JOINT MEETING OF THE
REGIONAL COUNCIL;
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT;
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT; AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES

PLEASE NOTE TIME
Thursday, June 6, 2013
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
(Hon. Greg Pettis, President)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Council, must fill out and present a Public Comment Card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. The President has the discretion to reduce the time limit based upon the number of speakers. The President may limit the total time for all public comments to twenty (20) minutes.

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ADJOURNMENT
MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CEHD) COMMITTEE; ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (EEC); AND THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC) OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS MAY 3, 2013


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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, District 2, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:30 a.m. and Councilmember Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pettis announced there was a quorum for each of the Policy Committees.
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Greg Pettis opened the Public Comment Period.

John Longville, Board of Trustees, San Bernardino Community College District and former SCAG President (1992-1993), congratulated and complimented SCAG for the work accomplished in the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS while recognizing the challenges and support for Active Transportation.

Patricia Ochoa, Deputy Policy Director, Coalition for Clean Air, thanked the Regional Council, Policy Committee members and SCAG staff for the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and progress made by the six (6) Subcommittees; commented regarding the correlation of Active Transportation and the success and health of communities; and expressed support for the Subcommittees’ recommendations and next steps.

Katherine Lee, Advocacy Coordinator, American Lung Association, echoed the comments made by Patricia Ochoa; thanked Regional Councilmember Deborah Robertson for her leadership on the Public Health Subcommittee; expressed support for the recommendations made; and encouraged SCAG to continue to invest in developing public health data in the development of the 2016 RTP/SCS.

Melanie Schlotterbeck, Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks, recommended that SCAG focus on livable communities and access to recreational opportunities and suggested inclusion of additional implementation efforts for the regional advanced mitigation program in the framework of the next RTP/SCS.

Autumn Bernstein, Director, ClimatePlan, complimented SCAG for its leadership, partnership, innovation and the work made by the Subcommittees; emphasized the importance of the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS; encouraged SCAG to collaborate with the County Transportation Commissions with similar efforts; to monitor implementation of SCS; to track FTIP implementation schedule; and to ensure a “robust” data to track the achievement of goals that were established.

Pauline Chow, Esq., Southern California Regional Policy Manager, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, thanked SCAG for the implementation efforts of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and its ongoing commitment to Active Transportation, Public Health and Sustainability. Ms. Chow also expressed appreciation of SCAG and Metro’s Memorandum of Understanding.

LeGrand Velez, President, Coachella Valley Community Trails Alliance, thanked the Regional Council and Policy Committee members for their efforts in the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS; expressed appreciation for livable communities and the economic benefits of Active Transportation; and encouraged SCAG to continue this commitment.

Daniel De La Herran, Insight Association, discussed the need for safe mobility to empower individuals with disabilities and physical challenges.

Gwen Norton-Perry, Executive Director, Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG), expressed appreciation for the recommendations made by the six (6) Subcommittees and for noting the suggestions and comments made by the stakeholders, technical working groups and the subregions; and congratulated SCAG for its collaboration and efforts.

Deny Zane, Executive Director, Move LA, stated that the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS has been hailed nationally as a visionary document in the areas of Active Transportation and Transit Development while addressing the need for the infrastructure system’s maintenance.
Amanda Eaken, Deputy Director of Sustainable Communities, Energy & Transportation Program, Natural Resources Defense Council, thanked SCAG for their vision and leadership for adopting and implementing the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS that is internationally recognized; stated appreciation for the Subcommittees’ recommendations and next steps; asked to consider convening a working group of builders, advocates and local governments to set guidelines for determining project consistency with the SCS; and suggested that SCAG consider a Memorandum of Understanding with the County Transportation Commissions that is similar to the MOU with Metro to ensure implementation and success of the Plan.

With the assistance of an English-speaking translator, Eufracia Peñaloza, Inland Congregations United for Change (ICUC), commented regarding public transportation accessibility especially in the rural communities of Mecca, North Shore, Brawley and Adelanto in the Coachella Valley.

With the assistance of an English-speaking translator, Esther Salinas, Inland Congregations United for Change (ICUC), commented regarding the necessity of public transportation and expressed appreciation for the inclusion of rural communities as part of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS.

President Greg Pettis closed the Public Comment Period.

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Approval Item

1. Minutes of the February 7, 2013 Joint Meeting of the Regional Council and Policy Committees

A motion was made (Jahn) to approve the Minutes of the February 7, 2013 Joint Meeting of the Regional Council and Policy Committees. Motion was SECONDED (Gurulé) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Discussion Item

2. Subcommittee Recommendations and Next Steps

Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director, thanked the Regional Council, Policy Committee members, and the Chairs of the six (6) Subcommittees. He reported on the formation of the Subcommittees; their Charters; the final policy recommendations; and next steps as part of the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. Mr. Ikhrata discussed the funding challenges for the projects in the Plan; the creation of jobs generated each year in all sectors because of the Plan; and the need for commitment to accomplish the goals of the Plan. Mr. Ikhrata reported on the formation of a Technical Working Group to ensure ongoing review, discussion, and dialogue needed for the completion of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. Lastly, Mr. Ikhrata discussed the draft preliminary schedule for the development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Joint Meeting of the Regional Council and Policy Committees adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board
DATE:       June 6, 2013

TO:         Regional Council (RC)
            Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee
            Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)
            Transportation Committee (TC)

FROM:       Rich Macias, Director of Transportation Planning (213) 236-1805, macias@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT:    Overview and Update of the 2040 California Transportation Plan (CTP 2040)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S APPROVAL:  [Signature]

RECOMMENDED ACTION:  Information only – No Action Required

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Pam Korte, Chief, Office of State Planning Division of Transportation Planning, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will provide an overview and update of the 2040 California Transportation Plan (CTP 2040), a statewide, long-range transportation plan to meet the state’s future mobility needs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Given that the CTP 2040 is designed to achieve on a state-level many of the same goals that SCAG’s Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) will achieve for our region, it is important that the Regional Council and Policy Committees be aware of the policy framework set forth by the CTP 2040 to guide transportation investments on a statewide level. In this presentation, Ms. Korte will provide the CTP 2040’s vision and a better understanding of how the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS fits within the state’s CTP 2040 and how we can work together toward a more sustainable California.

STRATEGIC PLAN:
This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 1, Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies

BACKGROUND:
The CTP 2040 is a statewide, long-range transportation plan that aims to meet the state’s future mobility needs and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The CTP 2040 is prepared in response to federal and state requirements which is updated every five (5) years, and defines performance-based goals, policies, and strategies to achieve the state’s collective vision for California’s integrated, multimodal, and sustainable transportation system. The CTP 2040 provides a common policy framework that will guide transportation investments and decisions by all levels of government, the private sector, and other transportation stakeholders to achieve maximum feasible GHG emission reduction while meeting the state’s transportation needs.

The CTP 2040 will be developed through ongoing stakeholder engagement as outlined in the Public Participation Plan for the CTP and Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Building upon the vision and policy framework of the 2030 Plan (updated in 2007), this update will focus on meeting new trends and challenges, such as economic and job growth; climate change; freight
movement; and public health. In addition, performance measures and targets will be developed for the Plan with transportation agencies and transit operators to meet the MAP-21 requirements.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**
No Fiscal Impact

**ATTACHMENT:**
PowerPoint Presentation: Overview and Update of the 2040 California Transportation Plan
Southern California Association of Governments
Joint Policy Committee Meeting

June 6, 2013

SB 391 and the CIB

SENATE BILL 391
(LIU)

requires Caltrans to:

• identify the statewide integrated multimodal transportation system

• prepare interim report to legislature, by December 31, 2012, based on SB 375 sustainable communities strategies and their influence statewide

• develop state transportation plan by December 31, 2015, that identifies the integrated, multimodal system needed to achieve maximum feasible greenhouse gas reductions

THREE MAJOR ELEMENTS

1. Integrating statewide modal plans and programs

2. Building upon regional transportation plans and sustainable community strategies

3. Developing robust modeling tools to analyze different scenarios and strategies
California Transportation Plan

What is it?

Statewide, long-range transportation plan that:

- Defines goals, policies, and strategies and the future statewide, multi-modal transportation system
- Integrates statewide modal plans
- Builds upon Regional Transportation Plans and Sustainable Communities Strategies
- Analyzes future scenarios and policies using robust modeling tools
**California Transportation Plan**

**WHY?**

- Provides a statewide common policy framework
- Guides transportation investments and decisions
- Gives strategic direction to the regional transportation plans
- Evaluates the performance of our plans
- Identifies the system needed to meet our climate change goals
CTP 2040 Framework

THE VISION
Sustainability

THE GOALS
- Improve Mobility & Accessibility
- Preserve the Transportation System
- Support the Economy
- Enhance Public Safety
- Address Climate Change
- Protect Our Economy

THE POLICIES
- Improve Region
- Access
- Livelihoods
- Accessibility
- Support Transportation
- Increase Employment
- Reduce Traffic
- Support Job Growth
- Enhance Public
- Safety & Security
- Increase
- Economic
- Development
- Enhance
- Public
- Involvement

Modal Plans

INTEGRATING THE STATEWIDE
MODAL PLANS

HIGHWAY MODAL PLAN
Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan
2013

TRANSIT MODAL PLAN
Statewide Transit Strategic Plan
2012

FREIGHT MODAL PLAN
Freight Mobility Plan
2013/2014

AVIATION MODAL PLAN
California Aviation System Plan
2011

RAIL MODAL PLAN
California State Rail Plan
2013
Statewide Travel Demand and Freight Models

Inputs
- Household Travel Survey
- *CHTS
- *NHTS
- *Project Lists
- RTP/SCS Regional Transportation Plan
- Policy Scenarios
- *PAC and SHC Development
- CSFFM California Statewide Freight Forecasting Model

Results/Outputs
- CSFDM Outputs
- *VMT
- *VHD
- *Trips
- *Mode Split (Auto, Air, Bike, Ped, Rail, Transit)
- CSFFM Outputs
- Commodity Flow by tonnage and mode
- CSTDM Outputs
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- EMFAC Emission Factors Model
- GHG Emissions

Economic and Emissions Modelling
- TREDIS Transportation Economic Development Impact System
- *Jobs
- *GSP
- *Income

CTP 2040 Scenarios

Scenarios
- Scenario 1: Basecase
- Scenario 2: Moderate
- Scenario 3: Aggressive

Statewide Strategy Packages
- From RTP/SCS, ITSP, Modal Plans
- MODERATE changes to Pricing, transportation alternatives, mode shift, vehicle operations + Basecase
- AGGRESSIVE changes to Pricing, transportation alternatives, mode shift, vehicle operations + Basecase

Results
- Final Results for each Scenario
  - *GHG Emissions
  - *Mode Split
  - *Jobs
  - *GSP
  - *Income

CTP Timeline

- CTP Kick-off (TAC/PAC): Mar/Apr 2013
- CTP 1st Draft: Jan 2013 – Jan 2014
- Focus Groups: Summer 2013
- Tribal Meetings: Summer/Fall 2013
- Scenario Analysis: Summer 2014
- Workshops: Fall 2014
- CTP 2040 to Legislature: Dec 2015
For More Information…

Check out the CTP Website at:
http://www.californiatransportationplan2040.org

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DATE: June 6, 2013

TO: Regional Council (RC)
Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)

FROM: Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning, 213-236-1838,
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SUBJECT: 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies (RTP/SCS)
Growth Forecast: Planning & Policy Implications

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: For Information Only – No Action Required

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Steve Levy, Director of Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy, will discuss policy and
planning implications for the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities
Strategy (RTP/SCS) growth forecast along with the new California Department of Finance (DOF)
projections released January 31, 2013. The policy and planning implications include, but are not limited
to the following: aging workforce, economy, and immigration; housing and city design; transportation
demand; government revenues and spending; education and training. Mr. Levy also presented this
information at the Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee meeting on
March 7, 2013 and the CEHD suggests this information be shared with all SCAG Policy Committees.

STRATEGIC PLAN:
This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan; Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing
Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a: Create and facilitate a
collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

BACKGROUND:
SCAG adopted its regional growth forecast as part of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS in April 2012. The regional
growth forecast is used as a key guide for future transportation investments in the SCAG region. The 2012–
2035 RTP/SCS growth forecast was developed reflecting both the short-term and long-term perspectives.
The latest 2010 Census data and 2011 California Employment Development Department (EDD) data
indicate lower population, households and employment for 2010 than forecasted in the 2008 RTP.

The region is expected to grow over the RTP planning period (2008–2035) adding 4.2 million new
residents, 1.5 million new households, and 1.7 million new jobs by 2035. The slower population growth
pattern experienced in the last decade is expected to continue into the future. Between 2010 and 2035, the
annual average population growth rate will be 0.9 percent, which is lower than the annual average growth
rate of 1.2% for the past 20 years. The region will grow mainly through natural increase (births over deaths).
The most salient demographic characteristics of the projected population in the region will be the aging of the population and shifts in ethnic composition. With the aging of the baby boomer generation (born between 1946 and 1964), the median age of the population is projected to increase from 34.2 in 2010 to 36.7 in 2035. The share of the population who are 65 years old and over is projected to increase from 11 percent in 2010 to 18 percent in 2035, while the share of the population less than 65 years old decreases from 89 percent in 2010 to 82 percent in 2035. In particular, the share of the working age population (age 16–64) will decline from 65 percent to 60 percent during the projection period. This implies a future shortage of workers. With the increasing share of the older population and the decreasing share of the working age population, the aged dependency ratio (i.e., the number of aged people per hundred people of working age) is projected to increase from 17 percent in 2010 to 30 percent in 2035 (that is, an increase of 13 percent during the planning period).

The other characteristic of the projected population worth noting is with respect to the racial/ethnic diversity. The region already had a high level of racial/ethnic diversity in 2010 with a Hispanic population of 45 percent, a non-Hispanic White population of 34 percent, a non-Hispanic Asian population and others of 14 percent, and a non-Hispanic Black population of 7 percent. The region’s racial/ethnic composition is projected to exhibit a rapid change toward a majority Hispanic population of 56 percent in 2035, while the share of the non-Hispanic White population is projected to drop to 22 percent.

The DOF released its new population projections in January 2013. DOF’s new population projections for SCAG’s planning target year of 2035 are less than SCAG’s regional growth forecast by 1.7%, which is within an acceptable range. The new population forecasts of SCAG and DOF will have policy and planning implications for the SCAG region.

Steve Levy, Director of the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy, will provide an overview of policy and planning implications of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS growth forecast and 2013 DOF projections for the SCAG region. These policy and planning implications include but are not limited to the following:

Aging workforce, economy, and immigration: Due to the retirement of “baby boomers,” the nation may experience severe shortages of skilled labor. The aging baby boomers may postpone the retirement or the female labor force may increase its labor force participation. If domestic migration does not make up the shortage of skilled labor, then more foreign immigration may be needed. Phased retirement system, which allows aging workers to keep working on a part-time basis beyond the traditional retirement age, can be discussed.

Housing and city design: The overall number of persons per household will be smaller in the long term future as downward pressures are exerted by aging “baby boomers” and lower birth rates, while there are upward pressures from increasing Latin American populations with relatively large households (especially recent immigrants). The racial and ethnic composition of households will reflect the population diversity and create demand for a wider variety of housing types than are most prevalent today. There might be more need for affordable close-in and infill housing, condominiums and multi-family housing. They are relatively small sized units easily accessible to transit stations or other urban services. The need for house remodeling for aging population in place is widely acknowledged.
Transportation demand: Shifting demographic patterns will influence travel behavior. The Elderly people tend to travel less than the younger population and the elderly workers tend to work at home. If necessary, they commute to work for a shorter distance. There is a need to improve the limited mobility of the elderly and the elderly’s limited access to service needs. There is a need to discuss more age-friendly transportation choices.

Government revenues and spending: Population aging might generate negative effects on the economy and government finance at all levels for very long time due to the steep decline in earning power, expenditures, and a much lower level of taxes paid.

Education and training: The skills of the new labor force, particularly recent immigrants, will probably not match the requirements of the skilled jobs. This could depress the overall income level of the workers and households. Appropriate and enhanced educational opportunities for K-12 and college students can be considered.

FISCAL IMPACT:
Work associated with this item is included in the current FY 2012-2013 under 055.SCG00133.05: Integrated Growth Forecasting Data Analysis & Development for 2016 RTP/SCS.

ATTACHMENT:
Powerpoint Presentation: Planning & Policy Implications of Growth in the SCAG Region
Planning and Policy Implications of Growth in the SCAG Region

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Major Topics

• Planning and Policy Implications of the 2012 RTP/SCS Growth Forecast—What is Likely to Happen and What Needs to be Done
• Related Issues
  --New Information from the 2016 growth forecast preparation including new DOF population forecast
  --The planned SCAG population aging and policy implications conference in September will provide insight from around the state and world on planning for regional growth
Major Findings of the 2012 Growth Forecast

• Most population growth will be in residents 55 years of age and older. After 2025 the 75+ population will surge.

• Very slow growth in the number of residents aged 0-24 as DOF and Census Bureau project lower fertility rates for all groups. A new finding!!

• Also slow growth in the 25-54 age groups

• Continuing ethnic change with population gains concentrated in Hispanic and Asian residents
**SCAG Region Population Growth 2010-2035 (Millions)**

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**Key Growth Forecast Assumptions**

- The regional economy will recover and grow in line with the national economy to 2035
- The investments and plans incorporated in the 2012 RTP/SCS/RES will be, for the most part, successfully funded and implemented
- The forecasted growth will not, by itself, solve longstanding challenges of poverty and equity
The Region has Recovered from a Deep Recession Before

Major SCAG Planning and Policy Initiatives

- The 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- The 2012 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
- Ongoing Regional Economic Strategy Initiatives (RES)
- Bottom Line: All of these initiatives are important for economic competitiveness as well as transportation, land use, air quality and other goals. These plans and policies make the region a better place to live and work.
Implications of Demographic Change

- Demand for housing and city design
- Implications for transportation demand
- Implications for labor force and the economy
- Impact on government revenues and spending
- Implications for education and training
- Implications for immigration
- Land use
- Energy and climate change

Implications for Housing-- A Reversal in Growth for Large Homes at the Edge of the Region??

- 2010-2025
  --Growth in 25-34, 55-64 and 65+ age groups
- 2025-2035
  --Growth in 35-54 and 65+ age groups
- Fewer children and smaller households
- A lot depends on what older HHs choose to do
- But demand for smaller units in high amenity areas should grow, facilitating SCS planning and policies. Expect market demand to follow demographic trends.
Implications for the Economy of the RTP/SCS Plans

- The RTP investments are crucial to improving the movement of people and goods and thus important for attracting many of the jobs in the growth forecast. Full funding is not yet in place. SCAG has documented the economic gains from these investments. And RTP investments are a part of the regional air quality plan.

- SB 375 requires the region to provide housing to match job growth while reducing GHG emissions. Adequate housing is critical to regional economic competitiveness. The climate change study identified specific SCAG land use, housing and transportation policies as the most cost effective strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while having a positive economic impact.
The Regional Economic Strategy has Important Short AND Long-Term Policies

- Transportation investments and other policies in support of foreign trade
- Expediting project review and other policies to improve customer service
- Exploring public-private partnerships, lowering voter thresholds and other policies for better infrastructure funding
- Exploring development of sector strategies

The Tsunami of Baby Boomer Retirements

- The region’s labor force was 8.8 million in 2012
- By 2020 900,000 baby boom workers will retire
- Between 2020 and 2030 another 1.5 million baby boomers will retire
- The region will add 2.2 million jobs by 2035 (500,000 to replace remaining recession losses) while needing to replace 2.4 million retiring baby boomers
Workforce Implications of the Growth Forecast

- Near term there will be delayed retirements and still unemployed workers available
- Starting soon, though, the region will need skilled workers for the new jobs and to replace the more educated and experienced retirees
- Additional considerations are the smaller number of children expected as well as ongoing increases in skill requirements for many jobs

Workforce Implications (cont’d)

- Educating ALL children is both an economic prosperity and equity imperative
- There will be job openings at ALL skill levels
- High school graduation AND something beyond will be needed by most. Community colleges are a critical resource for the economy and businesses
- The smaller number of children will make it important to ease and target immigration to focus more on labor market needs
The 2016 RTP Growth Forecast

- Key issue is assessing the region’s competitive position for job growth, which will determine how fast the region grows.
- The age and ethnic changes described above will continue. There will be fewer children than previously anticipated.
- Immigration and labor force participation trends will be revisited.
- The links to SCAG policies will be identified.

The Upcoming Population Aging and Policy Implications Conference

- Will explore the implications of demographic change in the region
- Will have guests from around the state and world to share experiences of planning for growth in large urban regions like SCAG
- Will identify best practices with regard to transportation, land use, housing and energy/climate change
- Will be an input to 2016 cycle plans and policies