

Transportation Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments

July 5, 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. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, VCTC. 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. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Steve Diels, Redondo Beach	SBCCOG
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. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar	District 37
Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa	District 3
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana	District 16
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress	District 18
Hon. Brett Murdock, Brea	District 22
Hon. Steven Neal, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Micheál O'Leary, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Gary Ovitt	San Bernardino County
Hon. Bernard C. Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Sharon Quirk-Silva, Fullerton	District 21
Hon. Mark Rutherford, Westlake Village	District 44
Hon. Jeff Stone	Riverside County
Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank	SFVCOG
Hon. Alan Wapner, City of Ontario (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)	SANBAG

Members Not Present:

Hon. Jerry Amante, Tustin	OCTA
Hon. Mary Craton, Canyon Lake	RCTC
Hon. Jeff Cooper, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Glenn Duncan, Chino	District 10
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Mario Guerra, Downey	GCCOG
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Ryan Kelley, Brawley	ICTC
Hon. Brian McDonald	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
Hon. Ryan McEachron, Victorville	SANBAG
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	North L.A. County
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark (<i>Chair</i>)	VCTC
Hon. Shawn Nelson	Orange County
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
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. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Don Voss, City of La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36

Voting Members, Non-Elected Officials:

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

Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, VCTC, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

1. Minutes of the June 7, 2012 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Daniels) to approve the Consent Calendar. MOTION was SECONDED (Barrows) and approved by a MAJORITY VOTE with one (1) ABSTENTION (Real Sebastian).

ACTION ITEM

2. Draft 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

John Asuncion, SCAG staff, provided a brief presentation on the FTIP. Mr. Asuncion reported that the Draft 2013 FTIP is on schedule to be released for public review and comment in July. After the public review and comment period ends, the next phase is to return in September to ask the Transportation Committee (TC) and the Regional Council (RC) to consider formally adopting the 2013 FTIP. Once adopted, the document would be submitted to the funding agencies with a final approval anticipated in December 2012.

A MOTION was made (Neal) to approve the release of the Draft 2013 FTIP for a 30-day public review and comment period. MOTION was SECONDED (Gurulé) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. Status Report on Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PE ROW)/West Santa Ana Branch Corridor Alternatives Analysis (AA)

Philip Law, SCAG staff, provided a brief summary on the status of the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PE ROW)/West Santa Ana Branch Corridor Alternatives Analysis. The goal of the alternatives analysis study is to identify a locally preferred strategy and to provide a recommendation to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Boards upon conclusion of the study. Metro and OCTA, who own the right-of-way (ROW), will have the sole discretion as to whether or not this project moves forward within their respective counties.

Mr. Law summarized the study recommendations and noted that the Steering Committee agreed to continue studying the Light Rail Transit (LRT) alternative and agreed to move forward with the required No Build and Transportation Systems Management (TSM) alternatives. The Steering Committee also included the Low-Speed Maglev alternative for further study.

Regarding alignment options, the Steering Committee recommended two (2) northern alignments to connect from the ROW to Los Angeles Union Station. The first alignment is along the east bank of the Los Angeles River, and the second is on the west side of the river connecting through the Central City East portion of Downtown Los Angeles.

The Steering Committee also recommended that the Los Angeles County portion of the corridor be given phasing priority over Orange County due to greater funding availability and greater stakeholder and agency support.

Mr. Law stated that the final report will be finalized within the next few weeks. Once completed, Mr. Law will return to the next TC meeting and provide a full staff report to seek direction to approve the final study recommendations.

4. Regional Rail Report

Steve Fox, SCAG staff, provided members with a brief update on the latest high-speed rail developments and introduced Mr. Jose Martinez, Regional Manager, Los Angeles-San Diego Portion, California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA).

Mr. Martinez provided members with an update on the progress that has been made to date on the California High-Speed Rail effort. Mr. Martinez's presentation focused on the Los Angeles-to-San Diego section, which has been quiet since the spring of 2011 due to lack of funding. The CHSRA will be moving forward with the environmental portion of this phase and will coordinate this segment with other projects.

The Los Angeles-to-San Diego segment is divided into three sub-sections: 1) Los Angeles Union Station to Ontario; 2) Ontario to Murrieta/Temecula; and 3) Temecula to San Diego. Mr. Martinez emphasized that these are only the beginning points for the analysis, which is also considering a station option in El Monte, West Covina or Pomona with an additional stop at LA/Ontario International Airport before heading south.

Discussion ensued regarding the level of communication that CHSRA has internally and with those in the communities that will be impacted. Chairman Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, VCTC, and Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, North L.A. County, emphasized the need for the CHSRA to improve its outreach efforts.

Hon. Bruce Barrows, Cerritos, District 23, asked what technology would be used given that the system is expected to operate at 220 miles per hour. Hon. Barrows also asked how the technology will maintain its travel time during unforeseen events such as heavy winds and earthquakes. Mr. Martinez responded that a systems expert would be better suited to answer this question and that he would follow up on this item.

Hon. Jeff Stone, Riverside County, emphasized the need for the CHSRA to involve city staff and elected officials in their efforts. Hon. Stone stated that given the potential of a

station within Murrieta/Temecula or within Riverside County, it is important for the cities to have a voice and an idea of how this would integrate with their own transportation plans. Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula, District 5, stressed the importance of including elected officials in these matters. Further discussion ensued regarding the importance of communication and effective outreach efforts.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Millhouse discussed the creation of six (6) new Subcommittees as part of the implementation of the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). Chair Millhouse urged members to review the subcommittee charters and to direct any questions to him or Vice-Chair Wapner.

Vice-Chair Wapner further discussed the context used in creating the new subcommittees as well as the need for these subcommittees to aid in the implementation of the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and in the development of the 2016 RTP. Four (4) of the six (6) subcommittees being created will report to TC and one (1) each to the Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) and the Community, Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD). These Subcommittees will be open to any RC and Policy Committee Member and reports will be provided to the Joint Policy Committees. Vice-Chair Wapner favors the majority of the subcommittees reporting to the TC given that the TC is the committee that is tasked with the implementation of the RTP.

Chair Millhouse noted that the subcommittees are: Active Transportation, Goods Movement, High-Speed Rail & Transit, Transportation Finance, Public Health, which would report to EEC, and the Sustainability Subcommittee, which would report to CEHD.

STAFF REPORT

Chair Millhouse introduced Mr. Ryan Kuo, SCAG staff, who will now be the person to staff the TC. Mr. Kuo thanked Chair Millhouse and Vice-Chair Wapner for the opportunity.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Due to time constraints, no future agenda items were provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon. Steve Diels, Redondo Beach, SBCCOG, announced that he will be sworn in as President of the local chapter of the League of California Cities on August 2, 2012 in Redondo Beach. Hon. Diels welcomed everyone to attend the ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 am. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.



Ryan Kuo, Senior Regional Planner
Transportation Planning

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
1	Amante, Jerry	Tustin, OCTA			X															
2	Antonovich, Michael*	Los Angeles County		X																
3	Barrows, Bruce*	Cemitos		X																
4	Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X																
5	Betts, Russell	CVAG				X														
6	Carroll, Stan*	La Habra Heights			X															
7	Craton, Mary	Canyon Lake				X														
8	Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X																
9	Diels, Steve	Redondo Beach		X																
10	Eaton, Paul*	Montclair		X																
11	Glaab, Paul*	Laguna Niguel			X															
12	Guerra, Mario	Downey		X																
13	Gurulé, Frank*	Cudahy		X																
14	Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X															
15	Harper, Matthew*	Huntington Beach			X															
16	Herrera, Carol*	Diamond Bar		X																
17	Hodge, Bill	Clexico, ICTC	X																	
18	Hopkins, Garth	Caltrans - District 7																		
19	Huizar, Jose*	Los Angeles		X																
20	Hyatt, Jim	Calimesa				X														
21	Kelley, Ryan	Brawley/ICTC	X																	
22	Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo			X															
23	Ledford, James C.	Palmdale/No. LA County		X																
24	Martinez, Michele*	Santa Ana			X															
25	McDonald, Brian	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe						X												
26	McEachron, Ryan	Victorville						X												
27	McLean, Marsha*	Santa Clarita		X																
28	Medina, Dan*	Gardena		X																
29	Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X																
30	Millhouse, Keith* (Chair)	Moorpark						X												
31	Mills, Leroy*	Cypress			X															
32	Murdock, Brett	Brea			X															
33	Neal, Steven*	Long Beach		X																
34	Nelson, Shawn*	Orange County			X															
35	O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X																
36	O'Leary, Micheál	Culver City/WCCOG		X																
37	Ovitt, Gary*	San Bernardino County						X												
38	Parks, Bernard*	Los Angeles		X																
39	Pettis, Gregory*	Cathedral City				X														
40	Quintero, Frank*	Glendale		X																
41	Quirk-Silva, Sharon*	Fullerton		X																
42	Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park/SGVCOG		X																
43	Roberts, Ron*	Temecula				X														
44	Robinson, Don	Banning				X														
45	Rutherford, Mark	Westlake Village		X																
46	Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Band of Mission Indians				X														
47	Spence, David	La Cañada Flintridge/Arroyo Verdugo Cities		X																
48	Spiegel, Karen	Corona/WRCOG				X														
49	Spohn, Tim	Industry/SGVCOG		X																
50	Stone, Jeff*	Riverside				X														
51	Talamantes, Jess	Burbank/SFVCOG		X																
52	Voss, Don*	La Cañada Flintridge		X																
53	Wapner, Alan* (Vice-Chair)	Ontario						X												
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* Regional Council Member