Southern California Association of Governments
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Los Angeles, CA 90017
November 3, 2022

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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, 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, OCCOG	District 21
Hon.	Lorrie Brown	District 47
Hon.	Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
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.	Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
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.	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.	Maria Nava-Froelich	ICTC
Hon.	Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
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.	Ward Smith, Placentia	OCCOG
Hon.	Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood	District 26
Hon.	Karen Spiegel	Riverside County
Hon.	Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon.	Steve Tye	District 37
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:

Hon.	Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon.	Denise Diaz, Southgate	District 25
Hon.	Laura Hernandez, Port Hueneme	District 45
Hon.	Heather Hutt, Los Angeles	District 57
Hon.	Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon.	Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon.	Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon.	Ara Najarian, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon.	Blanca Pacheco	GCCOG
Hon.	Jon Primuth, S. Pasadena	AVCJPA

Hon.	Zak Schwank, Temecula	District 5
Hon.	Hilda Solis	Los Angeles County
Hon.	Jess Talamantes, Arroyo Verdugo Cities	District 42

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Ray Marquez, SBCTA/SBCCOG, District 10, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. David Salgado, SCAG staff, 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. Ruben Duran, Committee Counsel, 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, September 1, 2022

Receive and File

2. Request to Release Connect SoCal 2024 PEIR Notice of Preparation

3. Resolution 22-647-6 Acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds to Support the Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign

4. Lithium-Ion Battery Reuse, Recycling and Safe Disposal - Findings from the CA Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Advisory Group

5. Statewide Active Transportation Database Update

6. Trade Corridor Enhancement Program

7. SCAG Water Action Resolution

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

AYES: BACERRA, BARGER, BECERRA, BENOIT, BETTS, BROWN A., BROWN L. CHUN, DO, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GIBBS, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HORVATH, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, REECE, RUIZ, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SIMONOFF, SMITH J., SMITH W., SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, TYE, VARGAS, VIEGAS-WALKER, VOIGTS, WAGNER, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (45)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Achieving Zero Emissions for Commercial Fleets: An Overview by Nikola Corporation

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Annie Nam, SCAG staff, provided introductory comments noting that this item is presented in response to the committee's request to explore zero emissions technology in freight transport. Omar Gonzalez, Public Affairs, Nikola, presented an overview of zero-emissions commercial fleets. He stated Nikola is a manufacturer and designer of both battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell electric Class 8 semi-trucks. The company was founded in 2015 and has greater than 1,000 employees with a view toward developing the infrastructure to advance hydrogen fuel cell technology. Bill Cherry, Dealer Administration, continued the presentation with an overview of their dealer and service network. Mr. Cherry reviewed their truck models including cab over design which is gaining interest for local delivery use. Further, it is anticipated the zero emission truck

design will be safer, with reduced noise and a lower center of gravity. He noted 300 trucks will be produced in 2022 and fuel cell trucks can travel 500 miles before refueling and future models will travel 900 miles. He reviewed the refueling process.

He noted one of the greatest challenges will be developing the infrastructure and stakeholders can assist by streamlining permitting. Ryan McGeachie**,** Global Head of Energy Infrastructure, reviewed the fueling stations noting 40 – 50 refueling stations are planned for the state in near term.

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, ICTC, District 1, asked about trucks which may cross state or international borders. Mr. Cherry responded that efforts are being developed around the Otay Mesa border crossing and cross border travels is being considered.

Hon. Liz Becerra, SBCTA/SBCOG, asked about battery life. Mr. Cherry, responded that batteries have a 7-year useful life. After its charging capacity is diminished it can be used as battery storage for several years after.

9. Update on Connect SoCal 2024 Financial Plan Development: Core Revenues

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Warren Whiteaker, SCAG staff, provided an update on Connect SoCal 2024 Financial Plan Development. Mr. Whiteaker stated the financial plan must estimate funding over a 20-year life of Connect SoCal and recommend improvements to operate and maintain the transportation system. Revenue sources ought to be reasonably available and sources ought to be equal to costs. He further noted that transportation sales tax is the largest single source of revenue which can be affected by changes in consumer spending. Further, fuel tax revenue is expected to decline as vehicles achieve greater gas mileage. He reviewed the core revenue forecast which include local, state and federal sources. Key changes since the 2020 plan forecast were reviewed as well as the range of revenue available for Connect SoCal 2024. Mr. Whiteaker stated the committee will be updated throughout the plan development process and the next presentation will examine operations and maintenance costs.

10. Curb Space Management Study Final Report

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Prithvi Deore, SCAG staff, introduced the Curb space Management Final Report. She noted the purpose of the study is to take a comprehensive, multimodal review of congested and complicated curb space locations. Peter Richards, IBI Group, continued the report and noted objectives include providing various curb space management strategies and recommendations for the regional cities examined. Also, to develop a work plan for multiple pilot project concepts and/or analysis plans for pilot projects currently underway. Specific goals include achieving reductions in vehicle miles travelled, GHG emissions, reduce congestion and improve quality of life. He next reviewed stakeholder engagement and outreach including a Regional Working Group. Curb site selection and criteria was reviewed.

Mr. Richards noted data finding indicate that parking occupancy rates are generally within the optimal range of 80% and there is a need for both short and long-term parking. Loading activity often occurs in no-parking zones and double-parking blocks bike lanes. In addition, vehicles will queue in traffic while waiting for a parked vehicle to leave. He reviewed next steps including providing cities with tools for success in curbside management and design and to seek funding support through SCAG's Sustainable Communities Program and Last Mile Freight Program grants.

11. Future Communities Pilot Program Update

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Marisa Laderach, SCAG staff, provided an update on Future Communities Pilot Program. Ms. Laderach stated in 2017 SCAG outlined the Future Communities Framework which advances its role as a leader in smart cities efforts. She noted the program has a value of $4 million with $3 million in grant funding with a goal to bring forth new technologies and data analytics to reduce vehicle miles travelled and GHG. Ms. Laderach reviewed the rideshare, bikeshare and parking pilots including work with the City of Anaheim that integrates real-time parking guidance through current mobile applications to reduce vehicle circling. Another pilot works with the City of Los Angeles utilizing the BlueLA Electric Carshare to develop strategies.

She reviewed San Bernardino County's online warrant program's success in reducing vehicle miles travelled. A similar result was seen for Riverside's Integrated Electronic Plans Solution pilot. Other pilot efforts in Glendale and Monrovia were also detailed. She noted future updates will be provided to the committee as other Future Communities pilots continue.

12. REAP 2021 County Transportation Commission Partnership Program Guidelines

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 REAP 2021 CTC Partnership Program Guidelines. Ms. Kigongo stated Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) is a $600 million state grant program and SCAG's regional share is $246 million. REAP objectives include promoting infill housing development, reduce vehicle miles travelled and affirmatively further fair housing. Two transportation programs have been developed. The first is a county transportation commission partnership program funded at $80 million on a competitive call for projects basis consistent with Key Connection strategies in Connect SoCal. The second is the Regional Pilot Initiatives (RPI) Program, a $15 million transformative regional program to finance innovative pilot projects region wide. She noted that call for projects will begin in 2023 and projects are to conclude in 2026.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hon. Ray Marquez, SBCTA/SBCCOG, District 10, reported that as public safety concerns diminish preparations are being made to prepare for additional in-person meeting including welcoming members of the public. Mr. Marquez also welcomed new member, Heather Hutt, City of Los Angeles, District 57.

METROLINK REPORT

Hon. Art Brown, OCCOG, District 21 reported OCTA approved emergency repairs to the closed section of unstable track in San Clemente to enable train service to resume in November. After temporary slope anchoring is installed, permanent anchoring will be placed beginning in January 2023. Metrolink has suspended the Orange County Line and Inland Empire-Orange County Line service between Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Station and Oceanside beginning September 30 until further notice. Pacific Surfliner has cancelled some trains south of Irvine and is providing a bus bridge from Irvine to Oceanside.

Additionally, in celebration of its upcoming 30th anniversary, on October 26th, Metrolink will offer a 30% discount on its Monthly Passes. The 30% discount is open to all Metrolink riders for three months – October, November and December 2022 – and is automatically applied at purchase. Since September 1st, Metrolink passengers with a California Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card have been eligible for a 50% discount on all Metrolink tickets and passes. Riders can use their EBT card at any Metrolink station ticket machine to validate and unlock the discount.

STAFF REPORT

David Salgado, SCAG staff, reported the 33rd Demographic Workshop was well attended, and all programmatic materials are available on SCAG's website. Also, the Southern California Economic Summit will be Thursday, December 1, 2022 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel and early registration is available.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Marquez adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 11:16 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					
Barger, Kathryn		Los Angeles County	1			1	1					
Becerra, Liz	Victorville	District 65	1	1		1	1					
Benoit, Ben		South Coast AQMD	1	1		1	1					
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG	1	1		1	1					
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21	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					
Diaz, Denise	Southgate	District 25	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					
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39	1	1		1	1					
Gibbs, Jason	Santa Clarita	NCTC	1	1			1					
Goodell, Brian	Mission Viejo	OCTA	1	1		1	1					
Hagman, Curt		San Bernardino Cnty	1	1		1	1					
Hamada, Ray	Bellflower	Bellflower	1	1		1	1					
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC	1	1		1	1					
Hernandez, Laura	Prt Hueneme	District 45		1								
Horvath, Lindsey	West Hollywood	WSCCOG	1			1	1					
Hutt, Heather	Los Angeles	District 57										
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC	1	1		1	1					
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG	1	1		1	1					
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49										
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG	1	1		1	1					
Loa, Richard	Palmdale	NCTC		1		1	1					
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4	1	1		1	1					
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63	1	1								
Marquez, Paul	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio	1			1	1					
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1		1	1					
McCallon, Larry	SBCTA/SBCCOG	District 7	1	1		1	1					
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67	1	1		1	1					
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9	1	1		1	1					
Minagar, Fred	Laguna Niguel	District 12	1	1		1	1					
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG	1	1		1						
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCJPA	1			1						
Nava-Froelich, Maria		ICTC	1	1		1	1					
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6	1	1		1	1					
Pacheco, Blanca	Downey	GCCOG										
Primuth, Jon	S. Pasadena	AVCJPA	1	1								
Reece, Ed	Claremont	SGVCOG	1	1		1	1					
Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG	1	1			1					
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG	1	1		1	1					
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38	1	1			1					
Santos, Rey	Beaumont	District 3	1	1		1	1					
Schwank, Zak	Temecula	District 5		1								
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22	1	1		1	1					
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake		1		1	1					

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