

Transportation Committee Meeting  
of the  
Southern California Association of Governments  
September 29, 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. Rusty Bailey, Riverside	District 68
Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar	WRCOG
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
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. Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar	District 37
Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa	District 3
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. Ryan McEachron, Victorville	District 65
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra ( <b>Chair</b> )	District 34
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	District 9
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC
Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Kris Murray, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	GCCOG
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. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SANBAG
Mr. Gary Slater	Caltrans District 7

**Members Not Present:**

Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey	District 25
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Diana Lee Carey, Westminster	OCCOG
Hon. Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Gonzalez, Lena, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Jim Katapodis, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. James C. Ledford	Palmdale
Hon. Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Gene Murabito, Glendora	District 33
Hon. Pam O’Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont	District 38
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
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. Barb Stanton, Apple Valley	SANBAG
Hon. Jess Talamantes	SFVCOG
Hon. Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera	GCCOG
Hon. Chuck Washington, Temecula	Riverside County
Hon. Michael Wilson, Indio	District 66

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, called the meeting to order at 10:05 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. Mr. Sluis commented that funding ought to be directed toward an alternative transit model due to the impact of heavy rail on adjacent neighborhoods.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Minutes of the September 1, 2016 Meeting

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

AYES: Brown, Benoit, Buscaino, Clarke, Daniels, Gazeley, Giba, Hagman, Herrera, Hofbauer, Hyatt, Lorimore, Marquez, McLean, Messina, Michael, Millhouse, Moore, Navarro, Saleh, Simonoff, Spence, Spiegel, Steel, Sternquist, Viegas-Walker, Wapner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

## **Receive and File**

2. 2030 Scoping Plan Update and Related Initiatives
3. Walk to School Day 2016
4. Housing Summit – October 11, 2016
5. 2016 Meeting Schedule of the Regional Council and Policy Committees
6. 2017 Meeting Schedule of the Regional Council and Policy Committees
7. SCAG Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District/Community Revitalization and Investment Authority (EIFD/CRIA) Screen Tool, Pilot Project and Next Steps
8. California Communities Environmental Health Screening (CalEnviroScreen) Tool – Update on Draft Version 3.0

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### 9. Metrolink Commuter Rail

Art Leahy, Metrolink Chief Executive Officer, reported on regional commuter rail. Mr. Leahy stated the agency has undergone a rebuilding process since he joined in April 2015 including the addition of a new Chief Financial Officer, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Chief Communications Officer. Additionally, recent service enhancements include a paperless ticketing system and customer safety has been improved with the implementation of Positive Train Control.

Mr. Leahy noted daily Metrolink boardings average 43,000; however, passenger trips are ten (10) to fifteen (15) times longer than regular fixed-route bus service making it the second largest transit provider in the region based on passenger miles. Additionally, 60% of passengers travel between two counties. It was further noted Metrolink lines parallel I-5, I-10, U.S. Route 101, SR 134, SR 60 and SR 91. Compared to other transit riders, Metrolink passengers are not transit dependent as the great majority own vehicles. Therefore, it is estimated that every Metrolink rider means one fewer vehicle using local freeways.

Mr. Leahy further noted that Metrolink's farebox recovery is 43% which is the highest among major transit operators in Southern California. Consequently it has the lowest per passenger mile tax subsidy. Mr. Leahy reported investment in Metrolink is the most effective, least expensive way to relieve traffic on freeways. Efforts to improve diesel emissions include the implementation of Tier 4 locomotives which will field the cleanest rail fleet in the country. Also, customer ticketing has been upgraded with the roll out of mobile ticketing. He noted 40% of tickets on the Riverside line are now purchased remotely.

Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, asked how elected officials can encourage other cities and jurisdictions to support funding Metrolink so the agency can increase regional connectivity and improve service frequency providing an alternative to freeway driving.

Mr. Leahy stated it is useful to communicate the value of investment in Metrolink as the best option to reduce freeway congestion and as a preferred alternative to driving. Additionally, the agency is seeking to build out its service model to increase mid-day frequency and fill in service gaps between peak hours operation.

Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, stated Metrolink funding is a challenge and encouraged members to lobby their respective Metrolink Board representative and indicate that funding Metrolink is an important priority.

Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea, asked if remote ticketing can be linked with Metro ticketing so a customer can purchase both a Metrolink ticket and Red Line ticket from the same portal.

Mr. Leahy responded that integrating ticketing with Metro is a goal desired by both agencies and is currently being explored.

10. SCAG Goods Movement Border Crossing Study – Phase II

Mike Jones, SCAG staff, reported on the recently completed Goods Movement Border Crossing Study Phase II. Mr. Jones noted the study looked at Imperial County and San Diego County ports of entry to see what can be done to improve throughput and operational efficiency. It was noted the study attempted to identify true origins and destinations for border crossing goods movement to highlight their national significance and relationship to the regional goods movement network. Additionally a performance analysis was conducted under different scenarios to determine their effect on regional freights flows.

Mr. Jones stated data collection looked at truck origin and destination, drayage movements, rail activity, and expected supply chain trends. Findings indicate that many shipments from the area are long-haul deliveries to other states. For shipments destined for Mexico 56% came from the U.S and only 25% came from within Mexico. For shipments that originated from Mexico, 72% were destined for the U.S. and only 11% were shipped within Mexico. Prominent northbound drayage activity involves moving goods from Mexican manufacturers to third party logistics providers in Tijuana to truck parking lots in Calexico and then to other U. S. manufacturers in Ensenada. Southbound drayage commonly moved goods from warehouse and third party logistics firms to Mexican manufacturers. Drayage activity accounts for \$510 million in economic output to the local economy and is of national significance. Rail shipments are minor due to a lack of rail infrastructure.

Recommendations include continuing the construction of projects identified in the 2016 RTP/SCS including the SR11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry and the expansion of truck and auto inspection lanes at the border crossing at Calexico East. Also, to promote the construction of cold storage facilities in Imperial County to improve the quality of agricultural goods. Modal diversity can be enhanced to leverage the areas' strategic location such as a facility in Tijuana to transport automobile products to U.S. destinations. Further, it is recommended to improve rail connectivity to El Centro as well as air cargo facilities. Also, border crossing efficiency can be improved by implementing technological advancements.

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, thanked staff for the report and noted truck border crossing waits can be two hours which affects air quality in the area. Advancements in efficiency benefit not only the areas' high unemployment rate but serves to improve air quality.

Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles, invited committee members to tour TraPac port operations October 20, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mr. Buscaino noted TraPac is

one of the most efficient port operators and welcomed committee members to tour the facility.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, announced that the official transfer of Ontario Airport to local control will be November 1, 2016 followed by a ceremony November 2, 2016.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, announced that the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments will hold its first General Assembly October 26, 2016 at the Pacific Palms Resort in City of Industry. Ms. Messina noted it will be a Transportation Forum and all committee members are invited to attend.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM**

Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona, requested regular Metrolink updates.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Daniel Tran, SCAG staff, announced that SCAG's upcoming Housing Summit is nearly sold-out, however, limited seating has been made available for Transportation Committee members interested in attending. Those interested can contact Mr. Tran for arrangements.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be Thursday November 3, 2016.



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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	X		
2	Ashton, Sean*	Downey		X						X		X			X	X		X	X		
3	Bailey, Rusty*	Riverside, WRCOG				X				X		X						X	X		
4	Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X																	
5	Benoit, Ben	Wildomar, WRCOG				X													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	X		
8	Buscaino, Joe*	Los Angeles		X						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	X		
11	Curtis, Jonathan*	La Cañada Flintridge		X						X		X									
12	Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X						X		X			X	X		X	X		
13	Gazeley, James*	Lomita		X						NM		X			X	X		X	X		
14	Giba, Jeffrey*	Moreno Valley				X				X						X		X	X		
15	Gonzalez, Lena*	Long Beach		X																	
16	Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X					X		X			X			X			
17	Hagman, Curt*	San Bernardino County						X		X		X						X	X		
18	Hamik, Jan*	Palm Desert, RTC				X				X					X	X		X			
19	Hamington, Dave	Aliso Viejo, OCCOG			X					X					X			X			
20	Herrera, Carol*	Diamond Bar		X						X		X			X			X	X		
21	Hofbauer, Steven*	Palmdale/No. LA County		X						X					X				X		
22	Huizar, Jose*	Los Angeles		X																	
23	Hyatt, Jim*	Calimesa				X				X		X				X				X	
24	Katapodis, Jim*	Huntington Beach			X																
25	Krupa, Linda	Hemet, WRCOG				X										X		X			
26	Lane, Randon*	Murrieta				X				X								X	X		
27	Lara, Severo	Ojai, VCTC						X		X						X			X		
28	Ledford, James C.	Palmdale/No. LA County		X																	
29	Lopez, Antonio*	San Fernando		X						X		X						X	X		
30	Lorimore, Clint*	Eastvale				X				X		X			X	X		X	X		
31	Marquez, Ray*	Chino Hills					X			X		X			X			X	X		
32	Martinez, Michele*	Santa Ana			X					X		X			X	X		X	X		
33	McEachron, Ryan*	Victorville					X			X					X	X			X		
34	McLean, Marsha	Santa Clarita		X						X					X	X			X		
35	Medina, Dan*	Gardena		X						X		X			X	X		X	X		
36	Messina, Barbara* (Chair)	Alhambra		X						X		X			X	X		X	X		
37	L. Dennis Michael	Rancho Cucamonga					X													NM	
38	Millhouse, Keith*	Moorpark						X		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	X		
41	Murabito, Gene*	Glendora		X						X		X				X		X			
42	Murray, Kris*	Anaheim			X					X		X			X	X		X	X		
43	Navarro, Frank*	Colton					X			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					X	
49	Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Band of Mission Indians																			
50	Simonoff, Marty*	Brea			X					X						X		X	X		
51	Sinanyan, Zareh	Glendale		X						X											
52	Slater, Gary	Caltrans District 7								X		X			X	X				X	
53	Solache, José Luis*	Lynwood		X																	
54	Spence, David	Flintridge/Arroyo Verdugo Cities		X						X		X			X			X	X		
55	Spiegel, Karen* (Vice Chair)	Corona/WRCOG				X				X		X			X	X		X	X		
56	Stanton, Barb	Apple Valley					X														
57	Steel, Michelle*	Orange County			X					X					X	X		X	X		
58	Stemquist, Cynthia	Temple City		X						X		X			X	X		X	X		
59	Talamantes, Jess			X						X		X				X					
60	Tercero, Brent	Pico Rivera		X								X			X	X		X			
61	Viegas-Walker, Cheryl*	El Centro		X						X		X			X			X	X		
62	Wapner, Alan*	Ontario, SANBAG					X			X		X			X	X		X	X		
63	Washington, Chuck*	Riverside County				X				X		X			X			X			
64	Wilson, Michael*	Indio, CVAG				X				X						X					
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>													

\* Regional Council Member