions and trends. He noted the initiative has eight goals including safety, climate, equity, economy, quality of life and public health. A further goal is

to consider equity and examine how to eliminate transportation burdens across all communities particularly low-income communities of color and people with disabilities. He stated there are 15 recommendations for achieving these goals including expanding remote access to jobs, goods services and education, pricing roadways to improve efficiency, invest in state of good repair improvements, expand access to safe and convenient active transportation, advance zero-emissions vehicle technology and supportive infrastructure, improve transit, rail and shared mobility options and expand protection of natural ecosystems.

Mr. Thurston commented the plan has been revised recently to consider the effects and recovery from COVID-19. He noted public outreach is currently underway through October 22, 2020. Next steps include finalizing the plan for an anticipated release at the end of December 2020. He invited members to submit further questions or comments.

Hon. Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale, asked how the plan aligns with Metro's Long-Range Transportation Plan as well as SCAG's RTP/SCS. Mr. Thurston responded that the plan incorporates information from all relevant long-range transportation plans and engages in an iterative process that brings together existing regional plans and wider policy objectives.

Paul Marquez, Caltrans District 7, commented that the plan was developed over time bringing in multiple sources of information and asked about regional considerations. Mr. Thurston responded the plan includes information based on the uniqueness of each region.

5. NACTO City Limits: Setting Safe Speeds on Urban Streets Guidance

Jenny O'Connell, National Association of City Transportation Professionals (NACTO), reported on setting safe speeds on urban streets. She noted NACTO is a member association of cities and transit agencies and provides support with street designs that enables more bikeable, walkable and transit friendly areas as well as setting safe speed limits. She reported in 2018 there were 36,560 automobile fatalities in the United States, 3,563 in California and 1,500 in Southern California with many more injuries. In addition, there were 7,354 pedestrian and cyclists' fatalities and from 2009 to 2018 pedestrian deaths from traffic crashes grew by 46% in the US. She reported even as traffic volumes have decreased due to the pandemic, crashes have increased.

She stated higher speeds increase the likelihood of a crash and accelerate the severity. Ms. O'Connell noted our current system for setting speed limits rewards speeders by using prevailing traffic speeds to determine speeds limits. NACTO's City Limits Guidance encourages that speeds are set based on their effectiveness in reducing fatalities and injuries considering the different modes used on the roadway. She noted tools include

default speed limits, corridor speed limits and slow zones and reviewed recommended maximum speeds for shared streets and alleys, minor and major streets. Ms. O’Connell stated these are based on similar efforts from other cities including New York and Seattle where a reduction in speed limits alone led to a reduction in fatal and serious injuries. She noted cities are in the best position to understand the nature of their streets and how to make them safest for all users.

Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale, stated one problem with lowering speed limits is law enforcement is not able to use technology such as radar and there is a natural propensity for drivers to instinctively drive faster when limits are set lower.

Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo, commented their city made efforts to lower street speeds, but the effort was not successful due to the 85% rule. She asked what cities can do to lower speed limits considering this policy. She encouraged legislative action to provide greater latitude for local jurisdictions to set speed limits on their streets.

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, asked for a future presentation on the task force’s current efforts.

6. Highlights and Outcomes of the 2020 Go Human Safety and Engagement Campaign

Dorothy Le Suchkova, SCAG staff, reported on the 2020 Go Human Safety and Engagement Campaign. Ms. Le Suchkova noted Go Human is SCAG’s active transportation safety and encouragement program that seeks to increase active transportation and promote its added benefits. She noted an advertising campaign recently concluded to build awareness and reported that while walking and biking comprises 12% of daily regional trips, they account for 27% of all fatalities. The goal of the advertising campaign is to encourage the public to slow down and watch for people walking. She reviewed the campaign’s multi-language messaging, media schedule and target audience.

Ms. Le Suchkova noted the advertising campaign reached over 320 million impressions regionally, far exceeding the target, and a post-campaign survey shows 80% of respondents found the messages motivating. She stated the effort involved working with local jurisdictions to build upon existing messaging campaigns and reviewed current community engagement efforts. Next, she reported on the Kit of Parts program which allows for five different street treatments, that when combined create a temporary complete street demonstration project including design features such as a curb extension, separated bike lane and median refuge island.

7. Selections from Broadband Opportunity Review Project

Michael Misrahi, EY-Parthenon, reported on the broadband opportunity review project. He noted the effort seeks to identify opportunity for public sector incentives to promote broadband. He noted telecommunications travel through a series of pathways of wireless and wired channels before reaching the intended recipient. Wired lines often involve fiber, cable or copper. Wireless infrastructure can involve Wi-Fi, antenna and satellite. He noted broadband networks consist of long-haul, middle-mile and Access/Last Mile. Long-haul is a superhighway connection to a distant destination such as another city, state or country. Middle mile aggregates demand from last mile or other communication sources before sending to the long-haul channel. Last mile is the end user of residential, business, government and others. Further, availability is often driven by population density in urban, suburban and rural geographies.

Mr. Misrahi stated most of the region has availability of at least one high speed broadband provider and he reviewed the region's competitive intensity. He noted there is a network of fiber in the region, although there are several large areas without easy access. Next, he reviewed commercially attractive regional areas. He noted the public sector can be a partner to private industry to expand broadband reach by developing policies and practices to expedite build out in under-served areas.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, stated that years ago Ontario identified that the private sector was not moving quickly enough in providing the city with high speed broadband and stepped forward to invest in and develop the infrastructure for the city. He noted there was a partnership with the private sector and this vision and investment has benefitted the city's residents and businesses greatly.

Hon. Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale, stated the effort by Ontario laid the groundwork to successfully compete for and retain business development in the city. Mr. Misrahi responded he is currently working with several cities using the Ontario model to develop their broadband infrastructure.

8. Future of the Office After COVID-19

Amber Schiada, Research & Insights, JLL, reported on the future of the office after COVID-19. Ms. Schiada noted that it is forecasted that 80% of employees will reenter their offices by December 2021. She explained office reentry has begun in Europe and Asia but there are compounding issues in the United States such as childcare and home schooling. She noted it is unlikely that the work from home situation currently experienced will become a new societal norm. She reviewed the productivity benefits of office work such as an ability to collaborate and opportunities for junior employee to learn from senior staff. Additionally, research indicates employees still choose to work in an office for the benefits of collaboration and socialization.

She noted structural shifts affecting future office demand include work from home, space design, distributed work and urban vs. suburban. Further, while there may be some reduction of office space footprint, most employers plan to maintain the size of their office space. Only 23% of companies plan to significantly reduce the size of their office portfolio. Ms. Schiada reviewed office design implications, including the possibility that some employers will seek more cubes and separate office spaces considering distancing practices. She next reviewed the recent trend in business toward the hub-and-spoke concept of headquarter offices in large cities and smaller ones in more affordable places. She noted that research is ongoing and it is useful to see how talent reacts to these changes as ultimately business will follow the talent needed to stay competitive.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland, asked for a future agenda item on the recent action by BNSF Railway Company to move a freight facility to the City of Colton. He noted this will bring significant impacts to nearby neighborhoods.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

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2020-21																
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JUN (GA)	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Ashton, Sean	Downey	District 25		1		1	1									3
Bacerra, Phil	Santa Ana	District 16		1		1	1									3
Bailey, Rusty	Riverside	WRCOG		1		1	1									3
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County	Los Angeles County														
Benoit, Ben	Wildomar	South Coast AQMD		1			1									2
Berg, Will	Port Hueneme	VCOG		1		1	1									3
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG		1		1	1									2
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21		1		1	1									3
Buscaino, Joe	Los Angeles	District 62				1	1									1
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCTA		1		1	1									3
Curtis, Jonathan	La Cañada Flintridge	District 36					1									
Dixon, Diane	Newport Beach	OCCOG		1		1	1									3
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair	SBCTA		1		1	1									3
Gabel-Luddy, Emily	Burbank	AVCIPA		1		1	1									3
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39		1		1	1									3
Grose, Dean	Los Alamitos	Dist 20		1		1	1									3
Hadjinian, Jack	Montebello	SGVCOG		1		1	1									3
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino Cnty	San Bernardino Cnty		1		1	1									3
Hamada, Ray	Bellflower	Bellflower		1		1	1									3
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC		1		1	1									3
Hofbauer, Steven	Palmdale	District 43		1		1	1									3
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCCT				1	1									2
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG		1		1	1									3
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49														
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG		1		1	1									3
Loa, Richard	Palmdale	NCTC		1		1	1									3
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4		1		1	1									3
Ly, Steven	Rosemead	District 32		1		1	1									3
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63		1		1	1									3
Marquez, Paul	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Oficio		1			1									2
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10				1	1									3
McCallon, Larry	Highland	SBCTA		1		1	1									3
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67		1		1	1									3
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9		1		1	1									2
Minagar, Fred	Laguna Niguel	District 12					1									1
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG		1		1	1									3
Najarlan, Ara	Glendale	AVCIPA		1		1	1									3
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6				1	1									1
Pacheco, Hector	San Fernando	District		1		1	1									3
Puckett, Charles	Tustin	District 17		1												1
Reece, Ed	Claremont	SGVCOG				1	1									3
Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG		1		1	1									3
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG		1		1	1									2
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38		1		1	1									3
Santos, Rey	Beaumont	District 3		1		1	1									3
Schwank, Zak	Temecula	District 5		1		1	1									3
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22		1			1									2
Small, Thomas	Culver City	Culver City				1	1									3
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake		1		1	1									3
Smith, Larry	Calimesa	Calimesa		1		1	1									3
Smith, Ward	Placentia	OCCOG		1		1	1									2
Solache, Jose Luis	Lynwood	District 26					1									1
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	Riverside County		1		1	1									3
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City	SGVCOG				1	1									2
Talamantes, Jess	Burbank	AVCIPA				1	1									2
Tercero, Brent	Pico Rivera	GCCOG				1	1									2
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar	District 37		1		1	1									3
Viegas-Walker, Cheryl	El Centro	District 1		1		1	1									3
Wagner, Don	Orange County	Orange County		1		1	1									3
Wallace, Colleen	Banning	Banning				1	1									2
Wapner, Alan	Ontario	SBCTA		1		1	1									3
Weintraub, Alicia	Calabasas	LVMCOG		1		1	1									3

Attachment: TC Attendance Sheet (Minutes of TC Meeting, October 1, 2020)