



Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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, OCTA	District 16
Hon. Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles County
Hon. Liz Becerra, SBCTA/SBCCOG	District 65
Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar	South Coast AQMD
Hon. Russel Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Art Brown, OCTA	District 21
Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Denise Diaz, GCCOG	District 25
Hon. John Dutrey, Montclair	SBCTA/SBCCOG
Hon. James Gazeley, SBCCOG	District 39
Hon. Jason Gibbs, Santa Clarita	NCTC
Hon. Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
Hon. Ray Hamada, GCCOG	District 24
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Laura Hernandez, VCOG	District 45
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. Steve Manos, WRCOG	District 63
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills (Chair)	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 (Vice Chair)	District 38
Hon. Rey Santos, Beaumont	District 3
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon. Jeremy Smith, Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood	District 26
Hon. Hilda Solis	Los Angeles County
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank	Pres. Appt.
Hon. Steve Tye	District 37
Hon. Michael Vargas	Riverside County
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Don Wagner	Orange County
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. Andrew Do	Orange County
Hon. Darrell Dorris	Lancaster, NCTC
Hon. Brian Goodell, Mission Viejo	OCTA
Hon. Heather Hutt, Los Angeles	District 45
Hon. Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Blanca Pacheco	GCCOG
Hon. Zak Schwank, Temecula	District 5

Hon. Ward Smith, Placentia	OCCOG
Hon. Karen Spiegel	Riverside County
Hon. Scott Voigts, Lake Forest	OCCOG

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, Brea, 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. David Salgado, 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, October 6, 2022

Receive and File

2. Transmittal to South Coast Air Quality Management District of Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Appendix IV-C Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures
 3. Federal Performance Measures (PM 2/PM 3) Existing Conditions
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4. Status Update on Clean Air Act Highway Sanction Clocks in SCAG Region
5. SCAG Draft Digital Acton Plan
6. Pedestrian Safety Month: Highlighting Go Human’s 2021 Outcomes
7. Update on Connect SoCal 2024 Financial Plan Development: Operations and Maintenance Policy
8. Local Information Services Team (LIST) Status Update for Connect SoCal 2024 Local Data Exchange (LDX) Process
9. 2022 Racial Equity Baseline Conditions Report Release

A MOTION was made (Viegas-Walker) to approve Consent Calendar Item 1; and Receive and File Items 2 through 9. The motion was SECONDED (Harnik) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: BACERRA, BARGER, BECERRA, BENOIT, BETTS, BROWN A., CHUN, DIAZ, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GIBBS, HAMADA, HARNIK, HERNANDEZ, HORVATH, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, PRIMUTH, REECE, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SIMONOFF, SMITH J., SOLIS, TALAMANTES, TYE, VARGAS, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (44)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

ACTION ITEMS

10. Trade Corridor Enhancement Program SCAG Region Project Nominations

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Scott Strelecki, SCAG staff, reported on the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP). Mr. Strelecki noted the TCEP was established under SB 1 in 2017 and provides an ongoing source of state funding combined with federal funding dedicated to freight related infrastructure improvements. These improvements are for the federally designated Trade Corridors of National



and Regional Significance and freight networks that experience a high volume of freight movement. The program will provide funding for 2023-24 and 2024-25. He noted SCAG is responsible for compiling a list of regional project nominations according to the TCEP Guidelines.

Mr. Strelecki reported SCAG received 16 project nominations totaling \$675,393,370. He noted modifications to the list will continue up to the deadline. Additionally, the City of Santa Ana notified that it will submit an application for the Santa Ana Grade Separation Project. This inclusion will increase the nominations to 17 and add an additional \$5 million to the request total. The Santa Ana request is included in today's proposal to the Regional Council. It was further noted that the California Department of Transportation has proposed that SCAG partner on a Caltrans led TravelCenters of America application. The project will promote a shift to zero emissions vehicles by building supportive infrastructure.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to recommend that the Regional Council: 1) approve the SCAG region project nominations seeking Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funding; and 2) authorize SCAG staff to proceed with a TCEP grant application in coordination with Caltrans and TravelCenters of America, upon staff determining (in collaboration with Caltrans) that risk and liability to SCAG can be appropriately mitigated should the grant be awarded. The motion was SECONDED (Solis) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: BACERRA, BARGER, BECERRA, BENOIT, BETTS, BROWN A., CHUN, DIAZ, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GIBBS, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HERNANDEZ, HORVATH, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, PRIMUTH, REECE, RUIZ, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SIMONOFF, SMITH J., SOLIS, TALAMANTES, TYE, VARGAS, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER (45)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

11. REAP 2021 County Transportation Commission Partnership Program – Guidelines and Call for Projects

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Kate Kigongo, SCAG staff, reported on the REAP 2021 County Transportation Commission Partnership Program. Ms. Kigongo stated Regional Early Action Program (REAP) 2021 is a \$600

million statewide program in which SCAG's portion is \$246 million. Its purpose is to spur transformative planning and implementation activities. REAP objectives include promoting infill housing development, reduce vehicle miles travelled and affirmatively further fair housing. To advance these goals two transportation programs have been developed. The CTC Partnership Program provides \$80 million in a competitive call for projects to advance high-impact and transformative concepts consistent with Key Connection strategies in Connect SoCal. The Regional Pilot Initiatives (RPI) Program is a \$15 million program to implement innovate pilot projects region-wide. She reviewed project eligibility, scoring criteria as well as priorities such as transit recovery, shared mobility and mobility hubs. The CTC Partnership timeline was reviewed and it was noted SCAG will open the Call for Projects pending HCD approval of the final REAP 2.0 application.

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, asked how the stakeholder engagement will be evaluated. Ms. Kigongo responded that the focus will be on the quality of engagement rather than quantity.

A MOTION was made (Brown) to recommend that the Regional Council: 1) approve and adopt the REAP 2.0 County Transportation Commission Guidelines; 2) authorize SCAG staff to open the CTC Partnership Program Call for Projects, pending HCD approval of SCAG's final REAP 2.0 application; and 3) authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to revise the Guidelines as needed for compliance with the state REAP 2.0 program and/or feedback from the REAP 2.0 program team. The motion was SECONDED (Minagar) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: BARGER, BECERRA, BENOIT, BETTS, BROWN A., CHUN, DIAZ, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GIBBS, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HERNANDEZ, HORVATH, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, PRIMUTH, RUIZ, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SIMONOFF, SMITH J., SOLACHE, SOLIS, STERNQUIST, TALAMANTES, TYE, VARGAS, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (46)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

INFORMATION ITEM

12. State Transportation Funding Overview

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Steven Keck, Chief Financial Officer, Caltrans, introduced a report on state transportation funding. Mr. Keck first reviewed the current sources of state and federal funding noting state funding includes gas and diesel excise taxes, commercial vehicle weight fees, cap and trade revenues, transportation improvement fee and zero emission vehicle fees. He noted SB 1 has been in effect for 5 years and provides \$54 billion in revenue over a ten-year period. The state tax per gallon is 53.9 cents. Federal funding is sourced from fuel taxes, general fund and truck and tire fees. The federal tax of 18.4 cents per gallon has not been adjusted in nearly 30 years. Mr. Keck noted the importance of the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act approved November 15, 2021. He emphasized that under the current system, different vehicle types are currently taxed unevenly depending on their age and gas mileage. Mr. Keck concluded by noting that the current transition to electric vehicles and a general increase in fuel efficiency means that funding for transportation will decrease over time and there is a need to modernize the transportation funding system.

Lauren Prehoda, Road Charge Manager, introduced current road charge efforts. Ms. Prehoda stated a road charge is a per mile fee per vehicle to be used as a replacement for the gas tax. A road charge provides a funding structure which is equitable for all users as it is based on use of the transportation system. She reviewed the road charge operation structure noting the state would oversee third-party commercial account managers who receive payment from individual taxpayers. This will enhance privacy and provide an administrative structure. The possible mileage reporting options were reviewed such as a plug-in device or cell phone application. Ms. Prehoda concluded by noting that transportation funding will need to be modernized as consumers switch to new technology such as electric vehicles.

Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA, District 7, stated he supports pricing the transportation system like a utility and asked if commercial vehicles such as trucks will be transitioned to a mileage-based user fee. Ms. Prehoda responded that trucks would be covered to a mileage based fee.

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, asked about vehicles that cross state borders and how they would be assessed the user fee. Ms. Prehoda responded that a regional system is being investigated which would take into account this type of travel.

Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto, WRCOG, expressed concern that the mileage-based user fee would be harmful to lower income drivers. Ms. Prehoda responded that those drivers often own older vehicles that get lower gas mileage meaning they are being disproportionately taxed under the current system.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hon. Ray Marquez, SBCTA/SBCCOG, District 10, reported that SCAG's 13th Annual Economic Summit would take place December 1, 2022 at the Sheraton Grand in downtown. Elected officials and city managers may attend for free. He also noted that Connect SoCal 2024, SCAG was nearing the end of the data collection phase of the plan development. He also reported that Tuesday, November 1, 2022, was the deadline for county transportation commissions to submit their project information and that local jurisdictions were asked to provide comments on the data collected in the local data exchange process. He indicated that policy discussions would continue through the upcoming year.

METROLINK REPORT

Hon. Art Brown, OCCOG, District 21 reported that the new Redlands Rail Arrow service began operating between San Bernardino and Redlands. He stated that planned and constructed by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) and operated by Metrolink, Arrow operates 42 weekday trains between 5:30 a.m. and 9 p.m., with service also on Saturdays and Sundays, from San Bernardino-Downtown Station, as well as four new stations: San Bernardino-Tippecanoe, Redlands-Esri, Redlands downtown and Redlands-University. He indicated that the two San Bernardino Line Express trains will also be extended to the Redlands downtown station connecting Redlands to Los Angeles Union Station. He noted that a five-acre site in the City of Rancho Cucamonga is being sold to Brightline West for its future Rancho Cucamonga station for its high-speed rail service to Las Vegas. He noted that Metrolink celebrated its 30th anniversary October 26 by greeting afternoon and evening travelers at Los Angeles Union Station with gifts of Metrolink memorabilia.

Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA, District 7, reported that train service to San Diego is anticipated to return in the current month after track instability caused a service interruption.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hon. Marsha McClean, NLAC, District 67, requested an agenda item on funding for double tracking efforts for the Metrolink Antelope Valley line. Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, requested an agenda item on Metro's 710 south corridor efforts. Hon. Mike Judge, Simi Valley, VCTC, requested an item on the state's effort toward electrification and the development of the needed infrastructure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills, District 10, announced that committee members Hon. Cheyl Viegas-Walker and Hon. Jess Talamantes had chosen not to seek reelection and thanked them for many years of service to the public and the committee. Both departing members Cheryl Viegas-Walker and Jess Talamantes thanked the committee.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Marquez adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 11:28 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		1	1	1				
Barger, Kathryn		Los Angeles County	1			1	1	1				
Becerra, Liz	Victorville	District 65	1	1		1	1	1				
Benoit, Ben		South Coast AQMD	1	1		1	1	1				
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG	1	1		1	1	1				
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21	1	1		1	1	1				
Brown, Lorrie	Ventura	District 47	1	1			1					
Buscaino, Joe	Los Angeles	District 62										
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCTA		1		1	1	1				
Diaz, Denise	Southgate	District 25	1	1		1		1				
Do, Andrew		Orange County	1	1		1	1					
Dorris, Darrell	Lancaster	NCTC	1	1		1	1					
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair	SBCTA	1	1		1	1	1				
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39	1	1		1	1	1				
Gibbs, Jason	Santa Clarita	NCTC	1	1			1	1				
Goodell, Brian	Mission Viejo	OCTA	1	1		1	1					
Hagman, Curt		San Bernardino Cnty	1	1		1	1	1				
Hamada, Ray	Bellflower	Bellflower	1	1		1	1	1				
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC	1	1		1	1	1				
Hernandez, Laura	Prt Hueneme	District 45		1				1				
Horvath, Lindsey	West Hollywood	WSCCOG	1			1	1	1				
Hutt, Heather	Los Angeles	District 57										
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC	1	1		1	1	1				
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1				
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49										
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG	1	1		1	1	1				
Loa, Richard	Palmdale	NCTC		1		1	1	1				
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4	1	1		1	1	1				
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63	1	1				1				
Marquez, Paul	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio	1			1	1	1				
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1		1	1	1				
McCallon, Larry	SBCTA/SBCCOG	District 7	1	1		1	1	1				
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67	1	1		1	1	1				
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9	1	1		1	1	1				
Minagar, Fred	Laguna Niguel	District 12	1	1		1	1	1				
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG	1	1		1		1				
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCJPA	1			1						
Nava-Froelich, Maria		ICTC	1	1		1	1	1				
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6	1	1		1	1	1				
Pacheco, Blanca	Downey	GCCOG										
Primuth, Jon	S. Pasadena	AVCJPA	1	1				1				
Reece, Ed	Claremont	SGVCOG	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	1	1				
Schwank, Zak	Temecula	District 5		1								
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22	1	1		1	1	1				
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake		1		1	1	1				
Smith, Ward	Placentia	OCCOG		1		1	1					

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