

Transportation Committee Meeting
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
February 4, 2016
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) met at SCAG's office in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon. Mike Antonovich	Los Angeles County
Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey	District 25
Hon. Rusty Bailey, Riverside	District 68
Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Diana Lee Carey, Westminster	OCCOG
Hon. Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Jeffrey, Giba, Moreno Valley	District 69
Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar	District 37
Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa	District 3
Hon. Randon Lane, Murrieta	Murrieta
Hon. Severo Lara, Ojai	VCOG
Hon. Antonio Lopez, San Fernando	District 67
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana	District 16
Hon. Ryan McEachron, Victorville	District 65
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra (Vice-Chair)	District 34
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC
Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Gene Murabito, Glendora	District 33
Hon. Kris Murray, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Micheál O'Leary, Culver City	WCCOG

Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont	District 38
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon. Zareh Sinanyan	Glendale
Hon. David Spence, La Canada-Flintridge	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona	District 63
Hon. Michelle Steel	County of Orange
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank	District 42
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario (<i>Chair</i>)	SANBAG
Hon. Chuck Washington, Temecula	Riverside County
Hon. Michael Wilson, Indio	District 66
Mr. Gary Slater	Caltrans District 7

Members Not Present:

Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar	WRCOG
Hon. Felipe Fuentes, Los Angeles	District 54
Hon. Gonzalez, Lena, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Jim Katapodis, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. James C. Ledford	Palmdale
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest	OCCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	GCCOG
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. José Luis Solache, Lynwood	District 26
Hon. Barb Stanton, Apple Valley	SANBAG
Hon. Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera	GCCOG

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, welcomed new committee members; Hon. Jim Gazeley, Lomita and Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hon. Joseph Lyons, Claremont, spoke on behalf of the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative and encouraged the committee's oversight as a transportation plan is developed to address future traffic impacts generated by visitors to the recently designated San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of the October 8, 2015 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Lorimore) and SECONDED (Navarro) to approve the Minutes. The Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Ashton, Bailey, Betts, Brown, Buscaino, Carey, Curtis, Daniels, Eaton, Giba, Hack, Hagman, Harrington, Herrera, Hyatt, Lara, Lorimore, Marquez, Martinez, McLean, Medina, Messina, Millhouse, Moore, Murabito, Murray, Navarro, Pedroza, Simonoff, Spence, Talamantes, Viegas-Walker, Wapner, Washington, Wilson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Harnik, Gazeley

Receive and File

2. Short-Term and Long-Term Demographic and Economic Statistics and Trends in the SCAG Region
3. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemptions of Qualified Projects and Areas Under SB 743
4. 2016 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule

A MOTION was made (Wilson) and SECONDED (Simonoff) to approve items 2-4 of the Consent Calendar. The Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Ashton, Bailey, Betts, Brown, Buscaino, Carey, Curtis, Daniels, Eaton, Gazeley, Giba, Hack, Hagman, Harnik, Harrington, Herrera, Hyatt, Lara, Lorimore, Marquez, Martinez, McLean, Medina, Messina, Millhouse, Moore, Murabito, Murray, Navarro, Pedroza, Simonoff, Spence, Spiegel, Talamantes, Viegas-Walker, Wapner, Washington, Wilson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. California Road Charge Pilot Design Recommendations

Jim Madaffer, Commissioner, California Transportation Commission and Chair, Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee, reported on the upcoming Road Charge Pilot Program. Mr. Madaffer stated that although vehicle miles travelled is increasing the proliferation of fuel efficient vehicles has resulted in a trend of declining gas tax revenue for the state's transportation infrastructure. It was noted California has \$59 billion in deferred transportation maintenance needs; it ranks 45th in overall highway performance; 25% of local streets and roads will be in "failed" condition by 2022; and, it is home to 6 of the nation's worst urban pavement conditions.

Mr. Madaffer noted due to the increasing number of fuel efficient vehicles the gas tax has become unsustainable as a funding mechanism. The CTC's Road Charge Advisory Committee has developed recommendations for the parameters of a Road Charge Pilot Program which begins July 2016 to explore a user based funding system. Mr. Madaffer stated the Pilot Program is currently enrolling California drivers to test the different methods and encouraged all committee members to sign-up for the Pilot Program to get a first-hand look at the options being explored.

Mr. Madaffer noted the Road Charge TAC is composed of members of the state Legislature, social equity advocates, telecommunications industry and other relevant stakeholders to evaluate the different issues and challenges with the goal of developing a

system as convenient to drivers as the current gas tax collection system. The “user pays” collection method charges drivers based on the number of miles driven similar to other utilities such as electricity, water and telephone. The pilot program seeks 5,000 drivers statewide with a diversity of vehicle types using multiple mileage reporting methods. It will include a range of ages, genders, races, incomes and locations. The committee will be updated as the process continues.

Hon. Randon Lane, Murrieta, stated there is no guarantee the gas tax would be eliminated and he is concerned a road charge system would be used in addition to the gas tax and not replace it. Additionally, a road charge system would penalize drivers who purchased fuel efficient vehicles to lower driving cost.

Mr. Madaffer responded that the concern is understandable but there is increasing realization that the gas tax is unsustainable in the long term as a funding mechanism for the State’s transportation needs. This is due to the increasing trend toward fuel efficient vehicles which has created a declining revenue trend. Mr. Madaffer suggested that a constitutional amendment could be enacted that would require the elimination of the gas tax while locking in transportation revenues so they could not be used for other activities. Additionally, current measures by Senator Beall and Governor Brown include this provision.

Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, stated he signed up for the pilot program during the meeting and found it easy to do. Mr. Millhouse also noted to make better use of the existing system that a reduced vehicle license fee can be offered for drivers who volunteer to not drive, for example, one day per week.

Hon. Kris Murray, Anaheim, stated the system is at a critical juncture as in the near future most vehicles will be fuel efficient making the gas tax obsolete as a funding source and lack of proper road maintenance could jeopardize driver safety. Additionally, she is not supportive of providing tax incentives to those who purchase fuel efficient vehicles as they also contribute to road wear and ought to contribute to the cost of maintenance.

Mr. Madaffer concluded by noting the gas tax collection method was enacted in 1922 but due to the development of technology and other issues, it has become unsustainable and unreliable. There is a need to explore programs that could replace it such as those being tested in the upcoming pilot program.

6. Los Angeles and San Bernardino Inter-County Transit and Rail Connectivity Study

Stephen Fox, SCAG staff, provided an update on the Los Angeles and San Bernardino Inter-County Transit and Rail Connectivity Study. Mr. Fox noted the study is conducted in partnership with Metro and San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) and focusses on the transportation corridor that connects the eastern San Gabriel Valley in Los Angeles County with the western San Bernardino Valley in San Bernardino County. It was noted there are several transportation projects in the planning and construction phases in the corridor including the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Phases 2B (Azusa to Montclair) and 2C (Montclair to Ontario International Airport as well as planned speed and service improvements on Metrolink’s San Bernardino Line. This is the busiest Metrolink corridor with 19 round trips daily and the most passengers. Additionally, new

HOV/Express Lanes are planned for the I-10 San Bernardino Freeway. The HOV/Express Lanes offer opportunities for additional express bus services that may be faster and offer a lower fare than Metrolink.

Mr. Fox noted the study goal is to determine the optimum mix and service levels of commuter rail, light rail, Bus Rapid Transit and express bus in the corridor. Additional goals include assessing the market for intra- and inter-county transit and rail travel in the corridor including the geographic distribution of origins for employee and passenger trips to Ontario International Airport. Also, to recommend a path forward for cost-effective transit and rail service to best serve communities along the corridor. There will be extensive stakeholder outreach and the study will conclude in the summer 2017.

Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont, stated Metro is undergoing an effort to evaluate projects in the area and some of those could be included in a November ballot measure. Should the November ballot measure be approved then this study is duplicating ongoing efforts.

Mr. Fox responded that the evaluation of alternatives is scheduled for winter 2016 so the election results would be represented in that process.

7. 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy - Update

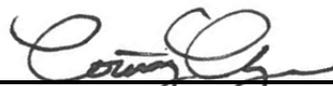
Naresh Amatya, Acting Director, Transportation Planning, provided an update on the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. Mr. Amatya stated that the plan was available for public review and comment starting on December 4, 2015 and ending on February 1, 2016. Further, staff conducted 14 elected official workshops, 4 public hearings and 2 Program Environment Impact Reports Workshops. During this time, comments were received from approximately 160 different entities. Additionally, on March 3, 2016 and March 24, 2016 the committee will have an opportunity to review comments and discuss the plan. Mr. Amatya thanked the members for their participation in the outreach workshops.

STAFF REPORT

No staff report given.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be a Joint Policy Committee meeting held Thursday, March 3, 2016 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.



Courtney Aguirre, Senior Regional Planner
Transportation Planning

Transportation Committee Attendance Report

2016

Member (including Ex-Officio) Last Name, First Name	Representing	X = County Represented						X = Attended				= No Meeting		NM = New Member					
		IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	GA May	June	July	Aug	Sep 1	Sep 29	Nov	Dec
Antonovich, Michael*	Los Angeles County		X						X										
Ashton, Sean*	Downey								X										
Bailey, Rusty*	Riverside, WRCOG				X				X										
Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X																
Benoit, Ben	Wildomar, WRCOG				X														
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs, CVAG				X				X										
Brown, Art*	Buena Park			X					X										
Buscaino, Joe*	Los Angeles		X						X										
Carey, Diana Lee	Westminster, OCCOG			X					X										
Curtis, Jonathan*	La Cañada Flintridge		X						X										
Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X						X										
Eaton, Paul*	Montclair					X			X										
Fuentes, Felipe*	Los Angeles		X																
Gazeley, James*	Lomita		X						NM										
Giba, Jeffrey*	Moreno Valley				X				X										
Gonzalez, Lena	Long Beach		X																
Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X					X										
Hagman, Curt*	San Bernardino County					X			X										
Hamik, Jan*	Palm Desert, RCTC				X				X										
Harrington, Dave	Aliso Viejo, OCCOG			X					X										
Herrera, Carol	Diamond Bar		X						X										
Hofbauer, Steven*	Palmdale/No. LA County		X						X										
Huizar, Jose*	Los Angeles		X																
Hyatt, Jim*	Calimesa				X				X										
Katapodis, Jim*	Huntington Beach			X															
Krupa, Linda	Hemet, WRCOG				X														
Lane, Randon*	Murrieta				X				X										
Lara, Severo	Ojai, VCTC						X		X										
Ledford, James C.	Palmdale/No. LA County		X																
Lopez, Antonio*	San Fernando		X						X										
Lorimore, Clint*	Eastvale				X				X										
Marquez, Ray*	Chino Hills					X			X										
Martinez, Michele*	Santa Ana			X					X										
McEachron, Ryan*	Victorville					X			X										
McLean, Marsha	Santa Clarita		X						X										
Medina, Dan*	Gardena		X						X										
Messina, Barbara* (Vice-Chair)	Alhambra		X						X										
Millhouse, Keith*	Moorpark						X		X										
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods, OCCOG			X					X										
Murabito, Gene*	Glendora		X						X										
Murray, Kris*	Anaheim			X					X										
Navarro, Frank*	Colton					X			X										
O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X																
O'Leary, Micheál	Culver City/WCCOG		X						X										
Pedroza, Sam*	Claremont		X						X										
Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park/SGVCOG		X						X										
Robinson, Dwight	Lake Forest, OCCOG			X															
Saleh, Ali*	City of Bell, GCCOG		X																
Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Band of Mission Indians																		
Simonoff, Marty*	Brea			X					X										
Sinanyan, Zareh	Glendale		X						X										
Slater, Gary	Caltrans District 7								X										
Solache, José Luis*	Lynwood		X																
Spence, David	Flintridge/Arroyo Verdugo Cities		X						X										
Spiegel, Karen*	Corona/WRCOG				X				X										
Stanton, Barb	Apple Valley					X													
Steel, Michelle*	Orange County			X					X										
Stemquist, Cynthia	Temple City		X						X										
Talamantes, Jess*	Burbank/SFVCOG		X						X										
Tercero, Brent	Pico Rivera		X																
Viegas-Walker, Cheryl*	El Centro	X							X										
Wapner, Alan* (Chair)	Ontario, SANBAG					X			X										
Washington, Chuck*	Riverside County				X				X										
Wilson, Michael*	Indio, CVAG				X				X										
Totals		1	28	11	12	7	2												

* Regional Council Member