

NO. 582
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: www.scag.ca.gov/scagtv/index.htm

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting at 818 W. 7th Street, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Michele Martinez, President	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay, 1st Vice President	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Alan Wapner, 2 nd Vice President	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Imm. Past Pres.	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
Hon. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Chuck Washington		Riverside County
Hon. Jan Harnik	<i>Palm Desert</i>	RCTC
Hon. Keith Millhouse	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCTC
Hon. Greg Pettis	<i>Cathedral City</i>	District 2
Hon. Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Randon Lane	<i>Murrieta</i>	District 5
Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Bill Jahn	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Fred Minagar	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Barbara Kogerman	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	District 13
Hon. Steven Choi	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Steve Nagel	<i>Fountain Valley</i>	District 15
Hon. Kris Murray	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Victor Manalo	<i>Artesia</i>	District 23
Hon. Sean Ashton	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Andrew Sarega	<i>La Mirada</i>	District 31
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Gene Murabito	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Barbara Messina	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34



Members Present – continued

Hon. Carol Herrera	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Sam Pedroza	<i>Claremont</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Judy Mitchell	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	District 40
Hon. Pam O’Connor	<i>Santa Monica</i>	District 41
Hon. Vartan Gharpetian	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. John Sibert	<i>Malibu</i>	District 44
Hon. Glen Becerra	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Carl Morehouse	<i>San Buenaventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Paul Koretz	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Karen Spiegel	<i>Corona</i>	District 63
Hon. Ryan McEachron	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Antonio Lopez	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Rusty Bailey	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Jeffrey Giba	<i>Moreno Valley</i>	District 69
Hon. Ross Chun	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	TCA
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Lewis Group of Companies</i>	Business Rep.

Members Not Present

Hon. Jim Katapodis		OCTA
Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas		Los Angeles County
Hon. Michelle Steel		Orange County
Hon. Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Hon. Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Jim Hyatt	<i>Calimesa</i>	District 3
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. L Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. John Nielsen	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Steve Hwangbo	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
Hon. Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Gene Daniels	<i>Paramount</i>	District 24
Hon. José Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Lena Gonzalez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 30
Hon. Jonathan Curtis	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Steven Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. Carmen Ramirez	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49/Public Transit Rep.
Hon. Bob Blumenfield	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. David Ryu	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Nury Martinez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
Hon. Felipe Fuentes	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54



Members Not Present - continued

Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Mike Bonin	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. Mitchell Englander	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Mitch O’Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. José Huizar	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Erik Peterson	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Michael Wilson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
Hon. Mary “Maxine” Resvaloso	<i>Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians</i>	Tribal Government Rep.
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	(Member-at-Large)

Staff Present

- Hasan Ikhmeta, Executive Director
- Darin Chidsey, Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs
- Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning
- Naresh Amatya, Director, Transportation Planning
- Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
- Joe Silvey, General Counsel
- Joann Africa, Chief Counsel
- Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Michele Martinez called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. and First Vice President Margaret Finlay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Martinez opened the Public Comment period.

Jeff Ellis, President, Structural Engineers Association of Southern California (SEAOSC), applauded SCAG for partnering with Dr. Lucy Jones in strengthening resilience in the region. He stated that SEAOSC has a similar commitment by collaborating with Dr. Jones on a survey along with stakeholders to develop strategies. Mr. Ellis invited the members to the upcoming SEAOSC Summit, “*Strengthening Our Cities*,” scheduled for November 17 – 18, 2016, at The Center at Cathedral Plaza, 555 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles. The summit’s goals are to convene government, business and technical experts to address the community’s needs; educate attendees on the latest tools and techniques for building seismic stability; and highlight trends and best practices as it relates to earthquake recovery, risks and mitigate losses.

Councilmember Joe Lyons, City of Claremont, commented regarding integrated policy in planning modalities as it relates to housing; suggested inclusion of the residential component of the greenhouse gas



emission targets in accord with the transportation component; and encouraged SCAG staff to continue with their efforts in working with the state with administering and describing the qualifications for funding to allow ‘home rule’ and distribution of funds that best meet the municipalities’ needs.

President Martinez closed the Public comment period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

PRESENTATION ITEM

1. “Regional Earthquake Preparedness” – Dr. Lucy Jones, Seismologist and Founder of the Dr. Lucy Jones Center

President Martinez presented a short film entitled, *“The Great Southern California Shake Out – Preparedness Now.”* The film depicted a realistic outcome of a plausible magnitude 7.8 earthquake on the San Andreas Fault in Southern California.

President Martinez introduced Dr. Lucy Jones. Dr. Jones stated the film was intended for the general public and was based on the ShakeOut Earthquake Scenario, a product of the USGS Multi-Hazards Demonstration Project and the California Geological Survey published in May 2008. Dr. Jones began her presentation by reporting that a magnitude 7.1 undersea earthquake had struck New Zealand today. Although the quake did not cause much damage, in February 2011, a magnitude 6.3 quake struck Christchurch, New Zealand, which killed hundreds of people, destroyed and damaged 170,000 buildings. Dr. Jones stated that she worked with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti in helping understand what approaches are needed to deal with an earthquake scenario including retrofitting of some of the oldest structures in the city. Although she recently retired, Dr. Jones stated that she is proud to partner with SCAG to bring similar information to the region as “local governments cannot achieve this effort alone.” She emphasized the importance of working together and involving the utility operators and community organizations in finding common solutions and changing the outcome as damage can be preventable. In closing, Dr. Jones stated that the partnership with SCAG will entail a series of seven (7) subregional seminars; followed by two (2) all-day workshops to develop unique policy approaches suited to various communities; and develop an action plan to address these vulnerabilities. She stated that the overall goal is to protect the Southern California economy from a disruption resulting from a regional earthquake.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, thanked Dr. Lucy Jones for her presentation. As the regional earthquake preparedness initiative is one of President Martinez’s priorities, Mr. Ikhata stated that as an agency that represents 191 cities, SCAG has an obligation to these communities.

President Martinez thanked Dr. Lucy Jones for her presentation and emphasized the importance of the costs associated with emergency preparedness in the SCAG region.

President Martinez opened the item for discussion.

Councilmember Dan Medina, Gardena, District 28, commented regarding maintenance of our infrastructure.



Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, inquired if outreach efforts will be extended to the respective local Emergency Operations Support (EOS) including preparation and assistance to animals in an emergency situation. Dr. Lucy Jones stated that she is hoping to focus more on prevention and not on emergency response while bringing those first responders together and getting them involved.

Councilmember Karen Spiegel, Corona, District 63, asked a question as to who are the target audience for the upcoming seminars and workshops. Dr. Lucy Jones stated that the focus is on local governments and all levels of the jurisdictions and all supporting lifelines and public utilities.

Councilmember Sam Pedroza, Claremont, District 38, emphasized the need to focus on emergency response in concert with the proactive approach. Dr. Lucy Jones stated that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is leading the nation in disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, education and recovery and should be engaged mostly with the local jurisdictions' respective EOS.

Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura, District 47, inquired about the steps needed to be taken in working with construction engineers, building industries, etc. so they could be incorporated into the regulations. Dr. Lucy Jones responded that the goal is to bring in the cities that have undertaken measures and to compare and look at various approaches while keeping the focus on the components that truly matter, such as: identifying structures that have potential to kill people but may be retrofitted so that they remain operable after a strong earthquake.

Second Vice President Alan Wapner, Ontario, SANBAG, congratulated President Martinez and Hasan Ikhata for collaborating with Dr. Lucy Jones. He also thanked Dr. Jones for her presentation.

President Martinez closed the discussion.

On behalf of the Regional Council and the SCAG Board Officers, President Martinez thanked Dr. Lucy Jones for her presentation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, thanked the Regional Council for their support with regards to AB 1889 (Mullin) – High-Speed Rail Authority: High-Speed Train Operation. He reported that AB 1889 was approved—a bill that provides funding to initiate the construction of a high-speed train system connecting the San Francisco Transbay Terminal to Los Angeles Union Station and Anaheim and linking California's major population centers.

Mr. Ikhata thanked Past President Cheryl Viegas-Walker for her efforts in speaking with our legislators as AB 2170 (Frazier) – Trade Corridors Improvement Fund: Federal Funds also passed.

Mr. Ikhata reported that SB 1387 (Del León) did not pass. The bill intended to add three (3) members to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board.

Lastly, Mr. Ikhata invited the members and their colleagues to the California Housing Summit, scheduled for October 11, 2016 at The L.A. Hotel Downtown, 333 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

C40's Mobility Management Network (Europe Study Tour Delegation) – Recap

President Martinez reported that she, along with Past Presidents Cheryl Viegas-Walker and Pam O'Connor; including City of Santa Monica Councilmember Terry O'Day; and Assembly Member Richard Bloom, participated at a C40 Mobility Management Network Study Tour in London and Milan. She thanked Annie Nam for coordinating the delegation's travel.

FirstNet Subcommittee – Upcoming Tour of the LA-RICS, September 21, 2016

President Martinez reported that the FirstNet Subcommittee held its first meeting on June 23, 2016. At the meeting, Patrick Mallon, Executive Director for Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (LA-RICS), offered to arrange a tour of the system to see real-life implementation of the technology and hardware of a FirstNet-compatible system and an in-depth overview of the LA-RICS system. The tour is scheduled for September 21. After the conclusion of the tour, the subcommittee will meet to discuss next steps.

President Martinez announced and congratulated the following new members:

New Appointment to the RC

Mayor L. Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga, District 9. He replaced the Honorable Paul Eaton, Montclair.

New Appointment to the TC

Mayor Jim Clarke, Culver City, WSCCOG

President Martinez reported that although Councilmember Felipe Fuentes, Los Angeles, District 54, is unable to attend today's meeting, she announced that his last day of office is on September 11, 2016 as he will not run for re-election in November. President Martinez stated that Councilmember Fuentes will be formally recognized, along with Councilmember Paul Eaton, at the SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly, May 4 – 5, 2017.

Strategic Plan Subcommittee

President Martinez reported that SCAG's Strategic Plan was last developed and adopted in 2009. Since much has changed over the last eight (8) years in the region, President Martinez stated that it is time for SCAG to revisit and revise its Strategic Plan. She announced that a Strategic Plan Subcommittee will be formed and asked the members to contact her if interested in serving the subcommittee.

President's Priorities – Strategic Plan; Housing; Economy and Regional Equity; Water; Goods Movement; and Earthquake Initiative

As previously reported, President Martinez discussed her top six (6) priorities: Earthquake Preparedness; Housing; Economy/Equity; Goods Movement; Open Data; and Water.

Business Update

As the business representative for the Regional Council, Randall Lewis, Lewis Group of Companies, reported there are mixed views on the economy and urged the members to have a conversation with their respective Finance Directors on steps that are needed to be taken should there be a recession. With regards to real estate, Mr. Lewis stated that the housing market is a mismatch in terms of pricing and income; however apartment rentals are on the rise as rent is stabilizing. Mr. Lewis also reported that the industrial market is going strong. He also discussed regarding autonomous cars and the Uber market and parking strategies. Lastly, he encouraged the members to attend the Housing Summit and suggested they bring their colleagues and a developer to the summit in order to continue discussion on housing solutions for their respective cities.

Air Resources Board (ARB) – Update

As an ARB Board Member, representing the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Councilmember Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates, District 40, reported that at the July meeting, the ARB Board heard an update on the results of a comprehensive Joint Draft Technical Assessment Report for the Midterm Evaluation of the 2022-2025 model year greenhouse gas standards and Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards for light-duty vehicles. Councilmember Mitchell also reported on the study that is currently being developed on the barriers low-income consumers face to access zero- or near-zero emission transportation options throughout the State, per SB 350.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

President Martinez reminded the members to vote on the communicator keypad using their pre-coded identifying smartcard and to insert the smartcards in the keypad when voting; to remove the cards if they need to leave the meeting room; and to re-insert the cards when they return to the meeting. The electronically-recorded votes will indicate how each member voted, by selecting “1” for a “Yes” vote; “2” for a “No” vote and “3” for an “Abstention.” These votes will be a part of the official record of the Regional Council minutes of the meeting.

2. Transportation Conformity Determination for 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

A MOTION was made (Pettis) to approve the transportation conformity determination for the 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); and direct staff to submit it to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration (FHWA/FTA) for approval. Motion was SECONDED (McCallon) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: Antonovich, Ashton, Bailey, Becerra, Brown, Choi, Chun, Clark, Finlay, Gazeley, Gharpetian, Giba, Harnik, Herrera, Kogerman, Koretz, Lopez, Lorimore, Marquez, M. Martinez, McCallon, Medina, Messina, Millhouse, Minagar, Mitchell, Morehouse, Murabito, Murray, Nagel, Navarro, O'Connor, Pettis, Richardson, Sarega, Sibert, Simonoff, Spiegel, Terrazas, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Washington (42).

AGAINST: None (0).

ABSTAIN None (0).

3. Adoption of 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement

A MOTION was made (Brown) to adopt Resolution No. 16-582-2 approving and adopting the 2017 FTIP. Motion was SECONDED (Navarro) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: Antonovich, Ashton, Bailey, Becerra, Brown, Choi, Chun, Clark, Finlay, Gazeley, Gharpetian, Giba, Harnik, Herrera, Kogerman, Koretz, Lopez, Lorimore, Marquez, M. Martinez, McCallon, Medina, Messina, Millhouse, Minagar, Mitchell, Morehouse, Murabito, Murray, Nagel, Navarro, O'Connor, Pettis, Richardson, Sarega, Sibert, Simonoff, Spiegel, Terrazas, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Washington (42).

AGAINST: None (0).

ABSTAIN: None (0).

4. Cap-and-Trade Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program SCAG Region Applications

A MOTION was made (McCallon) that SCAG recommend and strongly urge the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) to fully fund all the sixteen (16) AHSC full grant applications in the SCAG region. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: Antonovich, Ashton, Bailey, Becerra, Brown, Choi, Chun, Clark, Finlay, Gazeley, Gharpetian, Giba, Harnik, Herrera, Jahn, Kogerman, Koretz, Lopez, Lorimore, Marquez, M. Martinez, McCallon, Medina, Messina, Millhouse, Minagar, Mitchell, Morehouse, Murabito, Murray, Nagel, Navarro, O'Connor, Richardson, Sarega, Sibert, Simonoff, Spiegel, Terrazas, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Washington (42).

AGAINST: None (0).

ABSTAIN: Pettis (1).



CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

5. Minutes of the Regional Council Meeting, July 7, 2016 [as amended by Immediate Past President Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, as described in the September 1, 2016 email from Chief Counsel Joann Africa]
6. Proposed 2017 Meeting Schedule of the Regional Council and Policy Committees
8. Release of the 2016 RTP/SCS Sub-jurisdictional Level Growth Forecast and Modelling Data
9. Resolution No. 16582-1 Regarding Acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds to Support the Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign
10. Authorization to Accept Grant for the San Gabriel Valley Regional Active Transportation Planning Initiative and Approve Notice of Exemption for Project
11. SCAG Participation at the International Urban Transport Development Forum in Beijing Municipal Commission of Transport (BMCT)
12. Contract Amendment that exceeds \$75,000 as well as 30% of the contract's original value: Contract No. 13-023-C1, Regional Transportation Plan Implementation and Project Management Assistance Services
13. Contract Amendment that in aggregate exceeds 30% of the contract's original value: Contract No. 15-004-C1, to provide litigation support associated with the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)
14. 2016 Statement of Investment Policy
15. AB 1889 (Mullin) High-Speed Rail Authority: High-Speed Train Operation - SUPPORT
16. Approval of Additional Stipend Payments
17. SCAG Sponsorship

Receive and File

18. ARB SB 375 Regional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Target Update Process
19. Housing Summit - October 11, 2016
20. 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



21. 2016 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule

22. CFO Monthly Report

23. September State and Federal Legislative Update

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to approve Agenda Item Nos. 5 through 17, except for Agenda Item No. 7; and to Receive and File Item Nos. 18 through 23. Motion was SECONDED (Jahn) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: Antonovich, Ashton, Bailey, Becerra, Brown, Choi, Chun, Clark, Finlay, Gazeley, Gharpetian, Giba, Harnik, Herrera, Jahn, Kogerman, Koretz, Lopez, Lorimore, Marquez, M. Martinez, McCallon, Medina, Messina, Millhouse, Minagar, Mitchell, Morehouse, Murabito, Murray, Nagel, Navarro, O’Connor, Pedroza, Pettis, Richardson, Sarega, Sibert, Simonoff, Spiegel, Terrazas, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Washington (44).

AGAINST: None (0).

ABSTAIN: None (0).

PULLED AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

7. SCAG Logo Re-Design and Branding

Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura, District 47, asked to pull Agenda Item No. 7. He expressed his disappointment with the proposed logo given the amount of money expended for this purpose and stated he will vote accordingly.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to approve Agenda Item No. 7, SCAG Logo Re-Design and Branding. Motion was SECONDED (O’Connor) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: Antonovich, Ashton, Bailey, Becerra, Choi, Chun, Clark, Finlay, Gazeley, Gharpetian, Jahn, Koretz, Lopez, Lorimore, Marquez, M. Martinez, McCallon, Messina, Minagar, Mitchell, Murray, O’Connor, Pedroza, Pettis, Richardson, Sarega, Sibert, Simonoff, Terrazas, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Washington (32).

AGAINST: Brown, Giba, Harnik, Herrera, Kogerman, Medina, Millhouse, Morehouse, Murabito, Nagel, Navarro and Spiegel (12).

ABSTAIN: None (0).



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation Committee (TC) Report

As Chair of the Transportation Committee, Councilmember Barbara Messina, Alhambra, District 34, reported on the 2017 FTIP; and noted that TC heard presentations on sustainability Call of Proposals; 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment; and Industrial Warehousing Study.

Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee Report

As Chair of the of the CEHD Committee, Councilmember Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake, District 11, reported that the committee approved two actions items on the Cap-and-Trade Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and the Criteria for the Sustainability Call for Projects.

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

In the absence of EEC Chair Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard, District 45, Vice Chair Ross Chun, TCA, reported that the committee supported staff recommendations on the 2017 FTIP and acceptance of the grant for the San Gabriel Valley Active Transportation Planning Initiative and approve its Notice of Exemption. Presentations were heard regarding the L.A. River Revitalization Plan and the Green Region Initiative.

Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) Report

As Chair of LCMC, Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, noted that the September State and Federal Legislative Update report has been provided to the members which is a compilation of a list of bills that are of particular interest to the region. She also thanked the Regional Council for approving the SCAG Sponsorship item and support for AB 1889 (Mullin) and SCAG's new logo.

Audit Committee Report

As Chair of the Audit Committee, 2nd Vice President Alan Wapner, SANBAG, reported that the committee met and approved the Audit Work Plan; designated Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker to serve as the representative to the Proposal Review Committee for the selection of an external auditor; and reported that based on the risk assessment rating, the agency's risk areas are: Information Services, Project Management and Contract Vendor Monitoring. Lastly, he also reported on the internal audit findings and announced that an Request For Proposals for an Ethics Hotline is underway.

CLOSED SESSION ITEM

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (a)

Conference with Legal Counsel regarding an existing litigation in the matter of City of El Segundo v. SCAG (LASC Case No. BS162452).

The Regional Council did not recess into Closed Session as President Martinez announced there will be no Closed Session, per advice from Joe Silvey, General Counsel. Counsel and staff will continue to provide an update to the Regional Council as appropriate.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

Councilmember Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake, District 11, requested to add to a future Regional Council meeting agenda regarding, *“Industry Clusters in Southern California — Aerospace: The Changing Face of Aerospace in Southern California, Manufacturing in California and Southern California, Employment and Competitiveness.”* He stated this matter was heard at the CEHD Committee today.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, thanked Hasan Ikhata and Ryan Hall for their willingness to assist with air travel services issue in Imperial County. They will be working with the Imperial County Airport for the Essential Air Service (EAS) program.

President Martinez announced the next meeting of the Regional Council and Policy Committees is scheduled for Thursday, September 29, 2016, in lieu of the October 6 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Martinez adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 1:38 p.m. in memory of former SCAG staff, Frank E. Hotchkiss, who recently passed away.