

Transportation Committee  
of the  
Southern California Association of Governments  
October 3, 2013

*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. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Hon. John Addleman, Rolling Hills Estates	SBCCOG
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. Bob Botts, Banning	RCTC
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Jeff DeGrandpre, Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Roy Francis, La Habra Heights	District 31
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. Randon Lane, Murrieta	Murrieta
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark ( <i>Chair</i> )	VCTC
Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress	District 18
Hon. Jim Morton, Lynwood	District 26
Hon. Brett Murdock, Brea	District 22
Hon. Steven Neal, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Shawn Nelson	Orange County
Hon. Gary Ovitt	San Bernardino County
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Hon. Mark Rutherford, Westlake Village	District 44
Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona	District 63
Hon. Tim Spohn, City of Industry	SGVCOG

Hon. Barb Stanton, Apple Valley	SANBAG
Hon. Jeff Stone	Riverside County
Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank	District 42
Hon. Don Voss, La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Alan Wapner, City of Ontario ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> )	SANBAG

**Members Not Present:**

Hon. Mario Guerra, Downey	District 25
Hon. Bill Hodge, Calexico	ICTC
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. James C. Ledford	Palmdale
Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana	District 16
Hon. Brian McDonald	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
Hon. Ryan McEachron, Victorville	District 65
Hon. Kris Murray, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Micheál O'Leary, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Bernard C. Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Linda Parks	Ventura County
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. David Spence, La Cañada-Flintridge	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera	GCCOG
Mr. Aziz Elattar	Caltrans District 7

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Hon. Karen Spiegel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Rye Baerg, Safe Routes to School, presented a letter on behalf of Safe Routes to School and the American Lung Association that encourages the development of Project Performance Assessment Tools related to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). These tools would evaluate how each FTIP project relates to the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy performance measures.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Approval Item**

1. Minutes of the September 12, 2013 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Barrows) to approve the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was seconded (Morton) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Motion passed.

## **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 2. Proposed 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Guidelines

Pablo Gutierrez, SCAG staff, presented the proposed 2015 FTIP Guidelines. Mr. Gutierrez noted that SCAG has worked with CALTRANS, the County Transportation Commissions, and the Transportation Conformity Working Group (TCWG) to update the guidelines. Approval is sought to refer the guidelines to the Regional Council.

A MOTION was made (Nelson) to refer the guidelines to the Regional Council. The MOTION was seconded (Lane). Motion passed.

### 3. Bus Rapid Transit in the SCAG Region

Steve Fox, SCAG staff, reported on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), which is a bus transit service that reduces travel time through signal priority, dedicated bus lanes and limited-stop service, in addition to other features. Mr. Fox noted BRT service has reduced passenger travel time by 15 to 25% and attracted new riders to transit. Mr. Fox introduced Russell Chisholm, Transportation Management & Design, who reported on BRT efforts on Foothill Blvd. in San Bernardino County.

### 4. Update on Housing Element Compliance Status from SCAG Jurisdictions

Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG staff, presented an update on jurisdictional 5<sup>th</sup> cycle Housing Element compliance status. Ms. Johnson noted on November 26, 2012, California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) approved the Final Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation Plan. Subsequently, local jurisdictions are required to adopt updated Housing Elements for the 5<sup>th</sup> planning cycle by October 15, 2013. According to HCD as of mid-September 2013, just over 50% of the 197 regional jurisdictions have submitted draft Housing Elements although it is anticipated most jurisdictions will have adopted Housing Elements by the October deadline.

### 5. Highway-Rail Grade Separation in the SCAG Region

Mike Jones, SCAG staff, invited Hon. Tim Spohn to update the committee on the Alameda Corridor-East project. Mr. Jones reported that highway-rail grade crossings pose serious risk for collisions between trains and vehicles. Mr. Jones introduced Paul Hubler of the Alameda Corridor East Transportation Authority, who reviewed recent successes and continuing efforts to address safety and congestion issues through grade separations. A public comment was made by Jerard Wright of Move LA who encouraged additional grade separations projects.

Hon. Mark Rutherford, Westlake Village, asked about the financial and other support provided by railroads. Mr. Hubler stated that federal law requires railroads to contribute up to 5% of funds for grade separation projects. Under state law if state funds and no federal funds are used, railroads are required to contribute up to 10% of the cost.

Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods, asked about the average cost of each grade separation project. Mr. Hubler responded the average cost is between \$50 million - \$100 million.

6. SCAG Local Input Status Update

Jung Seo, SCAG staff, provided an update on land use local input process and noted that to date, 138 local jurisdictions have submitted general plan land use information and 59 jurisdictions provided comments on the Map Book.

It was noted that staff will continue its outreach efforts to the remaining jurisdictions as well as provide local planners with GIS training and other GIS services necessary to maintain their GIS land use database.

7. Sidewalks and the Urban Forest: Maximizing investments for Quality of Life

Alan Thompson, SCAG staff, provided an update on sidewalks and the urban forest and noted that although trees in urban areas have several benefits tree roots cause damage to walkways as roots expand. Mr. Thompson discussed recent examples of alternate sidewalk construction including rubber, plastic and the use of elevated sidewalks. Additionally, jurisdictions were encouraged to inventory sidewalks to determine potential problem areas, to choose tree species carefully to avoid root problems and to work with arborists regarding potential safety issues with decaying trees.

Hon. Trish Kelley, asked about per unit cost for the plastic, rubber or elevated sidewalks. Mr. Thompson responded that plastic and rubber sidewalks are more expensive than concrete to install but have a lower repair cost over the life of the sidewalk.

8. Bicycle Route 66 Concept Plan

Alan Thompson, SCAG staff, reported on Bicycle Route 66 Concept Plan. Mr. Thompson noted that American Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the Adventure Cycle Association have partnered to help create a national bike route system similar in concept to the National Highway System. Several proposed routes are in the SCAG region including Bicycle Route 66 which envisions a corridor alongside the original route from Illinois to California. The next steps involve advocates such as the Adventure Cycle Association collaborating with local jurisdictions to finalize the route. Once resolutions are received from every city along the route, the state of California can then formally request AASHTO to officially designate the route as part of the United States Bike Route System.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

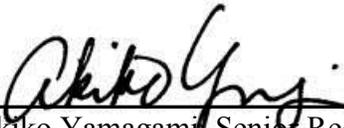
Hon. Keith Millhouse reminded the committee of the Mobility-21 Conference, October 29, 2013 at JW Marriott (LA Live).

**STAFF REPORT**

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, provided an update on a proposed rule by the Federal Department of Transportation in development that requires transit agency representation on MPO boards.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held Thursday, November 7, 2013 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

  
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Akiko Yamagami, Senior Regional Planner  
Transportation Planning

### Transportation Committee Attendance Report

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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	No Mtg. July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	Addleman, John	Rolling Hills Estates		X					X		X	X		NM			X	X	
2	Antonovich, Michael*	Los Angeles County		X					X		X	X				X		X	
3	Barrows, Bruce*	Cerritos		X					X		X	X		X		X	X	X	
4	Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X						X	X	X		X		X		X	
5	Betts, Russell	CVAG				X			X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
6	Botts, Bob	Banning, RCTC				X			NM	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
7	Brown, Art	Buena Park			X				NM	X	X			X		X		X	
8	Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X					X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
9	DeGrandpre, Jeff	Eastvale				X			NM	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
10	Eaton, Paul*	Montclair		X								X						X	
11	Elattar, Aziz	Caltrans - District 7									X	X		X		X			
12	Francis, Roy	La Habra Heights		X								NM		X		X		X	
13	Guerra, Mario	Downey		X							X					X	X		
14	Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X				X	X	X	X		X		X		X	
15	Harper, Matthew*	Huntington Beach			X				X		X	X		X			X	X	
16	Herrera, Carol*	Diamond Bar		X					X	X	X			X		X		X	
17	Hodge, Bill	Clexico, ICTC	X							X	X	X		X		X			
18	Huizar, Jose*	Los Angeles		X															
19	Hyatt, Jim	Calimesa				X			X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
20	Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo			X				X	X				X		X	X	X	
21	Lane, Randon	Murietta					X		NM	X	X	X		X				X	
22	Ledford, James C.	Palmdale/No. LA County		X							X								
23	Martinez, Michele*	Santa Ana			X				X	X	X	X		X		X	X		
24	Masiel, Andrew	Pechanga Luiseño Indians															NM	X	
25	McDonald, Brian	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe					X												
26	McEachron, Ryan	Victorville					X		X	X	X	X		X			X		
27	McLean, Marsha*	Santa Clarita		X					X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
28	Medina, Dan*	Gardena		X								X		X		X	X	X	
29	Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X					X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
30	Millhouse, Keith* (Chair)	Moorpark						X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
31	Mills, Leroy*	Cypress			X				X	X	X	X		X		X		X	
32	Morton, Jim	Lynwood		X						X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
33	Murdock, Brett	Brea			X				X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
34	Murray, Kris	Anaheim			X						NM		X			X	X		
35	Neal, Steven*	Long Beach		X					X		X	X				X	X	X	
36	Nelson, Shawn*	Orange County			X											X		X	
37	O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X					X	X	X			X		X	X		
38	O'Leary, Micheál	Culver City/WCCOG		X					X	X	X			X		X	X		
39	Ovitt, Gary*	San Bernardino County					X		X	X		X		X		X		X	
40	Parks, Bernard*	Los Angeles		X															
41	Parks, Linda	Ventura County						X	NM	X	X			X		X	X		
42	Pettis, Gregory*	Cathedral City				X			X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
43	Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park/SGVCOG		X					X		X	X		X		X	X	X	
44	Roberts, Ron*	Temecula				X			X	X	X	X				X	X		
45	Rutherford, Mark	Westlake Village		X					X					X				X	
46	Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Band of Mission Indians				X													
47	Spence, David	Flintridge/Arroyo Verdugo Cities		X					X	X	X	X		X		X			
48	Spiegel, Karen	Corona/WRCOG				X			X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
49	Spohn, Tim	Industry/SGVCOG		X					X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
50	Stanton, Barb	Apple Valley					X							NM		X	X	X	
51	Stone, Jeff*	Riverside				X			X	X		X		X		X	X	X	
52	Talamantes, Jess	Burbank/SFVCOG		X						X		X		X				X	
53	Tercero, Brent	Pico Rivera		X										NM		X	X		
54	Voss, Don*	La Cañada Flintridge		X					X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
55	Wapner, Alan* (Vice-Chair)	Ontario					X		X	X	X			X		X	X	X	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>											