



Southern California Association of Governments
February 5, 2026

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025**

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 in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon.	Mike T. Judge (Chair)		VCTC
Hon.	Thomas Wong (Vice Chair)	<i>Monterey Park</i>	SGVCOG
Hon.	Phil Bacerra	<i>Orange Count, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon.	Ryan Balius	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon.	Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Hon.	Brian Berkson	<i>Jurupa Valley, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon.	John Dutrey	<i>Montclair</i>	District 9
Hon.	Bryan Fish	<i>Culver City</i>	WSCCOG
Hon.	John Gabbard	<i>Dana Point</i>	District 12
Hon.	Jason Gibbs	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	NCTC
Hon.	William Go	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon.	Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Hon.	Jan Harnik		RCTC
Hon.	Lauren Hughes-Leslie	<i>Lancaster</i>	NCTC JPA
Hon.	Fred Jung	<i>Fullerton</i>	District 21
Hon.	Trish Kelley		TCA
Hon.	Lauren Kleinman	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon.	Linda Krupa	<i>Hemet</i>	District 3
Hon.	Andrew Lara	<i>Pico Rivera</i>	District 31
Hon.	Carlos Leon		OCTA
Hon.	Ken Mann	<i>Lancaster</i>	NCTC
Hon.	Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon.	Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon.	Larry McCallon		Air District Representative
Hon.	Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon.	Carol Moore	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon.	Juan Munoz-Guevara	<i>Lynwood</i>	GCCOG

Hon.	Ara Najarian	<i>Glendale</i>	SFVCOG
Hon.	Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon.	David Ready	<i>Palm Springs</i>	CVAG
Hon.	Ed Reece	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon.	Crystal Ruiz	<i>San Jacinto</i>	WRCOG
Hon.	Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon.	Steve Sanchez	<i>La Quinta</i>	District 66
Hon.	Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon.	Asam Sheikh	<i>Torrance</i>	SBCCOG
Hon.	Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon.	Jeremy Smith	<i>Canyon Lake, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon.	Ward Smith	<i>Placentia</i>	OCCOG
Hon.	Wes Speake	<i>Corona</i>	WRCOG
Hon.	Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Hon.	Cynthia Sternquist	<i>Temple City</i>	SGVCOG
Hon.	William Uphoff	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCCOG
Hon.	Michael Vargas	<i>Perris, Pres. Appt.</i>	WRCOG
Hon.	Colleen Wallace	<i>Banning</i>	WRCOG
Hon.	Alan Wapner		SBCTA
Hon.	Zhen Wu	<i>San Clemente</i>	OCCOG
Mr.	Marlon Regisford	<i>Caltrans District 7</i>	Ex-Officio Member

Members Not Present:

Hon.	Zeel Ahir	<i>Artesia</i>	GCCOG
Hon.	Javier Amezcuia	<i>Calipatria</i>	ICTC
Hon.	Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	SGVCOG
Hon.	Austin Bishop	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon.	Jeanette Burns		Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon.	Denise Delgado	<i>Coachella, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon.	Jonathan Dumitru	<i>Orange</i>	District 17
Hon.	Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon.	Heather Hutt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon.	Bridgett Lewis	<i>Torrance, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon.	Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon.	Tim McOsker	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon.	Linda Molina	<i>Calimesa, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon.	Zizette Mullins	<i>Burbank</i>	AVCJPA
Hon.	Nikki Perez	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon.	Gil Rebollar	<i>Brawley</i>	District 1
Hon.	Gabriel Reyes	<i>Adelanto, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon.	Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon.	Emma Sharif	<i>Compton</i>	District 26
Hon.	Hilda Solis		Los Angeles County

Hon. Edward Twining	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Scott Voigts	<i>Lake Forest</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Don Wagner		Orange County

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mike Judge, VCTC, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore, District 63, led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Judge opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for comments 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.

No members of the public requested to comment.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – September 4, 2025
2. 2024 Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation and Safety Amended Guidelines
3. Resolution No. 25-676-2 Acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds to Support the Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign
4. Resolution No. 25-676-3 Acceptance of FFY26 Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds to Support the SoCal Transportation Safety Predictive Modeling and Analysis Platform

Receive and File

5. Transportation Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items
6. CalSTA Transit Transformation Task Force Update

7. REAP 2.0 Program Update

A MOTION was made (Hagman) to approve Consent Calendar item 1 through 4; and Receive and File items 5 through 7. The motion was SECONDED (Gabbard) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: Bacerra, Balius, Barger, Dutrey, Gabbard, Gibbs, Go, Hagman, Harnik, Hughes-Leslie, Judge, Jung, Kelley, Krupa, Lara, Mann, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, Moore, Munoz-Guevara, Najarian, Navarro, Reece, Saleh, Sandoval, Sheikh, Simonoff, Smith J., Smith W., Speake, Uphoff, Vargas, Wallace, Wapner, Wong, Wu (37)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Wu, item 1 (1)

ACTION ITEM

8. FFY 2026-27 & FFY 2027-28 STBG/CMAQ Award Recommendations

Heidi Busslinger, SCAG staff, reported on the FFY 2026-27 & FFY 2027-28 STBG/CMAQ Award Recommendations. She stated the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds transportation projects or programs that reduce congestion and improve air quality for areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for criteria air pollutant. The amount available in this CMAQ funding cycle is \$615 million. The Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance of highways, bridges, and public roads, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects. This STBG cycle, \$634 million is available. Ms. Busslinger noted that SCAG in its role as a Metropolitan Planning Organization, is responsible for facilitating STBG/CMAQ funding. She reviewed the call for projects guidelines, milestones and evaluation criteria.

Ms. Busslinger reviewed the project applications received and the requested funding totals. She noted 130 projects are recommended for funding, totaling \$1.2 billion. County level projects and funding were reviewed noting further details are provided in the agenda packet. With committee approval these projects will be forwarded to the Regional Council.

Hector Rodriguez, Access Services, commented in support of approving the funding projects as it will help Access Services continue serving those needing accommodation for the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Hon. Larry McCallon, Air District Representative, commented that shifting this process to the MPOs seems inefficient requiring additional process. Kome Ajise, SCAG Executive Director, responded that SCAG had been deemed out of compliance in the past and compliance requires that the agency conduct the STBG/CMAQ funding process.

Hon. John Gabbard, asked for follow up information regarding the administrative portion. Mr. Ajise responded that it will be provided.

Hon. Trish Kelley, TCA, asked why some projects were only partially funded and how that determination was made. Mr. Ajise responded that one key criterion was to determine if a project could be started within a particular timeframe. He noted that another funding cycle will occur in two years.

A MOTION was made (Hagman) to recommend that the Regional Council: (1) approve the FFY 2026-27 and 2027-28 STBG/CMAQ Project Award List and Contingency List; and (2) authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to make programming adjustments as necessary. The motion was SECONDED (Barger) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: Bacerra, Balias, Barger, Berkson, Dutrey, Gabbard, Gibbs, Go, Hagman, Harnik, Hughes-Leslie, Judge, Jung, Kelley, Kleiman, Krupa, Lara, Leon, Mann, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Moore, Munoz-Guevara, Najarian, Navarro, Ready, Reece, Ruiz, Saleh, Sanchez, Sandoval, Sheikh, Simonoff, Smith J., Smith W., Speake, Spiegel, Sternquist, Uphoff, Vargas, Wallace, Wapner, Wong, Wu (46)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Regional Pilot Initiative (RPI) Program Update

Krystal Ayala, SCAG staff, provided an update on the Regional Pilot Initiative (RPI) program. She noted the RPI program was designed to accelerate the region's ability to activate programs from Connect SoCal 2024 and advance state and regional objectives. She reviewed pilot projects including Transportation Data Analysis Technical Assistance Program, E-Bike Lending Library, Open Loop Fare Payment Demonstration and Mobility Hubs Pilots. She reviewed each of the programs noting the Open Loop Fare Payment Demonstration involves station-based validators for an easier rider experience with a look ahead to the 2028 Olympic Games. This initiative is underway and will launch in 2026. Next, she reviewed the E-Bike Lending Library which will install an E-bike hub in the Watts neighborhood allowing community members to check out a bike for local use. This will launch in 2026. This pilot program could be a model to develop similar sites in other communities. The Mobility Hubs program seeks to advance conceptual designs to support implementation of mobility amenities and services. She reviewed next steps for the program.

Hon. Colleen Wallace, Banning, WRCOG, asked about the location of the E-bike hub in Watts. Ms.

Ayalya responded that it will be located in the Nickerson Gardens area but will serve the greater community.

Denise Neil provided a public comment stating she has been active in developing multi use hubs around the Metro E line as well as supporting transit-oriented development. She expressed interest in working together around SCAG developed mobility hub concepts.

10. Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies Update

There were no public comments on Item No. 10.

Ryan Banuelos, SCAG staff, provided an update on Connect SoCal 2024 Implementation Strategies. Mr. Banuelos reported SCAG's role is mainly policy development, strategy, and funding while other agencies and private organizations, for example, operate transit services, install new bike paths, approve new land uses, or build new housing. He noted in addition to enacting Connect SoCal and assisting the region in advancing key performance measures, SCAG supports its partners through collaboration and policy leadership, federal funding administration, data collection, analysis and research and local technical assistance resources. Mr. Banuelos stated the agenda packet lists milestone progress for 56 implementation strategies. The implementation report is organized around four primary goals of mobility, environment, communities and economy. He next reviewed projects moving forward toward these goals.

METROLINK REPORT

Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea, District 22, announced Metrolink saw record ridership for the Dodgers parade. All train lines were busy and once fans reached Union Station, they easily transitioned to Metro transit to the event. He noted the system showed it could sufficiently move great numbers of riders daily and capable of meeting needs for the World Cup 2026 and Olympics 2028. Also, the holiday express train will operate on selected days in December promoting a holiday spirit.

Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, District 67, commented that each time a Metrolink promotion is offered ridership increases and encouraged greater service frequency for the region. Zhen Wu, San Clemente, OCCOG, asked how the day pass concept has affected ridership. Paul Hubler, Metrolink, responded that the \$15 day pass allows travel throughout the system and has increased ridership. Additionally, the student pass has proven successful in broadening the ridership base.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Judge adjourned the meeting of the Transportation Committee at 10:52 a.m.

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MEMBERS	Representing	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Ahir, Zeel	Artesia, GCCOG	1						
Amezcuia, Javier	Calipatria, ICTC				1			
Andrade-Stadler, Adele	Alhambra, SGVCOG							
Bacerra, Phil	Orange County, CoC	1			1		1	
Balius, Ryan	Anaheim, District 19	1			1		1	
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County						1	
Berkson, Brian	Jurupa Valley, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1			1		1	
Burns, Jeanette	Morongo Band of Mission Indians				1			
Delgado, Denise	Coachella, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1			1			
Dumitru, Jonathan	Orange, RC District 17							
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair, SBCTA	1			1		1	
Brian, Fish	Culver City, WCCOG	1			1		1	
Gabbard, John	Dana Point, District 12	1			1		1	
Gibbs, Jason	Santa Clarita, NCTC	1			1		1	
Go, William	Irvine, District 14				1		1	
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino County	1			1		1	
Harnik, Jan	RCTC	1			1		1	
Hernandez, Laura	Port Hueneme, RC District 45	1			1			
Hughes-Leslie, Lauren	Lancaster, NCTC JPA	1			1		1	
Hutt, Heather	Los Angeles, RC District 57							
Judge, Mike	VCTC	1			1		1	
Jung, Fred	Fullerton, OCCOG	1			1		1	
Kelley, Trish	TCA Representative	1			1		1	
Kleiman, Lauren	Newport Beach, District 15	1			1		1	
Krupa, Linda	Hemet, RC District 3	1			1		1	
Lara, Andrew	Pico Rivera, Dist 31	1					1	
Leon, Carlos	OCTA	1					1	
Lewis, Bridgett	Torrance, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)							
Loa, Richard	Palmdale, NCTC	1						
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale, RC District 4	1			1			
Mann, Ken	Lancaster, NCTC						1	
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore, RC District 63	1			1		1	
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills, RC District 10	1			1		1	
McCallon, Larry	Air District Representative	1			1		1	

McLean, Marsha	Santa Clarita, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1	1	1	
McOsker, Tim	Los Angeles, RC District 62				
Molina, Linda	Calimesa, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1	1		
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1	1	1	
Mullins, Zizette	Burbank, AVCJPA		1		
Munoz-Guevara, Juan	Lynwood, GCCOG	1	1	1	
Najarian, Ara	Glendale, SFVCOG	1	1	1	
Navarro, Frank	Colton, RC District 6	1	1	1	
Perez, Nikki	Burbank, District 42		1		
Ready, David	Palm Springs, CVAG	1	1	1	
Rebollar, Gil	Brawley, RC District 1	1	1		
Reece, Ed	Claremont, SGVCOG	1	1	1	
Regisford, Marlon	Caltrans, District 7, Ex-Officio Member	1		1	
Reyes, Gabriel	San Bernardino County CoC		1		
Ruiz, Crystal	Sna Jacinto, WRCOG	1	1	1	
Saleh, Ali	Bell, RC District 27	1	1	1	
Sanchez, Steve	La Quinta, District 66	1	1	1	
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona, RC District 38		1		
Schwank, Zak	Temecula, RC District 5		1		
Sharif, Emma	Compton, District 26		1		
Sheikh, Asam	Torrance, SBCCOG	1		1	
Simonoff, Marty	Brea, RC District 22	1	1	1	
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)		1	1	
Smith, Ward	Placentia, OCCOG	1	1	1	
Solis, Hilda	Los Angeles County				
Speake, Wes	Corona, WRCOG	1	1	1	
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	1	1	1	
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City, SGVCOG	1	1	1	
Twining, Butch	Huntington Beach, District 64	1	1		
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar, RC District 37	1	1		
Uphoff, William	Lomita, SBCCOG	1	1	1	
Vargas, Michael	Perris, Pres Apt		1	1	
Voigts, Scott	Lake Forest, OCCOG				
Wagner, Don	Orange County	1	1		
Wallace, Colleen	Banning, WRCOG	1	1	1	
Wapner, Alan	SBCTA	1	1	1	
Wong, Thomas	Montery Park, SGVCOG	1	1	1	
Wu, Zhen	San Clemente, OCCOG	1		1	