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JOINT MEETING OF THE

REGIONAL COUNCIL, COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES

PLEASE NOTE TIME

***Thursday, July 5, 2012
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.***

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**JOINT MEETING OF THE
REGIONAL COUNCIL,
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES
AGENDA
THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Hon. Glen Becerra, 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 provided that the Chair has the discretion to reduce this time limit based upon the number of speakers. The Chair may limit the total time for all public comments to twenty (20) minutes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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Presentation by:

- *Veronica Gutierrez, Vice President, Local Public Affairs
Southern California Edison (SCE)*
- *Dennis C. Peters, Manager, External Affairs
California Independent System Operator (CA-ISO)*

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| 3. <u>New SCAG Subcommittees</u>
<i>(Hon. Glen Becerra, President)</i> | Attachment | 14 |
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Recommended Action: Discuss and forward recommendations to the Regional Council for approval.

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CEHD) COMMITTEE;
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (EEC); AND THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC) OF THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
MARCH 21, 2012**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND/OR DISCUSSIONS THAT OCCURRED AT THE SPECIAL MEETING. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING/VIEWING AT www.scag.ca.gov/scagtv.

The CEHD, EEC and TC held its Special Meeting at SCAG’s Los Angeles Office.

CEHD Members Present

Representing

Chair*	1. Hon. Paula Lantz	Pomona	District 38
Vice Chair*	2. Hon. Ginger Coleman	Apple Valley	District 65
	3. Hon. Josue Barrios	Cudahy	GCCOG
	4. Hon. Carol Chen	Cerritos	Gateway Cities
	* 5. Hon. Margaret Finlay	Duarte	District 35
	6. Hon. Ron Garcia	Brea	OCCOG
	* 7. Hon. James Gazeley	Lomita	District 39
	* 8. Hon. Jon Harrison	Redlands	District 6
	* 9. Hon. Steven Hofbauer	Palmdale	District 43
	* 10. Hon. Bill Jahn	Big Bear Lake	District 11
	* 11. Hon. Darcy Kuenzi	Menifee	District 63
	12. Hon. Randon Lane	Murietta	WRCOG
	* 13. Hon. Joel Lautenschleger	Laguna Hills	District 13
	* 14. Hon. Ronald Loveridge	Riverside	District 4
	* 15. Hon. Larry McCallon	Highland	District 7
	16. Hon. Kathryn McCullough	Lake Forest	OCCOG
	* 17. Hon. Carl Morehouse	San Buenaventura	District 47
	* 18. Hon. Kris Murray	Anaheim	District 19
	19. Hon. Ray Musser	Upland	SANBAG
	* 20. Hon. John Nielsen	Tustin	District 17
	* 21. Hon. Deborah Robertson	Rialto	District 8
	22. Hon. Gino Sund	Altadena	SGVCOG

TC Members Present:

Representing

Chair * 1.	Hon. Keith Millhouse	Moorpark	VCTC
Vice-Chair * 2.	Hon. Alan Wapner	Ontario	SANBAG
* 3.	Hon. Bruce Barrows	Cerritos	District 23
* 4.	Hon. Glen Becerra	Simi Valley	District 46
* 5.	Hon. Stan Carroll	La Habra Heights	District 31
* 6.	Hon. Mary Craton	Canyon Lake	RCTC
* 7.	Hon. Gene Daniels	Paramount	District 24
8.	Hon. Steven Diels	Redondo Beach	SBCCOG
* 9.	Hon. Frank Gurulé	Cudahy	District 27
10.	Hon. Bert Hack	Laguna Woods	OCCOG
* 11.	Hon. Matthew Harper	Huntington Beach	District 64
* 12.	Hon. Carol Herrera	Diamond Bar	District 37
* 13.	Hon. Jim Hyatt	Calimesa	District 3
14.	Hon. Trish Kelley	Mission Viejo	OCCOG
* 15.	Hon. Michele Martinez	Santa Ana	District 16
16.	Hon. Marsha McLean	Santa Clarita	North L. A. County
* 17.	Hon. Barbara Messina	Alhambra	District 34
* 18.	Hon. Leroy Mills	Cypress	District 18
* 19.	Hon. Steven Neal	Long Beach	District 29
* 20.	Hon. Pam O'Connor	Santa Monica	District 41
* 21.	Hon. Gary Ovitt		San Bernardino County
* 22.	Hon. Gregory Pettis	Cathedral City	District 2
* 23.	Hon. Frank Quintero	Glendale	District 42
* 24.	Hon. Ronald Roberts	Temecula	District 5
25.	Hon. David Spence	La Cañada/Flintridge	Arroyo-Verdugo Cities
26.	Hon. Karen Spiegel	Corona	WRCOG
27.	Hon. Tim Spohn	City of Industry	SGVCOG
* 28.	Hon. Jeff Stone		Riverside County
29.	Hon. Jess Talamantes	Burbank	SFVCOG
* 30.	Hon. Donald Voss	La Cañada/Flintridge	District 36

EEC Members Present:

Representing

Chair* 1.	Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	El Centro	District 1
Vice-Chair* 2.	Hon. James Johnson	Long Beach	District 30
3.	Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz	Canyon Lake	WRCOG

EEC Members Present - continued:

Representing

4.	Hon. Larry Forester	Signal Hill	Gateway Cities
* 5.	Hon. Keith Hanks	Azusa	District 33
* 6.	Hon. Mario Hernandez	San Fernando	District 67
* 7.	Hon. Margaret Clark	Rosemead	District 32
8.	Hon. Phil Leubben	Cypress	OCCOG
9.	Hon. Thomas Martin	Maywood	District 27
10.	Hon. Dan Medina	Gardena	District 28
* 11.	Hon. Judy Mitchell	Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
12.	Hon. Jeffrey Prang	West Hollywood	District 41

* Regional Council Member

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
 Joann Africa, Chief Counsel
 Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer
 Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director, Administration
 Sharon Neely, Deputy Executive Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs
 Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use & Environmental Planning
 Rich Macias, Director of Transportation Planning
 Sylvia Patsouras, Interim Director of Regional Services and Public Affairs
 Deby Salcido, Officer to the Regional Council
 Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and First Vice President Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, District 46, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, reported that Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians' longtime Chairman, Richard Milanovich, passed away recently and asked for a moment of silence in his memory.

President O'Connor announced the meeting is being video-conferenced to SCAG's satellite offices and that the members will be taking a formal action by a roll call vote. President O'Connor called on the following councilmembers who were present at the Riverside office: Councilmember Darcy Kuenzi, Menifee, District 63; Councilmember Mary Craton, Canyon Lake, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC); Councilmember Ron Roberts, Temecula, District 5; Councilmember Ron Loveridge, Riverside, District 4; and Councilmember Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake, Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG); at the

San Bernardino office: Councilmember Randon Lane, Murrieta, WRCOG; and Councilmember Ray Musser, Upland, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG); at the Ventura County office: Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura, District 47; at the Orange County office: Councilmember John Nielsen, Tustin, District 17; Councilmember Joel Lautenschleger, Laguna Hills, District 13; Councilmember Kathryn McCullough, Lake Forest, Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG); Councilmember Ron Garcia, Brea, OCCOG; Councilmember Phil Leubben, Cypress, OCCOG; and Councilmember Matthew Harper, Huntington Beach, District 64; at the Hesperia office: Councilmember Ginger Coleman, Town of Apple Valley, District 65; at the Imperial office: Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1; and announced that there were no councilmembers present at the Palmdale office.

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, announced that a quorum was established for all three (3) Policy Committees. President O'Connor stated the names of the three (3) Regional Councilmembers who are not Policy Committee members, therefore, cannot vote on the matter being presented: Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles, District 51; Councilmember Lillie Dobson, Compton, District 26; and Mr. Randall Lewis, ex-officio member, Lewis Group of Companies.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Proposed Final 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and the associated Proposed Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

President O'Connor reiterated that a roll call vote will be taken on the matter and that the recommended actions are: (1) to recommend to the Regional Council to adopt Resolution No. 12-538-1, certifying the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and adopting Findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations (SOC) and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) associated with the Final PEIR; and (2) recommend to the Regional Council to adopt Resolution No. 12-538-2, adopting the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, including the associated conformity determination and the associated Consistency Amendment #11-24 to the 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); and to authorize the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the RTP/SCS.

RTP Subcommittee Chair Alan Wapner thanked the RTP Subcommittee members and the High-Speed Rail Subcommittee members for their time, effort, and dedication on the development of the draft RTP/SCS. He also thanked the Policy Committee Members for their participation at the special meetings and SCAG staff for their diligence in keeping up with all the policy recommendations and decisions made. Councilmember Wapner summarized the Subcommittees' work in the development of the RTP/SCS and stated that there are two (2) new projects that the subcommittee will be recommending that the Regional Council include in the Final RTP/SCS, which are: the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) rail component of the High Desert Corridor; and the Coachella Valley Neighborhood Electric in the Active Transportation Project. Lastly, Councilmember Wapner reported that the recommended action is to recommend RC adoption of two (2) resolutions certifying the Final PEIR and

adopting the RTP/SCS as well as authorizing the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the RTP/SCS that is consistent with the Policy Committees' direction.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Pam O'Connor opened the Public Comment Period and announced that each of the public comment speakers will be allowed to speak for one (1) minute.

Hector Madariaga, Director of Environmental Affairs, Southern California Gas Company, expressed concerns regarding the RTP/SCS, specifically, the lack of alternative vehicle fuel options leaving out natural gas options; he acknowledged the inclusion of near-zero emissions technology in the Plan; and stated concerns on zero tailpipe technologies as a long-term solution.

Jean Armbruster, Director, PLACE Program, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, urged the members to prioritize Active Transportation in the RTP/SCS, specifically, to ensure sufficient funding for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure; prioritize first and last mile connections to transit stations; and encouraged measuring the public health impacts of transportation investments.

Patricia Ochoa, Environment and Health Coordinator, Physicians for Social Responsibility – Los Angeles, commented regarding her organization's support for Active Transportation in the RTP/SCS including increased investment in the following: zero-emissions transportation; Active Transportation; improving health benefits; additional health and equity performance indicators in the SCS; and ensuring gentrification displacement is captured in the Environmental Justice analysis.

Ellen Alkon, M.D., Southern California Public Health Association (SCPHA), stated that the American Public Health Association and SCPHA jointly designed a fact sheet that contains ten (10) principles that support improved community health on transportation issues and shared copies of the fact sheets with the councilmembers as the principles are consistent with the 2012 RTP/SCS.

Trisha Murakawa, Board Member and Immediate Past Chair, American Lung Association in California (ALAC), thanked the councilmembers for their leadership in the development of the 2012 RTP/SCS and commented regarding public health impacts of air pollution in the region.

Rye Baerg, Southern California Regional Policy Manager, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, thanked the councilmembers and SCAG staff for their efforts in the development of the 2012 RTP/SCS and requested that information be included in future RTPs regarding the state, federal, and local funding for Active Transportation; the percentage of funding allocated for Complete Streets Projects; and the assurance that will allow children to have an opportunity to walk/bike to school.

Ryan Johnson, student, UCLA Urban Planning, commented regarding funding prioritization for bicycle and pedestrian projects and suggested a formation of a SCAG Active Transportation committee to identify projects that could be implemented.

Luis R. Cabrales, Deputy Director of Campaigns, Coalition for Clean Air, thanked SCAG staff for their collaboration in the development of the 2012 RTP/SCS and stated concerns regarding goods movement in the region while suggesting more of local government involvement.

Deny Zane, Executive Director, Move LA, congratulated the councilmembers and SCAG staff for their efforts in the development of the 2012 RTP/SCS and urged the councilmembers to adopt the 2012 RTP/SCS and consideration for future RTPs and SCSs regarding the need to modernize the Metrolink system; freight system; expand an Active Transportation system; and build upon an extraordinary Compass Blueprint Program. Mr. Zane stated that he provided a document to the councilmembers that reflected combined recommendations from Move LA, ALAC, Safe Routes to School National Partnership and the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, to ensure future efforts and activities to enhance the Plan.

John Buccola, VCCool, Ventura Bicycle Union, commented regarding the difficulties involved in accessing public transit; stated that a 45-second video he created, “Imbalanced Transportation Funding,” illustrates his personal experience in accessing public transit; and emphasized that “an investment in active transit is an investment in public transit.”

Tyrone Lafay, VCCool, Ventura Bicycle Union, commented regarding a presentation he created regarding “Ghost Bikes and Shrines” illustrates the challenges and tragedies that affect all individuals in Southern California.

Andrew Henderson, Vice President & General Counsel, Building Industry Association of Southern California (BIASC), complimented SCAG staff for their patience and professionalism in the development of the 2012 RTP/SCS; and asked the councilmembers to adopt the RTP/SCS—although expressed concerns regarding its unintended consequences specifically relating to SB 375.

Phoebe Seaton, Program Director, California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. (CRLA), commented regarding the inadequate or lack of public transit in east Coachella Valley and suggested that future RTPs must include access to transportation to that portion of the region and urged the councilmembers to consider the health impacts for this region.

Jacqueline Hernandez, Advocacy Director, American Heart Association (AHA), commented that the number one cause of death is related to heart disease and how air pollution contributes to this disease; and urged the councilmembers to create pedestrian-friendly communities to allow movement of people.

John Longville, Board of Trustees, San Bernardino Community College District and former SCAG President (1992-1993), thanked the councilmembers for their efforts in the development of the 2012 RTP/SCS. Mr. Longville stated that several students from Arroyo Valley High School will provide remarks regarding the RTP/SCS.

Luis Tirado, Arroyo Valley High School, San Bernardino Unified School District, urged the councilmembers to provide an efficient transportation system for future generations.

Alicia Aguayo, Arroyo Valley High School, San Bernardino Unified School District, urged the councilmembers to follow the examples of former U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower and former California Governor Pat Brown by building much-needed facilities.

Katherine Alfaro, Arroyo Valley High School, San Bernardino Unified School District, urged support for increased Active Transportation facilities for the overall interest of public health.

David Servin; Deidre Ramirez; and Bernard de la Garza, students from Arroyo Valley High School, San Bernardino Unified School District, thanked the councilmembers for their efforts in the development of the 2012 RTP/SCS.

Kristin Eberhard, Legal Director, Western Energy and Climate Projects for the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), thanked the councilmembers for their efforts in the development of the 2012 RTP/SCS; suggested the need for more funding in key aspects of the Plan including Metrolink upgrades, Active Transportation projects, clean Goods Movement, and Compass Blueprint Projects to allow local governments to implement the Plan.

Ezequiel Gutierrez, Attorney-at-Law, commented regarding transit-dependent populations, specifically, the low-income communities of Los Angeles County who use transit more than other income groups; and commented regarding the co-benefits in achieving Active Transportation by use of a network of Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and urged the councilmembers to consider this matter.

Jenny Bard, Regional Air Quality Director, American Lung Association in California (ALAC), commented regarding a letter submitted to SCAG from ALAC and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) that indicated support for increased focus on Active Transportation and Clean Goods Movement; and invited the councilmembers to join ALAC's Healthy Growth Leaders Campaign.

Dr. Bill Sherman, "No on 710" Action Committee, commented regarding the 2012 RTP/SCS and its laudable projects although largely unfunded, as the Plan calls for Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) user tax fee; and stated that the RTP does not adequately recognize the California voters' desire for clean air and healthy environment in that it contained highway projects with pollution levels not in compliance with SB 375 and AB 32.

Joanne Nuckols, "No on 710" Action Committee, stated that the most controversial project in the 2012 RTP/SCS is the SR-710 North Extension Tunnel; and urged that the proposed 710 Tunnel project be moved to the strategic, unfunded plan due to the unavailability of reasonable funds as required by Federal law. Ms. Nuckols shared a document with the councilmembers illustrating a chart of the cost estimates of the proposed 710 Tunnel project since 1992 that, she said, have been so wildly invariable as to be invalid.

Dennis Woods, South Pasadena, California, stated the City Council's support for multi-modalism and commented specifically regarding page 5 of the staff report that outlines the absence of funding to support the SR-710 North Extension Tunnel Project in the 2012 RTP/SCS and stated

that the project does not meet the Federal criteria to be in the constrained plan as a funded project; therefore, he requested the project be removed from the Plan; and commented regarding the false assumption that building freeways will reduce congestion, and that in actuality, will increase pollution.

Michelle K. Wolf, Director of Foundation and Government Relations, American Diabetes Association, urged the councilmembers to approve a strong Sustainable Communities Strategy due to the diabetes epidemic and encouraged safe walking and biking communities, especially in high-risk, low-income communities, to increase physical activity in abetting the ill-effects of diabetes.

Dr. Tom Williams, Board Member, LA-32 Neighborhood Council, commented regarding the SR 710 North Extension Project in the 2012 RTP/SCS and expressed concerns with what he considers inadequate and incomplete responses to his submitted comments regarding this matter.

President Pam O'Connor closed the Public Comment Period.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, thanked the councilmembers for their participation in the special meeting and echoed Councilmember Wapner's comments regarding the 2012 RTP/SCS—a reasonably funded Plan—that meets state and federal requirements and also charts regional transportation and land use strategies for the region's future. Mr. Ikhata addressed some of the questions raised during the Public Comment Period. First, he stated his appreciation for SCAG staff's collaboration with The Gas Company, as the Plan is technology-neutral and will not favor one technology over another. Mr. Ikhata asked the councilmembers to approve the recommended action to authorize the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the Plan, which would include technology neutral language that is consistent with policy direction. Mr. Ikhata also addressed the concerns raised in regard to the availability of funds for the SR 710 North Extension Project in the 2012 RTP/SCS. He stated that all of the projects in the Plan are funded with reasonably available funds and meets the financial constraint requirements of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). In regard to comments relating to choices, options, and public health impacts, Mr. Ikhata stated that there are remarkable benefits and co-benefits of the Plan. In closing, Mr. Ikhata stated that he could not be more pleased with SCAG staff for their efforts, integrity and professionalism in the development of the RTP/SCS.

ACTION ITEM:

1. Proposed Final 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and the associated Proposed Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

President Pam O'Connor reiterated that the recommended actions are: (1) that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 12-538-1, certifying the Final PEIR for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS including adopting Findings, a SOC and a MMRP associated with the Final PEIR; (2) that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 12-538-2, adopting the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, including the associated Conformity Determination and the associated Consistency Amendment #11-24 to the 2011 FTIP, and to authorize the Executive Director to make administrative changes to the RTP/SCS such as adding technology neutral language in the Plan.

Councilmember Bert Hack, Laguna Woods, OCCOG, commented regarding the difficulties and funding challenges involved in the 2012 RTP/SCS as it required adherence to various standards mandated by agencies.

Supervisor Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County, stated that he is pleased that the technology-neutral language will be included in the Plan for short- and long-term planning and stated his confidence that this will be reflected in the final 2012-2035 RTP/SCS.

Supervisor Jeff Stone, Riverside County, commented regarding the development of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and stated support for the inclusion of the technology neutral language in the Plan.

Councilmember Kris Murray, Anaheim, District 19, reiterated support for the inclusion of technology neutral language in the final 2012-2035 RTP/SCS.

Councilmember Ginger Coleman, Apple Valley, District 65, thanked SCAG staff and the RTP Subcommittee for their efforts in the development of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS.

Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, requested that written materials provided by the public comment speakers also be made available to the satellite offices.

Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, thanked SCAG staff for their efforts in the development of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and also thanked the public comment speakers who continue to voice suggestions and concerns regarding health impacts. In addition, Councilmember Robertson acknowledged the students from the San Bernardino Unified School District and appreciated their time to participate in today's meeting.

Councilmember Karen Spiegel, Corona, WRCOG, echoed Councilmember Hack's comments and suggested to start working on the accumulated numbers as it relates to Active Transportation in preparation for the next Plan.

Councilmember Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar, District 37, echoed comments made by Supervisor Ovitt and stated appreciation for the inclusion of technology neutral language in the Plan and emphasized its importance in the short-term and long-term planning.

Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio Member, speaking on behalf of the business community, he stated support for the Plan and appreciated the leadership of Hasan Ikhata, President O'Connor, Councilmembers Becerra and Wapner; and thanked the efforts of the SCAG staff in the development of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS.

First Vice President Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, District 46, commented on the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and the benefits of the development of transit while envisioning its progress in the region and stated anticipation for a robust Active Transportation component in the next and future RTPs; and suggested that all stakeholders—business and environmental communities, labor groups and elected officials—continue to work collaboratively to implement the Plan, to

make the Plan successful and a tangible reality. He thanked the public comment speakers, the various stakeholder groups, other elected officials, SCAG staff, and the Regional Council and Policy Committee members for their efforts to have a successful RTP/SCS.

Councilmember Barbara Messina, Alhambra, District 34, acknowledged and thanked the efforts and flexibility of SCAG staff who worked with the RTP Subcommittee members in the development of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS.

Councilmember Paula Lantz, Pomona, District 38, stated support for alternative transportation fuel technology and clarified that some of the projects in the constrained portion of the RTP mean they are eligible for other funding options and does not necessarily mean allocation of funds.

Councilmember Dan Medina, Gardena, District 28, commented regarding the allocation of funding for the region's system maintenance and preservation in the Plan; and thanked the students from San Bernardino Unified School District who provided comments.

Immediate Past President Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, thanked the San Bernardino Unified School District students for their participation; and echoed the comments made regarding Active Transportation and stated that San Bernardino County has a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan which contains extensive amount of information for current and future conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.

President O'Connor announced that a roll call vote will be taken on the matter and reiterated the recommended actions. Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, confirmed that a quorum was established for each of the Policy Committees. Deby Salcido, Officer to the Regional Council, proceeded with the roll call vote of the CEHD Committee members followed by EEC and TC members, starting at the Los Angeles office and then the satellite offices in Orange County, Riverside County, and San Bernardino County.

A motion was made (Hack) to recommend that the Regional Council: (1) adopt Resolution No. 12-538-1, certifying the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and adopting Findings, a SOC and a MMRP associated with the Final PEIR; (2) adopt Resolution No. 12-538-2, adopting the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, including the associated conformity determination and the associated Consistency Amendment #11-24 to the 2011 FTIP; and (3) to authorize the Executive Director to make necessary administrative edits to the Final 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, including adding clarifying language to the Final 2012-2035 RTP/SCS relating to being technology neutral in the Plan as it relates to alternative transportation fuel technology. Motion was SECONDED (Kelley) and passed by a MAJORITY VOTE with three (3) NOES (Lane, Leubben, Herrera).

RTP Subcommittee Chair Alan Wapner urged the need to start a work plan to implement the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and to form subcommittees to work on items such as Active Transportation, financing programs, health impacts of the RTP and begin the implementation of a study for the next RTP.

A MOTION was made (Wapner) to develop a work plan to implement the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS that directs SCAG staff to proceed with the recommendations outlined in Move LA's document (as distributed to the Joint Policy Committee members) and to return with amendments to the Final 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and/or SCAG's Overall Work Program (OWP) addressing these recommendations as the necessary revenues are identified. Motion was SECONDED (Martinez). President Pam O'Connor provided a clarification on the motion made and stated the motion will include as part of the implementation efforts of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS: "enhancing investments by identifying new revenue sources to invest in regionally significant systems; to expand Compass Blueprint Program regionally; to enhance the Metrolink System's regional capacity, efficiency and connectivity; to enhance clean Goods Movement investments; to improve and assess by enhancing health and equity performance measures; to look at the regional investments in Active Transportation, regional Safe Routes to School including bicycle and pedestrians systems."

Councilmember Keith Hanks, Azusa, District 33, requested additional clarification regarding the action taken and expressed concern with the associated costs of the Plan and how this should be part of the necessary implementation efforts. Councilmember Hanks stated that at the November 16, 2011 Special EEC meeting, an action was taken to form a subcommittee to research funding alternatives and provide recommendations to reduce and mitigate the costs and impacts of taxes related to the RTP and future RTPs.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, stated full support of the motion made by Councilmember Wapner with a commitment to form a subcommittee as mentioned and suggested by Councilmember Hanks.

First Vice President Glen, Berra, Simi Valley, District 46, suggested adding the clarifying language to the motion. RTP Subcommittee Chair Alan Wapner further clarified that the intent of the motion is to create appropriate subcommittee(s) for each of the three (3) standing Policy Committees that include identifying new revenue sources to reduce and mitigate costs of the impact.

President O'Connor announced that a roll call vote will be taken on the matter and Deby Salcido, Officer to the Regional Council, proceeded with the roll call vote of the CEHD Committee members followed by EEC and TC members, starting with at the Los Angeles office and followed by the satellite offices in Orange County, Riverside, and San Bernardino. Joann Africa, Chief Counsel announced that the motion passed by a UNANIMOUS VOTE with a 47:0 roll call vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVAL ITEM:

2. Minutes of the February 21, 2012 and March 1, 2012 Regional Council and Joint Policy Committees Meetings

President Pam O'Connor announced that in the interest of time, the approval of the Minutes of the February 21, 2012 and March 1, 2012 Regional Council and Joint Policy Committees' meetings will be considered at a future Joint Meeting.

President O'Connor reiterated that the Policy Committees will recommend that the Regional Council certify the Final 2012-2035 RTP/SCS PEIR and adopt the Final 2012-2035 RTP/SCS at the April 4, 2012 Regional Council meeting which will take place in conjunction with the April 5, 2012 General Assembly, both meetings to be held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. In regard to the General Assembly, Councilmember Leroy Mills, Cypress, District 18, asked for clarification regarding the registration fee associated for those attending the General Assembly. Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, responded that there is no charge for any member of the public who wishes to provide a public comment or speak at the Regional Council and General Assembly meetings. However, Mr. Ikhata stated that a \$100 registration fee is charged per person attending the regional conference to cover the cost of meals and refreshments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Joint Regional Council and Policy Committees adjourned at 1:33 p.m.



Deby Salcido, Officer to the Regional Council

DATE: July 5, 2012

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

FROM: Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, 213.236.1944, ikhata@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Summer Readiness and San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
For Information Only – No Action Required

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
At the June 7, 2012 Regional Council meeting, a request was made to have an update at the next meeting on summer readiness and the status of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS). Southern California Edison (SCE) and the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CA-ISO) will present to the Joint Policy Committee on the status of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, including its safety and electricity supply.

BACKGROUND:
Veronica Gutierrez, Vice President, Local Public Affairs, SCE; and Dennis Peters, Manager, External Affairs, CA-ISO, will present to the Joint Policy Committees to provide an update on the San Onofre Generating Station and electrical supply.

The twin reactor units at SCE's San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, near San Clemente, California, are Southern California's largest source of electricity. Jointly owned by SCE; San Diego Gas & Electric; and the City of Riverside, the units can generate 2,200 megawatts of power, enough to meet the needs of 1.4 million average homes which makes up 19% of the power provided to SCE customers.

As of January 31, 2012, the units have been out of operation due to deterioration on tubes that carry radioactive water in the plant's newly replaced steam generators. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has ordered the plant to stay offline until Edison can identify the cause for the wear and a solution to fix the problem. The plant is expected to be offline through August 2012. SCE plans to submit a plan to the NRC to restart Unit 2 by the end of July 2012, where damage has been less severe than Unit 3.

The events affecting the power plant have received a high public profile and a high level of engagement from SCAG member cities, particularly in south Orange County. The purpose of this agenda item is to invite representatives from SCE and CA-ISO to inform committee members of the current status and address concerns regarding electricity supply and community safety in close proximity to the plant.

FISCAL IMPACT:
None

ATTACHMENT:
None

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DATE: July 5, 2012

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

FROM: Hon. Glen Becerra, SCAG President 

SUBJECT: New SCAG Subcommittees

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC) AND JOINT POLICY COMMITTEES:

Discuss and forward recommendations to the Regional Council for approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL:

Approve the SCAG Subcommittee Charters as recommended by the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) and Joint Policy Committees.

BACKGROUND:

At the April 5, 2012 Regional Council meeting, the Regional Council unanimously approved a motion to form various subcommittees as part of the implementation strategy for the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). These subcommittees are:

1. Active Transportation
2. Goods Movement
3. High-Speed Rail and Transit
4. Public Health
5. Transportation Finance
6. Sustainability Subcommittee

The six (6) subcommittees will facilitate information exchange and policy development around their respective emphasis areas, identify regional priorities, and help facilitate the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. Purview of the Subcommittees will not be restricted as they may consider other related tasks.

The Policy Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs met on June 27, 2012 to discuss the following common principles:

The Active Transportation; Goods Movement; High-Speed Rail and Transit; and Transportation Finance Subcommittees will report to the Transportation Committee (TC). The Public Health Subcommittee will report to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC). The Sustainability Subcommittee will report to the Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee.

- The Subcommittees will comply with the Brown Act.
- Participation by Teleconferencing and Videoconferencing will be allowed.

REPORT

- Members can consist of Regional Council and Policy Committee members.
- Each Subcommittee will regularly report to the appropriate Policy Committee for the purposes of providing any related policy recommendations.
- The Subcommittees will sunset at the end of six (6) months from the date of commencement which is defined as when the Subcommittee holds its first meeting in September 2012.
- In order to facilitate communication to fellow officials, the Subcommittees will, at a minimum, hold quarterly Joint Policy Committee meetings. In addition, each Subcommittee Chair will provide a written or verbal report to other Policy Committees, as necessary, and the Minutes of the Subcommittee Meetings shall be the official record of the proceedings.
- Private Sector participation shall be encouraged and there will be one (1) ex-officio member appointed by the President for each Subcommittee.
- A member can serve on more than one (1) Subcommittee.
- An application process from members will be used and the application form will be distributed to the members on July 5, 2012. Appointments will be made by the President.

For your review, attached are the Charters for each Subcommittee which denotes the background, purpose, structure, meetings, membership, duration of the Subcommittee, and deliverables for each Subcommittee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding is included in the FY 2012/13 General Fund budget: 800-0120.01

ATTACHMENT:

Charters for each Proposed Subcommittee

Active Transportation Subcommittee Charter

Background

The Active Transportation Subcommittee (Subcommittee) is being formed at the direction of the Regional Council in order to facilitate information exchange and policy development around active transportation. Active transportation became an emphasis area for regional transportation planning as a function of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS process. The anticipated outcomes of the Active Transportation Subcommittee deliberations and associated work efforts are an expanded base of information for making policy and programming decisions for the 2016 RTP/SCS.

Purpose

1. To provide leadership and strategic policy formulation for active transportation the SCAG region.
2. To identify regional priorities for active transportation infrastructure deployment.
3. To identify new sources of funding for active transportation.
4. To catalyze information sharing and the identification of best practices related to active transportation safety, planning and programming at the local level.
5. To provide staff with direction, guidance and focus in the development of the 2016 RTP/SCS.

Structure

The Active Transportation Subcommittee will regularly report to the Transportation Committee (TC) for purposes of providing any related policy recommendations. The Subcommittee Chair will also provide a report (written or verbal) to other Policy Committees periodically as necessary. The Subcommittee Chair will be appointed by the SCAG President, based upon the recommendations from the TC's Chair and Vice Chair.

Meetings

Meetings of the Subcommittee are subject to the Brown Act. The Subcommittee will meet on a monthly basis if feasible or as needed at SCAG's office in Los Angeles. The Subcommittee members may participate in meetings via teleconference or video-conference, provided SCAG staff receives requests for such participation at least 48 hours prior to a scheduled Subcommittee meeting. A meeting quorum shall be established when there is attendance by a majority of the members of the Subcommittee. All Subcommittee members are expected to attend each meeting, to the extent feasible.

Membership

1. Open to all members of the Policy Committees, including members of the Policy Committees who are not on the Regional Council.
2. The Subcommittee will be comprised of up to one (1) member per county with an alternate per county, preferably from the same county if possible.
3. The respective Chair and Vice-Chair from the residing Policy Committee may serve on the Subcommittee in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity.
4. A representative from the private sector may serve on the Subcommittee in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity.

Duration of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee will sunset at the end of six (6) months from the date of its commencement which is defined as when the Subcommittee holds its first meeting. Meetings of the Subcommittee shall begin in September 2012.

Deliverables

1. Policy framework on the active transportation-related planning activities including safety;
2. Definition of SCAG's role in supporting local implementation on active transportation;
3. A Work Plan including action steps for RTP/SCS implementation; and
4. Planning and policy elements for the 2016 RTP/SCS.

The Deliverables of the Subcommittee will be presented to the TC and the Regional Council for review and approval. Information regarding the work of the Subcommittee, including the Deliverables, will also be presented to the General Assembly as part of its annual meeting scheduled to occur in May 2013.

Staffing

Alan Thompson, Senior Regional Planner, will serve as the lead staff of the Subcommittee.

Goods Movement Subcommittee Charter

Background

The Goods Movement Subcommittee (Subcommittee) is being formed at the direction of the Regional Council. Improving Southern California's global competitiveness is critical to a vibrant economy. Reliable freight transportation infrastructure provides the goods needed to sustain regional industries and consumers on a daily basis while promoting local and regional job creation. Projected growth in consumer demand will drive the movement of significantly greater volumes of goods through our regional transportation system and require considerable improvements to regional infrastructure to accommodate projected increases. At the same time, environmental consequences of robust goods movement activities in the SCAG region have been a serious concern for the region's air quality and public health. Mitigating environmental impacts of goods movement operations is imperative to meeting federal clean air standards and ensuring the quality of life of our communities.

To effectively meet the goods movement goals on economic vitality, attainment of air quality standards, and quality of life, the adopted 2012 RTP/SCS included the following goods movement strategies:

- Highway strategies identifying the truck-only regional clean freight corridor system as a long-term strategy to address mobility, safety, and air quality attainment, and a bottleneck relief strategy to improve operational efficiency in the short to midterm.
- Rail strategies including main line rail improvements and capacity expansions, railyard improvements, implementation of highway-rail grade separation projects, and rail operation safety improvements.
- Environmental strategies concerning research, development, and deployment of zero- and/or near-zero emission technologies for highway and rail application.

Purpose

1. As a follow up to the adoption of the 2012 RTP/SCS, the Goods Movement Subcommittee would provide the necessary leadership and policy forum to move key strategies identified in the 2012 RTP/SCS towards implementation, including but not limited to identification of immediate steps for conducting research, development, and demonstration (RD&D), as may be applicable.
2. Additionally, the success of the strategies identified in the 2012 RTP/SCS depend upon SCAG's ability to facilitate a coordinated campaign with local, state, and federal policymakers as well as business leadership. The Goods Movement Subcommittee would serve as a forum for continued dialogue for the advancement of key strategies.

3. Further, it is anticipated that the Goods Movement Subcommittee would provide SCAG staff with the necessary guidance for development of the upcoming 2016 RTP/SCS as appropriate.

Structure

The Goods Movement Subcommittee will regularly report to the Transportation Committee (TC) for purposes of providing any related policy recommendations. The Subcommittee Chair will also provide a report (written or verbal) to other Policy Committees periodically as necessary. The Subcommittee Chair will be appointed by the SCAG President based upon the recommendations from the TC's Chair and Vice Chair.

Meetings

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Membership

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4. A representative from the private sector may serve on the Subcommittee in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity.

Duration of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee will sunset at the end of six (6) months from the date of its commencement which is defined as when the Subcommittee hold its first meeting. Meetings of the Subcommittee shall begin in September 2012.

Deliverables

1. Establishment of a broad roadmap for the completion of the Goods Movement Chapter of the 2016 RTP/SCS; and

2. Identification of strategies to support the implementation of policies and objectives by regional partners set forth in the 2012 RTP/SCS (e.g., East-West Freight Corridor).

The Deliverable of the Subcommittee will be presented to the Transportation Committee and the Regional Council for review and approval. Information regarding the work of the Subcommittee, including the Deliverables, will also be presented to the General Assembly as part of its Annual Meeting scheduled to occur in May 2013.

Staffing

Annie Nam, Manager of Transportation Finance and Goods Movement, will serve as the lead staff of the Subcommittee.

High-Speed Rail and Transit (HSRT) Subcommittee Charter

Background

The High-Speed Rail and Transit (HSRT) Subcommittee is being formed at the direction of the Regional Council. The adoption of the 2012 RTP/SCS illustrated the complex planning, rapid developments, and need for comprehensive policy formulation and consensus for high-speed rail, commuter rail and transit projects and initiatives in our region. Further, rail and transit's role in meeting SB 375 GHG reduction goals in an environment of fiscal constraint requires a regular and on-going policy formulation process for the development of the 2016 RTP/SCS.

Purpose

1. To provide leadership and strategic policy formulation for high-speed rail, commuter rail, and transit in the SCAG region.
2. To seek and develop regional consensus on high-speed rail, commuter rail, and transit improvements in the SCAG region.
3. To identify new sources of funding for commuter rail and transit in the SCAG region.
4. To provide staff with direction, guidance and focus in the development of the 2016 RTP/SCS.

Structure

The HSRT Subcommittee will regularly report to the Transportation Committee (TC) for purposes of providing any related policy recommendations. The Subcommittee will also provide a report (written or verbal) to other Policy Committees periodically as necessary. The Subcommittee Chair will be appointed by the SCAG President based upon the recommendations from the TC's Chair and Vice Chair.

Meetings

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Duration of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee will sunset at the end of six (6) months from the date of its commencement which is defined as when the Subcommittee holds its first meeting. Meetings of the Subcommittee shall begin in September 2012.

Deliverables

1. Road map for the development of the Passenger rail and Transit Element of the 2016 RTP;
2. Report on how to increase transit/rail trips and attract new riders;
3. Report on transit/rail best practices (in terms of ITS, service delivery, intermodal and interagency coordination, etc.); and
4. Report on broad policy framework related to HSRT for the 2016 RTP.

The Deliverables of the Subcommittee will be presented to the TC and the Regional Council for review and approval. Information regarding the work of the Subcommittee, including the Deliverables, will also be presented to the General Assembly as part of its annual meeting scheduled to occur in May 2013.

Staffing

Stephen Fox, Senior Regional Planner, will serve as the lead staff of the Subcommittee.

Public Health Subcommittee Charter

Background

The Public Health Subcommittee is being formed pursuant to direction from the Regional Council in order to provide a forum for public health issues affecting regional planning, and to provide strategic and policy direction for SCAG on public health issues. Public health is a newly emerging focus issue for SCAG as a result of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS process, during which new public health performance measures were first proposed for the region, and which saw an unprecedented level of stakeholder and public interest in the health outcomes of regional planning. Policy and strategy in the RTP principally impacts public health through both air quality and through allowing opportunities for physical activity. Anticipated outcomes for this effort include identification of potential performance measures for public health, along with partnership and information sharing on including public health as a consideration in the planning process.

Purpose

1. To provide leadership and strategic policy formulation for transportation and land use-related public health in the SCAG region.
2. To develop and recommend appropriate Regional Transportation Plan performance measures for public health.
3. To identify new sources of funding for public health planning.
4. To serve as a forum for information sharing and identify best practices employed at the local level.
5. To provide staff with direction, guidance and focus in the development of the 2016 RTP/SCS.

Structure

The Public Health Subcommittee will regularly report to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) for purposes of providing any related policy recommendations. The Subcommittee Chair will also provide a report (written or verbal) to other Policy Committees periodically as necessary. The Subcommittee Chair will be appointed by the SCAG President based upon the recommendations from the EEC's Chair and Vice Chair.

Meetings

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Duration of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee will sunset at the end of six (6) months from the date of its commencement, which is defined as when the Subcommittee hold its first meeting. Meetings of the Subcommittee shall begin in September 2012.

Deliverables

1. Policy framework on transportation and land use public health planning activities;
2. SCAG's role in supporting local implementation on public health;
3. A Work Plan including action steps for RTP/SCS implementation; and
4. Planning and policy elements for the 2016 RTP/SCS.

The Deliverables of the Subcommittee will be presented to the EEC and the Regional Council for review and approval. Information regarding the work of the Subcommittee, including the Deliverables, will also be presented to the General Assembly as part of its annual meeting scheduled to occur in May 2013.

Staffing

Arlene Granadosin, Associate Regional Planner, will serve as the lead staff of the Subcommittee.

Transportation Finance Subcommittee Charter

Background

The Transportation Finance Subcommittee (Subcommittee) is being formed at the direction of the Regional Council. The SCAG region's transportation needs are rapidly expanding while resources to support these needs continue to diminish as fuel efficiency improves and gas tax rates remain unadjusted. At the same time, the cost of bringing our assets back into a state of good repair is projected to grow exponentially as the region continues to underinvest in system preservation and defer critical maintenance. Environmental constraints and lengthy project development processes also contribute to cost escalation and continue to impede the region's ability to deliver critical projects.

To effectively compete in the global economy, the region must strategically invest in transportation infrastructure while ensuring maximum return on investment. As such, the adopted 2012-2035 RTP/SCS incorporated some key financial strategies as follows:

- A mileage-based user fee system, with deployment by 2025 as a viable long-term strategy—assumes \$0.05 (in 2011 dollars) per mile to replace existing gas taxes.
- Short-term actions including modest increases of gas taxes—additional \$0.15 per gallon imposed by the state and federal government from 2017 through 2024.
- Targeted application of congestion pricing strategies including a regional express lane network (that would allow single occupancy vehicles to use High Occupancy Vehicle lanes for a fee) to facilitate inter-county travel.
- Establishment of a national freight program to fund key projects of regional and national significance.
- Supplementing these new sources, the use of innovative financing mechanisms to facilitate partnerships with the private sector.

Purpose

- As a follow up to the adoption of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, the Transportation Finance Subcommittee would provide the necessary leadership and policy forum for development of a coordinated Action Plan for moving towards implementation of key strategies identified in the 2012 RTP/SCS, including but not limited to identification of immediate steps for conducting research, development and demonstration (RD&D), as may be applicable.
- Additionally, the success of the strategies identified in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS will depend upon SCAG's ability to facilitate a coordinated campaign with local, state, and federal policymakers as well as business leadership. The

Transportation Finance Subcommittee would serve as a forum for continued dialogue for the advancement of key strategies.

- Further, it is anticipated that the Subcommittee would provide SCAG staff the necessary guidance for development of the upcoming 2016 RTP/SCS as appropriate.

Structure

The Transportation Finance Subcommittee will regularly report to the Transportation Committee (TC) for purposes of providing any related policy recommendations. The Subcommittee Chair will also provide a report (written or verbal) to other Policy Committees periodically, as necessary. The Subcommittee Chair will be appointed by the SCAG President based upon the recommendations from the TC's Chair and Vice Chair.

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Duration of the Subcommittee

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Deliverables

1. Action Plan for moving forward implementation of key strategies identified in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS;
2. Identify economic benefits for expediting RTP/SCS projects delivery; and
3. Framework for the development of the financial plan for the upcoming 2016 RTP/SCS

The Deliverables of the Subcommittee will be presented to the TC and the Regional Council for review and approval. Information regarding the work of the Subcommittee, including the Deliverables, will also be presented to the General Assembly as part of its annual meeting scheduled to occur in May 2013.

Staffing

Annie Nam, Manager of Transportation Finance and Goods Movement, will serve as the lead staff of the Subcommittee.

Sustainability Subcommittee Charter

Background

The Sustainability Subcommittee (Subcommittee) is being formed pursuant to direction from the Regional Council in order to provide a forum for sustainability issues related to community development and land use planning. Sustainability is an on-going priority area for SCAG as recognized in the Compass Blueprint Principles first established in 2004. Policy and strategy development for this subcommittee will revolve around concepts to link transportation and land use and to foster efficiency in the built environment such that resources are effectively conserved and air emissions are reduced.

Purpose

1. To provide leadership and strategic policy formulation for sustainability for the SCAG region.
2. To identify new sources of funding for sustainable planning and implementation activities.
3. To serve as a forum for information sharing and identify best practices employed at the local level.
4. To provide staff with direction, guidance and focus in the development of the 2016 RTP/SCS.

Structure

The Sustainability Subcommittee will regularly report to the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) for purposes of providing any related policy recommendations. The Subcommittee Chair will also provide a report (written or verbal) to other Policy Committees periodically as necessary. The Subcommittee Chair will be appointed by the SCAG President based upon the recommendations from the CEHD's Chair and Vice Chair.

Meetings

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Duration of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee will sunset at the end of six (6) months from the date of its commencement, which is defined as when the Subcommittee holds its first meeting. Meetings of the Subcommittee shall begin in September 2012.

Deliverables

1. Policy framework sustainability planning activities;
2. SCAG's role in supporting local implementation on sustainability and related planning activities;
3. A Work Plan including action steps for RTP/SCS implementation; and
4. Planning and policy elements for the 2016 RTP/SCS

The Deliverables of the Subcommittee will be presented to the TC and the Regional Council for review and approval. Information regarding the work of the Subcommittee, including the Deliverables, will also be presented to the General Assembly as part of its annual meeting scheduled to occur in May 2013.

Staffing

Marco Anderson, Associate Regional Planner, will serve as the lead staff of the Subcommittee.