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NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 16, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
Wednesday, November 16, 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)*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

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NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of the Meeting – October 19, 2022

PPG. 5

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. Context Setting and Panel Introduction

10 Mins.

PPG. 10

(Phillip Law, Manager of Mobility Planning and Goods Movement)

3. Panel Discussion: How do we ensure transit recovery?

80 Mins.

(Rolando Cruz, City of Culver City, Culver CityBus, Chief Transportation Officer; Roderick Diaz, Metrolink, Director of Planning + Development; Krista Glotzbach, Via, Partnerships Lead; Lauren McCarthy, Shared-Use Mobility Center, Director and Strategic Lead, California and Western States Programs)

4. Concluding Comments

5 Mins.

(Phillip Law, Manager of Mobility Planning and Goods Movement)

ADJOURNMENT



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NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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: <http://scag.igm2.com/Citizens/>.

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	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
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Hon. Carol Moore	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon. George Nava	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC

Members Not Present

Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Alan Wapner		SBCTA

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Alex Fisch called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and asked the Honorable Keith Eich, Cañada Flintridge, District 36, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk confirmed a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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 ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov.

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on this item.

1. Minutes of the Meeting – September 21, 2022

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (McCallon) and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Eich, Finlay, Fisch, Harnik, McCallon, and Nava (6)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. Context Setting and Panel Introduction

There were no public comments received for this item.

Chair Fisch introduced Warren Whiteaker, SCAG Manager of Integrated Planning and Programming, to present Item No. 2.

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. 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. He stated they would be diving deeper into the white paper development in the next two meetings. Lastly, he provided context to that day's discussion and briefly touched on highway investment evolution and emerging issues.

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

3. Panel Discussion: (How) should our objectives for highway investment evolve?

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 highway investment policies had evolved in recent years, including shifting away from capacity investments in highways. He stated the discussion would explore the implications of changing highway objectives for goods movement and the supply chain. He stated the panelists would also address how they might reimagine the use of their public rights of way including for complete streets, for safety improvements and curb space management. He explained that after he asked for public comments, he would ask the panelists to introduce themselves and share their opening statements on how their objectives for highway investments should evolve. Lastly, he then stated that following their opening statements, he would be facilitating the dialogue with the [panelists].

There were no public comments received for this item.

Chair Fisch asked Jeanie Ward-Waller Deputy Director, Planning & Modal Programs, to introduce herself and share opening thoughts with the group.

Ms. Ward-Waller introduced herself and provided a presentation before the group. She expressed she thought all topics were relevant to Caltrans and changes they were making to their strategic plan and in their organization at the state level. She shared the state highway system was not functioning at maximum capacity and they were seeing increasing congestion all over the place. She stated that the vehicle emissions from that were a huge issue, for both air quality and greenhouse gas emissions. Ms. Ward-Waller also shared how California will always have a need for the state highway system, to drive and move goods, therefore Caltrans was committed to the system but needs to operate it differently. She stated they needed to maximize accessibility and be more innovative. She also touched on SB 743, and how expanding the highway system did not fix the challenges, but rather induced more traffic rather than relieving congestion.

The comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation can be found on SCAG's website.

Chair Fisch asked Benito Perez, Policy Director, Transportation for America to introduced himself and share his opening thoughts.

Mr. Perez introduced himself and provided a brief overview of Transportation of America's 3 key principles of focus including maintenance, safety over speed, and connecting people to jobs and services. His presentation also covered the background of transportation policy, who the transportation system was designed for, an overview of complete streets and curb space management, and transportation funding.

The comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation can be found on SCAG's website.

Chair Fisch asked Fran Inman, Senior Vice President, Majestic Realty, and former California Transportation Commissioner to introduce herself and share her opening thoughts.

Ms. Inman provided brief background on Majestic Realty stating they were Southern California based, privately held commercial real estate developer. She shared her thoughts in terms of where they were going, stating she worried a lot about their weakest partner being the trucking sector. She stated that there was not a good appreciation for how fragile the trucking sector is. She stated that the good movements sector should be a high priority for everyone.

The comprehensive presentation can be found in the video recording of the meeting on SCAG's website.

Chair Fisch asked Ray Wolfe, Executive Director, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority to introduce himself and share his opening thoughts.

Mr. Wolfe thanked the panelists for their insight and stated he wanted to take a slightly different approach and talked from a transportation authority perspective and about what they were doing to change the mindset and travel habits of the population. He stated they would be celebrating the opening of a 9-mile extension of the Metrolink corridor that re-connected communities from San Bernardino East to the University of Redlands that had been without passenger rail services for decades. He stated they were investing in new technologies that would help connect communities to different modes of transportation and make that more seamless. He stated there were lots of trucks that were clogging facilities. He stated they needed to continue making strategic investments to ensure their communities through which the facilities pass was not more heavily burdened then they had in the past.

Following the panelists opening thoughts on how their objectives for highway investments should evolve, Chair Fisch asked a series of questions that created dialogue among the panelists and subcommittee members. The questions led to discussions on system preservation, safety, who the system is designed for and the need to address air quality and climate issues. Additionally, discussions ensued to share thoughts on system performance and demand management, and highway traffic being diverted to local roads. The subcommittee members also expressed their concerns, sharing the perspective that one size did not fit all. Members expressed the challenges they faced in different counties outside of Los Angeles and Orange and how they needed to work on solutions that were most appropriate for the entire region. Discussions also touched on the implications for changing highway objectives for goods movement and the supply chain.

The comprehensive presentations and discussions can be found in the video recording of the meeting on SCAG's website.

Chair Fisch thanked everyone for the great conversation and stated they would return the following month to discuss how they could integrate all this into Connect SoCal 2024 via white paper.

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 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
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November 16, 2022

To: Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee (NGIS)
From: Philip Law, Manager of Mobility Planning and Management
(213) 236-1841, law@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Context Setting and Panel Introduction

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

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.

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 and enhanced strategies and investments, and is 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 through 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. Highlights of key discussion items from the first two meetings are included in the table below.

Meeting Topics	Key Findings	Potential Strategies and Policy Recommendations
<p>How has travel changed with COVID and what will this mean for long-range transportation planning?</p> <p>(How) should our objectives for highway investment evolve?</p>	<p>-Increases in telework are changing the dynamics of travel both in time and in location</p> <p>-More short trips throughout the day, especially across the afternoon</p> <p>-System preservation is still a universal priority, and with greater needs associated with transition to zero emissions vehicles</p> <p>-Technology should focus on people and addressing larger goals (multimodal access, system efficiencies, air quality, safety, equity, etc.)</p> <p>-Capacity may be warranted in some cases but we must mitigate increases in vehicle miles traveled (VMT)</p> <p>-Solutions should involve increasing choices beyond driving, including connecting communities with pedestrian and bicycle facilities, prioritizing transit to make it competitive with driving</p>	<p>-Complete Streets Policy</p> <p>-Emerging Technologies Guiding Principles</p> <p>-Clean Technology Policy</p>

The meeting on November 16 will be the third Subcommittee meeting and will focus on how the region can work together to ensure transit recovery. Following a brief contextual presentation from SCAG staff, a panel discussion will comprise the bulk of the meeting. The panelist are:

- Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, City of Culver City, Culver CityBus
- Roderick Diaz, Director of Planning and Development, Metrolink
- Krista Glotzbach, Partnerships Lead, Via
- Lauren McCarthy, Director and Strategic Lead, Shared-Use Mobility Center

The panel discussion will be facilitated by the Subcommittee Chair. The panelists will explore how transit has changed in recent years and in light of the pandemic, and the ways in which public and private organizations can work together to motivate increased transit ridership.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the SCAG region saw over 655 million trips on transit alone. The latest ridership numbers are roughly half that. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated an existing transit ridership decline that was occurring nationwide. As was presented and discussed at the Subcommittee's September meeting, recent research suggests that sustained high levels of hybrid work have altered the landscape of travel behavior in significant ways, such as a smaller morning "peak" and a longer, earlier afternoon "peak" resulting in part from school pickup and other daily errands. This potentially represents a challenge for fixed route transit, and transit agencies and local jurisdictions will need to explore investment in transit priority treatments such as dedicated lanes and signal priority in congested corridors. This also presents an opportunity to leverage innovative, shared mobility options that best fit the context across the SCAG region. By investing in these "new mobility" services in addition to transit, walking, and biking, these programs seek to improve the quality of alternatives to driving, making them more useful to millions while lowering the total time spent in traffic, rates of chronic illness and death, emissions, and loss of farmland exacerbated by the current auto-focused system and dominant means of travel.

The opportunity to change the way people move is vast. The faster transit agencies, cities, and municipal agencies act, including in partnership with private mobility providers, the better chance the region has to reverse fifteen years of falling transit ridership and usher in a new era where transit vehicles, and the people who rely on it, are a priority.

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

November 16, 2022

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Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee

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	TOPIC
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?

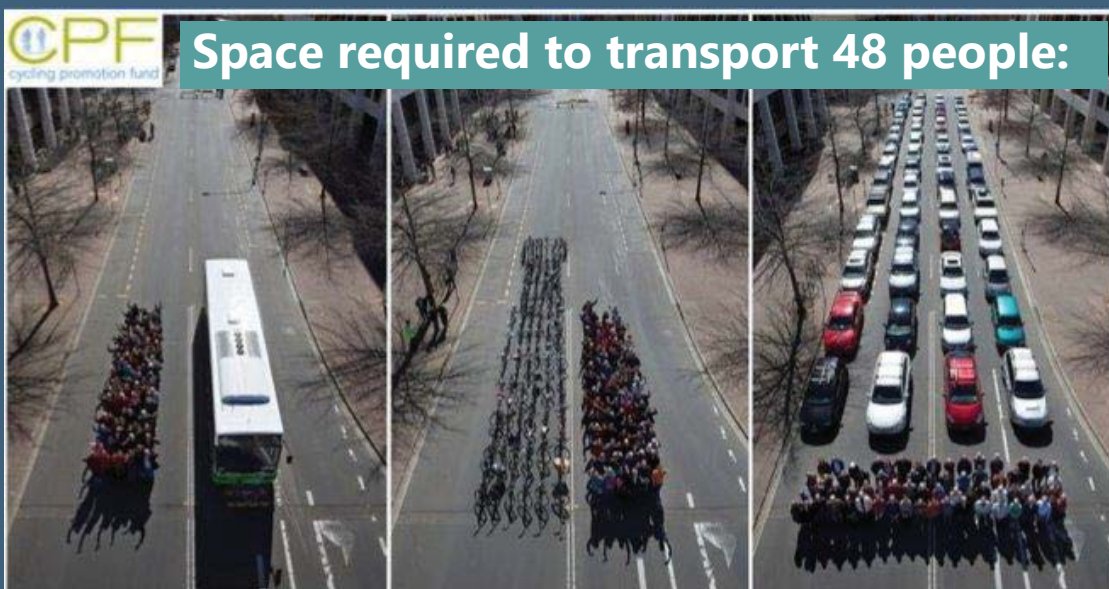
What to Expect

- Contextual presentations
 - SCAG staff and
 - Subject matter experts
- 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

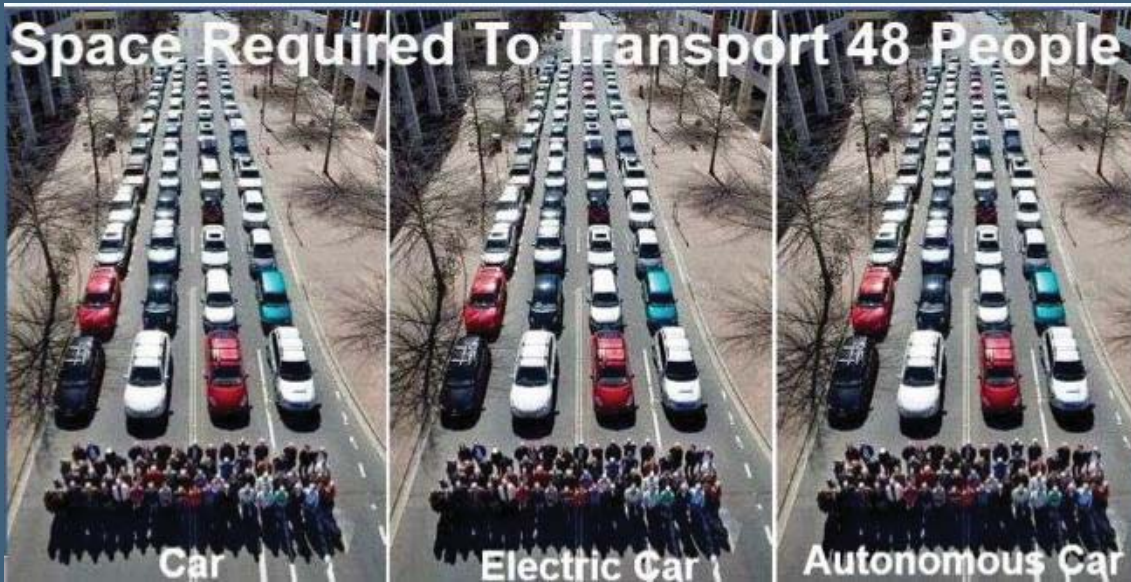
Meeting Recap (10/19) - Transit Connections

- Provide people with more travel choices so they can “opt out”
- Invest in technology that supports our larger goals and optimizes transportation for people, not vehicles
- Prioritize transit to complete the network, provide dedicated lanes, signal priority, express buses on managed lanes
- Consider land use/transportation policies that incentivize non-auto modes

Transit Backbone – Key to Sustainability Goals



Transit Backbone – Key to Sustainability Goals



Transit is a Lifeline Service

- Heavy transit use in the region is concentrated among low-income, foreign-born households with no access to automobiles.
- During the initial COVID lockdown, Metro Bus and Rail carried at least 310,000 lifeline trips each day.
- Metrolink ridership dropped by 90% in March 2020, and the remaining 10% were mainly essential workers.



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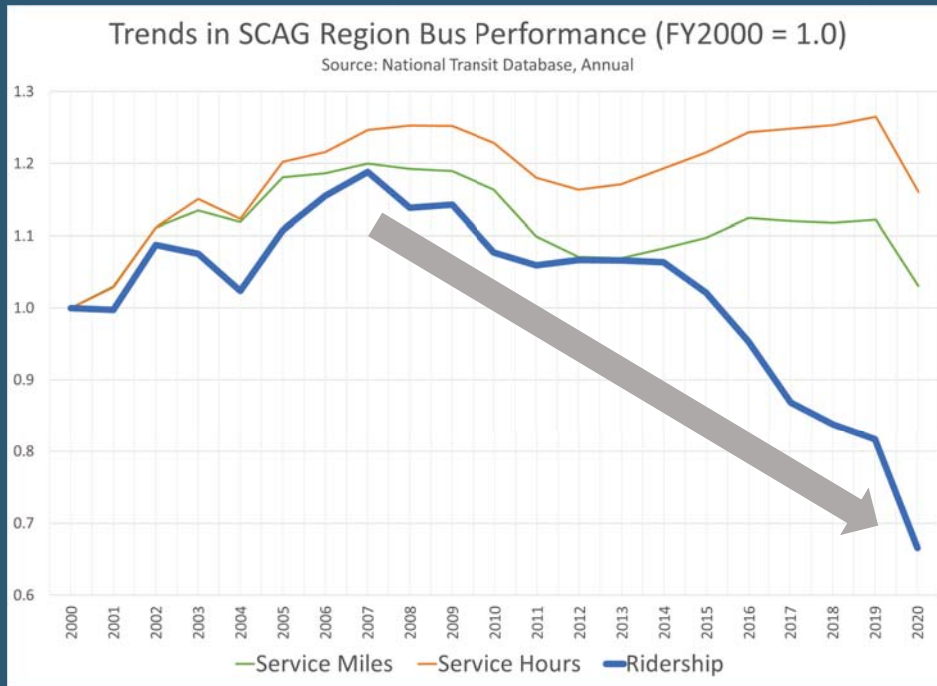
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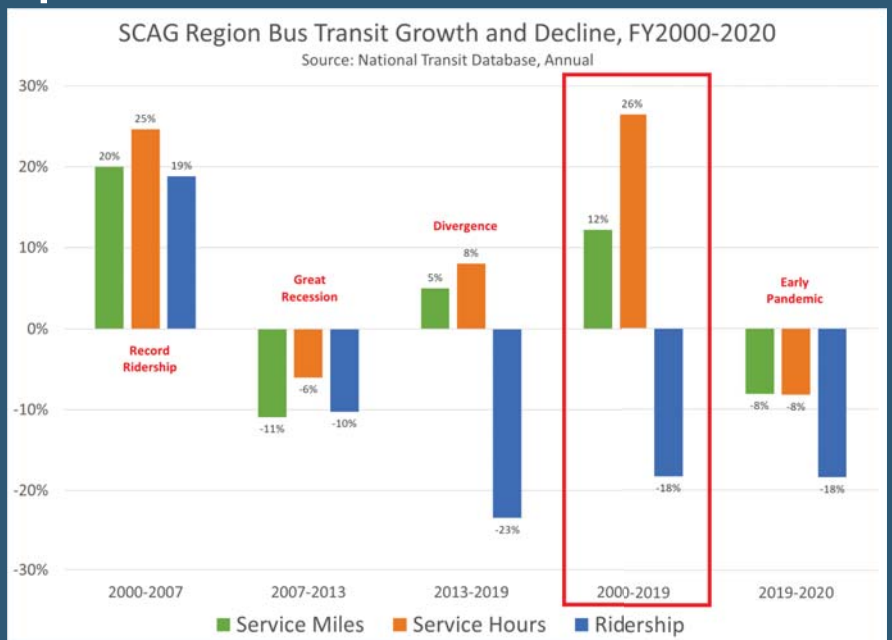
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Regional Ridership Has Been Declining Since 2007



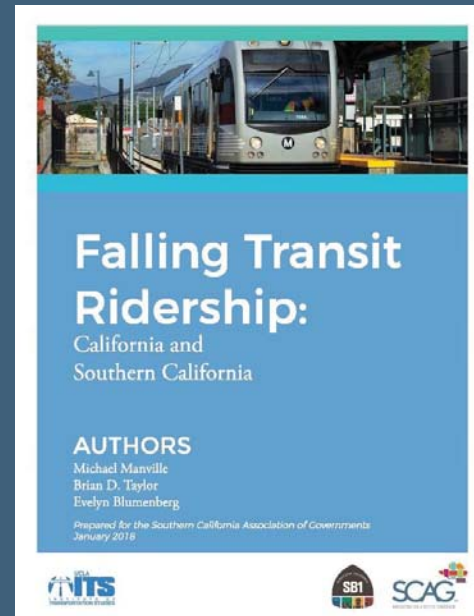
Ridership Declined Despite Service Increases

- Last two decades can be characterized as periods of record growth, recession, and then divergence.
- Since 2000, regional bus service increased by 12% (rev. miles) and 26% (rev. hrs), but ridership dropped 18%.
- For comparison, regional population grew by 14% over the same period.



SCAG & UCLA Study Pointed to Rising Vehicle Ownership

- 2000 to 2015 – region added 2.3 million people & 2.1 million cars, or 0.95 vehicles/new resident (4X the rate of the 1990s)
- Vehicle ownership increased disproportionately among groups most likely to take transit
- The regional pool of transit users is changing
 - Fewer heavy-use “transit dependents” over time
 - More “discretionary riders” with access to cars
- No easy answers
 - Broaden the base of occasional riders
 - Manage automobile use



Attachment: PowerPoint Presentation - Context Setting and Panel Introduction (Context Setting and Panel Introduction)

Pandemic Challenges – funding, labor, health & safety

September 11, 2022



May 18, 2022



June 24, 2022

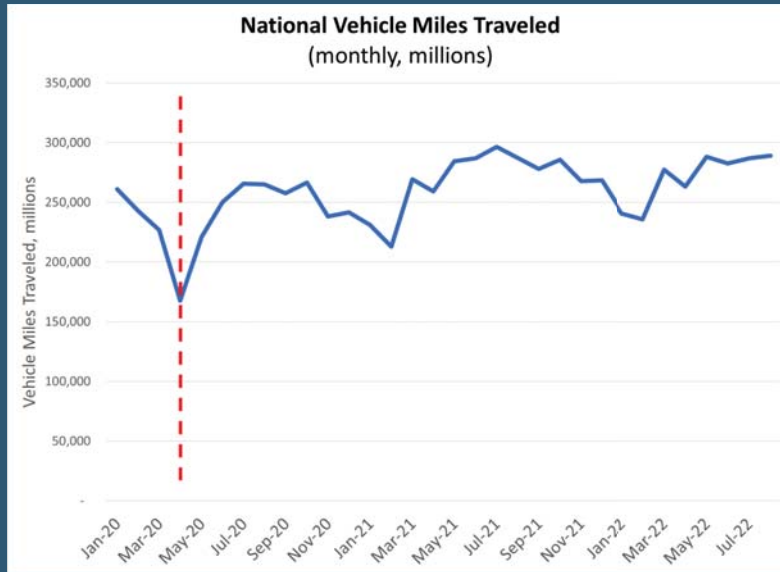


January 27, 2022



July 1, 2022

In Contrast, Vehicle Miles Traveled Has Recovered



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Panelists: How do we ensure transit recovery?



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