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MEETING OF THE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

PLEASE NOTE TIME

Thursday, February 2, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Membership – February 2012

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54. Hon. Alan Wapner	Ontario	SANBAG

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA

FEBRUARY 2, 2012

The Transportation Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action Items.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Hon. Paul Glaab, Chair)

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 Transportation Committee, must fill out and present a speaker’s card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

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INFORMATION ITEM

2. High-Speed Rail Update 20 mins. 9
(Steve Fox, Senior Regional Planner)

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

(Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair)

HIGH-SPEED RAIL (HSR) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

(Hon. Keith Millhouse, Chair)

CHAIR’S REPORT

STAFF REPORT

(Jonathan Nadler, SCAG Staff)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any Committee member or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such a request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

Transportation Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments

September 1, 2011

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation Committee (TC) held its meeting at SCAG's office in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County. There was a quorum.

Members Present:

Hon. Mike Antonovich	Los Angeles County
Hon. Bruce Barrows, Cerritos	District 23
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Jeff Cooper, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Mary Craton, Canyon Lake	RCTC
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Glenn Duncan, Chino	District 10
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel (Chair)	District 12
Hon. Mario Guerra, Downey	GCCOG
Hon. Frank Gurulé, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
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Hon. Ryan McEachron, Victorville	SANBAG
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark (Vice-Chair)	VCTC
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Hon. Tim Spohn, City of Industry	SGVCOG
Hon. Don Voss, City of La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Alan Wapner, City of Ontario	SANBAG

Members Not Present:

Hon. John J. Benoit	Riverside County
Hon. Steve Diels, Redondo Beach	SBCCOG
Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Thomas Glancy, Thousand Oaks	VCOG
Hon. Matthew Harper, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
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Hon. Brett Murdoch, Brea	District 22
Hon. Shawn Nelson	Orange County
Hon. Bernard C. Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Frank Quintero, Glendale	District 42
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. David Spence, La Cañada-Flintridge	Arroyo Verdugo Cities

Voting Members, Non-Elected Officials:

McCarthy, James (<i>Present</i>)	Caltrans – District 7
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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Paul Glaab, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Hon. Glen Becerra, City of Simi Valley, led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Gloria Ohland with Move L.A. commented on different approaches that SCAG should consider in the development of the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

1. Minutes of August 4, 2011 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Hack) to approve the minutes. The MOTION was SECONDED (Martinez) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

Receive and File

2. Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency Amended Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA)

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. 2012 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Public Outreach Workshops Update

Mr. Naresh Amatya, SCAG staff, provided a brief update on the 18 public outreach workshops that were conducted throughout the region as part of the development of the 2012 RTP/SCS. Over 700 people participated in the workshops.

Hon. Paul Glaab, City of Laguna Niguel, commended staff for a job well done.

4. Draft 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Guidelines

Mervin Acebo, SCAG staff, provided background information on the draft 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Guidelines. Federal law stipulates that the FTIP guidelines be updated at a minimum every four years however, to be consistent with state statute, they are updated every two years along with all of the other metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) in California.

Mr. Acebo noted that the guidelines and the matter within the guidelines are subject to change due to uncertainties with the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill. If changes to SCAG policy are necessary, staff will bring them to the committee for review and approval.

Part of the process of updating the FTIP is to circulate a set of guidelines to the county transportation commissions (CTCs). The latest version of the guidelines has been

circulated and contains the following updates: 1) inclusion of language that delegates authority to the Executive Director of SCAG to approve administrative modifications to the FTIP in order to expedite project delivery, 2) inclusion of the congestion management plan process wherein the CTCs can submit projects into the FTIP database, and 3) clarifications throughout the guidelines in order to make them more user friendly.

The guidelines are currently under review with the CTCs and with the Transportation Conformity Working Group along with other state and federal partners. Comments are due by September 8 and final draft guidelines will be presented at the next TC meeting.

5. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Report/Overarching Goals and Policies for the 2012 RTP

Hon. Alan Wapner, City of Ontario, began by thanking members for their service on the RTP subcommittee. To date, two meetings have been held with future subcommittee meetings scheduled to take place every other week. The subcommittee's goal is to reach a consensus on various elements of the RTP which will then be brought to the Transportation Committee (TC) for discussion and approval.

Hon. Wapner also mentioned that the next subcommittee meeting will include specific recommendations including one for the East-West Goods Movement Corridor.

Hon. Wapner provided an update on the latest subcommittee meeting in which members discussed issues with funding for the 2012 RTP, including suggested methods of raising additional revenue to not only pay for the projects in the RTP but the preservation and operation and maintenance of existing infrastructure. Hon. Wapner noted that some of those congestion pricing strategies were met with vibrant discussion with most of the counties supporting some of the strategies such as HOT lanes.

A report on aviation strategies was also presented to the Subcommittee. The report demonstrates a stagnant demand over the last several years with the 2010 regional air passenger levels essentially the same as they were in 1998. Given this new reality, one of the new forecast scenarios that will be reviewed in the aviation element is based on a conservative model run developed for the 2008 RTP called the "constrained or no project" scenario.

The Subcommittee reviewed the overarching goals and policies for the 2012 RTP and came to a consensus on recommending the proposed changes to the current RTP. The Subcommittee recommended that Goals 1 and 7 be revised as follows:

1. Align the plan investments and policies with improving regional economic development and competitiveness.
7. Actively encourage and where possible incentivize energy efficiency.

The Subcommittee also recommended adding the following guiding policy:

4. Transportation demand management (TDM) and non-motorized transportation will be focus areas subject to Policy #1.

A MOTION was made (Wapner) to approve the RTP Subcommittee's recommendations for adding the two new goals and policy to the overarching goals and policies. The MOTION was SECONDED (Spiegel) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

Hon. Sharon Quirk-Silva, City of Fullerton, asked if other more traditional revenue generating strategies were being evaluated such as carpooling or modifying school times. Hon. Wapner confirmed that all of the strategies that aid in relieving congestion would be evaluated.

6. High-Speed Rail (HSR) Subcommittee Update

Hon. Keith Millhouse, City of Moorpark, provided members with an update on the HSR Subcommittee meetings. The first High-Speed Rail (HSR) Subcommittee meeting included a presentation by SCAG staff that outlined the various projects that are within the Southern California region such as Metrolink system improvements, the LOSSAN corridor and the intercity rail component that is operated by Amtrak but is governed by the LOSSAN Joint Powers Authority. The first meeting was held on July 29th and included a presentation by Don Sepulveda, City Rail Manager for Los Angeles Metro.

The second HSR Subcommittee meeting was held on August 18th and included a presentation provided by Gray Crary with Metrolink. Mr. Crary presented on Metrolink's plans and its various service options. Mr. Tim Baresh, Southern California Regional Director for the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) also presented. Staff also presented preliminary recommendations concerning the Strategic Plan for the subcommittee's consideration.

The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 15th and will include a review of all of the HSR projects. Those projects will be analyzed in connection with the requirements of the strategic plan criteria to determine public support and consensus on projects, project readiness, regional connectivity, ridership potential and cost funding status. Once those elements and the list of projects is presented the Subcommittee will further consider which projects should be part of the constrained RTP and which part of the Strategic Plan.

Hon. Millhouse also reported that the next meeting of the CHSRA will include a discussion of whether to reconsider the alternative of going from Bakersfield into Los Angeles through the Grapevine as opposed to going through the City of Palmdale. According to the CHSRA, they believe that it's economical to go through the Grapevine.

Hon. Millhouse encouraged members to speak to any of the HSR Subcommittee members with any questions that they may have.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Due to time constraints, no Chair's Report was provided.

STAFF REPORT

Due to time constraints, no Staff Report was provided.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

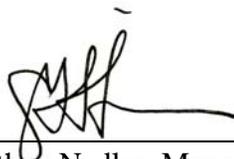
Due to time constraints, members were encouraged to e-mail comments or ideas on future agenda items to SCAG staff and Chairman, Paul Glaab.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon. Pam O'Connor encouraged non-RC members to attend the following meeting at noon which is an update on the 2012 RTP / SCS.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:05am. The next regular meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

for 
Jonathan Nadler, Manager
Transportation Modeling, Air Quality
and Conformity

**Transportation Committee Attendance Report
2011**

Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Representing	X = County Represented						X = Attended				No Meeting NM = New Member					Special Joint Mtg.	Special Joint Mtg.	Special Joint Mtg.
		IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	GA May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept			
McCarthy, James	Caltrans - District 7							X	X	X			X			X			
McEachron, Ryan	Victorville					X		X	X	X	X		X		X	X			
McLean, Marsha*	Santa Clarita		X					X	X		X		X			X			
Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X					X	X	X	X		X		X	X			
Millhouse, Keith*	Moorpark						X	X			X		X			X			
Mills, Leroy*	Cypress			X				X	X	X	X		X		X				
Murdoch, Brett	Brea			X									NM						
Neal, Steven*	Long Beach		X					NM	X	X			X			X			
Nelson, Shawn*	Orange County			X					X	X			X		X				
O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X					X	X	X	X		X			X			
Ovitt, Gary*	San Bernardino County					X			X	X			X		X	X			
Parks, Bernard*	Los Angeles		X					X			X		X						
Pettis, Gregory*-Chair	Cathedral City				X				X		X				X	X			
Quintero, Frank*	Glendale		X												X				
Quirk-Silva, Sharon*	Fullerton		X					X		X	X		X		X	X			
Roberts, Ron*	Temecula				X			X		X	X				X	X			
Robinson, Don	Banning				X										NM	X			
Rutherford, Mark	Westlake Village		X					X					X			X			
Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Band of Mission Indians				X														
Spence, David	La Cañada Flintridge/Arroyo Verdugo Cities		X					X	X	X			X		X				
Spiegel, Karen	Corona/WRCOG				X			NM	X	X	X		X		X	X			
Spohn, Tim	Industry/SGVCOG		X					X	X	X	X		X		X	X			
Voss, Don*	La Cañada Flintridge		X					X	X	X	X		X		X	X			
Wapner, Alan	Ontario					X		X	NM	X			X		X	X			
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* Regional Council Member

DATE: February 2 , 2012
TO: Transportation Committee (TC)
FROM: Steve Fox, Senior Regional Planner, 213-236-1855, fox@scag.ca.gov
SUBJECT: High-Speed Rail (HSR) Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
For Information Only – No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Draft 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) was released in December 2011 and included Phase One of the California High-Speed Train (HST) project in the Constrained Plan. This inclusion i to the Constrained Plan is conditional upon the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for funding capital improvements to our existing passenger rail network with SCAG and the other rail stakeholder agencies in Southern 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; Objective: a) Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

BACKGROUND:
The RTP/SCS Subcommittee voted to include Phase One of the California High-Speed Train (HST) project in the Constrained Plan only with the condition that the CHSRA enter into an MOU with SCAG and other rail stakeholder agencies in Southern California to fund improvements in our region’s existing passenger rail network. All of the Southern California transportation agencies, stakeholders and the CHSRA agree that investing in the region’s existing passenger rail network is necessary to improve both the current and future rail travel markets, and that the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor (LOSSAN) and Metrolink networks are optimally blended with the HST project once it is built. The MOU includes a candidate project list to which \$1 billion will be programmed in order to provide interconnectivity to the HST project; and improve the speed, capacity and safety of our existing passenger rail network. Parties to the MOU include:

- California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA)
- Metrolink
- SCAG
- San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
- Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)
- Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
- Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
- San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)

Key principles of the MOU include:

- The CHSRA agrees to fund an additional \$1 billion in early investments in Southern California above and beyond the already committed \$950 million (not yet allocated) statewide for interregional rail services.
- A candidate project list is incorporated into the MOU for the \$1 billion in early investments to be funded by 2020.
- Performance criteria are agreed on and also incorporated into the MOU for selecting the projects from the candidate project list.
- There is an agreed upon process for selecting the prioritized project list of these early investments.
- The MOU will be executed by all parties by June, 2012.

Draft 2012 Business Plan

The CHSRA approved SCAG's request to extend the public comment period for the Draft 2012 Business Plan (Plan) from January 1 to January 16, 2012. This allowed time for the Regional Council to discuss the matter at its January 5, 2012 Board meeting and submit a public comment letter on the Plan. SCAG made formal comment by way of a joint CEO letter from the region's transportation commissions and MPOs. Particular emphasis was placed on the Plan's Chapter 2, which describes the CHSRA's new "Blended Approach." The comment letter formally asked that the MOU and its level of funding and methodology be described in detail in the final Chapter 2.

NEXT STEPS:

The MOU is contained within the Regional Council Agenda for approval. Southern California Transportation Agencies are anticipated to approve the MOU in January/February. Staff will continue working with the noted agencies on refining the candidate project list and performance criteria. Staff will provide regular updates to the Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENT:

None.