

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT SCAG, 818 W. 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, LOS ANGELES, CA 90017.**

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The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting at the SCAG Los Angeles office. A quorum was present.

**Members Present**

Hon. Michele Martinez, <i>Chair</i>	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay <i>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair</i>	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Alan Wapner, <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</i>	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Ross Chun	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	TCA
Hon. Jan Harnik	<i>Palm Desert</i>	RCTC
Hon. Bill Jahn, <i>Chair, CEHD</i>	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Lewis Group of Companies</i>	Ex-Officio Member
Hon. Clint Lorimore, <i>Vice Chair, LCMC</i>	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Larry McCallon, <i>Vice Chair, CEHD</i>	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Barbara Messina, <i>Chair, TC</i>	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, <i>Chair, EEC</i>	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. Karen Spiegel, <i>TC Vice Chair</i>	<i>Corona</i>	District 63

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, <i>Immediate Past</i>	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Pam O'Connor, <i>Chair, LCMC</i>	<i>Santa Monica</i>	District 41
Hon. Mary "Maxine" Resvaloso	<i>Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians</i>	Tribal Nations Rep.
Hon. Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27

**Staff Present**

Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director  
 Darin Chidsey, Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs  
 Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning  
 Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer  
 Naresh Amatya, Acting Director, Transportation Planning  
 Joe Silvey, General Counsel  
 Justine Block, Deputy Legal Counsel  
 Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support  
 Carmen Summers, Sr. Administrative Assistant



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

The Honorable Michele Martinez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Councilmember Larry McCallon to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comment speakers.

## **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no reprioritization of agenda items.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

In the absence of Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, reported on the highlights of the Executive Director's Report. He reported that the Air Resources Board (ARB) accepted the determination that SCAG's 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) and would meet state-established 2020 and 2035 regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets. Mr. Chidsey announced the National Association of Government Communicators recently recognized SCAG's Go Human Campaign honoring excellence, innovation and creativity in government communication. He provided an update regarding AB 2170, a SCAG sponsored bill, which would take the new Federal FAST ACT money that was appropriated to states on a formula for freight projects and put it into the trade corridor improvement fund. Mr. Chidsey stated that the TCIF program has been a great success from our regional transportation partners since its inception in 2006. Although there was a hurdle for AB 2170 in the Senate (was double-referred), through ongoing negotiations, it is expected to be at the Governor's desk without one "No" vote. He also stated that while we did accept a minor amendment, we expect this to be unchallenged. With regard to the other part of the FAST ACT freight monies, the FASTLANE competitive grant program, Mr. Chidsey reported that the SCAG region submitted 16 applications worth \$500 million and that none of these projects were selected for funding. He expressed disappointment since this is a \$760 million worth of projects nationwide and the SCAG region did not even get at least one. Mr. Chidsey reassured the members that analysis is being done as to why the submitted projects from the SCAG region were unsuccessful and stated that we will work with our regional agencies and Congressional delegation on how to address this for future rounds. He also stated that there is a possibility that some of the grant applications may receive some TIGER money. If not, Mr. Chidsey encouraged that the agency strongly urge our Congressional delegation—for a region that has 40% of goods coming in—and not to get a penny of those dollars that were specifically dedicated to improve freight and goods movement system is unacceptable.

With respect to SB 743 CEQA Guidelines issue, Mr. Chidsey reported that the OPR postponed the rulemaking process to October 2016. He asked Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning to provide an update. Ms. Liu reported that she had several meetings with OPR and other state agencies and MPOs and had expressed concerns of the changes being proposed under the CEQA Guidelines. After several discussions, Ms. Liu stated the OPR postponed the rulemaking process from July to October, and to arrive at solutions on how we can meaningfully and effectively implement the

2016 RTP/SCS; otherwise, more than 2,000 projects that will be impacted with the current proposal. Ms. Liu will continue to provide an update to the Board on the progress of this matter.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Michele Martinez provided a recap of the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Demographic Workshop, "*The Continued Rise of the Millennials*," which was jointly hosted by SCAG and the University of Southern California (USC) Price School of Public Policy, held on June 13, 2016. Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning, also provided a report on the highlights of the workshop and emphasized that SCAG's Planning and Research is leading the country and acknowledged her staff for their collaboration with USC professors for identifying the demographic trends and shifts that impact planning and public policy especially the millennials' impact on housing. Continued discussions on these challenges will be addressed at the upcoming California Housing Summit scheduled for October 11, 2016, at The L.A. Hotel, Downtown Los Angeles.

President Martinez provided a recap of the EAC Retreat, held at the DoubleTree Hotel, Santa Ana, on June 9 – 10, 2016. She noted guest speakers who provided presentations related to water, housing, earthquake initiative, economy and regional equity, goods movement, and SCAG's Strategic Plan.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Approval Items**

1. Minutes of the June 2, 2016 Regular Meeting
2. Final Report related to the California Strategic Growth Council's 2012 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program
3. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 16-040B-C1 through 16-040B-C9, Information Technology (IT) Technical Project Resources
4. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 16-042-C1, Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign (Tactical Urbanism)
5. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 16-039-C1, Metro Green Line Extension/Orange County to Los Angeles International Airport Connectivity Study
6. SB 1465 (De León) – Public Contracts: 2024 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games – SUPPORT

Joe Silvey, General Counsel, asked the EAC to consider an amendment to Agenda Item No. 1, Minutes of the June 2, 2016 Meeting, to add the statement, "*The Executive Director was not present at the dais during the discussion of his contract.*"

A MOTION was made (Jahn) to approve Item No. 1, as amended, and approve Agenda Item Nos. 2 through 6. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and passed by the following votes:

**FOR:** Martinez, Finlay, Wapner, Chun, Harnik, Jahn, Lorimore, McCallon, Messina, Ramirez and Spiegel (11).

**AGAINST:** None (0).

**ABSTAIN:** None (0).

### **Receive and File**

7. Housing Summit, October 11, 2016
8. 2017 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Update
9. Highlights from the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual SCAG/USC Demographic Workshop – June 13, 2016
10. Purchase Orders \$5,000 but less than \$200,000; Contracts \$25,000 but less than \$200,000; and Amendments \$5,000 but less than \$75,000
11. July State and Federal Legislative Update

A MOTION was made (Messina) to Receive and File Item Nos. 7 through 11. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and passed by the following votes:

**FOR:** Martinez, Finlay, Wapner, Chun, Harnik, Jahn, Lorimore, McCallon, Messina, Ramirez and Spiegel (11).

**AGAINST:** None (0).

**ABSTAIN:** None (0).

### **CFO MONTHLY REPORT**

Basil Panas, CFO, provided highlights of the CFO Monthly Financial Report.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Martinez adjourned the EAC meeting at 9:30 a.m. The next regular meeting of the EAC is scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2016 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.



**EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

	Members	Representing	X = County Represented						2016						
			IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1	Martinez, Michele	Santa Ana, District 16			X				X	X					
2	Finlay, Margaret	Duarte, District 35		X					X	X					
3	Wapner, Alan	SANBAG					X		X	X					
4	Walker-Viegas, Cheryl	El Centro, District 1	X					X	X						
5	Buscaino, Joe	Los Angeles, District 62		X					X						
6	Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo, TCA			X					X					
7	Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert, RCTC				X			X	X					
8	Jahn, Bill	Big Bear Lake, District 11					X		X	X					
9	Lewis, Randall, Ex Officio	Lewis Op. Corp., Ex-Officio							X	X					
10	Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale, District 4				X			X	X					
11	McCallon, Larry	Highland, District 7					X		X	X					
12	Messina, Barbara	Alhambra, District 34		X					X	X					
13	O'Connor, Pam	Santa Monica, District 41		X					X						
14	Ramirez, Carmen	Oxnard, District 45						X		X					
15	Resvaloso, Mary "Maxine	Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians				X									
16	Richardson, Rex	Long Beach, District 29		X											
17	Saleh, Ali	Bell, District 27		X					X						
18	Spiegel, Karen	Corona, District 63				X			X	X					

