



Southern California Association of Governments
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February 6, 2020

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG’S OFFICE.

The Transportation Committee (TC) met at SCAG, 900 Wilshire Blvd., 17th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey	District 25
Hon. Rusty Bailey, Riverside	District 68
Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar	South Coast AQMD
Hon. Will Berg, Port Hueneme	VCOG
Hon. Drew Boyles	El Segundo
Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	OCTA
Hon. John Dutrey, Montclair	SBCTA
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	SBCTA
Hon. Brian McDonald	Tribal Government Board
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	District 9
Hon. Lisa Middleton, Palm Springs	CVAG
Hon. Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Cory Moss	SGVCOG

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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. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Hector, Pacheco	San Fernando
Hon. Charles Puckett, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Ed Reece	SGVCOG
Hon. Carlos Rodriguez, Yorba Linda	President's Appointment
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	GCCOG
Hon. Rey Santos, Beaumont	District 3
Hon. Zak Schwank, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon. Jeremy Smith	Canyon Lake
Hon. Larry Smith	Calimesa
Hon. Karen Spiegel	Riverside County
Hon. Jess Talamantes (Vice Chair)	SFVCOG
Hon. Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera	GCCOG
Hon. Steve Tye	District 37
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro (Chair)	District 1
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SBCTA/SBCOG
Mr. Paul Marquez, Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio Member

Members Not Present:

Hon. Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles County
Hon. Austin Bishop, Palmdale	North L.A. County
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Diane Dixon, Newport Beach	OCCOG
Hon. Emily Gabel-Luddy	AVCJPA
Hon. Jack Hadjinian	Montebello
Hon. Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
Hon. Ray Hamada	Bellflower
Hon. Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Simi Valley	VCTC
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Hon. Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest	OCCOG
Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto	WRCOG
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Thomas Small, Culver City	Culver City



Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Don Wagner	Orange County
Hon. Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas	LVMCOG

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. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public requested to comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of the Meeting – September 5, 2019
2. Resolution No. 19-615-1 Regarding Acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds to support the Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign

Receive and File

3. 2020 Connect SoCal Financial Plan Updates
4. Connect SoCal Transit/Rail Element
5. Connect SoCal Highways and Arterials Report
6. Connect SoCal Goods Movement Element
7. Transportation Safety Element in Connect SoCal
8. Connect SoCal Environmental Justice Report
9. Walktober and International Walk to School Month

A MOTION was made (Pucket) and SECONDED (Ashton) to approve Consent Calendar items 1 – 9. The Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Ashton, Bailey, Benoit, Berg, Buscaino, Chun, Gazeley, Harnik, Hofbauer, Krupa, Lorimore, McCallon, McLean, McDonald, Michael, Middleton, Moore, Navarro, Puckett, Reece, Rodriguez, Sandoval, Santos, Simonoff, Smith, Talamantes, Tercero, Tye, Viegas-Walker, Wapner (30)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Schwank, Smith (2)

INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

10. Connect SoCal Update

Naresh Amatya, SCAG staff, presented an overview of Connect SoCal and potential issues. Mr. Amatya reviewed the new Safer, Affordable, Fuel-Efficient Rule (SAFE Rule) and its potential effects and implications for Connect SoCal. He stated staff will present updates and overviews on the central transportation elements of the plan.

Annie Nam, SCAG staff, reviewed the financial elements of Connect SoCal. Ms. Nam stated that a requirement of the financial element is that expenses match revenue over the life of the plan. She noted that since the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, voters in Los Angeles County approved Measure M which is a permanent local sales tax measure. Further, she noted that funding measures in other counties will expire during the 25-year life of Connect SoCal including Measure A in Riverside County and Measure M in Orange County. Ms. Nam noted that sales tax revenue and inflation can affect purchasing power. She stated the core revenue of Connect SoCal is \$499.3 over the life of the plan, of which 61% is generated from local sources, 31% from state and 8% from federal sources. Ms. Nam next reviewed new revenue sources including an adjustment to the federal gas tax, a mileage based user fee and local road charge program.

Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert, asked when the federal gas tax was last increased and noted that there have been discussions at national business organizations supporting an increase of the federal gas tax. Ms. Nam responded that the federal gas tax was last increased in 1993.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, asked if the financial forecast includes a renewal of the counties' self-help tax measures. Ms. Nam responded that the forecast does not include their renewal and is conservative in its estimation of projected revenue.

Philip Law, SCAG staff, provided an update on the Transit and Rail element. Mr. Law stated that transit is an important element which addresses climate change, traffic congestion and provides a needed social service. He noted that there has been a 24% decline in per capita transit ridership from 2007 to 2018. Mr. Law stated a UCLA study found the most plausible cause was an increase in private vehicle ownership particularly among those groups who were traditional transit users. Further, the regional pool of transit users is changing with fewer transit dependent riders and more discretionary riders who have access to a vehicle. He noted that several efforts are underway by regional transit providers to better understand rider needs and improve bus system designs. These include Metro's NextGen Bus Study and OCTA's OC Bus 360 and Transit Master Plan. Additional strategies include enhanced first/last mile services, microtransit as well as partnering with transportation

network companies. He stated mobility as a service is an emerging trend although it operates optimally with a single payment platform which is currently being explored in Metro's TAP system upgrade.

Mr. Law noted that nearly \$120 billion in transit and rail capital projects are outlined in Connect SoCal through 2045 as well as an additional \$200 billion in transit operations and maintenance. Some investments include expansion of Metro rail lines resulting from Measure M funding, Metrolink's Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE), new streetcar service in Orange County and Redlands in addition to Bus Rapid Transit and High Quality Transit Corridors. Mr. Law reviewed a new federal requirement that SCAG establish performance targets for transit asset management in coordination with regional transit agencies. He presented draft regional targets for inclusion in Connect SoCal and stated that the targets reflect a desire by the transit agencies to maintain current 2019 conditions through the plan horizon.

Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo, asked about the OC Flex microtransit pilot and noted that the rollout of the pilot required considerable time to inform and educate the public but it is seen as a valuable and unique service and it is hoped that the service will continue. Mr. Law responded that while the service has not drawn a great deal of ridership it is an important transit coverage service and first/last mile strategy.

Naresh Amatya, SCAG staff, reported on the highways and arterials elements of the plan. Mr. Amatya stated the region contains 73,000 highway lane miles accommodating 63 million average weekday trips. Further, when adding in arterials and local roads the road network nearly doubles. He noted approximately \$38 billion is allocated for highway capital improvements over the 25-year life of the plan and \$116 billion in operation and maintenance. Mr. Amatya noted that critical gaps still exist in the system creating chokepoints that contribute to traffic congestion. Further, due to cost, environmental concerns and political sensitivities, roadway expansion is less viable. So, maintenance and rehabilitation of the existing system becomes all the more important. He noted guiding principles include protecting and preserving the current system while focusing on achieving maximum productivity through strategic investments in Transportation System Management (TSM) and Transportation Demand Management (TDM).

Mr. Amatya stated Connect SoCal provides \$7.3 billion for Transportation Demand Management to reduce single occupancy vehicle trip demand. Additionally, \$13.7 billion is assigned to Transportation System Management (TSM) to increase productivity of the existing system. He noted the highways and arterials elements will continue to emphasize system preservation, continue projects that are underway and identified in the current

RTP/SCS, forward projects that will close system gaps and maximize productivity through transportation management strategies.

Mike Jones, SCAG staff, provided an update on regional Goods Movement. Mr. Jones stated regional goods movement activities drive the regional economy and create jobs through a regional system which includes the Port of Los Angeles which is the largest in the United States, seven commercial airports, an extensive highway network, two Class I railroads, three international border crossings in Imperial County, warehouse and distribution facilities as well as a large consumer market. He noted since 1995 container volume at regional ports have tripled and E-Commerce continues to grow as a portion of total retail sales.

Mr. Jones noted that a continued goal of goods movement is promoting infrastructure that benefits the development and deployment of zero-emission technology. He noted that Connect SoCal invests over \$65 billion in goods movement including clean freight corridors, port access improvements, freight rail capacity, grade separations and truck bottleneck relief projects.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, asked for a follow up presentation on the development of dedicated truck lanes.

Hina Chanchlani, SCAG staff, provided an update on the transportation safety element of Connect SoCal. Ms. Chanchlani reported that the goal of the transportation safety report is to identify strategies that align with state Strategic Highway Safety Plan goals and allow local jurisdictions to identify projects that support Connect SoCal implementation. She noted yearly there are 1,500 fatalities and 5,200 serious injuries each year from collisions which represent an increasing recent trend. She reviewed strategies for improving safety for aging populations including supporting roadway, intersection and interchange improvements to enhance right of way decisions by older populations and road users. Additionally, to promote implementation of multimodal guidance for aging road users as outlined in the state Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Other design improvements include curb extensions, bulb-outs and pedestrian refuge islands that shorten crossing distances.

Ms. Chanchlani reported that speed is the critical factor in the severity of collisions noting that 9 out of 10 pedestrians survive a collision with an automobile traveling at 25 miles per hour but only 2.5 pedestrians survive when hit by a vehicle traveling 50 miles per hour. She reviewed the single year and 5-year rolling regional average safety targets.

Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena, asked about bicycle registration as a way to generate revenue and promote safer street conditions for bicyclists, pedestrians and vehicles. Ms. Chanchlani responded that bicycle registration can be included in the plan as a safety element.

Naresh Amatya, SCAG staff, concluded the presentation by noting that on November 7, 2019 the draft of Connect SoCal will be presented to a joint policy committee meeting for their consideration to release the document for public review. Additionally, once approval is given, public comment will be sought from November 2019 through mid-January 2020 including a series of workshops and public hearings throughout the region. Findings from the public hearings will be reviewed with the policy committees and Regional Council in March 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

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2019																Total Mtgs Attended
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JAN (dark)	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC		
Ashton, Sean	Downey	District 25		1	1	1		1		1	1	1				
Bailey, Rusty	Riverside	WRCOG			1	1					1	1				
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County	Los Angeles County		1		1		1			1					
Benoit, Ben	Wildomar	South Coast AQMD			1	1		1		1	1	1				
Berg, Will	Port Hueneme	VCOG		1		1		1			1	1				
Bishop, Austin	Palmdale	North L.A.														
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo	El Segundo		1	1			1			1	1				
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21		1	1	1		1		1	1					
Buscaino, Joe	Los Angeles	District 62									1	1				
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCTA		1	1			1		1	1	1				
Curtis, Jonathan	La Cañada Flintridge	District 36		1	1	1										
Dixon, Diane	Newport Beach	OCCOG														
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair	SBCTA								NM	1	1				
Gabel-Luddy, Emily	Burbank	AVCIPA		1	1	1		1		1	1					
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39		1	1	1		1		1	1	1				
Hadjinian, Jack	Montebello	SGVCOG		1	1	1		1		1						
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino Cnty	San Bernardino Cnty		1		1		1								
Hamada, Ray	Bellflower	Bellflower				1		1		1	1					
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC			1	1		1		1	1	1				
Harrington, Dave	Aliso Viejo	OCCOG														
Hofbauer, Steven	Palmdale	District 43		1	1					1	1	1				
Huizar, Jose	City of Los Angeles	District 61														
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC		1	1	1		1		1	1					
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG		1	1	1		1		1	1					
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49														
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG			1					1		1				
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4		1	1			1		1	1	1				
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63		1	1	1		1		1	1	1				
Marquez, Paul	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio		1	1	1		1			1	1				
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10		1	1	1		1		1	1	1				
McCallon, Larry	Highland	SBCTA		1	1	1		1		1	1	1				
McDonald, Brian	Tribal Gov't Board	Tribal Gov't Board								1	1	1				
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67		1	1	1		1		1	1	1				
Medina, Dan	Gardena	District 28		1	1	1		1		1	1	1				
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9			1			1		1		1				
Middleton, Lisa	Palm Springs	CVAG								1	1	1				
Minagar, Fred	Laguna Niguel	District 12		1	1	1				1		1				
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG		1	1	1				1	1	1				
Moss, Cory	City of Industry	SGVCOG									1	1				
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCIPA		1	1			1			1					
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6			1	1		1			1	1				
Pacheco, Hector	San Fernando	District										1				
Puckett, Charles	Tustin	District 17		1	1			1		1	1	1				
Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park	SGVCOG		1	1	1		1		1	1					
Reece, Ed	Claremont	SGVCOG									1	1				
Robinson, Dwight	Lake Forest	OCCOG														
Rodriguez, Carlos	Yorba Linda	President's Appt		1	1	1		1				1				
Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG		1		1				1	1					
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG		1	1	1					1	1				
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38		1		1		1			1					
Santos, Rey	Beaumont	District 3								1	1	1				
Schwank, Zak	Temecula	District 5										1				
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22			1	1		1		1	1	1				
Small, Thomas	Culver City	Culver City			1	1					1					
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake										1				
Smith, Larry	Calimesa	Calimesa								1	1	1				
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	Riverside County			1	1		1		1	1	1				
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City	SGVCOG		1		1				1	1					
Talamantes, Jess	Burbank	SFVCOG		1	1	1		1		1	1	1				
Tercero, Brent	Pico Rivera	GCCOG		1	1					1	1	1				
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar	District 37						1		1	1	1				
Viegas-Walker, Cheryl	El Centro	District 1		1		1		1		1	1	1				
Wagner, Don	Orange County	Orange County						1		1						
Wapner, Alan	Ontario	SBCTA		1	1	1		1		1	1	1				
Weintraub, Alicia	Calabasas	LVMCOG		1				1			1					

Attachment: TC Attendance Sheet (Minutes of the Meeting - October 3, 2019)