

# **AGENDA ITEM 1**

**REPORT** 

Southern California Association of Governments Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation) 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room Los Angeles, CA 90017

June 2, 2022

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC) THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 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: <a href="http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/">http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/</a>

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:**

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Hon.	Phil Bacerra, Santa Ana	District 16
Hon.	Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles County
Hon.	Liz Becerra, Victorville	District 65
Hon.	Ben Benoit, Wildomar	South Coast AQMD
Hon.	Russel Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon.	Art Brown, Buena Park (Vice Chair)	District 21
Hon.	Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	OCTA
Hon.	Andrew Do	Orange County
Hon.	Darrell Dorris	Lancaster, NCTC
Hon.	John Dutrey, Montclair	SBCTA
Hon.	James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon.	Jason Gibbs, Santa Clarita	NCTC
Hon.	Brian Goodell, Mission Viejo	OCTA
Hon.	Ray Hamada, Bellflower	District 24
Hon.	Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
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, Lake Elsinore District 63 District 10 Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA District 7 Hon. Marsha McLean, NLAC District 67 Hon. Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel District 12 Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods OCCOG Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich ICTC 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 District 38 Hon. Rey Santos, Beaumont District 3 Hon. Zak Schwank, Temecula District 5 Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea District 22 Hon. Ward Smith, Placentia OCCOG Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood District 26 Hon. Karen Spiegel **Riverside County** Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City **SGVCOG** Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank Pres. Appt. Hon. Michael Vargas **Riverside County** Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro District 1 Hon. Scott Voigts, Lake Forest OCCOG 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:**

District 47 Hon. Lorrie Brown Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles District 62 Hon. Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge District 36 San Bernardino County Hon. Curt Hagman Hon. Laura Hernandez, Port Hueneme District 45 Hon. Paul Krekorian District 49 Hon. Steven Ly, Rosemead District 32 Hon. L. Dennis Michael District 9 Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale **AVCJPA** Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton District 6 Hon. Blanca Pacheco **GCCOG** 



Hon. Jeremy Smith Canyon Lake

Hon. Hilda Solis Los Angeles County

Hon. Steve Tye District 37

# **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, CVAG, led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice Chair Brown 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 <a href="mailto:TCPublicComment@scag.ca.gov">TCPublicComment@scag.ca.gov</a>. David Salgado, SCAG staff, acknowledged there were no public comments received by email before the deadline.

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

#### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

# **ELECTION OF TC CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Vice Chair Brown opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Haviva Shane, Assistant Board Counsel, announced that the Committee would elect its 2022-23 Chair and Vice Chair and opened the floor for nominations. Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert, RCTC, nominated Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills, District 10, for Chair and Tim Sandoval, Pomona, District 38, for Vice Chair. Ms. Shane opened the floor for additional nominations and none were submitted.

A motion was made (Moore) to close nominations and vote to approve both the election of Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills, District 10, as Chair and Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona, District 38, as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded (Spiegel) and approved by the following roll call votes.

AYES: BACERRA, BARGER, BECARRA, BENOIT, BETTS, BROWN, CHUN, DO, DORRIS, DUTREY,



GAZELEY, GIBBS, GOODELL, HAMADA, HARNIK, HORVATH, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MANOS, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAVA-FROELICH, REECE, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMITH W., SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, TALAMANTES, VARGAS, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (43)

NOES: NONE (0)

**ABSTAIN:** MARQUEZ (1)

# **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Vice Chair Brown opened the Public Comment Period.

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

# **Approval Items**

1. Minutes of the Meeting, March 3, 2022

#### Receive and File

- 2. Racial Equity Early Action Plan FY22 Progress Report
- 3. Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Study Update
- 4. Mobility as a Service (MaaS) Feasibility White Paper Update
- 5. Equity Analysis Approach (formerly Environmental Justice Analysis)
- 6. Transportation Control Measure (TCM) Substitution by Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
- 7. Draft 2022 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)

A MOTION was made (Voigts) to approve Consent Calendar Item 1; and Receive and File Items 2 through 7. The motion was SECONDED (Viegas-Walker) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: BARGER, BECERRA, BENOIT, BETTS, BROWN A., CHUN, DO, DORRIS, GAZELEY, GIBBS, GOODELL, HAMADA, HARNIK, HORVATH, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE,



MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAVA-FROELICH, REECE, RUIZ, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMITH W., SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, TALAMANTES, VARGAS, VIEGAS-WALKER, VOIGTS, WAGNER, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (43)

NOES: NONE (0)

**ABSTAIN:** NONE (0)

#### **ACTION ITEM**

8. 2023 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines

Vice Chair Brown opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Cory Wilkerson, SCAG staff, reported on the Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 Regional Guidelines. He stated the Active Transportation Program funds projects support biking and pedestrian activities. Further, Cycle 6 Regional Guidelines define how the funds will be programmed over the four years from 2023 to 2027. SCAG's portion is \$138 million. Mr. Wilkerson noted 95% of the funds will go to implementation projects and 5% to planning and capacity. He reviewed project deadlines and noted SCAG collaborates with the state and county transportation commissions on projects and planning.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 22-642-2 approving the 2023 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines. The motion was SECONDED (Wagner) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: BARGER, BECERRA, BENOIT, BETTS, BROWN A., CHUN, DO, DORRIS, DUTREY,

GAZELEY, GIBBS, GOODELL, HAMADA, HARNIK, HORVATH, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAVA-FROELICH, PRIMUTH, REECE, RUIZ, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMITH W., SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, TALAMANTES, VARGAS, VIEGAS-

WALKER, VOIGTS, WAGNER, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (45)

NOES: NONE (0)

**ABSTAIN:** NONE (0)



#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

9. Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024

Vice Chair Brown opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Annie Nam, SCAG staff, reported on the policy development framework for Connect SoCal 2024. Ms. Nam stated every four years SCAG prepares a Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, a long-range plan which provides a vision for integrating land use and transportation for increased mobility and more sustainable growth. She noted Connect SoCal 2024 will incorporate important updates and enhanced strategies and investments to strengthen the previous plan which was adopted by the Regional Council in 2020. It will continue a focus on Core Vision and Key Connections. Ms. Nam stated feedback is sought for the proposed framework prior to the next iteration. She reviewed the central themes of mobility, communities, environment and economy and the larger characteristics of equity and resilience. Ms. Nam noted transportation focus areas including strategies for maintaining our transportation system and building upon or modifying long standing activities such as transit and complete streets. To further develop key focus areas, three subcommittees will be formed with policy committee members from each county.

10. SCAG and UC Davis: COVID-19 Mobility Study Update

Vice Chair Brown opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Dr. Giovanni Circella, University of California, Davis, provided an update on COVID-19 Mobility Study. Mr. Circella noted the study seeks to understand the pandemic's impact on mobility and transportation in the region. Early changes include a decline in the use of public transportation, shared mobility, the suspension of pooled rides such as Uberpool, a temporary reduction in vehicle miles traveled, an increase in adoption of remote work as well as significant employment losses. He noted by the end of 2021 car travel had recovered but AM peak travel remains below pre-pandemic levels. Mr. Circella reviewed initial findings including an upswing in remote work most prominently in fall 2020. As of summer 2021, many workers continued to work from home with hybrid work an emerging choice. Also, higher income and better educated workers are more likely to work remotely. E-commerce findings were reviewed, and it was noted online shopping increased during the pandemic and remained above pre-pandemic levels in summer 2021. Restaurant levels are



expected to return to pre-pandemic levels by 2022 while takeout grocery delivery will decrease to pre-pandemic levels.

# 11. Broadband VMT Study Update

Vice Chair Brown opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Tom Bellino, SCAG staff, reported on a study of broadband's effect on vehicle miles travelled and emissions. He noted the effort explores if those with broadband drive less than those without it and is the difference quantifiable. Mr. Bellino reviewed the regional broadband availability map indicating many areas with sparse or no broadband which commonly occur in lower income and highly rural areas. He stated should broadband penetration improve in these areas it is anticipated vehicle miles travelled and emissions would be reduced as a result. He next reviewed the kind of trips which would be reduced with greater broadband availability in underserved areas.

# 12. Curb Space Management Study

Vice Chair Brown opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Scott Strelecki, SCAG staff, reported on the Curb Space Management Study. Mr. Strelecki stated curb space has become an increasingly complex and valuable asset and the study focus areas include mobility, reduced congestion and air quality benefits. He noted the study's purpose is to take a comprehensive and multimodal review of some of the most congested and complicated curb space locations in the region and to provide insights and strategies related to curb space management. He reported interviews have been conducted with common issues emerging. The study will conclude June 2022.

# **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Vice Chair Brown thanked the committee for his term as Vice Chair.

# **METROLINK REPORT**

Vice Chair Brown reported Metrolink added 26 trains to its service. Additionally, that it had converted 100% of its fleet to renewable bio diesel.



#### **STAFF REPORT**

David Salgado, SCAG staff, reported SCAG was currently undergoing its quadrennial certification. Every 4 years SCAG must undergo recertification in adherence with federal statutes and regulations. As part of the process SCAG will host a public listening session April 12, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Also, SCAG's 2022 General Assembly will be held May 4 – 6 at the JW Marriott in Palm Desert. He congratulated Ray Marquez and Tim Sandoval on their election as Chair and Vice Chair.

# **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods, OCCOG, requested a discussion item on blending biofuels with diesel fuel to produce immediate environmental benefits and as a step toward clean transportation fuels.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice Chair Brown adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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MEMBERS	СІТҮ	Representing	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
Bacerra, Phil	Santa Ana	District 16	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
Barger, Kathryn		Los Angeles County		1		1	1			1		
Becerra, Liz	Victorville	District 65	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Benoit, Ben		South Coast AQMD	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
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Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
Brown, Lorrie	Ventura	District 47										$\vdash$
Buscaino, Joe	Los Angeles	District 62										1
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	ОСТА	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
Curtis, Jonathan	La Cañada Flintridge	District 36										
Do, Andrew		Orange County					1	1		1		1
Dorris, Darrell	Lancaster	NCTC	1	1		1		1		1		1
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair	SBCTA	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
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Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39	1	1			1					1
Gibbs, Jason	Santa Clarita	NCTC				1	1	1		1		1
Goodell, Brian	Mission Viejo	ОСТА										1
Hagman, Curt		San Bernardino Cnty				1	1	1		1		1
Hamada, Ray	Bellflower	Bellflower	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
Hernandez, Laura	Prt Hueneme	District 45	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
Horvath, Lindsey	West Hollywood	WSCCOG	1					1		1		1
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC	1			1	1	1		1		1
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49										
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
Loa, Richard	Palmdale	NCTC		1		1	1	1		1		1
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
Ly, Steven	Rosemead	District 32	1	1		1						
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
Marquez, Paul Marquez, Ray	Caltrans District 7 Chino Hills	Ex-Officio District 10	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
McCallon, Larry	Highland	SBCTA	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67	1	1		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		1		1
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG	1	1		1		1		1		1
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCJPA	1	1		1	1			1		1
Nava-Froelich, Maria		ICTC		1		1	1	1		1		1
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6	1	1		1		1		1		1
Pacheco, Blanca	Downey	GCCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Primuth, Jon	S. Pasadena	AVCJPA	1	1			- 1	4				1
Reece, Ed Ruiz, Crystal	Claremont San Jacinto	SGVCOG WRCOG	1	1			1	1		1		1
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG	1	1			1	1		1		1
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
Santos, Rey	Beaumont	District 3	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
Schwank, Zak	Temecula	District 5	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22		1		1		1		1		1
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake	1	1		1	1	1		1		1
Smith, Ward	Placentia	OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1		1

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