MINUTES
THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE. A RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG’S OFFICE.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) held its August 7, 2014 meeting at the SCAG Offices, in Los Angeles, California. The meeting was called to order by Hon. Michele Martinez, Second Vice-President, Santa Ana, District 16, at 9:02 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Carl Morehouse, President    District 47
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, 1st Vice-President District 1
Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana, 2nd Vice-President District 16
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, Imm. Past President District 2
Hon. Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake District 11
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr. Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland District 7
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra District 34
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard District 45
Hon. Julio Rodriguez, Perris District 69
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario SANBAG

Members Not Present

Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point TCA
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, District 46
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte District 35
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio Lewis Group of Companies
Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles District 51
Hon. Pam O’Connor, Santa Monica District 41
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto District 8
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Michele Martinez, Second Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Hon. Alan Wapner led the Pledge of Allegiance. Immediately thereafter, at 9:04 a.m., Hon. Carl Morehouse, Chair, arrived and led the remainder of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no reprioritizations of the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director, invited the EAC to attend the “Fifty Years Into the War on Poverty” Summit, which will be hosted by SCAG and the Southern California Leadership Council. The event will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the California Science Center in Los Angeles. Due to space constraints, Mr. Ikhrata suggested that everyone register early.

Mr. Ikhrata provided an update of the High Speed Rail (HSR) project. He noted that on Thursday, July 31, 2014, the Third District Court of Appeals ruling cleared the way for the sale of bonds to pursue the statewide HSR project, by overturning the prior lower court’s decision.

Mr. Ikhrata provided an update of the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). He noted that the 30 day public review and comment period closed on July 31, 2014. Staff is currently reviewing all comments received, and the draft plan is scheduled to be presented to both the Transportation Committee and the Regional Council for ratification at the September 11, 2014 board meetings.

Joe Silvey, General Counsel, provided a brief reminder of the electronic voting system and procedures for recording accurate votes. He noted that starting with today’s meetings, the EAC, Regional Council (RC) and all three Policy Committees will begin using the new electronic voting devices for all items requiring a vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hon. Carl Morehouse, Chair, expressed his appreciation to the EAC for their participation at the EAC Retreat (Retreat) which took place in Ventura, CA on July 10-11, 2014. He also thanked staff for their planning efforts and dedication with making the Retreat a successful event.

Hon. Morehouse provided a brief summary of the SCAG Delegation Activities in China. He noted that he would elaborate further at the Regional Council meeting today, and also thanked staff for their contributions towards making the trip seamless and enjoyable.
ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Administration Hybrid Partnership between MPOs and Caltrans

Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director, requested the EAC to recommend that the Regional Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Caltrans and SCAG, and authorize SCAG’s Executive Director, or his designee, to execute the MOU and related agreements and documents to implement the FTA Section 5310 program.

There were no additional discussions or comments made on this item.

A MOTION was made (Morehouse) and SECONDED (Viegas-Walker) to approve staff’s recommendation. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Morehouse, Pettis, Jahn, Martinez, Messina, McCallon, Masiel, Ramirez, Rodriguez, Viegas-Walker and Wapner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – New Member Project Applications

Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director, requested the EAC to approve the New Member Project Applications for the City of Bell and for the City of Fountain Valley. Staff recommends including two new projects, one each from Bell and Fountain Valley, with a maximum project value of $200,000, in Phase III of the Sustainability Planning Grant projects.

There were no additional discussions or comments made on this item.

A MOTION was made (Viegas-Walker) and SECONDED (Martinez) to approve staff’s recommendation. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Morehouse, Pettis, Bartlett, Becerra, Finlay, Martinez, McCallon, Masiel, Ramirez, Rodriguez, Viegas-Walker and Wapner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None


Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director, requested the EAC to recommend that the Regional Council approve Resolution No. 14-561-1, authorizing SCAG to accept, if awarded, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Zero Emission Cargo Transport (ZECT) Demonstration Grant Program funds to support the United Parcel Service (UPS) Los Angeles (LA) Metro Zero-Emission Delivery Vehicle Demonstration Project. It was noted that administrative fees would be provided through the grant program funds.
There were no additional discussions or comments made on this item.

A MOTION was made (Martinez) and SECONDED (Viegas-Walker) to approve staff’s recommendation. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Morehouse, Pettis, Bartlett, Becerra, Finlay, Martinez, Messina, McCallon, Masiel, Ramirez, Rodriguez, Viegas-Walker and Wapner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

4. Resolution No. 14-561-2 Regarding Acceptance of Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign Funds

Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director, requested the EAC to recommend that the Regional Council approve Resolution No. 14-561-2, authorizing SCAG to accept, if awarded, the Department of California Transportation’s (Caltrans) Active Transportation Program funds to support the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.

There were no additional discussions or comments made on this item.

A MOTION was made (Martinez) and SECONDED (Jahn) to approve staff’s recommendation. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Morehouse, Pettis, Bartlett, Becerra, Finlay, Martinez, Messina, McCallon, Masiel, Ramirez, Rodriguez, Viegas-Walker and Wapner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. Resolution No. 14-561-3 for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Funds for the Use of the Infrastructure Voluntary Evaluation Sustainability Tool (INVEST) To Assist in the Development of the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

Basil Panas, CFO, requested the EAC to recommend that the Regional Council approve Resolution No. 14-561-3, authorizing SCAG to accept Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds to support use of the Infrastructure Voluntary Evaluation Sustainability Tool (INVEST) to assist in the development of the 2016 RTP/SCS. Mr. Panas noted that the $40,000 that SCAG will receive in FHWA funds, will also require a local match of $40,000 for the project.

There were no additional discussions or comments made on this item.

A MOTION was made (Martinez) and SECONDED (Viegas-Walker) to approve staff’s recommendation.

AYES: Morehouse, Pettis, Bartlett, Becerra, Finlay, Martinez, Messina, McCallon, Masiel, Ramirez, Rodriguez, Viegas-Walker and Wapner
6. Resolution No. 14-561-4 regarding Acceptance of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Implementation Assistance Program Funds

Basil Panas, CFO, requested the EAC to recommend that the Regional Council approve Resolution No. 14-561-4, authorizing SCAG to accept, if awarded, FHWA Implementation Assistance Program Funds (Funds). Mr. Panas noted that the award notification of the Funds is not yet known at this time.

A MOTION was made (Viegas-Walker) and SECONDED (Martinez) to support staff’s recommendation to approve staff’s recommendation.

AYES: Morehouse, Pettis, Bartlett, Becerra, Finlay, Martinez, Messina, McCallon, Masiel, Ramirez, Rodriguez, Viegas-Walker and Wapner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

7. Minutes of the June 5, 2014 Meeting

A MOTION was made (McCallon) and SECONDED (Viegas-Walker) to approve Item 7 (Minutes of the June 5, 2014 Meeting). The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Morehouse, Pettis, Martinez, Messina, McCallon, Masiel, Ramirez, Rodriguez, Viegas-Walker and Wapner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Jahn

8. Minutes of the July 11, 2014 Special Meeting

9. Contracts $200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 14-019-C1, Public Private Partnership (PPP) Finance and Delivery Strategies Screening for the East West Freight Corridor

10. Contracts $200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 14-024-C1, Interstate 405 (I-405) Corridor Master Plan

11. Contracts $200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 15-002-G1, State Governmental Affairs Consulting and Lobbying Services

12. Amendment(s) Greater than 30% of the Contract’s Original Value; Contract No. 13-018, Organizational Development Services

13. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorship
Receive & File

14. SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – Monthly Update

15. 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

16. State Approved Cap-and-Trade Expenditure Plan

Hon. Alan Wapner requested staff to work with the Strategic Growth Council and the Air Resources Board to expand the series of outreach meetings to the Inland Empire so everyone in the region can have a chance to either host or participate in the workshops/meetings regarding the Cap-and-Trade Program.

17. August 2014 State and Federal Legislative Update

A MOTION was made (McCallon) and SECONDED (Viegas-Walker) to approve the Consent Calendar, Items Nos. 8-17. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Morehouse, Pettis, Jahn, Martinez, Messina, McCallon, Masiel, Ramirez, Rodriguez, Viegas-Walker and Wapner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

CFO MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Basil Panas, CFO, provided highlights of the CFO Monthly Financial Report. In addition, in honor of receiving the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) Best Overall Performance Liability Program award, SCAG’s Finance staff was asked to stand and be acknowledged.

Mr. Ikhrata updated the EAC on the agency’s current financial outlook.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

There were no future agenda items requested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon. Carl Morehouse, Chair, announced that Hasan Ikhrata, SCAG’s Executive Director was recognized at the San Gabriel Valley COG Leadership Awards on July 14, 2014. Hasan was honored with the Judy Wright Award which recognizes an individual that champions leadership in the San Gabriel Valley. Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker acknowledged Rich Macias and SCAG staff on their leadership and expertise in assisting Imperial County relating to an aviation matter with the Department of Transportation.

Hon. Morehouse reminded the EAC that due to the League of California Cities 2014 Annual Conference and Expo which is being held on September 3-5, 2014 in Los Angeles, the next
meetings of the EAC, RC and SCAG Policy Committee meetings will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m. in honor of Hon. Bill Jahn’s grandson, Daniel Pohl. The next regular meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

Approved by:

Lillian Harris-Neal, CMC
Clerk of the Board
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