



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

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 virtually (telephonically and electronically), given the declared state of emergency (pursuant to State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020) and local public health directives imposing and recommending social distancing measures due to the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A). A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Liz Becerra, SBCTA/SBCTA	District 65
Hon. Brian Berkson	Jurupa Valley
Hon. Russel Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Daniel Brotman, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Art Brown, OCTA	District 21
Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Andrew Do	Orange County
Hon. John Dutrey, Montclair	SBCTA/SBCCOG
Hon. James Gazeley, SBCCOG	District 39
Hon. Brian Goodell, Mission Viejo	OCTA
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Hughes-Leslie, Lauren, Lancaster	NCTC JPA
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Simi Valley ( <b>Vice Chair</b> )	VCTC
Hon. Fred Jung, Fullerton	OCCOG
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	TCA
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Bridgett Lewis, Torrance	Pres. Appt.
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Ken Mann, Lancaster	District 43
Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills	District 10



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Hon. Larry McCallon	Air District Representative
Hon. Marsha McLean, NLAC	District 67
Hon. Linda Molina	Calimesa
Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich	ICTC
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Sharona Nazarian, Beverly Hills	WSCCOG
Hon. Ed Reece	SGVCOG
Hon. Rodriguez, Celeste	District 67
Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto	WRCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	District 27
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona <b>(Chair)</b>	District 38
Hon. Zak Schwank, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood	District 26
Hon. Speake, Wes, Corona	WRCOG
Hon. Karen Spiegel	Riverside County
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Steve Tye	District 37
Hon. Michael Vargas	Riverside County
Hon. Don Wagner	Orange County
Hon. Wallace, Colleen, Banning	WRCOG
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SBCTA/SBCOG
Hon. Thomas Wong, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Hon. Jeff Wood, GCCOG	District 24

**Members Not Present:**

Hon. Konstantine Anthony	District 42
Hon. Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles County
Hon. Denise Delgado, Coachella	Pres. Appt.
Hon. Jonathan Dumitru, Orange	District 17
Hon. Jason Gibbs, Santa Clarita	NCTC
Hon. Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
Hon. Laura Hernandez, VCOG	District 45
Hon. Heather Hutt, Los Angeles	District 45
Hon. Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon. Malcolm Lilienthal, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Richard Loa, Palmdale	NCTC
Hon. Tim McOsker, Los Angeles	District 62



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Hon. L. Dennis Michael	District 9
Hon. Gil Rebolgar, ICTC	District 1
Hon. Suely Saro, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Jeremy Smith, Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake
Hon. Ward Smith, Placentia	OCCOG
Hon. Hilda Solis	Los Angeles County
Hon. Scott Voigts, Lake Forest	OCCOG

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Sandoval, Pomona, District 38, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Hon. John Dutrey, Montclair, SBCTA/SBCCOG, led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Sandoval opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG’s jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. He reminded the public to submit comments via email to [TCPublicComment@scag.ca.gov](mailto:TCPublicComment@scag.ca.gov).

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there were no public comments received by email before or after the deadline.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Sandoval closed the Public Comment Period.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

Hon. Larry McCallon, Air District Representative, suggested that the committee could take a single roll call vote on both item 7 and the Consent Calendar. Chair Sandoval agreed.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – October 5, 2023

Receive and File

2. Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items
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3. Recommendation and Authorization to Release the Connect SoCal 2024 Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) (State Clearinghouse No.: 2022100337)
4. 2020 Sustainable Communities Program – Overview
5. Update on SCAG's Broadband Program
6. Sustainable Communities Program - Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations Call for Projects: Parking Bundle Project Outcomes

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

7. FY2023-FY2026 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Guidelines

There were no public comments on Item 7.

Warren Whiteaker, SCAG staff, reported on the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). He stated the CRP was a new program established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) which provides funding for transportation projects that reduce carbon dioxide emissions from on-road transportation sources. He noted that SCAG was responsible for the regional selection of CRP-funded projects. He shared that in April 2023, the Regional Council approved expedited project selection of Fiscal Year 2021-22 CRP funds. He indicated that SCAG staff, in consultation with the region's county transportation commissions (CTCs), developed program guidelines for the selection of CRP-funded projects for FY2023 through FY2026. He noted that with guideline approval, a call for project nominations would be issued.

Mr. Whiteaker reviewed the compliance issues and program guidelines established by Caltrans which prioritizes transit and passenger rail, active transportation, zero emission vehicles and electric vehicle infrastructure as well as conversion of existing highway lanes to price managed lanes. He reviewed the key milestones and next steps.

A MOTION was made (Marquez) to recommend that the Regional Council: 1) approve CRP Program Guidelines; and 2) authorize Executive Director to initiate call for projects consistent with approved guidelines; and approve Consent Calendar Item 1; and Receive and File items 2 through 6. Motion was SECONDED (Solache) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** Andrade-Stadler, Becerra, Berkson, Betts, Brown, Chun, Dutrey, Gazeley, Harnik, Hughes-Leslie, Judge, Jung, Kelley, Krupa, Lewis, Lorimore, Mann, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Molina, Moore, Najarian, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Nazarian,

Reece, Rodriguez, Ruiz, Sandoval, Schwank, Simonoff, Solache, Speake, Sternquist, Tye, Vargas, Wallace, Wapner, and Wood (40)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 8. Smart Freeways – An Introduction to the Next Generation of Freeway Traffic Management Systems

There were no public comments on Item 8.

Darren Henderson, GHD, reported on smart freeways traffic management system. Mr. Henderson noted that smart freeways use tools such as ramp metering in a comprehensive system to optimize the facility. He reviewed a smart freeways operation developed by the Victoria Department of Transport and Planning in Australia. The smart freeway system is longer than 160 kilometers and at the core of the process is Transmax STREAMS software which integrates all devices on a common platform for greater system control and traffic management. Ramp metering is coordinated across the system to anticipate bottlenecks in the distance to lessen their buildup. Mr. Henderson noted a 25% increased throughput on Smart Freeways near Melbourne. Traffic flows were improved which is equivalent of adding an additional lane. He reviewed a 5-month Smart Freeway pilot project on the I-25 near Denver, Colorado. The I-25 pilot showed improved traffic flows along the pilot corridor. Mr. Henderson reviewed an upcoming pilot project on I-15 northbound near Temecula Parkway to address chronic afternoon and evening traffic congestion. The project will feature enhanced mainline vehicle detection devices, part-time ramp shoulder use and associated lane-use management signage on the Rancho California Road direct ramp. It will use an integrated software system. He reviewed additional upcoming Smart Freeway projects in Northern California and Utah.

#### 9. SCAG's Clean Transportation Technology Compendium

There were no public comments on Item 9.

Sam Pournazeri, Senior Director of Clean Transportation and Energy, ICF, provided an update on SCAG's Clean Transportation Technology Compendium. Mr. Pournazeri stated he had been working with SCAG staff over the past 10-months developing the compendium. He noted that clean transportation technology encompasses zero and near-zero emission vehicles (ZEVs and NZEVs), related infrastructure and their supporting products that minimize environmental impacts. The main focus is on passenger vehicles, medium and heavy-duty vehicles, busses and rail. Transportation

emission is a significant contributor to air quality issues in the region. Further, the state has set goals to promote adoption of ZEVs, ZEV short-haul/drayage trucks, heavy-duty trucks and off-road equipment. He noted the compendium also examined infrastructure needed including charging and fueling stations and supporting products. The compendium reviewed the capabilities and benefits of ZEVs currently in use regionally.

Mr. Pournazeri reported there has been an increase of passenger ZEVs with 175,000 sold in the region in 2022. These vehicles can range from 100 to 500 miles use on a single charge. He reviewed ZEV transit busses in the region. Next, rail vehicles were examined including Metrolink's goal to transition its railroad to electrification by 2028. He noted there is a need to add a significant number of charging stations regionally as well as hydrogen and natural gas fueling stations. Barriers to adoption include the higher cost of ZEV vehicles. The compendium put forth a suite of strategies to benefit the promotion of ZEVs including targeted incentive programs, education and outreach, building codes, land use and zoning, technical assistance and workforce development.

Hon. Larry McCallon asked if the compendium examined the capacity of the electric grid and if it can accommodate demand caused by the increasing number of electric vehicles. Mr. Pournazeri responded that the compendium did not examine that capacity specifically, but several studies indicate that there will need to be an increase in grid capacity to support the number of electric vehicles in the state.

Hon. Thomas Wong, Monterey Park, SGVCOG, commented that as cities are grappling to accommodate requirements from Sacramento, that additional analytical information will be needed by jurisdictions so they can be best respond to mandates and develop effective policy.

#### 10. Federal Transportation Funding in the SCAG Region: The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

There were no public comments on Item 10.

Warren Whiteaker, SCAG staff, reported on The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Mr. Whiteaker noted that IIJA was the most recent federal surface transportation funding reauthorization bill. The IIJA includes \$1.2 trillion in infrastructure investments over 5 years (2022 – 2026). e reported that traditionally around 60 percent of FHWA dollars are at Caltrans' discretion and primarily support the state highway system. It was noted that no federal highway formula funding flows directly to cities or counties. Federal Transit Administration funding does flow directly to transit operators. He demonstrated a publicly available mapping tool which allows users to search for specific regional transportation projects by funding.

## 11. 2023 Go Human Safety Strategies Outcomes

There were no public comments on Item 11.

Alina Borja, SCAG staff, reported on Go Human safety strategy. Ms. Borja reported that SCAG launched Go Human in 2015 to reduce traffic collisions and encourage walking and biking. She noted that 1,600 traffic collision deaths occur each year as well as 7,000 serious injuries. Additionally, injuries occur disproportionately to those who walk and bike. While active transportation comprises 5% of regional trips, 36% of all fatalities occur in walking and biking trips. Go Human strategies include community hubs, Kit of Parts, co-branded materials and storytelling campaign. Over the past year 11 community hubs were funded for \$367,000 total. She reviewed the various events held across the SCAG counties and the programs designed for each local jurisdiction and the safety materials distributed. Altogether, 1,749 bike helmets, 300 bike lights and 400 digital bike bells were distributed. Ms. Borja reported the hubs projects reached greater than 200,000 people and the program has collectively distributed \$1.2 million to local safety efforts. Further, thousands of co-branded safety materials have been distributed including 1,261 lawn signs, 5,850 fliers and postcards as well as billboards, newsletters and photo both backdrops. Co-branded materials are generated in multiple languages. Ms. Borja reviewed efforts for 2024.

## 12. SB 671 Clean Freight Corridor Efficiency Assessment Update

There were no public comments on Item 12.

Scott Strelecki, SCAG staff, reported on SB 671 Clean Freight Corridor Assessment. He noted SB 671 establishes the Clean Freight Corridor Efficiency Assessment to be developed by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). In developing the assessment, the bill requires the CTC to identify freight corridors, or segments of corridors, throughout the state that would be priority candidates for the deployment of zero-emission medium-and heavy-duty vehicles. The CTC has identified six corridors as a process to arrive at “the top 5 freight corridors” with the heaviest freight volume and near-source exposure to diesel exhaust and other contaminants. Four of those corridors are in the SCAG region including Interstates 5, 15, 10 and 40 with the I-710 corridor reflecting a critical artery connecting the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to major east-west freight corridors. Mr. Strelecki reviewed the different options to develop zero emission freight infrastructure in a corridor and the estimated cost of battery electric, hydrogen or other options. He reviewed the potential health benefits and recommendations to build out zero emission freight infrastructure.

Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, CVAG, asked if this project would have any inflationary costs added to the products delivered. Mr. Strelecki responded that it was not a direct element considered but it is likely the cost would be an implication.

**CHAIR’S REPORT**

Chair Sandoval reported the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern California Economic Summit would be held Thursday, December 7, 2023 at the Sheraton Grand in downtown Los Angeles.

**METROLINK REPORT**

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, reported that Metrolink launched its Student Adventure Pass last month. This pilot program allows any student of any age with valid school ID to obtain a pass at no charge and ride anywhere on the Metrolink system for free. The program is made possible through grant funding from the *Low Carbon Transit Operations Program* (LCTOP) administered by Caltrans. The program extends through March 2024. Also, the Federal Railroad Administration has awarded a \$38.3 million grant through its *Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program* to L.A. Metro for the Doran Street Grade Separation Project in Glendale. The project will build a grade-separated structure that links Los Angeles and Glendale by connecting West San Fernando Road to the Fairmont Avenue bridge, closing the current at-grade crossing and improving safety along the LOSSAN Corridor. Construction will begin in 2025. Lastly, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) and Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) are working together to explore options to bring Metrolink service to Santa Barbara and Goleta by extending one Ventura County Line roundtrip in the AM and PM peak periods. Funding may be provided by the Federal Transit Administration and Santa Barbara County Measure A funding and could start as early as next year.

**STAFF REPORT**

David Salgado, SCAG staff, reported that applications for the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Pilot Program were now open through November 6, 2023. It is a call for projects funding program which will award \$35 million regionally. He also reported that in November the Draft Connect SoCal would be released followed by public workshops throughout the region and members were encouraged to look for events in their area.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, requested a presentation by the trucking industry.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Sandoval adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 11:25 a.m.

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MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Andrade-Stadler, Adele	Alhambra	District 34					1	1			
Anthony, Konstantine	Burbank	District 42	1	1							
Barger, Kathryn		Los Angeles County		1							
Becerra, Liz	Victorville	District 65	1	1			1	1			
Berkson, Brian	Jurupa Valley	Pres Appt.	1	1			1	1			
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG		1			1	1			
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale	AVCJPA					1	1			
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21	1	1			1	1			
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCTA	1	1				1			
Delgado, Denise	Coachella	Pres. Appt.	1	1							
Do, Andrew		Orange County	1	1			1	1			
Dumitru, Jonathan	Orange County	District 17		1			1				
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair	SBCTA	1	1			1	1			
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39	1	1			1	1			
Gibbs, Jason	Santa Clarita	NCTC		1			1				
Goodell, Brian	Mission Viejo	OCTA	1	1			1	1			
Hagman, Curt		San Bernardino Cnty	1	1			1				
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC	1	1			1	1			
Hernandez, Laura	Prt Hueneme	District 45		1			1				
Hughes-Leslie, Lauren	Lancaster	NCTC JPA						1			
Hutt, Heather	Los Angeles	District 57									
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC	1	1			1	1			
Jung, Fred		OCCOG	1	1			1	1			
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG	1	1			1	1			
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49									
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG	1	1			1	1			
Lewis, Bridgett	Torrance	Pres. Appt.		1				1			
Lilienthal, Malcolm	Hemet	WRCOG	1	1			1				
Loa, Richard	Palmdale	NCTC		1							
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4	1	1			1	1			
Mann, Ken	No. L.A. County	District 43	1	1			1	1			
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63	1	1			1	1			
Marquez, Paul	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio	1	1							
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1			1	1			
McCallon, Larry	SBCTA/SBCCOG	District 7					1	1			
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67	1	1			1	1			
McOsker, Tim	Los Angeles	District 62					1				
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9	1	1							
Molina, Linda	Calimesa	Pres. Appt.	1	1				1			
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG	1	1			1	1			
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCJPA	1	1			1	1			
Nava-Froelich, Maria		ICTC	1	1			1	1			
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6		1			1	1			
Nazarian, Sharona	Beverly Hills	WSCCOG	1	1			1	1			
Rebollar, Gil	ICTC	District 1	1	1							
Rodriguez, Celeste	NLAC	District 67						1			
Reece, Ed	Claremont	SGVCOG	1	1			1	1			

Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG	1			1	1		
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG	1	1		1	1		
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38	1	1		1	1		
Saro, Suely	Long Beach	District 29	1	1					
Schwank, Zak	Temecula	District 5	1	1		1	1		
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22	1	1		1	1		
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake							
Smith, Ward	Placentia	OCCOG	1	1		1			
Solache, Jose Luis	Lynwood	District 26	1			1	1		
Solis, Hilda		Los Angeles County							
Speake, Wes	Corona	WRCOG	1	1		1	1		
Spiegel, Karen		Riverside County		1		1	1		
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City	SGVCOG	1	1		1	1		
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar	District 37		1			1		
Vargas, Michael		Riverside County		1		1	1		
Voigts, Scott	Lake Forest	Orange County		1		1			
Wagner, Don	Orange County	Orange County	1	1		1	1		
Wallace, Colleen	Banning	WRCOG	1	1			1		
Wapner, Alan		SBCTA	1	1		1	1		
Wong, Thomas	Monterey Park	SGVCOG	1	1		1	1		
Wood, Jeff	GCCOG	District 24				1	1		