

Transportation Committee Meeting  
of the  
Southern California Association of Governments  
September 1, 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. 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. Jim Clarke, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
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. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Randon Lane, Murrieta	Murrieta
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. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra ( <b>Chair</b> )	District 34
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC
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. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont	District 38
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon. David Spence, La Canada-Flintridge	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona ( <b>Vice Chair</b> )	District 63

Hon. Michelle Steel	County of Orange
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera	GCCOG
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SANBAG
Hon. Chuck Washington, Temecula	Riverside County

**Members Not Present:**

Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar	WRCOG
Hon. Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Felipe Fuentes, Los Angeles	District 54
Hon. Gonzalez, Lena, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa	District 3
Hon. Jim Katapodis, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Severo Lara, Ojai	VCOG
Hon. James C. Ledford	Palmdale
Hon. Ryan McEachron, Victorville	District 65
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest	OCCOG
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. Barb Stanton, Apple Valley	SANBAG
Hon. Michael Wilson, Indio	District 66
Mr. Gary Slater	Caltrans District 7

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Pete Sluis stated his objection to the proposed double tracking of a 3.9 mile segment of Metrolink's San Bernardino line which includes the cities of San Dimas and La Verne.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Minutes of the July 7, 2016 Meeting

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

AYES: Ashton, Bailey, Betts, Brown, Buscaino, Carey, Clarke, Daniels, Gazeley, Giba, Hack, Harnik, Herrera, Krupa, Lane, Lorimore, Marquez, Martinez, Messina, Millhouse, Moore, Murabito, Murray, Pedroza, Real Sebastian, Simonoff, Spiegel, Tercero, Viegas-Walker, Wapner, Washington

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

## **Receive and File**

2. ARB SB 375 Regional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Target Update Process
3. Housing Summit – October 11, 2016
4. 2016 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule
5. Resolution No. 16-582-1 Regarding Acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds to Support the Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign

## **ACTION ITEM**

### 6. Adoption of 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Naresh Amatya, SCAG staff, stated the FTIP is a federally mandated multi-modal list of transportation improvement projects to be implemented over a six (6) year period. The 2017 FTIP contains approximately 2,000 projects programmed at \$27.7 billion. Further, the FTIP is developed through a coordinated process involving county transportation commissions, Caltrans and other partners. Mr. Amatya noted funding sources include 61% local, 18% state and 21% federal. The FTIP is a dynamic document that is amended frequently to ensure the projects listed are up to date. At its July 7, 2016 meeting the committee authorized release of the Draft 2017 FTIP for a 30-day public review and comment period. All comments received during this time have been addressed. On August 19, 2016, SCAG staff met with representatives from the county transportation commissions and Caltrans to discuss the 2017 FTIP according to AB 1246. Therefore, staff recommends that the Regional Council adopt the 2017 FTIP.

Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona, noted that the region appears to be receiving a relative small portion of funding from federal sources. She emphasized the need to work strategically and collaboratively amongst the member agencies to ensure we do not miss out on our fair share of federal and state funding.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, stated that a more effective strategy to increase federal funding regionally may be to work strategically to prioritize a select list of regional projects rather than submit a laundry list of projects independently by the member agencies when going after specific federal grants.

A MOTION was made (Harnik) and SECONDED (Spiegel) to recommend that the Regional Council adopt the 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program. The Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Ashton, Bailey, Betts, Brown, Buscaino, Carey, Clarke, Daniels, Gazeley, Giba, Hack, Hagman, Harnik, Herrera, Krupa, Lane, Lopez, Lorimore, Marquez, Martinez, Medina, Messina, Millhouse, Minagar, Moore, Murabito, Murray, Navarro, Pedroza, Real Sebastian, Simonoff, Spence, Spiegel, Steel, Sternquist, Tercero, Viegas-Walker, Wapner, Washington

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### 7. Criteria for Sustainability Program Call For Proposals

Sarah Jepson, SCAG staff, provided an overview of the draft criteria and guidelines for the upcoming Sustainability Program Call for Proposals. Ms. Jepson stated the Sustainability

Planning Grant Program is one of the primary ways SCAG collaborates with local jurisdictions to implement the Sustainable Communities Strategy. Further, the Call for Proposals contain three funding categories, active transportation, green region and integrated land use & transportation planning. The key goals include supporting local jurisdictions' sustainability planning efforts, implementing the 2016 RTP/SCS and to provide resources so jurisdictions can enhance their ability to compete for state and federal funding.

Ms. Jepson stated the goal for the Active Transportation portion is to increase safety and encourage more biking and walking. Three different project types are available for funding. The first is Focused Program/Plan for a maximum of \$200,000 and examples include an Active Transportation Plan, circulation elements and education and encouragement activities. Capacity Building mini grants are funded up to \$50,000 with a goal to enhance a city's preparation to compete for state and federal funding programs. The third category is Integrated Shared Vision grants from \$200,000 to \$1 million. This requires the integration of at least three (3) different sustainability program elements.

Ms. Jepson noted pending approval from the Regional Council, the Call for Projects will be released September 30, 2016 with applications due by November 18, 2016. The Active Transportation grant recommendations will be brought to the Transportation Committee for approval and the full program of grant awards will be brought before the Regional Council for their approval February 2017.

Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino, expressed concern that the planning grants are not large enough to sufficiently fund an effort. That funding fewer projects at a greater level would be a more effective funding approach.

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, asked if several applications are expected in this Call for Projects. Ms. Jepson responded that many are anticipated. Further, the Active Transportation program was shaped to provide funding for projects member agencies have not been able to fund through the statewide Active Transportation Program such as smaller grants that help project specific outreach and prepare jurisdictions to be successful in competing for statewide funding. Additionally, jurisdictions are encouraged to use matching funds to complement their planning grant awards.

8. Anticipated Amendment No. 1 to the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS)

Naresh Amatya, SCAG staff, reported on anticipated Amendment No. 1 to the 2016 RTP/SCS. Mr. Amatya stated county transportation commissions have requested an amendment to the 2016 RTP/SCS to reflect additions or changes to project scopes, costs and/or schedules. It was noted the process typically takes 6 to 8 months. This involves conducting the transportation conformity analysis which includes the air quality conformity and fiscal constraints analysis as well as public outreach as required by federal law. Depending on the scope and complexity of the amendment staff anticipates bringing Amendment 1 before the committee January/February 2017 for approval to release the document for public review. The amendment would be presented to the Regional Council for approval no later than April 2017.

## 9. Industrial Warehousing in the SCAG Region Study Update

Akiko Yamagami, SCAG staff, reported on the regional Industrial Warehousing Study. Ms. Yamagami stated the study examined major global supply chain trends and how they might affect the industry's future in Southern California, including the region's warehouse and distribution facilities trends and development patterns. She noted that current supply chain performance drivers include a desire to lower costs as well as fulfill customer demand with increased convenience and shortened delivery times. She noted that trends examined included mega distribution centers (greater than 500,000 square feet), transloading, cross-docking, and distribution center locations.

Ms. Yamagami noted findings indicated an increasing trend by cargo owners to outsource logistics operations to third party logistics companies who specialize in inventory, warehouse, and transportation management. She stated that other trends included the emergence of distribution centers greater than 500,000 square feet as well as omni-channel and e-commerce changing the traditional retail business model. Further, she stated that the regional warehouse inventory indicated a greater number of warehouses are in Los Angeles County, however, these facilities in comparison tend to be smaller and older. Warehouse facilities greater than 500,000 square feet were more prevalent in Riverside and San Bernardino counties and these facilities were newer compared to the regional average. Study showed that there are currently approximately 1.17 billion square feet of building space and estimated 338 million square feet of space that could be developed as future warehousing or distribution centers.

Ms. Yamagami stated that study findings revealed future policy issues for local jurisdictions. She provided examples of policy issues, such as – What are the benefits of encouraging facility modernization and how will it affect workforce skill requirements? What are the implications if local jurisdictions change land zoning currently designated for industrial development?

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, stated performance drivers ought to include the availability of a trained work force as it was commonly requested by logistics developers considering an area. He commented that the economic impacts of logistics centers ought to be examined so policy makers can weigh the economic benefits against the impact on infrastructure since deliveries often involve large trucks which can add wear and tear to roadways while producing emissions affecting local residents.

Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods, stated it was important to understand the purpose of a logistics building to better determine its impacts on infrastructure and the local community. For example, a building used mainly for long-term storage would have different impacts than a transloading facility with frequent deliveries.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, stated that a greater effort is needed to ensure that regional concerns are heard and understood in Sacramento and Washington DC. Ms. Messina encouraged committee members to make themselves available for these efforts if requested by the Executive Director or Board officers.

## **STAFF REPORT**

Courtney Aguirre, SCAG staff, stated that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held Thursday September 29, 2016 in lieu of the meeting normally scheduled for October.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be Thursday September 29, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Courtney Aguirre', written in a cursive style.

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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		X		
2	Ashton, Sean*	Downey		X						X			X			X	X		X		
3	Bailey, Rusty*	Riverside, WRCOG				X				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		X			
7	Brown, Art*	Buena Park			X					X			X		X	X		X			
8	Buscaino, Joe*	Los Angeles		X						X			X		X			X			
9	Carey, Diana Lee	Westminster, OCCOG			X					X			X		X	X		X			
10	Clarke, Jim	Culver City, WCCOG		X															NM		
11	Curtis, Jonathan*	La Cañada Flintridge		X						X			X								
12	Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X						X			X		X	X		X			
13	Fuentes, Felipe*	Los Angeles		X									X								
14	Gazeley, James*	Lomita		X						NM			X		X	X		X			
15	Giba, Jeffrey*	Moreno Valley				X				X						X		X			
16	Gonzalez, Lena*	Long Beach		X																	
17	Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X					X			X		X			X			
18	Hagman, Curt*	San Bernardino County					X			X			X					X			
19	Hamik, Jan*	Palm Desert, RCTC				X				X					X	X		X			
20	Hamington, Dave	Aliso Viejo, OCCOG			X					X						X		X			
21	Herrera, Carol*	Diamond Bar		X						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		X			
27	Lane, Randon*	Murietta				X				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					X			
31	Lorimore, Clint*	Eastvale				X				X			X		X	X		X			
32	Marquez, Ray*	Chino Hills					X			X			X		X			X			
33	Martinez, Michele*	Santa Ana			X					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		X			
37	Messina, Barbara* (Chair)	Alhambra		X						X			X		X	X		X			
38	Millhouse, Keith*	Moorpark						X		X			X		X			X			
39	Minagar, Fred*	Laguna Niguel			X										X	X		X			
40	Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods, OCCOG			X					X			X			X		X			
41	Murabito, Gene*	Glendora		X						X			X		X			X			
42	Murray, Kris*	Anaheim			X					X			X		X	X		X			
43	Navarro, Frank*	Colton					X			X			X		X	X		X			
44	O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X									X		X			X			
45	Pedroza, Sam*	Claremont		X						X					X	X		X			
46	Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park/SGVCOG		X						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		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			X			
55	Spiegel, Karen* (Vice Chair)	Corona/WRCOG				X				X			X		X	X		X			
56	Stanton, Barb	Apple Valley					X														
57	Steel, Michelle*	Orange County			X					X					X	X		X			
58	Stemquist, Cynthia	Temple City		X						X			X		X	X		X			
59	Tercero, Brent	Pico Rivera		X									X		X	X		X			
60	Viegas-Walker, Cheryl*	El Centro	X							X			X		X			X			
61	Wapner, Alan*	Ontario, SANBAG					X			X			X		X	X		X			
62	Washington, Chuck*	Riverside County				X				X			X		X			X			
63	Wilson, Michael*	Indio, CVAG				X				X						X					
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>													

\* Regional Council Member