Continued Special Transportation Committee Meeting  
of the  
Southern California Association of Governments  
September 3, 2015  
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. Ben Benoit, Wildomar  
WRCOG
Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs  
CVAG
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park  
District 21
Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles  
District 62
Hon. Don Campbell, Brawley  
ICTC
Hon. Diana Lee Carey, Westminster  
OCCOG
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount  
District 24
Hon. Felipe Fuentes, Los Angeles  
District 54
Hon. Jeffrey, Giba, Moreno Valley  
District 69
Hon. Curt Hagman  
San Bernardino County
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert  
RCTC
Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar  
District 37
Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale  
District 43
Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa  
District 3
Hon. Jim Katapodis, Huntington Beach  
District 64
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet  
WRCOG
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. Andrew Masiel, Sr.  
Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians
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. Kris Murray, Anaheim  
District 19
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton  
District 6
Hon. Pam O’Connor, Santa Monica  
District 41
Hon. Micheál O’Leary, Culver City WCCOG
Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont District 38
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park SGVCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell GCCOG
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea District 22
Hon. Barb Stanton, Apple Valley SANBAG
Hon. Michelle Steel County of Orange
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro District 1
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario (Chair) SANBAG
Hon. Michael Wilson, Indio District 66
Mr. Gary Slater Caltrans District 7

Members Not Present:

Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley District 46
Hon. Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge District 36
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair District 9
Hon. Gonzalez, Lena, Long Beach District 30
Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods OCCOG
Hon. Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo OCCOG
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles District 61
Hon. James C. Ledford Palmdale
Hon. Gene Murabito, Glendora District 33
Hon. Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest OCCOG
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. Karen Spiegel, Corona District 63
Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank District 42
Hon. Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera GCCOG
Hon. Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne SBCOG
Hon. Chuck Washington, Temecula Riverside County

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE


ACTION ITEMS

1. Minutes of the July 2, 2015 Meeting

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

AYES: Ashton, Benoit, Betts, Brown, Carey, Daniels, Fuentes, Giba, Hagman, Harnik, Herrera, Hyatt, Katapodis, Krupa, Lane, Lara, Lorimore, Martinez, Marquez, Masiel, McEachron, Messina, Millhouse, Moore,
2. **2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) – Proposed Financial Strategies**

Annie Nam, SCAG staff, reported on the proposed financial strategies for the 2016 RTP/SCS. Ms. Nam stated transportation revenues rely upon key areas including overall economic conditions and their implication on sales tax revenue as well as long term inflation’s effect on purchasing power. Additional elements include the viability of the Federal Highway Trust Fund and the State Highway Operation and Protection Plan. Ms. Nam noted anticipated revenue through 2040 is $356 billion with 71% derived from local sources, 18% from state and 11% from federal sources. However, total regional system needs during this time total $554 billion resulting in a $198 billion funding gap. Approximately half of funding needs is for Operations and Maintenance.

Ms. Nam further stated that costs have grown exponentially to achieve a state of good repair due to continued underinvestment. Additionally, existing funding mechanisms have underpriced our transportation system, resulting in increased congestion. There has not been an adjustment of the base excise gas tax rate in over two decades while vehicles have become more fuel efficient due to advancements in technology. Ms. Nam concluded the presentation with a review of the proposed reasonably available revenue strategies.

Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, asked if cap-and-trade funding is identified in the revenue sources. Ms. Nam responded cap-and-trade revenue is part of the core forecast and is included in the $356 billion projected revenue.

A MOTION was made (Hagman) to support for inclusion in the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS the proposed guiding principles and the reasonably available revenue strategies outlined by staff but limiting reference to any specific legislation and confirming the idea that existing and future revenue raised for transportation would be used exclusively for transportation purposes. The motion was SECONDED (Antonovich). The Motion passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Antonovich, Ashton, Bailey, Benoit, Betts, Brown, Buscaino, Campbell, Carey, Daniels, Fuentes, Hagman, Harnik, Herrera, Hofbauer, Hyatt, Katapodis, Krupa, Lane, Lara, Lopez, Lorimore, Marquez, Martinez, Masiel, McEachron, McLean, Medina, Messina, Moore, Murray, Navarro, O’Leary, O’Connor, Pedroza, Real Sebastian, Saleh, Simonoff, Stanton, Steel, Viegas-Walker, Wapner, Wilson

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Bailey

3. **2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) – Proposed Transit and Passenger Rail Element**

Philip Law, SCAG staff, reported on the proposed transit and passenger rail element of the 2016 RTP/SCS. Mr. Law stated the 2016 RTP/SCS seeks to reaffirm the significant
commitments put forth in the 2012 RTP/SCS with strategy and information updates from county transportation commissions and transit operators on the latest projects. Mr. Law reviewed the passenger rail system in the 2012 RTP/SCS including California High-Speed Rail Phase One and Amtrak/LOSSAN corridor improvements. This includes a $1 billion investment in the regional rail system that will increase capacity, reliability, safety and improve air quality. The 2012 RTP/SCS Urban and Commuter Rail System projects include extensions to Metro Rail and Metrolink. Additional Operational and Access Strategies include new Bus Rapid Transit service, increased frequencies in key corridors, improved real-time passenger information systems and regional and inter-county fare agreements and media.

Mr. Law reviewed 2012 RTP/SCS Metro Rail projects currently under construction including the Purple Line subway, the Regional Connector at Union Station, Exposition Line Phase 2 to Santa Monica, Gold Line Foothill extension Phase 2A and the Crenshaw/LAX corridor. Metrolink system projects include the Perris Valley line and downtown San Bernardino Station extensions as well as implementation of Positive Train Control. Additional progress includes transfer to local control of the LOSSAN JPA as well as High-Speed Rail construction in the Central Valley. Mr. Law noted the strategy for the 2016 RTP/SCS includes building upon passenger rail projects and implementation progress and to incorporate regional planning efforts and latest project information from county transportation commissions and transit agencies.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, asked about the Redlands Rail Project and planned rail connections to regional airports. Mr. Law responded that the Redlands Rail Project is currently in the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS planned projects and there are airport rail connection improvements in the plan including a recent request from San Bernardino Associated Governments to consider a rail connection from Rancho Cucamonga to Ontario Airport.

Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert, asked about the Coachella Valley rail extension. Mr. Law responded that it is included in the Strategic Plan and SCAG staff has been working with the Riverside County Transportation Commission who is developing a Service Development Plan and evaluating different alternatives.

A MOTION was made (Brown) and SECONDED (Katapodis) to support for inclusion in the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS the proposed transit and passenger rail strategies. The Motion passed by the following votes:


NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None
Naresh Amatya, Acting Director, Transportation, reported that at the July 2, 2015 meeting the committee provided feedback on areas of focus for the 2016 RTP/SCS Highways and Arterial Guiding Principles and Framework. Mr. Amatya noted staff has subsequently updated the elements to include support for project lifecycle costs and support for local control of new fund sources and system improvements that will encourage seamless operation of roadways from the user perspective. Furthermore, as new projects are added to examine funding maintenance of the facility beyond construction.

Additional elements include supporting new funding for system preservation and to close gaps in the system and improve access where needed. Also, to support projects consistent with the Southern California Regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture and addressing non-recurring congestion with new technology and support Complete Street opportunities where feasible and practical.

A MOTION was made (O’Leary) and SECONDED (Navarro) to support for inclusion in the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS the proposed guiding principles and framework for the development of the Highways and Arterials component. The Motion passed by the following votes:


NOES: Carey

ABSTAIN: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Receive and File

5. 2015 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule
6. SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – Monthly Update
7. Cap-and-Trade Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program and State Expenditure Plan Update
8. Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign Update

A MOTION was made (Messina) and SECONDED (Wapner) to approve the Consent Calendar. The Motion passed by the following votes:


NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Hofbauer
ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held Thursday, October 8, 2015 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

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