

Transportation Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments

May 3, 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 Chair Hon. Paul Glaab, City of Laguna Niguel. There was a quorum.

Members Present:

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. Mary Craton, Canyon Lake	RCTC
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel (Chair)	District 12
Hon. Frank Gurulé, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
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. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark (Vice-Chair)	VCTC
Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress	District 18
Hon. Brett Murdock, Brea	District 22
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Gary Ovitt	San Bernardino County
Hon. Frank Quintero, Glendale	District 42
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. 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. Jerry Amante, Tustin	OCTA
Hon. Mike Antonovich	Los Angeles County
Hon. Jeff Cooper, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Steve Diels, Redondo Beach	SBCCOG
Hon. Glenn Duncan, Chino	District 10
Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Thomas Glancy, Thousand Oaks	VCOG
Hon. Mario Guerra, Downey	GCCOG
Hon. Matthew Harper, Huntington Beach	District 64
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. Ryan McEachron, Victorville	SANBAG
Hon. Steven Neal, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Shawn Nelson	Orange County
Hon. Bernard C. Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Sharon Quirk-Silva, Fullerton	District 21
Hon. Mark Rutherford, Westlake Village	LVMCOG
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Jeff Stone	Riverside County

Voting Members, Non-Elected Officials:

Hopkins, Garth (<i>Not Present</i>)	Caltrans
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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel, District 12, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, VCTC, led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

1. Minutes of the March 1, 2012 Meeting
2. Minutes of the March 21, 2012 Special TC Meeting

A MOTION was made (Millhouse) to approve the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was SECONDED (Gurulé) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. Status Report on the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way/Santa Ana Branch Corridor Alternatives Analysis

Philip Law, SCAG staff, provided a brief overview on the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way/West Santa Ana Branch (PE ROW) alternatives analysis. In 2008, the TC directed staff to work together with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) on a transit study to evaluate the reuse of the corridor connecting Los Angeles and Orange County. The study will conclude at the end of June 2012. The study focuses on the PE ROW which extends 20 miles from the City of Paramount in the northwest to the City of Santa Ana in the southeast and is divided into 3 segments. A separate connection north to downtown Los Angeles-Union Station and south to the Santa Ana regional transportation center was also studied.

Mr. Law provided a summary of the evaluation results for the final set of alternatives, which includes the following options: No Build, Transportation Systems Management (TSM), Bus Rapid Transit, Street Car, Light Rail transit, and Low Speed Maglev.

The cost to construct these different alternatives was also discussed, with TSM as the most effective and Low Speed Maglev as the highest cost of the alternatives. Metro has included this study in its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and has programmed funds by way of Measure R. The study is not included in the Orange County LRTP and does not have committed funding. The study was done according to Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) guidelines in the event that either agency would choose to pursue federal funding in the future.

Mr. Law reported that staff will continue working with the Advisory Committees to develop study recommendations and will have a final round of public open house meetings in May. In June, the Advisory Committees will work to identify recommendations and conclude the study. This fall Mr. Law will report on the final study recommendations to the TC.

Hon. Paul Glaab, Chair, thanked Mr. Law for his report and asked if there were any Right-of-Way (ROW) encroachments within the City of Garden Grove. Mr. Law stated that OCTA maintains the aerial rights in the area and the study is proposing to have an aerial structure that crosses over those encroachments.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, SANBAG, asked if there is a chart that demonstrates the amount of ROW acquisition that is necessary for each of the alignments. While there was no chart available, Mr. Law verbally outlined the ranges that have been estimated for each of the alignments.

Hon. Wapner asked if there are any charts illustrating the different fare prices as well as the timeliness of the transportation. Mr. Law responded that Metro's fare was assumed at \$1.50 per ride. For Low Speed Maglev, a sensitivity run was done assuming Public/Private Partnership (PPP) financing and an \$8.75 fare was identified. Mr. Law added that the PE ROW corridor contains about fifty-percent low income communities and when the fare is raised, the ridership drops significantly for that alternative.

Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress, OCCOG, asked what would occur with the study given that OCTA has not committed any funding. Mr. Law responded that at the end of the study, the Transportation Committee and Regional Council will direct staff to transmit the recommendations to Metro and OCTA. Those agencies own the PE ROW and have the sole discretion as to whether this project moves forward.

Hon Bert Hack, Laguna Woods, OCCOG, asked if the City of Santa Ana was the terminus and if the majority of the riders go to Santa Ana or are they intending to go beyond Santa Ana and what kind of disbursement is there from Santa Ana. Mr. Law responded that the study did not go into those details in terms of that type of modeling. However, Santa Ana does have a significant number of boardings estimated by the model that would probably be transferring to the Metrolink/Amtrak system.

Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, North Los Angeles County, encouraged members to look beyond current technology and to look at what other countries are doing with Maglev in hopes that other countries would be interested in investing.

Hon. Don Voss, La Cañada/Flintridge, District 26, asked how the cost effectiveness index is calculated and what it demonstrates. Mr. Law responded that the cost effectiveness index is a comparison between the total annual hours saved by the users of the system versus the annual cost. That is the annualized capital cost and the annual operating and maintenance cost.

4. Update Regarding Recent Passenger Rail Developments

Mr. Steve Fox, SCAG staff, provided members with an update regarding passenger rail developments in the SCAG region. Mr. Fox reported the following:

- SB 1225, the initiative to form a locally controlled LOSSAN corridor is well under way and was approved 9 to 0 at the Senate Transportation and Housing Hearing last week. As long as it continues to move forward, a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) could be formed by 2014.
- The California High Speed Rail Authority's (CHSRA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was approved at its April 12, 2012 board meeting.
- SCAG's Regional Council approved the CHSRA MOU in February with 7 of the original 8 signatories. OCTA has not approved it but passed a resolution in support of investing in current passenger rail services in the region.
- SCAG is collaborating with the other MOU agencies to prioritize the project list by June.
- Northern California's MTC is also developing an MOU with the CHSRA.
- The CHSRA also approved its revised draft Business Plan at its April 12, 2012 Board meeting which incorporates the MOU with SCAG. The Business Plan addresses Phase 1, San Francisco to Anaheim.

Mr. Fox provided additional details regarding the CHSRA's revised draft Business Plan. Mr. Fox stated that the Business Plan will be updated again in two years. Major changes between the draft and the revised draft Business Plan include the initial construction segment which will begin north of Bakersfield to north of Fresno and run about 130 miles. The Amtrak San Joaquin service is now proposed to run on the first segment. With this new infrastructure, the new San Joaquin service is to be up to 125 miles per hour by 2018. A decision was also made to extend south into Palmdale. This segment would be called the Initial Operating Segment (IOS) and would run from Merced to Palmdale at 220 miles per hour with electrification and new rolling stock and equipment. The IOS is proposed to run by 2021. There is also a new term called the "Phase 1 Blended" for a segment from San Jose to Los Angeles Union Station.

The CHSRA has also identified a new funding source to help with any shortfalls, Assembly Bill (AB) 32 Cap & Trade, which is estimated to eventually amount in the low billions of dollars per year. This is part of AB 32, the Green House Gas initiative and the first sale of allowances would start in 2013 with the first sale of allowances to companies to take place in November 2012. The CHSRA believes that they will be able to fund their projects with some of these funds.

Last month, a Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) report recommended to the legislature to not approve Governor Brown's funding for high-speed rail for the next fiscal year. The LAO cites three areas of concern: 1) lack of dedicated funding, 2) lack of detail in

the new blended approach, and 3) administrative and staffing issues. The report also recommended that the CHSRA be moved to Caltrans.

Discussion ensued regarding Riverside County's inclusion in the Los Angeles to San Diego (LOSSAN) Joint Powers Authority (JPA). Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona, WRCOG, explained that Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is actively pursuing a voting privilege on the LOSSAN Board because it has exclusive track rights from Los Angeles Union Station to Fullerton and is controlled by RCTC. Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, VCTC, stated that this has been an ongoing discussion at LOSSAN. Hon. Millhouse added that the current status is simply due to the disproportionate effect to the counties in the North. However, LOSSAN is well aware of the issue and is working to resolve this matter.

5. Green Rail Intelligent Development (GRID) Regional Transportation Solution

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, SANBAG, provided introductory remarks and welcomed Mr. David Alba with the GRID Project. Due to time constraints Mr. Alba's presentation could not be concluded and he was invited to return and continue the presentation at an upcoming meeting.

6. Freight Shuttle System

Robert Radovan with Freight Shuttle International presented a short video on the Freight Shuttle System concept. This concept is aimed at moving freight containers through the region up to 500 miles on elevated guideways using highway medians and other rights-of-way.

Hon. Paul Glaab, Chair, asked if these technologies have been presented to the ports. Mr. Radovan stated that they have demonstrated their technology and are currently working with terminal operators in designing the terminals. They also intend to discuss this as part of the proposed SR-710 project given that there's a zero-emission component to that project.

Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, CVAG, asked if at some point in time this technology would reach out to major trucking terminals. Mr. Radovan stated that this is a definite goal since they understand the process very well.

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, no Future Agenda Items were provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon. Marsha McLean, announced that the City of Santa Clarita held a groundbreaking ceremony for I-5 truck lanes between SR-14 and Pico Canyon Road/Lyons Avenue. The project will add a truck lane to I-5 in both directions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.



Jonathan Nadler, Manager
Transportation Modeling, Air Quality and Conformity

Transportation Committee Attendance Report

2012

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 Joint Mtg.	Feb	Mar	Mar 21	GA April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec			
Amante, Jerry	Tustin, OCTA			X					NM	X													
Antonovich, Michael*	Los Angeles County		X						X														
Barrows, Bruce*	Cerritos		X						X	X	X		X										
Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X						X	X			X										
Betts, Russell	CVAG				X				X	X			X										
Carroll, Stan*	La Habra Heights			X					X	X	X		X										
Cooper, Jeff	Culver City/WCCOG		X																				
Craton, Mary	Canyon Lake				X					X	X		X										
Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X						X	X	X		X										
Diels, Steve	Redondo Beach		X						X		X		X										
Dunlap, Judy*	Inglewood		X						X	X													
Eaton, Paul*	Montclair		X						X	X													
Gazeley, James*	Lomita	X									X												
Glaab, Paul* (Chair)	Laguna Niguel			X							X		X										
Glancy, Thomas	VCOG						X																
Guerra, Mario	Downey		X							X													
Gurulé, Frank*	Cudahy		X						X	X	X		X										
Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X					X	X	X		X										
Harper, Matthew*	Huntington Beach			X					X		X												
Herrera, Carol*	Diamond Bar		X							X	X												
Hopkins, Garth	Caltrans - District 7								X														
Huizar, Jose*	Los Angeles		X																				
Hyatt, Jim	Calimesa				X				X	X	X		X										
Kelley, Ryan	Brawley/ICTC	X																					
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo			X					X		X		X										
Ledford, James C.	Palmdale/No. LA County		X																				
Ly, Steven	Rosemead/SGVCOG		X						X				X										
Martinez, Michele*	Santa Ana			X					X	X	X		X										
McDonald, Brian	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe					X																	
McEachron, Ryan	Victorville					X			X	X													
McLean, Marsha*	Santa Clarita		X						X	X	X		X										
Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X						X	X	X		X										
Millhouse, Keith* (Vice Chair)	Moorpark						X		X	X	X		X										
Mills, Leroy*	Cypress			X					X	X	X		X										
Murdock, Brett	Brea			X					X				X										
Neal, Steven*	Long Beach		X																				
Nelson, Shawn*	Orange County			X					X	X	X												
O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X						X	X	X		X										
Ovitt, Gary*	San Bernardino County					X			X	X	X		X										
Parks, Bernard*	Los Angeles		X																				
Pettis, Gregory*	Cathedral City				X				X	X	X												
Quintero, Frank*	Glendale		X						X	X			X										
Quirk-Silva, Sharon*	Fullerton		X						X	X													
Roberts, Ron*	Temecula				X				X	X	X		X										
Robinson, Don	Banning				X				X				X										
Rutherford, Mark	Westlake Village		X																				
Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Band of Mission Indians				X																		
Spence, David	La Cañada Flintridge/Arroyo Verdugo Cities		X						X	X	X		X										
Spiegel, Karen	Corona/WRCOG				X				X	X	X		X										
Spohn, Tim	Industry/SGVCOG		X						X	X	X		X										
Stone, Jeff*	Riverside				X				X	X													
Talamantes, Jess	Burbank/SFVCOG		X						NM	X	X		X										
Voss, Don*	La Cañada Flintridge		X						X	X	X		X										
Wapner, Alan*	Ontario					X			X	X	X		X										
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* Regional Council Member