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**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CEHD) COMMITTEE;  
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (EEC); AND THE  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC) OF THE  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
NOVEMBER 5, 2015**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND/OR DISCUSSIONS THAT OCCURRED AT THE JOINT MEETING. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT <http://scag.ca.gov/NewsAndMedia/Pages/SCAGTV.aspx>**

A Joint Meeting of the Policy Committees of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) was held at the SCAG Los Angeles Office. There was a quorum.

**TC Members – Present:**

Chair*	1.	Hon. Alan Wapner	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
	* 2.	Hon. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
	* 3.	Hon. Sean Ashton	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
	4.	Hon. Ben Benoit	<i>Wildomar</i>	WRCOG
	5.	Hon. Russell Betts	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	CVAG
	* 6.	Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
	7.	Hon. Don Campbell	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC
	8.	Hon. Diana Lee Carey	<i>Westminster</i>	OCCOG
	* 9.	Hon. Jonathan Curtis	<i>La Cañada/Flintridge</i>	District 36
	* 10.	Hon. Gene Daniels	<i>Paramount</i>	District 24
	* 11.	Hon. Jeffrey Giba	<i>Moreno Valley</i>	District 69
	12.	Hon. Bert Hack	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
	* 13.	Hon. Jan Harnik	<i>Palm Desert</i>	RCTC
	* 14.	Hon. Carol Herrera	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
	* 15.	Hon. Steve Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
	* 16.	Hon. Jim Hyatt	<i>Calimesa</i>	District 3
	* 17.	Hon. Randon Lane	<i>Murrieta</i>	District 5
	18.	Hon. Severo Lara	<i>Ojai</i>	VCOG
	* 19.	Hon. Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
	* 20.	Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
	* 21.	Hon. Michele Martinez	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
	* 22.	Hon. Ryan McEachron	<i>Victorville</i>	SANBAG
	23.	Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	North L.A. County
	* 24.	Hon. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28

* 25.	Hon. Keith Millhouse	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCTC
26.	Hon. Carol Moore	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
* 27.	Hon. Kris Murray	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
* 28.	Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
29.	Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian	<i>Monterey Park</i>	SGVCOG
* 30.	Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
* 31.	Hon. Karen Spiegel	<i>Corona</i>	District 63
* 32.	Hon. Michelle Steel		Orange County
* 33.	Hon. Jess Talamantes	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
34.	Hon. Brent Tercero	<i>Pico Rivera</i>	GCCOG
35.	Hon. Olivia Valentine	<i>Hawthorne</i>	SBCCOG
* 36.	Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
* 37.	Hon. Chuck Washington		Riverside County
* 38.	Hon. Michael Wilson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
39.	Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Lewis Group of Companies</i>	

**CEHD Members – Present:**

Chair*	1.	Hon. Bill Jahn	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Vice-Chair*	2.	Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
	3.	Hon. Dante Acosta	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	SFVCOG
	4.	Hon. Al Austin	<i>Long Beach</i>	GCCOG
	5.	Hon. Stacy Berry	<i>Cypress</i>	OCCOG
	6.	Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	OCCOG
	7.	Hon. Carol Chen	<i>Cerritos</i>	GCCOG
	8.	Hon. Jeffrey Cooper	<i>Culver City</i>	WSCCOG
	9.	Hon. Rose Espinoza	<i>La Habra</i>	OCCOG
	10.	Hon. Kerry Ferguson	<i>San Juan Capistrano</i>	OCCOG
*	11.	Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
	12.	Hon. Debbie Franklin	<i>Banning</i>	WRCOG
*	13.	Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
	14.	Hon. Tom Hansen	<i>Paramount</i>	GCCOG
	15.	Hon. Bob Joe	<i>South Pasadena</i>	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
*	16.	Hon. Barbara Kogerman	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	District 13
	17.	Hon. Paula Lantz	<i>Pomona</i>	SGVCOG
	18.	Hon. Joe Lyons	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
*	19.	Hon. Victor Manalo	<i>Artesia</i>	District 23
	20.	Hon. Charles Martin		Morongo Band of Mission Indians
	21.	Hon. Joseph McKee	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	CVAG
*	22.	Hon. Carl Morehouse	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47

	23.	Hon.	Ray Musser	<i>Upland</i>	SANBAG
*	24.	Hon.	Steve Nagel	<i>Fountain Valley</i>	District 15
*	25.	Hon.	John Nielsen	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
	26.	Hon.	Edward Paget	<i>Needles</i>	SANBAG
*	27.	Hon.	Erik Peterson	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
	28.	Hon.	Jim Predmore	<i>Holtville</i>	ICTC
	29.	Hon.	John Procter	<i>Santa Paula</i>	VCOG
*	30.	Hon.	Mary “Maxine” Resvaloso	<i>Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians</i>	Tribal Nations Representative
*	31.	Hon.	Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
	32.	Hon.	Sonny R. Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
	33.	Hon.	Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
*	34.	Hon.	Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
	35.	Hon.	Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG

**EEC Members – Present:**

	Chair*	1.	Hon.	Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
	Vice-Chair*	2.	Hon.	Carmen Ramirez	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
		3.	Hon.	Denis Bertone	<i>San Dimas</i>	SGVCOG
*		4.	Hon.	Ross Chun	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	TCA
*		5.	Hon.	Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
		6.	Hon.	Jordan Ehrenkranz	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	WRCOG
		7.	Hon.	Larry Forester	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG
		8.	Hon.	Mike Gardner	<i>Riverside</i>	WRCOG
		9.	Hon.	Sandra Genis	<i>Costa Mesa</i>	OCCOG
		10.	Hon.	Shari Horne	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
*		11.	Hon.	Steve Hwangbo	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
		12.	Hon.	Diana Mahmud	<i>South Pasadena</i>	SGVCOG
*		13.	Hon.	Judy Mitchell	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	District 40
*		14.	Hon.	Mike Munzing	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	District 12
		15.	Hon.	David Pollock	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCOG
		16.	Hon.	Meghan Sahli-Wells	<i>Culver City</i>	WCCOG
		17.	Hon.	Betty Sanchez	<i>Coachella</i>	CVAG
*		18.	Hon.	Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
		19.	Hon.	Edward Wilson	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG
		20.	Mr.	Steve Schuyler	<i>Building Industry Association of Southern California (BIASC)</i>	

\*Regional Councilmember

**Staff Present**

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director  
Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director, Administration  
Joe Silvey, General Counsel  
Joann Africa, Chief Counsel  
Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer  
Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning  
Darin Chidsey, Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs  
Naresh Amatya, Acting Director, Transportation Planning  
Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Alan Wapner, Transportation Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked the members to observe a moment of silence in honor of San Bernardino Police Officer Bryce Hanes who was fatally struck this morning by an alleged drunk driver. Councilmember Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Wapner introduced Leor Alpern, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), who invited the members to SCAQMD's second Environmental Justice Community event, "*The Impact of Air Pollution on Human Health*," in partnership with the Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma, on November 10, 2015.

Chair Wapner announced that Public Comments will be entertained after the presentation of each of the Action Items.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Draft 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) – Proposed Major Components

Transportation Committee Chair Alan Wapner provided background information and overview of the importance of the state-mandated Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (Plan) that is required to be updated every four (4) years. He explained the Plan must meet federal requirements, demonstrate air quality conformity and meet financial constraints. Chair Wapner also explained the Plan is required to meet greenhouse reduction goals as set forth by the California Air Resources Board (ARB). He emphasized the role of the members to think regionally as they consider the Plan.

President Cheryl Viegas-Walker stated the 2016 RTP/SCS is the culmination of several years of hard work. She reported the three (3) Policy Committees met many times to collectively discuss, debate and provide policy direction on each of the elements of the draft Plan and emphasized the respect for local land use control. President Viegas-Walker also reported on the public outreach and media campaign throughout the SCAG region to ensure a wide-range of participation in the development of the Plan. She stated each of the Policy Committee Chairs would provide a presentation of their respective committees with respect to the 2016 RTP/SCS.

Transportation Committee (TC) Chair Alan Wapner discussed the highways and arterials-related strategies; alternative transportation strategies; regional economic strategies; the 2016 RTP/SCS financial plan; and the future of technology with respect to mobility, electric vehicles and ridesourcing.

Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee Chair Bill Jahn reported on the committee's demographic research and economic analysis; land use and housing; adoption of Policy Growth Forecast Guiding Principles; and the Environmental Justice outreach and analysis framework.

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) Chair Deborah Robertson reported on the committee's work Environmental Justice; 2016 RTP/SCS – PEIR Mitigation Measures, Guiding Principles and Performance-Based Approach; the review of the PEIR alternatives analysis, development progress updates; open-space, conservation, natural lands and water resources.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, provided a presentation on the 2016 RTP/SCS and discussed the importance of meeting its performance objectives; the changes in growth and demography; the rapid advancements in technology; the new state and federal guidelines and building from the 2012 RTP/SCS. Mr. Ikhata also discussed the preliminary scenarios of GHG changes from 2005 including its updated reduction goals that meet state targets while promoting sustainability. Mr. Ikhata discussed the SCS benefits and public health outcomes. Lastly, he introduced Wallace Walrod, Chief Economic Adviser, Orange County Business Council, to discuss the economic benefits of the Plan.

Mr. Walrod discussed the critical importance of transportation for regions key industries; the job creation from infrastructure investment; network benefits in the form of efficiency and competitiveness gains; the agglomeration economies and the need for access; congestion and employment; and the economic analysis activities of the SCAG region to date.

Mr. Ikhata informed the members of the schedule leading up to the approval of the 2016 RTP/SCS and the accompanying PEIR. He also announced the upcoming January 2016 schedule of Elected Official Briefings and Public Hearings throughout the SCAG region and the anticipated adoption of the Plan in April 2016. In summary, Mr. Ikhata stated the Plan has a multi-modal approach while providing quality of life for all Southern Californians.

President Viegas-Walker reminded the members to vote on the communicator keypad using their pre-coded identifying smartcard and to insert the smartcards in the keypad when voting; to remove the cards if they need to leave the meeting room; and to re-insert the cards when they return to the meeting. The electronically-recorded votes will indicate how each member voted, by selecting "1" for a "Yes" vote; "2" for a "No" vote and "3" for an "Abstention." These votes will be a part of the official record of the Joint Minutes of the Meeting. Joe Silvey, General Counsel, cautioned the members when voting and emphasized the importance of getting an accurate record of their votes. He also stated the scrolling of the vote results on screen will be delayed to allow members to view their votes to ensure they are properly recorded. Should an error be identified during the scrolling of a vote, Mr. Silvey instructed the members to bring the matter to his attention before the vote was closed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chair Alan Wapner opened the Public Comment period.

Carla Blackmore, Public Health Alliance of Southern California, commended SCAG staff and the members for the draft 2016 RTP/SCS. She stated the emerging technologies provide an accurate picture of the region's significant health challenges between now and 2040. Ms. Blackmore stated that the Plan took meaningful steps to address these health challenges and acknowledged the importance of local investment in the implementation of the RTP/SCS.

Bill Sadler, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, commended SCAG for doubling the investment in active transportation in the RTP/SCS and for taking meaningful steps to advance public health. He suggested creating a strong framework for the Plan by putting safety as a performance measure and identifying ways to improve network and transportation choices to create a safer place to live, work, learn and play.

Melanie Schlotterbeck, Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks, commended the members and SCAG for its leadership for putting forth policy decisions on specific strategies such as having natural lands preservation in parallel with growth in the region. Lastly, she recited a quote from Maya Angelou, "*Do the best you can until you know better; then when you know better, do better.*"

Robert Ackerman, Vice President, Alliance for Regional Solution to Airport Congestion, expressed appreciation for Councilmember Alan Wapner in acknowledging concerns with regard to the use of ranges in the aviation forecast. He asked for definite numbers to be developed prior to the release of the Plan.

Richard Lambros, Director, Southern California Leadership Council (SCLC), discussed the parallel approach of SCLC and SCAG with respect to the Plan that honors local control and has a significant role in economic development and job creation.

Gerard Wright, Move L.A., commended the RTP/SCS and the process that focuses on environment, equity and economy.

Chair Alan Wapner closed the Public Comment period.

Councilmember Margaret Clark, Rosemead, District 32, stated she is "*in favor of probably 98 – 99%*" of the Plan; however, during the 2012 RTP/SCS, she stated she "*voted for the good of the body but had some reservations.*" She expressed concerns regarding vehicle miles traveled and that "*CEHD received confirmation from AQMD that it would not conflict with the state implementation plan.*" She also expressed concerns regarding high-speed rail and the word "support" in the Plan and stated, "*I have a real problem with the fact they have not met what the voters voted on, and even there's an article in the Sacramento Bee from Dan Walters saying it might increase emissions...and I can't really vote when it says 'support.'* So is there a way we can either change those words or put some kind of disclosure that wouldn't use, because at the Mobility 21 conference, when I went to the little break-out session on the vehicle miles traveled, the statement that was made: SCAG supports this unanimously. And I didn't. I voted for it for the whole plan, for the good of the body, but when that one thing if it's going to be taken that we all, hundred percent agree with everything in it, then I have a problem with it...and I don't want to vote against it."

Chair Alan Wapner reminded the members the RTP/SCS is not going to be voted for approval today; rather, staff are seeking a recommendation to the Regional Council to released the draft RTP/SCS for a public review and comment period.

Councilmember Clark asked about the “airport issue.”

Chair Wapner responded and reminded the members that the RTP/SCS will come back to the Regional Council in December and reiterated that staff is seeking a recommendation to the Regional Council to release the draft Plan for a public review and comment period.

Councilmember Clark inquired when is the opportunity to make changes to the Plan?

To address Councilmember Clark’s concern with regard to high-speed rail, Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, responded that the Regional Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) and SCAG and partner agencies and reminded the members that CHSRA will allocate a billion dollars to be invested in Southern California for the existing systems.

Councilmember Ed Wilson, Signal Hill, GCCOG, expressed support for the Plan and suggested “alternative funding” or “revenue-based” funding for the Plan.

Councilmember Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, North L.A. County, echoed Councilmember Clark’s concerns regarding high-speed rail and stated she “*cannot vote to put this document forward with that wording in it.*” However, Councilmember McLean stated she would like to make a motion to “*get that wording changed somehow in order to send this document on.*”

Councilmember Bert Hack, Laguna Woods, OCCOG, commented regarding weather patterns and its effects on active transportation; and the economic information pertaining to the unemployment data.

Councilmember Kris Murray, Anaheim, District 19, made a request to extend the public review and comment period from 50 days to 55 days considering the upcoming holidays.

Councilmember Eric Peterson, Huntington Beach, District 64, suggested addressing these issues before releasing the Plan.

Councilmember Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, CVAG, commented the gas tax is the most efficient means for funding the system and stated that “*vehicle miles traveled as a recommendation is wildly inefficient.*”

Chair Wapner responded that these types of funding exist and they may be able to help meet the gap as there are potential sources of funding.

Supervisor Antonovich, Los Angeles County, urged responsible state funding that carries out the state’s responsibilities to fund those projects that local governments have provided payment for..

Chair Wapner reminded the members of the timeline process of the 2016 RTP/SCS and submittal to the federal government in June 2016.

Councilmember Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena, SGVCOG, commented regarding local control and expressed concerns on previously approved projects from the 2012 RTP/SCS that get grandfathered into the current Plan. She also commented that “*an unfortunate growing mismatch between our transportation needs and transportation funding*” and suggested that we “*undertake a grounds-up examination of the*

*transportation projects to ensure it is reflected in the projects that we prioritize are the ones that are most deserving of obtaining funding.”*

Councilmember Jeffrey Giba, Moreno Valley, District 69, expressed appreciation for Hasan Ikhata for his recent presentation in Moreno Valley and commented regarding the entire corridor from Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Riverside, Moreno Valley, Calimesa and Beaumont that has not been studied since 1996 and noticed its exclusion in the draft Plan. Due to the increasing population in the Riverside County, Councilmember Giba asked to include a study—as the draft Plan moves forward—for the benefit of the region and the district.

Councilmember Barbara Kogerman, Laguna Hills, District 13, inquired whether the appendices for the RTP/SCS and PEIR will be released at the same time.

Chair Wapner responded both the Plan and the Appendices will be released at the same time.

Councilmember Sean Ashton, Downey, District 25, expressed concerns regarding specific issues that were communicated by some members and asked about the opportunity to address those issues such as aviation and high-speed rail as it relates to the timing of the release of the draft Plan for public review and comment period.

Mr. Ikhata responded that over the last two (2) years, certain elements of the Plan have been presented to and approved by the committee members with specific recommendations. While the Plan responds to multiple elements, Mr. Ikhata stated it also has to meet state and federal requirements and assured that SCAG staff will continue to work with members on specific recommendations for certain elements in the Plan.

Councilmember Joe Lyons, Claremont, SGVCOG, commented that by conceding local control and not aggressively addressing the elements of the character of Southern California that contribute to the problem, we are not leading the processes rather allowing the slow accumulation of negative consequences and therefore, he suggested local government representatives needed to act aggressively to change the process.

Councilmember David Pollock, Moorpark, VCOG, commented on how technology has transformed transportation.

Councilmember Michael Wilson, Indio, District 66, commented on the purpose of the draft Plan and the incorporation of the issues that were raised and to move forward in releasing the Plan for public review and comment period.

Councilmember Michele Martinez, Santa Ana, District 16, expressed support for the Plan and to take action by supporting staff's recommendations and proceeded to make a motion that staff finalize the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS and formally recommend to the Regional Council at its December 3, 2015 meeting the release of the Plan for public review and comment. Motion was SECONDED (Richardson).

Councilmember Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, North L.A. County, stated she already made a motion.

Chair Wapner clarified that after all comments from members are heard, he will entertain all motions.



Councilmember Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo, TCA, expressed concerns over comments made by members who felt the draft Plan contains language that may not be representative of their personal opinion and suggested a preamble in the Plan to address the proposed changes.

Chair Wapner confirmed that not only does the preamble make sense; rather, it is a federal law that when the Plan is released, it is subject to changes based from the comments received.

Councilmember Paula Lantz, Pomona, SGVCOG, expressed support of the Plan and commented on the safety component of active transportation. She stated her community has had a dramatic increase in pedestrian and bicycle accidents despite of a focused enforcement and suggested a strong education component be included in the Plan.

Mr. Ikhata echoed Councilmember Lantz's comments and reported SCAG recently received a grant that resulted in the GoHuman Campaign that promotes safety for all be a priority.

Councilmember Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada/Flintridge, District 36, inquired regarding the use of 2007 versus 2014 air quality model and asked if the approach would be accepted by the federal government and be consistent with Caltrans requirements.

Mr. Ikhata responded that the Plan meets the state and federal requirements using the 2014 air quality model.

Councilmember Meghan Sahli Wells, Culver City, expressed concerns with respect to moving forward with the draft Plan after hearing comments from others and stated, "*individual members of this body have a written record of where they stand which does not preclude accepting the Plan as a whole but does make clear to themselves and to their constituents where they stand as individuals.*" Councilmember Sahli Wells suggested allowing "*an opportunity to give written comments those members could write/speak individually with SCAG staff...to go on the record with their opinions as elected leaders; we have records to be proud of and also to protect.*"

Chair Wapner acknowledged the suggestion.

Councilmember Dante Acosta, Santa Clarita, SFVCOG, expressed concerns with respect to certain elements of the Plan and commented on aviation, high-speed rail, and vehicle miles travelled tax; and reiterated the importance of being in agreement with the Plan.

Councilmember Jan Harnik, Palm Desert, RCTC, supported the idea of a preamble and stated that elected officials are also members of the public and are able to provide input.

Councilmember Karen Spiegel, Corona, District 63, commented on the diverse perspectives coming from members from different counties; support of the Plan, as a whole; and the opportunity to comment and provide input at a future Transportation Committee or Regional Council meetings and not wait until the Plan's final adoption in April 7, 2016.

Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, commented on the overall positive input received from members and asked how to address the issues on certain elements of the Plan as expressed by other members.

Mr. Ikhata echoed Councilmember Spiegel's suggestion that elected officials provide input during the public comment period and offered to have staff meet to further discuss specific elements of the Plan.

Chair Wapner announced there were no further comments on the floor and acknowledged the first motion made by Councilmember Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, North L.A. County. Councilmember McLean reiterated Chair Wapner's reference with respect to the issue on high-speed rail and stated, *"I understand that this is controversial and we're not supporting high-speed rail, per se, but supporting the dollars that we want to get and I am totally 100 percent in support of that....what we want them to do is to be understanding that our communities are very concerned."* Councilmember McLean stated, *"My motion is to add a qualifier to that statement, 'that SCAG support California High Speed-Rail Phase One,' to say that we support the promised dollars as listed in the SCAG MOU, for improved transit infrastructure. It is simply adding those words so that we are not making the blanket statement. So, that is my motion."* Motion was SECONDED (Acosta).

Councilmember Michele Martinez, Santa Ana, District 16 made a SUBSTITUTE MOTION to accept staff's recommendations without any changes. Motion was SECONDED (Richardson).

Chair Wapner reminded the members to vote on the communicator keypad using their pre-coded identifying smartcard and to insert the smartcards in the keypad when voting; to remove the cards if they need to leave the meeting room; and to re-insert the cards when they return to the meeting. The electronically-recorded votes will indicate how each member voted, by selecting "1" for a "Yes" vote; "2" for a "No" vote and "3" for an "Abstention." These votes will be a part of the official record of the Regional Council minutes of the meeting.

Chair Wapner provided a summary the two (2) motions made on the floor with the ORIGINAL MOTION (McLean) was to change the language specific to state high-speed rail project; and the SUBSTITUTE MOTION (M. Martinez) was to accept the staff recommendation [direct staff to prepare and finalize the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS document based upon the comprehensive summary of its major components and key policy recommendations as described in this staff report, and formally recommend that the Regional Council at its December 3, 2015 meeting release the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS for formal public review and comment].

The members voted on the SUBSTITUTE MOTION. Chair Wapner asked the members to view their respective votes on the screen to ensure their vote is recorded as intended.

Councilmember James Predmore, Holtville, ICTC, stated for the record that he intended to vote "For" in support of recommending the release of the draft Plan, instead of an "Abstention."

Councilmember David Pollock, Moorpark, VCOG, stated for the record that he intended to vote "For" in support of recommending the release of the draft Plan, instead of a "No" vote.

Taking the two (2) votes of Councilmember Predmore and Councilmember Pollock into consideration, the MOTION passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Ashton, Austin, Benoit, Berry, Betts, Brown, Campbell, Carey, Chun, Cooper, Curtis, Daniels, Ehrenkranz, Espinoza, Finlay, Franklin, Gardner, Gazeley, Giba, Hack, Hansen, Herrera, Hofbauer, Horne, Hyatt, Jahn, Kogerman, Lara, Lorimore, Mahmud, Manalo, Marquez, Martin, M. Martinez, McCallon, McKee, Millhouse, Mitchell, Morehouse,

Murray, Musser, Nagel, Navarro, Paget, Pollock, Predmore, Proctor, Ramirez, Real Sebastian, Resvaloso, Richardson, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Saleh, Sanchez, Santa Ines, Shevlin, Spiegel, Ta, Talamantes, Tercero, Terrazas, Valentine, Viegas-Walker, Wapner, Washington, E. Wilson, M. Wilson and Zerunyan (68).

**NOES:** Acosta, Antonovich, Bucknum, Chen, Clark, Ferguson, Forester, Genis, Harnik, Hwangbo, Lantz, McLean, Medina, Munzing, Nielsen, Peterson and Steel (17).

**ABSTAIN:** Lyons (1).

Being the SUBSTITUTE MOTION passed, the members did not proceed with the ORIGINAL MOTION.

2. 2016-2040 Draft Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) - Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR): Framework, Approaches to Major Components, and Summary of Contents

Chair Wapner introduced the item. Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning, provided background information. She stated the PEIR is a legal document that meets all legal requirements.

Chair Wapner confirmed there were no public comment speakers on this item.

A MOTION was made (M. Martinez) to direct staff to prepare and finalize the Draft PEIR for the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS (Draft 2016 RTP/SCS PEIR) based upon the framework, approaches to major components of the Draft PEIR, and summary of contents described in the staff report; and recommend that the Regional Council (RC) at its December 3rd meeting authorize release of the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS PEIR for a 55-day public review and comment period concurrent with the 55-day public review and comment period for the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS. Motion was SECONDED (Robertson) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Acosta, Antonovich, Austin, Benoit, Berry, Betts, Brown, Bucknum, Carey, Chen, Chun, Cooper, Curtis, Daniels, Ehrenkranz, Espinoza, Finlay, Ferguson, Forester, Franklin, Gardner, Gazeley, Genis, Giba, Hack, Hansen, Harnik, Herrera, Hofbauer, Horne, Hwangbo, Hyatt, Jahn, Kogerman, Lara, Lantz, Lorimore, Lyons, Mahmud, Manalo, Marquez, Martin, M. Martinez, McCallon, McKee, McLean, Medina, Millhouse, Mitchell, Morehouse, Murray, Musser, Nagel, Navarro, Pollock, Predmore, Ramirez, Real Sebastian, Resvaloso, Richardson, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Saleh, Sanchez, Santa Ines, Shevlin, Spiegel, Ta, Talamantes, Valentine, Viegas-Walker, Wapner, Washington, E. Wilson, M. Wilson and Zerunyan (76).

**NOES:** Clark, Munzing, Nielsen, Peterson and Steel (5).

**ABSTAIN:** None (0).

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Receive and File**

3. 2015 Active Transportation Program: Statewide and Regional Funding Awards Update
4. Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign Update
5. SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – Monthly Update

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Jahn) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Acosta, Antonovich, Ashton, Austin, Benoit, Berry, Betts, Brown, Bucknum, Carey, Chen, Chun, Clark, Cooper, Curtis, Daniels, Ehrenkranz, Espinoza, Finlay, Ferguson, Forester, Franklin, Gardner, Gazeley, Genis, Giba, Hack, Harnik, Herrera, Horne, Hwangbo, Hyatt, Jahn, Kogerman, Lara, Lantz, Lorimore, Lyons, Mahmud, Manalo, Marquez, Martin, M. Martinez, McCallon, McKee, McLean, Medina, Millhouse, Mitchell, Morehouse, Munzing, Murray, Musser, Nagel, Navarro, Nielsen, Peterson, Pollock, Predmore, Proctor, Ramirez, Real Sebastian, Resvaloso, Richardson, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Saleh, Sanchez, Santa Ines, Shevlin, Spiegel, Steel, Ta, Talamantes, Terrazas, Valentine, Viegas-Walker, Wapner, Washington, E. Wilson and Zerunyan (81).

**NOES:** None (0).

**ABSTAIN:** None (0).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Wapner adjourned the Joint Meeting of the Policy Committees at 12:18 p.m.