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NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTE

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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- 1. Hon. Alex Fisch Culver City, RC District 41
- 2. Hon. Art Brown Buena Park, RC District 21
- 3. Hon. Keith Eich La Canada Flintridge, RC District 36
- 4. Hon. Margaret Finlay Duarte, RC District 35
- 5. Hon. Jan C. Harnik RCTC
- 6. Hon. Laura Hernandez Port Hueneme, RC District 45
- 7. Hon. Steve Manos Lake Elsinore, RC District 63
- 8. Mr. Paul Marquez Caltrans, District 7, Ex-Officio Non-Voting Member
- 9. Hon. Larry McCallon Highland, RC District 7
- **10. Hon. Carol Moore** Laguna Woods, OCCOG
- 11. George Nava Brawley, ICTC
- **12. Hon. Alan Wapner** SBCTA



Southern California Association of Governments Remote Participation Only Wednesday, October 19, 2022 9:00 AM

The Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee may consider and act upon any of the items on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action items.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (The Honorable Alex Fisch, Chair)

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REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of the Meeting – September 21, 2022

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. Context Setting and Panel Introduction (Warren Whiteaker, Manager of Integrated Planning & Programming) 5 Mins. PPG. 10

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3. Panel Discussion: (How) should our objectives for highway investment evolve? 90 Mins. (Fran Inman, Senior Vice President, Majestic Realty; Benito Pérez, Policy Director, Transportation for America; Jeanie Ward-Waller, Deputy Director, Planning & Modal Programs, Caltrans; Raymond Wolfe, Executive Director, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



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NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE (NGI). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <u>http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/</u>.

The Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee (NGI) 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. Alex Fisch, Chair	Culver City	District 41
Hon. Art Brown	Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Keith Eich	La Cañada Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Margaret Finlay	Duarte	District 35
Hon. Jan Harnik	RCTC	
Hon. Laura Hernandez	Port Hueneme	District 45
Hon. Steve Manos	Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Paul Marquez, Ex-Officio		Caltrans
Hon. Carol Moore	Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Members Not Present		
Hon. Larry McCallon	Highland	District 7
Hon. George Nava	Brawley	ICTC
Hon. Alan Wapner		SBCTA

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Alex Fisch called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and asked the Honorable Paul Marquez, Caltrans, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk confirmed a quorum was present.



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

REPORT

Chair Fisch 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 <u>ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov</u>.

The Clerk acknowledged there were no written public comments for items not listed on the agenda.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEM

There were no reprioritizations made.

ACTION ITEM

1. Selection of Vice Chair

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to nominate Honorable Keith Eich, La Cañada Flintridge, District 36, as Vice-Chair of the Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee. Motion was SECONDED (Fisch) and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Brown, Eich, Finlay, Fisch, Harnik, Manos, and Moore (7)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

There were no public comments on this item.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee Overview

There were no public comments received for this item.

Chair Fisch introduced Warren Whiteaker, SCAG Manager of Integrated Planning and Programming, to present an overview of the Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee's (NGI) outlook and focus.



Mr. Whiteaker's presentation included background information of the Connect SoCal 2024 process and an overview of the NGI Subcommittee goals and planning process. He noted each subcommittee would include contextual presentations from SCAG staff and subject matter experts while allowing ample time for discussion. Lastly, he detailed that subcommittee discussion and feedback would build toward a white paper with recommendations on how these emerging issues were addressed in Connect SoCal 2024.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation were included in the agenda packet.

3. How Has Travel Changed with COVID and What Will This Mean for Long-Range Transportation Planning?

Chair Fisch outlined how Item No. 3 would be run. He explained this item was the core of that day's discussion and would focus on how travel behavior was evolving. He stated it would explore telecommuting/hybrid work, including potential implications of higher levels of working-from-home on job centers and future commute patterns. He stated they would also explore the contribution of non-commute travel to increasing traffic and aligning their investment strategies with the non-commute geospatial patterns and modal choices. He explained that after he asked for public comments, Professor Giovanni Circella, the Director of the 3 Revolutions Future Mobility Program at the University of California, Davis would be providing a brief presentation followed by the opportunity to ask clarifying questions on his presentation. Then, Professor Brian Taylor, the Director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles would provide the final presentation. He explained they would follow by asking any clarifying questions on the presentation and that the remaining time would be devoted to a dialogue with their guests on understanding the emerging trends and considering the implication for investment strategies.

There were no public comments received for this item.

Chair Fisch introduced Professor Giovanni Circella, Director, 3 Revolutions Future Mobility Program, UC Davis.

Professor Circella provided a presentation on the research they did, which was funded by SCAG, to investigate the impacts of the pandemic on travel behavior.

Professor Circella responded to comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers, including observations that focused on the impact COVID had on the older population, the effects of rising prices of gasoline and the sense of security around use of public transportation. He also addressed questions about data to analyze the impacts of COVID among counties, as each county responded differently to COVID and data to analyze differences among populations of those with kids as opposed to those without.



Chair Fisch introduced Professor Bryan Taylor, Director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Professor Taylor provided a presentation and explained his work complemented what Professor Circella had done. He stated there were two parts and the first he would address research generally on working from home and its implications for travel. He explained this would cover some research in Southern California, nationally, Canada and around the world. He stated he would then turn to data specifically on the SCAG region, and what was happening in the PM peak period.

Professor Taylor responded to comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers, including observations that focused on the impact of populations driving longer distances back into the city after moving out during the pandemic, as well as the impact of school start times being pushed back further and further.

Executive Director Ajise thanked Chair Fisch as well as the subcommittee members for taking the time to that day. He stated he wanted to give an appreciation to Professors Circella and Taylor for the conversation. He stated this was a brand-new process for them, where they were extending a policy conversation beyond their normal structure. He stated they were hoping the information being presented provided a baseline for the conversations that committee would be having. He stated the [sub]committee was free to adjust the agenda as needed. He stated they were looking for what the transportation of the future was as they thought of their 2024 plan to meet the multiple objective outcomes they had. He stated these were the conversations they would have and wanted to make sure they had a context as to what the conversation was.

Chair Fisch stated that at the start of the pandemic, as they looked into the future, the possibility that had been articulated of multiple firms downsizing and occupying the most prime space, preoccupied him. He stated to hear that it was still a possibility was very interesting because of the implications for housing and the transportation system. He stated he wanted to emphasize this between meetings. Lastly, he thanked the presenters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items requested.

ADJOURNMENT



There being no further business, Chair Fisch adjourned the Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee meeting at 11:02 a.m.

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AGENDA ITEM 2

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From: Warren Whiteaker, Manager of Integrated Planning & Programming (213) 236-1810, whiteakerw@scag.ca.gov

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL

Subject: Context Setting and Panel Introduction

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG is currently developing Connect SoCal 2024. Three special Regional Council Subcommittees have been created around Next Generation Infrastructure, Resilience and Conservation, and Racial Equity and Regional Planning. Each subcommittee will meet four times between September 2022 and January 2023, with the end goal of identifying recommendations via a white paper that will inform how these emerging issues are addressed in Connect SoCal 2024.

The goal of the Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee is to build on Connect SoCal 2020 and provide guidance on the priorities and strategies for Connect SoCal 2024, reflecting the rapidly evolving developments across the region specific to the future of mobility and associated implications for public policy. The need for a more comprehensive understanding of these developments and consensus building on key regional strategies and policies is even more evident today in preparation for Connect SoCal 2024 as we continue to grapple with the pandemic, a more challenging economic environment, and shifting state and federal priorities with increasing uncertainties across the planning horizon.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG prepares a long-range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) every four years, which provides a vision for integrating land use and transportation for increased mobility and more sustainable growth. SCAG's next RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal 2024, will incorporate important updates of fundamental data, enhanced strategies and investments based



on, and intended to strengthen, the plan adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in 2020. The pillars of Connect SoCal 2020—the Core Vision and Key Connections—are anticipated to continue into Connect SoCal 2024. The Core Vision centers on maintaining and better managing the transportation network we have for moving people and goods, while expanding mobility choices by locating housing, jobs, and transit closer together and increasing investment in transit and complete streets. The Key Connections augment the Core Vision of the plan to address trends and emerging challenges.

The adoption of Connect SoCal 2020 illustrated the complexity of long-range planning with rapidly evolving developments across the region ranging from broader sustainability and air quality issues to the future of mobility and associated implications for public policy. The need for more comprehensive understanding of these developments and consensus building on key regional strategies and policies is even more evident today in preparation for Connect SoCal 2024 as we continue to grapple with the pandemic, a more challenging economic environment, and increasing uncertainties across the planning horizon. The emerging landscape will be complex, likely exacerbating many of our existing core challenges.

Over the course of the next fiscal year, SCAG staff will be seeking direction from our policy makers, through the relevant Policy Committees, on the priorities and strategies for Connect SoCal 2024 to better align investments across the region.

NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE:

The Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee will convene four times between September 2022 and January 2023. To facilitate greater policy discussion of key areas anticipated to be critical for the development of Connect SoCal 2024, the Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee is anticipated to discuss and respond to the following policy questions, generating recommendations for Policy Committee consideration:

- How has travel changed with COVID and what will this mean for long-range transportation planning?
- (How) should our objectives for highway investment evolve?
- How do we ensure transit recovery?
- (How) should we better align the way we pay for transportation with equity and resiliency goals?

The four meetings will include contextual presentations from SCAG staff and subject matter experts while allowing ample time for Subcommittee discussion. Subcommittee discussion and feedback will build toward a white paper with recommendations on how these emerging issues are addressed in Connect SoCal 2024.



The meeting on October 19th will be the second Subcommittee meeting and will focus on evolving objectives for highway investment. Following a brief contextual presentation from SCAG staff, a panel discussion will comprise the bulk of the meeting. The panelist are:

- Fran Inman, Senior Vice President, Majestic Realty
- Benito Pérez, Policy Director, Transportation for America
- Jeanie Ward-Waller, Deputy Director, Planning & Modal Programs, Caltrans
- Raymond Wolfe, Executive Director, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

The panel discussion will be facilitated by the Subcommittee Chair. The panelists will explore how highway investment policies have evolved in recent years, including shifting away from highway capacity investments. The discussion will also explore the implications of changing highway objectives for goods movement and the supply chain. The panelist will also address how we might reimagine use of our public rights-of-way, including for Complete Streets, safety improvements, and curb space management.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 22-23 Overall Work Program (310.4874.01: Connect SoCal Development).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - Context Setting and Panel Introduction

Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee

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GOAL

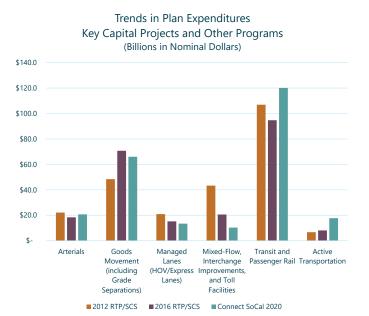
Build on Connect SoCal 2020 and provide guidance on the priorities and strategies for Connect SoCal 2024, reflecting the rapidly evolving developments across the region specific to the future of mobility and associated implications for public policy

Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee: Schedule of Topics

#	DATE	ΤΟΡΙΟ
1	September 21	How has travel changed with COVID and what will this mean for long- range transportation planning?
2	October 19	(How) should our objectives for highway investment evolve?
3	November 16	How do we ensure transit recovery?
4	January 18	(How) should we better align the way we pay for transportation with equity and resiliency goals?

What to Expect

- Contextual presentations
 - SCAG staff and
 - Subject matter experts
- Ample time for Subcommittee discussion
- Subcommittee discussion and feedback that will build towards a white paper identifying recommendations on how these emerging issues are addressed in Connect SoCal 2024



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Major Connect SoCal 2020 Highway Elements

How has our highway investments evolved?

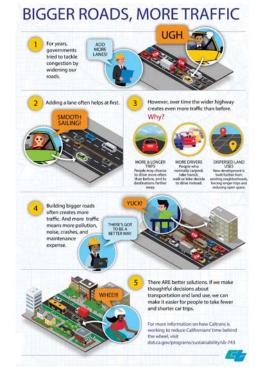
 Build-out of Regional Express Lane Network and Goods Movement Roadway Access Improvements

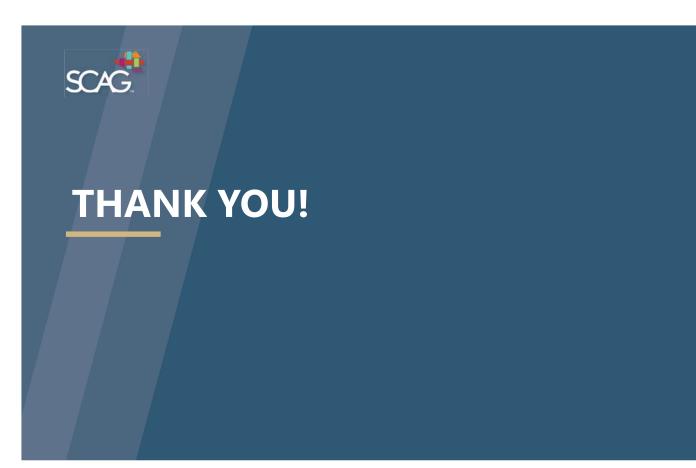




Emerging Issues

- Addressing induced demand
- Shifting funding priorities
 - Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI)
- Curb space management and Complete Streets





Panelists: (How) should our objectives for highway investment evolve?



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