



Southern California Association of Governments
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900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
October 6, 2022

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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. Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles County
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. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
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. Brian Goodell, Mission Viejo	OCTA
Hon. Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
Hon. Ray Hamada, Bellflower	District 24
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Lindsey Horvath	WSCCOG
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. Ray Marquez, SBCTA/SBCCOG (Chair)	District 10
Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA/SBCCOG	District 7
Hon. Marsha McLean, NLAC	District 67
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	District 9
Hon. Fred Minagar, OCCOG	District 12
Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich	ICTC
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Ed Reece	SGVCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	District 27
Hon. Rey Santos, Beaumont	District 3
Hon. Marty Simonoff, OCCOG	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. Jess Talamantes, Burbank	Pres. Appt.
Hon. Michael Vargas	Riverside County
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Scott Voigts, Lake Forest	OCCOG
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SBCTA/SBCOG
Hon. Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas	LVMCOG
Mr. Paul Marquez, Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio Member

Members Not Present:

Hon. Lorrie Brown	District 47
Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Jason Gibbs, Santa Clarita	NCTC
Hon. Laura Hernandez, Port Hueneme	District 45
Hon. Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Blanca Pacheco	GCCOG
Hon. Jon Primuth, S. Pasadena	AVCJPA
Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto	WRCOG
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona (Vice Chair)	District 38
Hon. Zak Schwank, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Hilda Solis	Los Angeles County
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG



Hon. Steve Tye
Hon. Don Wagner

District 37
Orange County

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Ray Marquez, SBCTA/SBCCOG, District 10, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Hon. Marty Simonoff, OCCOG, District 22, 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. Ivette Macias, SCAG staff, acknowledged there were no public comments received by email before or after 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, July 7, 2022

Receive and File

2. CEQA Initiation for the Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report
3. Connect SoCal CEQA Addendum No. 3 to Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2019011061)
4. Transportation Conformity Determinations of Proposed Final 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Proposed Final 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment #2

5. Equity Analysis Update (formerly Environmental Justice Analysis) – Performance Measures
6. Digital Equity Call to Action to Increase Access to Affordable Broadband
7. Transit Ridership Update
8. Connect SoCal 2024 Project List Solicitation Process

A MOTION was made (Voigts) to approve Consent Calendar Item 1; and Receive and File Items 2 through 8. The motion was SECONDED (Hagman) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: BACERRA, BARGER, BENOIT, BETTS, BROWN A., CHUN, DIAZ, DO, DORRIS, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GOODELL, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HORVATH, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, REECE, SALEH, SANTOS, SIMONOFF, SMITH J., SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, TALAMANTES, VARGAS, VIEGAS-WALKER, VOIGTS, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (43)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Approval of 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 2

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 July 7, 2022, the Regional Council released the Draft 2023 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 2 for a 30-day public review and comment period including July 8, 2022 through August 8, 2022. He stated the Draft Connect SoCal Amendment 2 received zero (0) comments. The Draft 2023 FTIP received 24 comments: three (3) general, 16 project specific, and five (5) related to the funding/financial plan. The comments were generally technical in nature and no comment affected transportation conformity. He further noted the 2023 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2020 are developed in cooperation with Caltrans, the county transportations commissions, and public transit operators. The 2023 FTIP is a multimodal list of capital improvement projects totaling over \$35.9 billion in programming containing approximately 1, 700 projects over a six (6) year period.

A MOTION was made (Viegas-Walker) to recommend the Regional Council (RC) approve the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment 2, including the associated transportation conformity at its October 6, 2022 meeting. The motion was SECONDED (Minagar) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: BACERRA, BARGER, BENOIT, BETTS, BROWN A., CHUN, DIAZ, DO, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GOODELL, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HORVATH, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, REECE, SALEH, SANTOS, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, TALAMANTES, VARGAS, VIEGAS-WALKER, VOIGTS, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (41)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

10. Active Transportation Program Updates

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Cory Wilkerson, SCAG staff, provided an update on the Active Transportation Program. Mr. Wilkerson reported on April 7, 2022, the Regional Council adopted the 2023 Cycle 6 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Regional Guidelines. Since the adoption of the guidelines the state approved \$1.049 billion in augmentation funding to the programs, which increases SCAG's share of the funds from approximately \$138 million to \$361 million. He noted SCAG staff recommended adopting the amended guidelines which included the revised fund estimate which would provide additional funding for regional projects. Additionally, it is recommended that the Regional Council adopt an amended Cycle 5 ATP Regional Program Contingency List to allow funding from a withdrawn project to be reprogrammed to a comparably sized project in the same county.

A MOTION was made (Navarro) to recommend the Regional Council (RC) approve the amended 2023 Cycle 6 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Regional Guidelines and adopt the amended Cycle 5 ATP Regional Program Contingency List. The motion was SECONDED (Voigts) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: BACERRA, BARGER, BECERRA, BENOIT, BETTS, BROWN A., CHUN, DIAZ, DO, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GOODELL, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HORVATH, JUDGE, KELLEY,

KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, REECE, SANTOS, SIMONOFF, SMITH W., SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, TALAMANTES, VARGAS, VIEGAS-WALKER, VOIGTS, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (42)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

11. Metro Transit Ambassador Pilot Program Services

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Vanessa Smith, Los Angeles MTA, reported on Metro's Transit Ambassador Pilot Program. Ms. Smith reported the pilot program is part of Metro's Public Safety Eco-System which includes transit ambassadors, homeless outreach and law enforcement. Oscar Barcena, Los Angeles MTA staff, continued the presentation and noted Metro seeks to improve public safety and will launch an ambassador pilot program. He noted transit ambassadors will support rider safety, connect riders to resources and report incidents to transit security and law enforcement. Ambassadors will be on trains, stations, elevators, buses, and bus stops and can directly call for an appropriate level of response from maintenance, security, law enforcement and/or unhoused person outreach. Ambassadors will serve as extra eyes and ears with a goal to enhance rider comfort and security.

Mr. Barcena reviewed the evaluation parameters for the program. These include regular rider and employee surveys, bus and rail rider engagement analysis, program metrics as well as flexibility to address critical rider and employee concerns that arise during the pilot. The ambassadors will provide service 7 days a week, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. weekdays and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. weekends.

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, ICTC, District 1, asked if ambassadors were fluent in multiple languages and if the service included guidance on purchasing fare. Ms. Smith responded that ambassadors would be hired by contractors and would be fluent in different languages. They will also assist riders with using and navigating the system.

Hon. Ed Reece, Claremont, SGVCOG, asked if the ambassador pilot program would be systemwide and if a pilot route map was available. Ms. Smith responded that the deployment plans for the pilot program were being developed and she would respond to the request for a map.

12. Transportation Committee 12-Month Framework and Lookahead

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Annie Nam, SCAG staff, outlined the committee's 12-month framework and lookahead. Ms. Nam stated SCAG was currently updating the RTP/SCS for 2024, also known as Connect SoCal. She noted efforts were underway to incorporate updated data with a goal to put forward enhanced strategies and investments to build on the 2020 plan. Research work would continue through 2022 with a view toward identifying emerging trends and strategies. She reviewed the policy development framework and plan development phases through 2023.

13. Goods Movement Communities Opportunities Assessment Update

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Alison Linder, SCAG staff, reported on the Goods Movement Communities Opportunities Assessment. Ms. Linder stated project goals include assessing the opportunities and challenges of the goods movement industry in communities that are disproportionately affected by its activities and/or facilities. Also, to collaborate with community leaders and members to develop co-generated solutions, explore innovative engagement tools, provide a toolkit of strategies and help communities connect with the industry. She noted this project supports the agency's equity goals established in 2020. The community types selected for the study as well as community outreach and data collection strategies were reviewed. Ms. Linder noted initial feedback from stakeholders include an interest in zero-emission trucks and infrastructure. She next reviewed the goals for the resource toolkit.

Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA/SBCCOG, District 7, asked if he could receive a list of the Community Advisory Committee for San Bernardino. Ms. Linder responded that could be provided and noted an audio recording of the meeting is also available.

Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, CVAG, asked if the outreach to business included members of the trucking industry. Ms. Linder responded that FuturePorts was contacted who is a central link to industry segments.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hon. Ray Marquez, SBCTA/SBCCOG, District 10, reminded members to respond to a recently sent survey regarding meeting scheduling preferences.

METROLINK REPORT

Metrolink recently received a \$25 million state Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant that combines with \$32 million in federal funding to construct 2.7 miles of new double track on the Perris Valley line south of Riverside, build a second passenger platform at the Moreno Valley/March Field Station and expand the Perris-South Station. These improvements will ultimately allow for 30-minute bi-directional service by 2027, in time for the 2028 Olympics, which include canoeing and rowing competitions on Lake Perris in Riverside County. Additionally, Omnitrans is providing a non-stop shuttle to and from Ontario International Airport from the Rancho Cucamonga Metrolink station. *ONT Connect* meets each Metrolink train for a quick connection to Ontario Airport. The ride is free for anyone transferring to or from Metrolink or other Omnitrans services. Also, a student discount now allows students of any age a 25% student discount on Metrolink fares. Students simply select the student fare type when purchasing their ticket. A valid Student ID is required upon fare inspection.

STAFF REPORT

Ivette Macias, SCAG staff, announced that the 33rd Annual Demographic Workshop would take place September 14th and 21st. Additionally, she reported SCAG was cosponsoring or participating in the Annual League of Cities Conference, AAA Clean Vehicle Policy Summit and the ITS World Congress 2022.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, CVAG, requested an agenda item on mandates to shift to electric powered transportation and the needed infrastructure to support increased demand.

Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA/SBCCOG, District 7, requested an agenda item on hydrogen infrastructure to support transportation and noted zero-emission goals are benefitted most significantly with hydrogen technology.

Hon. Fred Minagar, OCCOG, District 12, requested an agenda item on AB 43 and its relevance to local jurisdictions. He suggested inviting the bill's author, Hon. Laura Friedman, Glendale, to present if available.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Marquez adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 11:13 a.m. in honor of Carmen Ramirez, First Vice President, recently lost.

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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		1						
Barger, Kathryn		Los Angeles County	1			1						
Becerra, Liz	Victorville	District 65	1	1		1						
Benoit, Ben		South Coast AQMD	1	1		1						
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG	1	1		1						
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21	1	1		1						
Brown, Lorrie	Ventura	District 47	1	1								
Buscaino, Joe	Los Angeles	District 62										
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCTA		1		1						
Diaz, Denise	Southgate	District 25	1	1		1						
Do, Andrew		Orange County	1	1		1						
Dorris, Darrell	Lancaster	NCTC	1	1		1						
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair	SBCTA	1	1		1						
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39	1	1		1						
Gibbs, Jason	Santa Clarita	NCTC	1	1								
Goodell, Brian	Mission Viejo	OCTA	1	1		1						
Hagman, Curt		San Bernardino Cnty	1	1		1						
Hamada, Ray	Bellflower	Bellflower	1	1		1						
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC	1	1		1						
Hernandez, Laura	Prt Hueneme	District 45		1								
Horvath, Lindsey	West Hollywood	WSCCOG	1			1						
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC	1	1		1						
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG	1	1		1						
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49										
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG	1	1		1						
Loa, Richard	Palmdale	NCTC		1		1						
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4	1	1		1						
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63	1	1								
Marquez, Paul	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio	1			1						
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1		1						
McCallon, Larry	SBCTA/SBCCOG	District 7	1	1		1						
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67	1	1		1						
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9	1	1		1						
Minagar, Fred	Laguna Niguel	District 12	1	1		1						
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG	1	1		1						
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCJPA	1			1						
Nava-Froelich, Maria		ICTC	1	1		1						
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6	1	1		1						
Pacheco, Blanca	Downey	GCCOG										
Primuth, Jon	S. Pasadena	AVCJPA	1	1								
Reece, Ed	Claremont	SGVCOG	1	1		1						
Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG	1	1								
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG	1	1		1						
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38	1	1								
Santos, Rey	Beaumont	District 3	1	1		1						
Schwank, Zak	Temecula	District 5		1								
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22	1	1		1						
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake		1		1						
Smith, Ward	Placentia	OCCOG		1		1						
Solache, Jose Luis	Lynwood	District 26	1	1		1						

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