

Transportation Committee  
of the  
Southern California Association of Governments

February 2, 2012

*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 Vice-Chair Hon. Keith Millhouse, City of Moorpark. There was a quorum.

**Members Present:**

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| Hon. Jerry Amante, Tustin                            | OCTA                  |
| 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. Gene Daniels, Paramount                         | District 24           |
| Hon. Steve Diels, Redondo Beach                      | SBCCOG                |
| Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood                          | District 28           |
| Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair                           | District 9            |
| Hon. Frank Gurulé, Cudahy                            | District 27           |
| Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods                         | OCCOG                 |
| Hon. Matthew Harper, Huntington Beach                | District 64           |
| Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa                             | District 3            |
| Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo                     | OCCOG                 |
| Hon. Steven Ly, Rosemead                             | SGVCOG                |
| Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana                     | District 16           |
| Hon. Ryan McEachron, Victorville                     | SANBAG                |
| Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita                    | District 67           |
| Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra                       | District 34           |
| Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark ( <b>Vice-Chair</b> ) | VCTC                  |
| Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress                            | District 18           |
| Hon. Brett Murdock, Brea                             | District 22           |
| Hon. Shawn Nelson                                    | Orange County         |
| Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica                      | District 41           |
| Hon. Gary Ovitt                                      | San Bernardino County |
| Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City                     | District 2            |
| Hon. Frank Quintero, Glendale                        | District 42           |
| Hon. Sharon Quirk-Silva, Fullerton                   | District 21           |
| Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula                           | District 5            |
| Hon. Don Robinson, Banning                           | WRCOG                 |
| Hon. David Spence, La Cañada-Flintridge              | Arroyo Verdugo Cities |

Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona	WRCOG
Hon. Tim Spohn, City of Industry	SGVCOG
Hon. Jeff Stone	Riverside County
Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank	SFVCOG
Hon. Don Voss, City of La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Alan Wapner, City of Ontario	SANBAG

**Members Not Present:**

Hon. Jeff Cooper, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Mary Craton, Canyon Lake	RCTC
Hon. Glenn Duncan, Chino	District 10
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel ( <b>Chair</b> )	District 12
Hon. Thomas Glancy, Thousand Oaks	VCOG
Hon. Mario Guerra, Downey	GCCOG
Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar	District 37
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Ryan Kelley, Brawley	ICTC
Hon. Brian McDonald	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
Hon. Steven Neal, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Bernard C. Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Mark Rutherford, Westlake Village	District 44
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians

**Voting Members, Non-Elected Officials:**

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

Hon. Keith Millhouse, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Hon. Marsha McLean, City of Santa Clarita, led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Mr. Hasan Ikhrata, SCAG Executive Director, announced that nominations for Committee Chair and Vice-Chair are fast approaching and requested that members agree upon when to hold the nominations and whether to hold open or closed ballot voting. Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County, recommended that the voting be held at the March 21<sup>st</sup> special meeting which will be after district elections. After some discussion, members agreed to hold open ballot nominations at the March 21<sup>st</sup> special meeting.

## **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Approval Item**

#### 1. Minutes of September 1, 2011 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Hack) to approve the minutes. The MOTION was SECONDED (McLean) and one member ABSTAINED (Betts). Motion passed.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### 2. High-Speed Rail Update

Mr. Steve Fox, SCAG staff, provided a brief update on the following high-speed rail (HSR) items: 1) the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) voted to continue with the Antelope Valley (AV) alignment of the California High-Speed Train (CHST), 2) the CHSRA's draft Business Plan's public comment deadline was postponed to January 16, 2012 and an official public comment was submitted from SCAG by way of a joint Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) letter that focused on Chapter 2 of its Business Plan which talks about investing in local regional rail systems until the CHST is built. 3) The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Working Group has completed its draft language and all eight (8) signatories have agreed on the language with their respective boards set to approve the MOU sometime this month. The MOU includes a draft Prioritized Rail Improvement List that has been approved and will be further refined by the County Transportation Commissions' CEOs at their February 2012 meeting.

Hon. Marsha McLean, City of Santa Clarita, provided a letter on behalf of the City which suggests modifications to the MOU related to the high-speed train project improvements within the Prioritized Rail Improvement List. Mr. Ikhrata stated that as of today, the MOU has been approved by Los Angeles Metro and the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), therefore, there is no liberty to modify the MOU

since the current version of the MOU has already been adopted by a few agencies. Mr. Ikhata reminded members that they do have the ability to reject the MOU; however, he recommended against this and stated that any amendment to the MOU would require that it be re-examined by all of the signing agencies and would further delay its approval.

Hon. Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos, added that the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) supports the MOU but a key point that was discussed by the GCCOG is the performance language. Hon. Barrows encouraged members to include this language.

Hon. Trish Kelley, City of Mission Viejo, questioned why the MOU was going directly to the Regional Council (RC) and bypassing the TC. Mr. Ikhata explained that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee and the HSR Subcommittee established a deadline for the MOU to be executed by February 1, 2012. On January 27, 2012, the RTP Subcommittee took an action to extend the deadline to March 1, 2012 so that board approvals take place by March 1, 2012 and the MOU is executed before the adoption of the 2012 RTP. Hon. Kelley added that this topic warranted a special meeting. She also asked that if the larger statewide CHSR project in Central California doesn't proceed, will Southern California lose its share of funds. Mr. Ikhata stated that if the project doesn't move forward there is still a potential to receive these funds.

Hon. Bert Hack, City of Laguna Woods, encouraged members to continue with the MOU without any modifications.

Hon. Shawn Nelson, Orange County, recommended that the HSR Subcommittee continue or at least meet every 6 months in order to monitor performance.

Hon. Alan Wapner, City of Ontario, provided background information as to the development of the MOU and reminded members that this is a one-way commitment for the CHSRA to commit to funding our existing corridors. Hon. Wapner also announced his support towards the continuation of the HSR Subcommittee and recommended that the MOU be executed without any amendments.

Hon. Pam O'Connor, City of Santa Monica, also supported the continuation of the HSR Subcommittee.

Hon. Keith Millhouse, Vice-Chair, reminded members that this is only an information item and will go to the RC for action.

## **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair, provided a brief update on the January 27, 2012 RTP Subcommittee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to have staff update members on the comments that have been received to date on the draft 2012 RTP and to provide any necessary policy direction. Only a few technical comments have been received to date and staff is expecting the majority of the comments to be submitted closer to the public comment deadline of February 14, 2012. Therefore, the RTP Subcommittee will hold another meeting sometime between the comment deadline and the next TC meeting.

**HIGH-SPEED RAIL (HSR) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Item was discussed in conjunction with Item 2.

**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**

The RTP Subcommittee will provide its recommendations at next month's meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Due to time constraints, no Announcements were made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 am. The next regular meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.



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Jonathan Nadler, Manager  
Transportation Modeling, Air Quality and Conformity

**Transportation Committee Attendance Report  
2012**

		X = County Represented						X = Attend    = No Meeting    NM = New Member											
Member (including Ex-Officio) Last Name, First Name		Representing						Jan Joint Mtg.	Feb	Mar	GA April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
		IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC												
1	Amante, Jerry	Tustin, OCTA			X														
2	Antonovich, Michael*	Los Angeles County		X															
3	Barrows, Bruce*	Cerritos		X															
4	Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X															
5	Betts, Russell	CVAG				X													
6	Carroll, Stan*	La Habra Heights			X														
7	Cooper, Jeff	Culver City/WCCOG		X															
8	Craton, Mary	Canyon Lake				X													
9	Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X															
10	Diels, Steve	Redondo Beach		X															
11	Duncan, Glenn*	Chino					X												
12	Dunlap, Judy*	Inglewood		X															
13	Eaton, Paul*	Montclair		X															
14	Gazeley, James*	Lomita	X																
15	Glaab, Paul*-Vice-Chair	Laguna Niguel			X														
16	Glancy, Thomas	VCOG					X												
17	Guerra, Mario	Downey		X															
18	Gurulé, Frank*	Cudahy		X															
19	Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X														
20	Harper, Matthew*	Huntington Beach			X														
21	Herrera, Carol*	Diamond Bar		X															
22	Huizar, Jose*	Los Angeles		X															
23	Hyatt, Jim	Calimesa				X													
24	Kelley, Ryan	Brawley/ICTC	X																
25	Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo			X														
26	Ly, Steven	Rosemead/SGVCOG		X															
27	Martinez, Michele*	Santa Ana			X														
28	McDonald, Brian	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe					X												
29	McCarthy, James	Caltrans - District 7																	
30	McEachron, Ryan	Victorville					X												
31	McLean, Marsha*	Santa Clarita		X															
32	Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X															

	<b>Member (including Ex-Officio)</b> Last Name, First Name	<b>Representing</b>	<b>IC</b>	<b>LA</b>	<b>OC</b>	<b>RC</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>VC</b>	<b>Jan Joint Mtg.</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>GA April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
33	Millhouse, Keith*	Moorpark						X		X										
34	Mills, Leroy*	Cypress			X					X										
35	Mitzelfelt, Brad*	SANBAG					X			NM										
36	Murdock, Brett	Brea			X					X										
37	Neal, Steven*	Long Beach		X																
38	Nelson, Shawn*	Orange County			X					X										
39	O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X						X										
40	Ovitt, Gary*	San Bernardino County					X			X										
41	Parks, Bernard*	Los Angeles		X																
42	Pettis, Gregory*-Chair	Cathedral City				X				X										
43	Quintero, Frank*	Glendale		X						X										
44	Quirk-Silva, Sharon*	Fullerton		X						X										
45	Roberts, Ron*	Temecula				X				X										
46	Robinson, Don	Banning				X				X										
47	Rutherford, Mark	Westlake Village		X																
48	Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Band of Mission Indians				X														
49	Spence, David	La Cañada Flintridge/Arroyo Verdugo Cities		X						X										
50	Spiegel, Karen	Corona/WRCOG				X				X										
51	Spohn, Tim	Industry/SGVCOG		X						X										
52	Stone, Jeff*	Riverside				X				X										
53	Talamantes, Jess	Burbank/SFVCOG		X						NM										
54	Voss, Don*	La Cañada Flintridge		X						X										
55	Wapner, Alan	Ontario					X			X										
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>												