

Transportation Committee Meeting
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
July 7, 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. Barbara Messina, Alhambra. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon. Mike Antonovich	Los Angeles County
Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey	District 25
Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Diana Lee Carey, Westminster	OCCOG
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Jeffrey, Giba, Moreno Valley	District 69
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa	District 3
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Severo Lara, Ojai	VCOG
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale	District 4
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 (Chair)	District 34
Hon. Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel	District 12
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. Sam Pedroza, Claremont	District 38
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Hon. Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest	OCCOG
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona (Vice Chair)	District 63
Hon. Michelle Steel	Orange County
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank	District 42
Hon. Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera	GCCOG
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SANBAG
Hon. Michael Wilson, Indio	District 66
Mr. Gary Slater	Caltrans District 7

Members Not Present:

Hon. Rusty Bailey, Riverside	District 68
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar	WRCOG
Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Felipe Fuentes, Los Angeles	District 54
Hon. Gonzalez, Lena, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar	District 37
Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Jim Katapodis, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Randon Lane, Murrieta	Murrieta
Hon. James C. Ledford	Palmdale
Hon. Antonio Lopez, San Fernando	District 67
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC
Hon. Pam O’Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	GCCOG
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Zareh Sinanyan	Glendale
Hon. José Luis Solache, Lynwood	District 26
Hon. David Spence, La Canada-Flintridge	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Barb Stanton, Apple Valley	SANBAG
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Chuck Washington, Temecula	Riverside County

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Will Ridder, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, stated he appreciated staff’s effort on the Draft 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and their collaboration with the county transportation commissions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of the June 2, 2016 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Brown) and SECONDED (Navarro) to approve Consent Calendar items 1-5. The Motion passed by the following votes:

- AYES: Betts, Brown, Carey, Daniels, Harnik, Krupa, Lara, Lorimore, Martinez, McEachron, McLean, Messina, Moore, Murray, Navarro, Pedroza, Robinson, Spiegel, Steel, Talamantes, Wapner
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: Giba, Hyatt, Simonoff

Receive and File

2. Highlights from the 27th Annual SCAG/USC Demographic Workshop – June 13, 2016
3. 2016 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule
4. 2017 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Update
5. Housing Summit – October 11, 2016

ACTION ITEM

6. Release of the Draft 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

John Asuncion, SCAG staff, reported on the release of the Draft 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Mr. Asuncion stated the FTIP was a federally mandated list of transportation investment priorities in the SCAG region. He explained that federal regulations required the FTIP to be updated at least every four years, however, SCAG along with other statewide MPOs update it every two years to be consistent with the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Further, he stated that the FTIP was prepared in coordination and consultation with the county transportation commissions through a bottom-up approach, and that it was a multimodal list of approximately 2,000 capital improvement projects from 2016 to 2022 totaling \$27 billion that were programmed with various federal, state and local funds.

Mr. Asuncion noted 61% of the 2017 FTIP was funded through local sources, 21% at the federal and 18% at the state levels. Additionally, he stated that the FTIP was a dynamic document that was amended frequently to reflect updates to funding, schedules and program priorities. Mr. Asuncion stated approval was requested to release the 2017 FTIP for a 30-day public review and comment period from July 8, 2016 to August 8, 2016.

A MOTION was made (McEachron) and SECONDED (Lorimore) to approve release of the Draft 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program for a 30-day public review and comment period. The Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Betts, Brown, Carey, Daniels, Gazeley, Giba, Harnik, Harrington, Hyatt, Krupa, Lara, Lorimore, Martinez, McEachron, McLean, Messina, Minagar, Moore, Murabito, Murray, Navarro, Pedroza, Robinson, Simonoff, Spiegel, Steel, Talamantes, Wapner, Wilson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Tercero

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Metrolink Strategic Plan

Roderick Diaz, Metrolink Director of Planning and Development, reported on Metrolink's recently adopted 10-Year Strategic Plan. Mr. Diaz noted Metrolink was a Joint Powers Authority supported by SCAG's member counties with the exception of Imperial County. Further, he explained that the Metrolink system remained largely unchanged since 1995, with 7 lines. He shared that the recent opening of the Perris extension was the first new line since that time. He explained that the Strategic Plan defined a vision for the next 10 years and provided a foundation for budget planning and capital programming, and strengthened grant pursuits.

Mr. Diaz reviewed key findings and noted system safety remained an important focus. He noted that as the 20-year-old network and infrastructure are aging, an additional goal is to maintain the system in a state of good repair. He noted that the system had physical constraints as more than half the network used single track which hindered the ability to increase service frequency. He stated that an added constraint is that some lines shared track with other railroads. He noted that ridership has increased only mildly since the great recession which has not kept pace with costs, and that rider demographic shifts have been seen with growing student and lower income travelers. He stated that another trend observed was growing mid-day and evening travel in addition to increasing travel not associated with downtown Los Angeles.

Mr. Diaz noted that future efforts involved strengthening the core of Metrolink including a focus on safety, fiscal sustainability, growing ridership, and investing in people and assets. He stated that safety enhancements included grade crossing improvements and grade separations, and that growing the system and increasing service frequency would require significant capital investments and modification of agreements with other rail providers using the tracks.

Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, suggested that a recommendation be sent to the Regional Council that a subcommittee be formed to further discuss Metrolink.

Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona, stated that each member county had representatives on Metrolink's Board of Directors and those from Los Angeles County who had suggestions ought to channel them firstly to their county's Board representative.

Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, stated he had observed riders having difficulty purchasing tickets from the vending machines at stations. Mr. Diaz responded that Metrolink had launched a mobile ticketing platform, and was one of the first agencies in the nation to offer it. He noted 17% of all tickets were now sold on that platform and on non-Union Station routes, 41% of tickets were sold on the mobile ticketing platform. He stated that relieved demand on ticket vending machines. He shared that there was an internal initiative to look at updating ticket vending machines.

Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont, stated train horns on the San Bernardino line were an ongoing problem for residents in the area and needed to be resolved.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, stated that he did not support forming a subcommittee to direct Metrolink on their operations as they have an independent Board for that purpose. He also cautioned the committee that it would be operating outside SCAG's role as a planning agency.

Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana, stated Art Brown was SCAG's representative on the Metrolink Board and was available to represent committee members' concerns.

A MOTION was made (McLean) and SECONDED (Medina) to recommend to the Regional Council the formation of a subcommittee to further discuss Metrolink improvements.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made (Harrington) and SECONDED (Murabito) to place the matter for further discussion of Metrolink improvements on the next Transportation Committee meeting agenda; and forward comments resulting from the discussion to the

Metrolink Board through SCAG's Metrolink representative Art Brown. The Substitute Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Ashton, Betts, Carey, Daniels, Gazeley, Harnik, Harrington, Hyatt, Krupa, Lara, Martinez, McLean, Medina, Messina, Minagar, Moore, Murabito, Pedroza, Real Sebastian, Robinson, Simonoff, Steel, Talamantes, Tercero

NOES: Brown, Giba, McEachron, Murray, Navarro, Spiegel, Wapner, Wilson

ABSTAIN: None

8. Draft California Sustainable Freight Action Plan Update

Chris Schmidt, Caltrans, provided an update on the Draft California Sustainable Freight Action Plan. Mr. Schmidt stated California's freight transport system included seaports, airports, distribution facilities, roads, and rail lines. He noted that goods movement contributed to approximately one-third of the State's economy, with two-thirds of goods transported within the California. He noted that the State's freight volume was anticipated to grow 25% by 2025, and that the industry faced challenges posed by cost pressures, the continued evolution of e-commerce as well as safety and security concerns. He explained that the goal of the Freight Action Plan was to improve freight efficiency, transition to zero emission technologies, and increase competitiveness.

Mr. Schmidt stated that the plan's vision was to partner with federal, state, regional, and local industry stakeholders to move freight in modern, safe, and resilient systems that continue to support California's economy while transitioning to zero emission technologies. He noted that statewide targets for 2030 included improving system efficiency by 25%, deploying over 100,000 zero emission vehicles/equipment, and fostering future economic growth within the goods movement industry. He stated that specific actions included working with the legislature on a freight transport funding package, investing in infrastructure to modernize freight corridors, accelerating the use of advanced technologies and renewable fuels, and identifying process improvements to expedite delivery of infrastructure projects.

Hon. Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest, encouraged that system efficiency be examined as currently many trucks moved empty containers as part of the delivery process. Additionally, it was recommended that a funding mechanism be developed to support the State's goods movement goals.

9. Briefing on 2016 Mobile Source Strategy

Jon Taylor, Assistant Chief, Air Quality Planning and Science Division, California Air Resources Board, provided a briefing on the 2016 Mobile Source Strategy. Mr. Taylor stated the Mobile Source Strategy was a blueprint that would allow the state to meet air quality, climate, renewable energy, and petroleum reduction goals. He stated that the strategy was released on May 16, 2016 and addressed multiple goals over the next 15 years. He stated that those goals included attaining federal air quality standards for ozone in the South Coast and San Joaquin Valley, achieving fine particulate matter standards, reducing greenhouse gas emissions 40% below 1990 levels, minimizing health risks from exposure to toxic air contaminants, reducing petroleum use by up to 50%, and deriving 50% of electricity from renewable sources. He noted that these goals were sought by 2030.

Mr. Taylor stated that mobile sources and the fossil fuels that power them were the largest contributors to the formation of ozone, greenhouse gas emissions, fine particulate matter, and toxic diesel particulate matter. He stated that statewide they were responsible for approximately 80% of smog forming nitrogen oxide emissions (NOx), 50% of greenhouse gas emissions, and 90% of toxic diesel particulate matter emissions. He stated that consequently, significant cuts in pollution from mobile sources would be needed.

He stated that key strategic actions to achieve these goals included establishing cleaner engine performance standards, increasing penetration of zero emission vehicles, expanding the use of cleaner renewable fuels, conducting pilot studies to demonstrate new technologies, and incentivizing the deployment of the cleanest technologies. Mr. Taylor stated the estimated benefits of the strategy included an 80% reduction in smog forming NOx emissions, 45% reduction of greenhouse gas emission from mobile sources, 50% reduction in consumption of petroleum based fuels as well as reducing regional health risks through a 45% reduction in diesel particulate matter.

Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona, asked about the initiative to petition the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a Tier 5 locomotive engine standard. Mr. Taylor responded that the goal was to have mostly Tier 4 and introduce Tier 5 locomotives by 2031.

10. Industrial Warehousing in the SCAG Region Study Update

Item rescheduled to a future meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Courtney Aguirre, SCAG staff, noted that public meetings would be held to receive comments for the Los Angeles/San Bernardino Inter-County Transit and Rail study. She shared that the meetings would be held on July 12, 2016 in Upland and July 13, 2016 in Pomona. She stated that there would be no Transportation Committee meeting in August and that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee would be on September 1, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be September 1, 2016.



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
1	Antonovich, Michael*	Los Angeles County		X						X					X	X				
2	Ashton, Sean*	Downey								X		X		X	X					
3	Bailey, Rusty*	Riverside, WRCOG				X				X		X								
4	Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X																
5	Benoit, Ben	Wildomar, WRCOG				X														
6	Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs, CVAG				X				X		X		X	X					
7	Brown, Art*	Buena Park			X					X		X		X	X					
8	Buscaino, Joe*	Los Angeles		X						X		X		X						
9	Carey, Diana Lee	Westminster, OCCOG			X					X		X		X	X					
10	Curtis, Jonathan*	La Cañada Flintridge		X						X		X								
11	Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X						X		X		X	X					
12	Eaton, Paul*	Montclair					X			X		X								
13	Fuentes, Felipe*	Los Angeles		X								X								
14	Gazeley, James*	Lomita		X						NM		X		X	X					
15	Giba, Jeffrey*	Moreno Valley				X				X						X				
16	Gonzalez, Lena	Long Beach		X																
17	Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X					X		X		X						
18	Hagman, Curt*	San Bernardino County					X			X		X								
19	Harnik, Jan*	Palm Desert, RCTC				X				X					X	X				
20	Harrington, Dave	Aliso Viejo, OCCOG			X					X						X				
21	Herrera, Carol	Diamond Bar		X						X		X		X						
22	Hofbauer, Steven*	Palmdale/No. LA County		X						X				X						
23	Huizar, Jose*	Los Angeles		X																
24	Hyatt, Jim*	Calimesa				X				X		X				X				
25	Katapodis, Jim*	Huntington Beach			X															
26	Krupa, Linda	Hemet, WRCOG				X										X				
27	Lane, Randon*	Murietta				X				X										
28	Lara, Severo	Ojai, VCTC						X		X						X				
29	Ledford, James C.	Palmdale/No. LA County		X																
30	Lopez, Antonio*	San Fernando		X						X		X								
31	Lorimore, Clint*	Eastvale				X				X		X		X	X					
32	Marquez, Ray*	Chino Hills					X			X		X		X						
33	Martinez, Michele*	Santa Ana			X					X		X		X	X					
34	McEachron, Ryan*	Victorville					X			X				X	X					
35	McLean, Marsha	Santa Clarita		X						X				X	X					
36	Medina, Dan*	Gardena		X						X		X		X	X					
37	Messina, Barbara* (Vice-Chair)	Alhambra		X						X		X		X	X					
38	Millhouse, Keith*	Moorpark						X		X		X		X						
39	Minagar, Fred	Laguna Niguel			X									X	X					
40	Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods, OCCOG			X					X		X			X					
41	Murabito, Gene*	Glendora		X						X		X			X					
42	Murray, Kris*	Anaheim			X					X		X		X	X					
43	Navarro, Frank*	Colton					X			X		X		X	X					
44	O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X								X		X						
45	Pedroza, Sam*	Claremont		X						X				X	X					
46	Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park/SGVCOG		X						X		X			X					
47	Robinson, Dwight	Lake Forest, OCCOG			X									X	X					
48	Saleh, Ali*	City of Bell, GCCOG		X								X		X						
49	Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Band of Mission Indians																		
50	Simonoff, Marty*	Brea			X					X						X				
51	Sinanyan, Zareh	Glendale		X						X										
52	Slater, Gary	Caltrans District 7								X		X		X	X					
53	Solache, José Luis*	Lynwood		X																
54	Spence, David	Flintridge/Arroyo Verdugo Cities		X						X		X		X						
55	Spiegel, Karen*	Corona/WRCOG				X				X		X		X	X					
56	Stanton, Barb	Apple Valley					X													
57	Steel, Michelle*	Orange County			X					X				X	X					
58	Stemquist, Cynthia	Temple City		X						X		X		X	X					
59	Talamantes, Jess*	Burbank/SFVCOG		X						X		X		X	X					
60	Tercero, Brent	Pico Rivera		X								X		X	X					
61	Viegas-Walker, Cheryl*	El Centro	X							X		X		X						
62	Wapner, Alan* (Chair)	Ontario, SANBAG					X			X		X		X	X					
63	Washington, Chuck*	Riverside County				X				X		X		X						
64	Wilson, Michael*	Indio, CVAG				X				X					X					
		Totals	1	27	12	7	2													

* Regional Council Member