



Southern California Association of Governments  
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900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
**September 1, 2022**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022**

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. Phil Bacerra, Santa Ana	District 16
Hon. Liz Becerra, Victorville	District 65
Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar	South Coast AQMD
Hon. Russel Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Lorrie Brown	District 47
Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	OCTA
Hon. Denise Diaz, Southgate	District 25
Hon. Andrew Do	Orange County
Hon. Darrell Dorris	Lancaster, NCTC
Hon. John Dutrey, Montclair	SBCTA
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Jason Gibbs, Santa Clarita	NCTC
Hon. Brian Goodell, Mission Viejo	OCTA
Hon. Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
Hon. Ray Hamada, Bellflower	District 24
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Laura Hernandez, Port Hueneme	District 45
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Simi Valley	VCTC
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG



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Hon. Richard Loa, Palmdale	NCTC
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills <b>(Chair)</b>	District 10
Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA	District 7
Hon. Marsha McLean, NLAC	District 67
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	District 9
Hon. Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich	ICTC
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Jon Primuth, S. Pasadena	AVCJPA
Hon. Ed Reece	SGVCOG
Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto	WRCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	District 27
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona <b>(Vice Chair)</b>	District 38
Hon. Rey Santos, Beaumont	District 3
Hon. Zak Schwank, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon. Jeremy Smith, Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake
Hon. Ward Smith, Placentia	OCCOG
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood	District 26
Hon. Karen Spiegel	Riverside County
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank	Pres. Appt.
Hon. Steve Tye	District 37
Hon. Michael Vargas	Riverside County
Hon. Scott Voigts, Lake Forest	OCCOG
Hon. Don Wagner	Orange County
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SBCTA/SBCOG

**Members Not Present:**

Hon. Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles County
Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Lindsey Horvath	WSCCOG
Hon. Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Blanca Pacheco	GCCOG
Hon. Hilda Solis	Los Angeles County
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1



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Hon. Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas	LVMCOG
Mr. Paul Marquez, Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio Member

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Ray Marquez, Chino Hills, District 10, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA, District 7, led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Marquez 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). David Salgado, SCAG staff, acknowledged there were no public comments received by email before the deadline.

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

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

**Approval Items**

1. Minutes of the Meeting, June 2, 2022

**Receive and File**

2. Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call 4 – Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice
3. Release of Transportation Conformity Analyses of Draft 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment #2

4. Initial Findings for Connect SoCal CEQA Addendum No. 3 to Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse #2019011061)
5. Equity Analysis Update (formerly Environmental Justice Analysis) - Performance Measures
6. Status Update on Transportation Conformity Challenges in SCAG Region
7. TDM Strategic Plan Training Sessions

A MOTION was made (Brown) to approve Consent Calendar Item 1; and Receive and File Items 2 through 7. The motion was SECONDED (Manos) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** BACERRA, BECERRA, BENOIT, BETTS, BROWN A., DO, DORRIS, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GIBBS, GOODELL, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HERNANDEZ, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAVARRO, PRIMUTH, REECE, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMITH J., SMITH W., SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, TALAMANTES, VARGAS, VOIGTS, WAGNER, WAPNER (44)

**NOES:** NONE (0)

**ABSTAIN:** SPIEGEL (Item No. 1) (1)

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

8. Release of Draft 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment 2 for Public Review and Comment

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

John Asuncion, SCAG staff, reported on the Draft 2023 FTIP and Draft Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment #2 release for a required 30-day public review and comment period. Mr. Asuncion stated the FTIP is a federally mandated list of transportation investment priorities in the region. Federal regulations require the FTIP be updated at least every four years, but SCAG updates it every two years to be consistent with the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). He noted the FTIP is a multimodal list of fully funded capital improvements programmed with various federal, state and local sources planned over a six-year period. It is prepared in consultation with the County

Transportation Commissions. The FTIP is amended frequently to reflect updates to funding, schedules and program priority changes.

Nancy Lo, SCAG staff, reported on Connect SoCal Amendment #2. Ms. Lo stated that an amendment is sought at this time due to revised project scope, description, schedule or change in cost. She noted Amendment #2 contains 102 modifications to financially constrained projects. Scheduled public hearings were reviewed and she noted final approval will be sought from the Transportation Committee in September and the Regional Council in October.

A MOTION was made (Hagman) to recommend the Regional Council (RC) authorize the Executive Director to release the Draft 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment #2 for public review and comment. The motion was SECONDED (Brown A.) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** BACERRA, BECERRA, BENOIT, BETTS, BROWN A., CHUN, DO, DORRIS, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GIBBS, GOODELL, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HERNANDEZ, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, PRIMUTH, REECE, RUIZ, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMITH J., SMITH W., SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, TALAMANTES, TYE, VARGAS, VOIGTS, WAGNER, WAPNER (47)

**NOES:** NONE (0)

**ABSTAIN:** NONE (0)

#### 9. Regional Campaign Efforts for the Affordable Connectivity Program

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Marissa Canche, California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF), reported on the Affordable Connectivity Program. Ms. Canche stated the CETF was established by the California Public Utilities Commission with seed funding from internet service providers. The goal is to provide funding and strategic leadership to community-based organizations, local governments and civic organizations. She introduced the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) which provides long-term subsidy funding for low-income families. She further noted the CETF seeks to enroll 4.5 million households into the ACP by 2024 and 4.74 million by 2027. Ms. Canche stated the City of Los Angeles has a public education campaign for the ACP and encouraged cities to partner with them including linking with their social media and other marketing channels. Additionally, libraries, senior centers, clinics

and other venues can assist with disseminating information to the public. She reviewed additional CETF opportunities available to cities.

#### 10. Connect SoCal 2024 – Draft Vision, Goals, and Performance Measures

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Courtney Aguirre, SCAG staff, provided an update on Connect SoCal 2024. Ms. Aguirre stated a goal for the plan is to work toward a more accessible, connected and equitable future and highlighted the central themes of mobility, communities, environment and the economy. She reviewed mobility goals including building and maintaining a robust transportation network connecting vibrant, human-centered communities in urban, suburban and rural settings to increase mobility and reduce travel distances. In addition, the plan seeks to support a sustainable, efficient and productive regional economic environment. Ms. Aguirre next reviewed performance measures and other monitoring efforts as well as stakeholder engagement currently underway.

#### 11. Go Human Mini-Grant Awards to Improve Traffic Safety

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Andres Carrasquillo, SCAG staff, reported on Go Human Mini Grants. Mr. Carrasquillo explained Go Human is SCAG's active transportation safety and encouragement campaign offering a robust series of programs aimed at improving street safety. These include safety advertising campaigns, demonstration projects and capacity building. He noted Go Human is funded by a \$1.25 million grant from California Office of Traffic Safety. The goals for the mini grants include improving traffic safety and building community resilience. Other program support includes co-branded safety material, Kit of Parts for temporary street demonstrations as well as ongoing partnerships with communities. Mr. Carrasquillo stated \$350,000 has been awarded to 26 recipients. He reviewed the successful awardees and projects.

#### 12. Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Study Update

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Priscilla Freduah-Agyemang, SCAG staff, provided an update on the Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Study. She noted the transit lanes study supports the goals of Connect SoCal 2020 and seeks to identify best practices, key benefits and important factors for successful implementation of dedicated transit lanes. The study also seeks to support the development of a regional network of dedicated bus lanes and priority treatments to enable enhanced transit services, improve mobility, accessibility and sustainability. Further, it will identify key benefits of dedicated bus lanes, priority treatments and primary factors for implementation. An additional goal is to develop recommendations and guidance for local jurisdictions that are seeking to pilot or implement bus lanes or priority treatments. Stakeholder outreach and key study elements were reviewed.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Marquez reported on a recent Executive Administrative Committee Retreat where options were discussed to provide greater opportunities for committee members to discuss policy and provide direction. A survey will be forwarded to committee members seeking feedback and members are encouraged to share their preferences.

### **METROLINK REPORT**

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, reported Metrolink has recently equipped some of its trains with a new earthquake warning system that can automatically slow or halt travel during an earthquake. The first trains to receive the new technology are on Metrolink's 91/Perris Valley Line between Riverside and Perris. That route was selected because of its ridership profile as well as its proximity to several major fault lines. Also, the 2022 Metrolink Customer Survey was conducted in April 2022 to understand changes in ridership demographics and customer behavior due to the pandemic. It showed that pre-pandemic, 80% of Metrolink trips were commute trips. This has declined to just over half (52%) of total ridership now. At the same time, the percentage of non-commute trips has more than doubled, from 20% pre-pandemic to 48% now. "Traditional" commuters have always traveled four or more days per week and have represented 70% of total riders before the pandemic, but now they represent just 32% of total ridership.

### **STAFF REPORT**

David Salgado, SCAG staff, reported meetings are currently being conducted for the Local Data Exchange. He noted it is an opportunity for local jurisdictions to provide growth and development forecasts and staff will meet personally with all jurisdictions to discuss growth and development patterns. Additionally, RHNA reform efforts continue, and SCAG has been seeking input which will be conveyed to HCD.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert, RCTC, suggested workshops for jurisdictions on how to submit a successful application for Go Human grants and other available funding opportunities. Hon. Lorrie Brown, Ventura, District 47, requested an agenda item to explore the impact on homeless individuals on transit and the effect on ridership.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Marquez adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 11:36 a.m.

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MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
Bacerra, Phil	Santa Ana	District 16	1	1								
Barger, Kathryn		Los Angeles County	1									
Becerra, Liz	Victorville	District 65	1	1								
Benoit, Ben		South Coast AQMD	1	1								
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG	1	1								
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21	1	1								
Brown, Lorrie	Ventura	District 47	1	1								
Buscaino, Joe	Los Angeles	District 62										
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCTA		1								
Diaz, Denise	Southgate	District 25	1	1								
Do, Andrew		Orange County	1	1								
Dorris, Darrell	Lancaster	NCTC	1	1								
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair	SBCTA	1	1								
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39	1	1								
Gibbs, Jason	Santa Clarita	NCTC	1	1								
Goodell, Brian	Mission Viejo	OCTA	1	1								
Hagman, Curt		San Bernardino Cnty	1	1								
Hamada, Ray	Bellflower	Bellflower	1	1								
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC	1	1								
Hernandez, Laura	Prt Hueneme	District 45		1								
Horvath, Lindsey	West Hollywood	WSCCOG	1									
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC	1	1								
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG	1	1								
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49										
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG	1	1								
Loa, Richard	Palmdale	NCTC		1								
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4	1	1								
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63	1	1								
Marquez, Paul	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio	1									
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1								
McCallon, Larry	Highland	SBCTA	1	1								
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67	1	1								
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9	1	1								
Minagar, Fred	Laguna Niguel	District 12	1	1								
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG	1	1								
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCJPA	1									
Nava-Froelich, Maria		ICTC	1	1								
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6	1	1								
Pacheco, Blanca	Downey	GCCOG										
Primuth, Jon	S. Pasadena	AVCJPA	1	1								
Reece, Ed	Claremont	SGVCOG	1	1								
Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG	1	1								
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG	1	1								
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38	1	1								
Santos, Rey	Beaumont	District 3	1	1								
Schwank, Zak	Temecula	District 5		1								
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22	1	1								
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake		1								
Smith, Ward	Placentia	OCCOG		1								

Solache, Jose Luis	Lynwood	District 26	1	1							
Solis, Hilda		Los Angeles County									
Spiegel, Karen		Riverside County		1							
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City	SGVCOG	1	1							
Talamantes, Jess	Burbank	AVCJPA	1	1							
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar	District 37		1							
Vargas, Michael		Riverside County	1	1							
Viegas-Walker, Cheryl	El Centro	District 1	1								
Voigts, Scott	Lake Forest	Orange County		1							
Wagner, Don	Orange County	Orange County	1	1							
Wapner, Alan		SBCTA	1	1							
Weintraub, Alicia	Calabasas	LVMCOG	1								