

Transportation Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments

November 1, 2012

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, Ventura County. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

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| Hon. Bruce Barrows, Cerritos | District 23 |
| Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley | District 46 |
| Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs | CVAG |
| Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights | District 31 |
| Hon. Mary Craton, Canyon Lake | RCTC |
| Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount | District 24 |
| Hon. Steve Diels, Redondo Beach | SBCCOG |
| Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair | District 9 |
| Hon. Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel | District 12 |
| Hon. Frank Gurulé, Cudahy | District 27 |
| Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar | District 37 |
| Hon. Bill Hodge, Calexico | ICTC |
| Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa | District 3 |
| Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo | OCCOG |
| Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita | District 67 |
| Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra | District 34 |
| Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark (<i>Chair</i>) | VCTC |
| Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress | District 18 |
| Hon. Jim Morton | Lynwood |
| Hon. Brett Murdock, Brea | District 22 |
| Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica | District 41 |
| Hon. Micheál O'Leary, Culver City | WCCOG |
| Hon. Gary Ovitt | San Bernardino County |
| Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City | District 2 |
| Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park | SGVCOG |
| Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula | District 5 |
| Hon. David Spence, La Cañada-Flintridge | Arroyo Verdugo Cities |
| Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona | WRCOG |
| Hon. Jeff Stone | Riverside County |
| Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank | SFVCOG |
| Hon. Don Voss, City of La Cañada-Flintridge | District 36 |

Hon. Alan Wapner, City of Ontario (*Vice-Chair*) SANBAG

Members Not Present:

Hon. Jerry Amante, Tustin	OCTA
Hon. Mike Antonovich	Los Angeles County
Hon. Mario Guerra, Downey	GCCOG
Hon. Bert Hack, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Matthew Harper, Huntington Beach	District 64
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	SANBAG
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon. Steven Neal, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Shawn Nelson	Orange County
Hon. Bernard C. Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Frank Quintero, Glendale	District 42
Hon. Don Robinson, Banning	WRCOG
Hon. Mark Rutherford, Westlake Village	LVMCOG
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Tim Spohn, City of Industry	SGVCOG
Aziz Elattar, Caltrans District 7	Non-voting Member

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Hon. Keith Millhouse, Ventura County, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Vice-Chair Hon. Alan Wapner led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public requested to make a comment.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no request to prioritize agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the October 4, 2012 Meeting

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

ACTION ITEM

2. Senate Bill 535 (de León) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction (GHGR) Fund

Sharon Neely, SCAG Chief Deputy Executive Director, presented an update on SB 535, California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction (GHGR) Fund. SB 535 requires that the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) identify disadvantaged communities for investment opportunities, and that the Department of Finance allocate 25% available cap and trade monies deposited into the GHGR Fund to projects that provide benefits to disadvantaged communities, and to allocate 10% of available GHGR Fund monies to projects located within disadvantaged communities. This is an initial step in a statewide process requiring the Department of Finance to develop an investment plan with the input of the California Air Resources Board (ARB) and other stakeholders that the Legislature will consider. The legislature will receive a three-year expenditure plan from the State Director of Finance by May, 2013.

Ms. Neely noted the action of the Regional Council at its October 4, 2012 meeting approving support of the statewide Transportation Coalition principles concerning how the auctioning of cap and trade revenues should be distributed for transportation. It was further noted that both the Executive/Administration and the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committees approved the staff recommendation to continue to work with Cal/EPA, ARB, and other key stakeholders to develop better information. Ms. Neely noted that the term “disadvantaged communities” is not defined. SCAG has proposed to co-host a workshop with its member cities and Cal/EPA to seek greater clarity about how the agency will make its determination and to give local governments an opportunity to provide input for consideration. Ms. Neely noted that cities should have input into the process. Staff seeks approval to work with stakeholders to help identify “disadvantaged communities” and to support the inclusion of statewide transportation coalition principles including the adopted regional Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Hon. Don Voss, City of La Cañada-Flintridge, asked about the specific stakeholders involved. Ms. Neely stated a wide array of stakeholders will be involved, including cities and health agencies.

Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, asked if the definition of a “disadvantaged community” has been established. Ms. Neely stated that the term has not been defined in legislation and an effort will be put forth to include the cities’ input, as a city that is termed “disadvantaged” may experience unintended consequences. Ms. Neely stated that this

matter will be brought back to the Transportation Committee with suggested alternative definitions.

Chair Millhouse suggested that a term such as “impacted communities” is more neutral and presents less of a negative connotation than “disadvantaged communities”.

Hon. Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel, asked if the legislation includes the cost of implementing the bill or considers impacts on businesses. Ms. Neely stated that it does not.

Hon. Micheál O’Leary, Culver City, asked if Culver City could be considered a disadvantaged community. While it may not appear disadvantaged at first, the city is located next to an oil field and experiences environmental impacts when gases are released. Ms. Neely stated that oil fields have not been included but that issue could be raised in the continuing discussions.

Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park, stated that Monterey Park is next to a Superfund site and asked if this warrants inclusion. Chair Millhouse stated that the process is still in the discussion stage to identify such parameters.

A MOTION was made (Pettis) to approve the staff recommended action. The MOTION was seconded (Voss) and passed by a majority vote with one (1) in opposition (Glaab).

Subcommittee Reports

Active Transportation Subcommittee Update

Hon. Jeff Stone, Riverside County, presented an update on the Active Transportation Subcommittee and reported the following:

- The Subcommittee performed an initial review of the Active Transportation Fiscal Year (FY) 2012–2016 work plan. The Subcommittee and stakeholders will continue to comment on the work plan and submit a formal work plan when the Subcommittee sunsets.
- The Subcommittee reviewed two (2) programs in development:
 - Long Beach as a “Bike Friendly City,” and
 - Orange County Supervisor District Four “Strategic Bikeway Program”.

Several questions were received, mostly regarding how SCAG can work with the cities/counties to implement active transportation programs. The next meeting will be a joint meeting on November 5, 2012 with the Public Health and Sustainability Subcommittees.

Goods Movement Subcommittee Update

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, presented an update on the Goods Movement Subcommittee and reported the following:

- Meetings were held on September 24 and October 29, 2012.
- The Work Plan was approved.
- Provided an update on the Comprehensive Regional Goods Movement Plan and Implementation Strategy.

- Various goods movement functions were discussed including the flexibility provided by trucking in infrastructure planning.
- Discussed the need for regulatory consistency.

High-Speed Rail and Transit Subcommittee Update

Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona, presented an update on the High-Speed Rail and Transit (HSRT) Subcommittee and reported the following:

- Held a meeting October 5, 2012 and the Work Plan was approved.
- The HSRT Subcommittee is not charged with advocating for high-speed rail but is engaged in an informational exploration of the subject free of any bias in favor or against high-speed rail.
- The next meeting will have discussions on:
 - The California High-Speed Train project,
 - The Southern California MOU,
 - Metrolink's strategic planning efforts,
 - Riverside County's future rail projects,
 - The LOSSAN Strategic Implementation Plan, and
 - Amtrak's Northeast Corridor Visioning Plan.

Ms. Spiegel introduced Michelle Boehm, the new Southern California Regional Director of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA). Ms. Boehm stated that the CHSRA issued a revised Business Plan in 2012 which included an extensive peer review process. This revealed the need for a stronger organization with increased outreach efforts. Ms. Boehm noted that two (2) additional regional directors have been appointed, Dianna Gomez, Central Valley Regional Director, and Ben Trapolis, Northern California Regional Director. Additionally, Frank Vacca from Amtrak will join in December as Chief Program Director.

Ms. Boehm stated that a key element of the revised Business Plan is to partner to a greater degree with regional agencies to ensure that the HSR program is blended with services provided by other agencies and provides a transportation network that serves all customers and stakeholders.

Chair Millhouse asked about a reported delay in groundbreaking. Ms. Boehm stated that there was an amendment to extend the bidding due date for the design/build for the first segment to January 18, 2013; however, it is anticipated that groundbreaking will remain on schedule for June 2013. Chair Millhouse asked if the first segment built will be from Fresno to Madera with an anticipated extension to Palmdale. Ms. Boehm confirmed that the first segment will be from Fresno to Madera and that it is anticipated that construction to Palmdale will be completed in 2022.

Chair Millhouse asked about the segment from Bakersfield to Palmdale and if the rail line will go through or under the Tehachapi Mountains. Ms. Boehm stated that discussions are ongoing as to the appropriate strategy; however, bridging the Tehachapi gap is a priority. Ms. Boehm noted that a train cannot currently be taken directly from Los Angeles Union Station to Merced, and that passengers are required to exit the train and ride a bus

over the Tehachapi Mountains. One of the goals of the HSR project is to close that gap in service so passengers can access single-seat travel to Northern California.

Chair Millhouse asked about the Proposition 1A bond auction. Ms. Boehm stated that work is ongoing with the Attorney General and it is expected that a bond sale will take place in 2013. Ms. Boehm noted that there has been a limited bond sale from the \$9.95 billion Proposition 1A funding. Some funding is designated as follows: \$950 million in connectivity funds for projects including supporting Positive Train Control for Metrolink, and \$115 million for the Los Angeles Metro Regional Connector and Pacific Surfliner safety upgrades.

Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress, asked about the current anticipated budget. Ms. Boehm stated that the revised Business Plan indicates a budget of \$68 billion.

Transportation Finance Subcommittee Update

Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County, provided an update on the Transportation Finance Subcommittee and reported the following:

- The revised Work Plan was approved at a meeting held on October 12, 2012, and includes the following deliverable: “Investigate potential mitigation measures to lessen impacts from revenue strategies included in the (2012-2035) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).”

Items to be discussed at the next meeting:

- Managing transportation system costs and strategies to expedite project delivery,
- Considering options to reduce local voter threshold for transportation funding to 55 percent, and
- Discussing the potential for multicounty funding measures for regionally significant projects such as Metrolink modernization, rail/airport connectivity and goods movement strategies.

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. Anticipated Amendment No. 1 to the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

Ryan Kuo, Senior Regional Planner, presented an update on Amendment No. 1 to the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. Mr. Kuo stated that all six of the region’s County Transportation Commissions (CTC’s) have requested an amendment to the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS to revise projects so that they can move forward in a timely manner.

It was noted that these are short-term projects that could suffer delays unless they are amended soon; therefore, this RTP/SCS amendment will be developed on an expedited schedule. Mr. Kuo stated that SCAG will receive the requested revisions from the CTCs this month, and will begin performing the analyses required by federal and state law thereafter. Mr. Kuo noted that the analyses, which include modeling reruns, are required in order to ensure that the region maintains its positive air quality conformity finding.

Mr. Kuo stated that SCAG will be conducting this work over the next few months and will return to the Transportation Committee in March or April 2013 to request the Committee's approval to release the draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS amendment for a 30-day public review and comment period as required by law. It is anticipated that the amendment will be brought to the Transportation Committee in May or June 2013 to request a recommendation to the Regional Council to adopt Amendment No. 1 of the 2012-3035 RTP/SCS.

Hon. Steve Diels, Redondo Beach, asked which projects are being identified for the amendment process. Mr. Kuo stated the final list from the counties had not yet been received but is due on November 9, 2012.

Hon. Don Voss, City of La Cañada-Flintridge, asked if amendment requests are restricted to CTCs or if other entities may make amendment requests. Mr. Kuo stated that since CTCs hold the authority to make requests in their respective counties, amendments need to be submitted by them; however, the CTCs have been working closely with other implementing agencies such as Caltrans or local jurisdictions to submit urgent project amendment requests from those agencies as well.

Chair Millhouse reminded Committee members to ensure that their CTCs forward amendment requests soon so that federal funding will not be delayed or jeopardized and projects can be delivered in a timely fashion.

4. SCAG Goods Movement Border Crossing Study

Mike Jones, Senior Regional Planner, presented a review of the recently completed SCAG Goods Movement Border Crossing Study. Mr. Jones noted that the region's goods movement infrastructure includes airports, highways, railroads, intermodal facilities, warehouses, and distribution centers. In addition to the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, the international land border crossings in Imperial County are critical components of the regional goods movement system. Mr. Jones noted there are three major Ports-of-Entry (POEs) in Imperial County: Andrade-Los Algodones, Calexico West-Mexicali I, and Calexico East-Mexicali II, which serves 99% of commercial traffic moving between the SCAG region and Mexico.

Mr. Jones noted that Mexico is the United States' third largest trading partner behind China and Canada. In 2011, this represented a trade value of approximately \$460 billion. It was noted that 97% of cargo movements in this area are performed by trucks, and occur primarily between manufacturing facilities in Mexico (maquiladoras) and warehouses in the US. The movement of goods across the border is generally served by a significant amount of drayage activity.

The purpose of this project was to gather and analyze information on goods movement activities at the international land border crossings between the US and Mexico in Imperial County to assess existing and potential future infrastructure needs. Mr. Jones summarized the scope and execution of the project plan, specifically identifying the data collection methods employed, including targeted stakeholder interviews, truck-intercept surveys, and the use of GPS tracking technologies.

Mr. Jones noted that the highway system handles over 95% of goods moving across the border, while rail accounts for about 3%.

Mr. Jones noted that study results indicate that commercial vehicle delays result in approximately \$70 million in total annual output losses to Imperial County and recommended next steps include further exploration of secondary (and final origins and destinations) of freight moving across the border.

Mr. Jones introduced Mark Baza, Executive Director, Imperial County Transportation Commission. Mr. Baza noted the type of products manufactured in the Mexican maquiladoras including electronics, power tools, truck tractors, and many products sold by well-known American companies. Additionally, agriculture is a significant trade product crossing the border. Mr. Baza stated that the Calexico East – Mexicali II Port POE, which was built in 1996, has reached capacity and needs expansion. All potential financing opportunities are being reviewed, including public-private partnerships. One initiative currently being explored with SANDAG is the possibility of partnering on legislation to create toll authorities or border crossing authorities.

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, asked if support has been forthcoming from our congressional delegation. Mr. Baza noted legislation is currently being pursued at the federal level that would allow a public-private partnership to help finance border crossing infrastructure. Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo, asked if imports and exports across the border are equal. Mr. Baza noted that there is a near-equal amount of import and export activity across the border. Ms. Kelley asked about the amount of air cargo crossing the border in this area. It was noted that the amount of air cargo is less than 1% of the total.

Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa, asked about the destination of the goods movement traffic entering the SCAG region. Mr. Jones noted that recent data indicates that 4% goes to Ontario and approximately 10%–20% goes to Los Angeles or Long Beach. Many of these products may be transported again once they reach the SCAG region.

STAFF REPORT

Ryan Kuo, Senior Regional Planner, reported that the new locally-controlled LOSSAN draft governing documents will be sent to the member agencies for review and approval in early January. This item will be brought to the Committee and the Regional Council at the January 2013 meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, asked for an agenda item regarding the Aviation Task Force. Mr. Wapner stated SCAG is the appropriate place to discuss regional aviation issues and it would benefit policymakers if an Aviation Task Force is formed.

Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress, stated it would be useful if staff could provide a one-page summary of High-Speed Rail developments. This would contain bullet points regarding an update on the latest business plan, budget, anticipated segment construction, and groundbreaking and construction timetable. It is felt that this would be useful to both the Transportation Committee and the High-Speed Rail and Transit Subcommittee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, noted that a recent Los Angeles Times article regarding the High-Speed Rail segment from Madera to Fresno indicates that a substantial number of businesses would be closed and homes displaced, and that Highway 99 would need to be modified.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.



Ryan Kuo, Senior Regional Planner
Transportation Planning

Transportation Committee Attendance Report

2012

	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 Joint Mtg.	Feb	Mar	Mar 21	GA April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
1	Amante, Jerry	Tustin, OCTA			X					NM	X									
2	Antonovich, Michael*	Los Angeles County		X							X				X		X	X		
3	Barows, Bruce*	Cermos		X							X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
4	Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X							X	X			X	X				X
5	Betts, Russell	CVAG				X					X	X			X		X		X	X
6	Carroll, Stan*	La Habra Heights			X						X	X	X		X		X		X	X
7	Craton, Mary	Canyon Lake				X						X	X	X		X	X		X	X
8	Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X							X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
9	Diels, Steve	Redondo Beach		X							X		X		X	X	X		X	X
10	Eaton, Paul*	Montclair		X							X	X			X					X
11	Elattar, Aziz	Caltrans - District 7																X	X	
12	Glaab, Paul*	Laguna Niguel			X							X			X					X
13	Guerra, Mario	Downey		X								X						X	X	
14	Gurulé, Frank*	Cudahy		X							X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
15	Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X						X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
16	Harper, Matthew*	Huntington Beach			X						X		X			X		X	X	
17	Herrera, Carol*	Diamond Bar		X								X	X		X	X		X	X	X
18	Hodge, Bill	Clexico, ICTC	X												NM			X	X	
19	Huizar, Jose*	Los Angeles		X																
20	Hyatt, Jim	Calimesa				X					X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
21	Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo			X						X		X		X	X	X		X	X
22	Ledford, James C.	Palmdale/No. LA County		X																
23	Martinez, Michele*	Santa Ana			X						X	X	X		X	X		X		
24	McDonald, Brian	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe						X												
25	McEachron, Ryan	Victorville						X			X	X								
26	McLean, Marsha*	Santa Clarita		X							X	X	X		X		X		X	X
27	Medina, Dan*	Gardena		X										NM	X		X	X		
28	Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X							X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
29	Millhouse, Keith* (Chair)	Moorpark						X			X	X	X		X		X		X	X
30	Mills, Leroy*	Cypress			X						X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
31	Morton, Jim	Lynwood																	X	X
32	Murdock, Brett	Brea			X						X				X	X	X			X
33	Neal, Steven*	Long Beach		X											X	X		X		
34	Nelson, Shawn*	Orange County			X						X	X	X							
35	O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X							X	X	X		X		X		X	X
36	O'Leary, Micheál	Culver City/WCCOG		X											NM			X	X	
37	Ovitt, Gary*	San Bernardino County						X			X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
38	Parks, Bernard*	Los Angeles		X											X				X	
39	Pettis, Gregory*	Cathedral City				X					X	X	X						X	X
40	Quintero, Frank*	Glendale		X							X	X			X				X	
41	Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park/SGVCOG														X			X	X
42	Roberts, Ron*	Temecula				X					X	X	X		X		X		X	X
43	Robinson, Don	Banning				X					X				X					
44	Rutherford, Mark	Westlake Village		X															X	
45	Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Band of Mission Indians				X														
46	Spence, David	Flintridge/Arroyo Verdugo Cities		X							X	X	X		X		X			X
47	Spiegel, Karen	Corona/WRCOG				X					X	X	X		X		X		X	X
48	Spohn, Tim	Industry/SGVCOG		X							X	X	X		X			X	X	
49	Stone, Jeff*	Riverside				X					X	X	X			X	X		X	X
50	Talamantes, Jess	Burbank/SFVCOG		X							NM	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
51	Voss, Don*	La Cañada Flintridge		X							X	X	X		X		X		X	X
52	Wapner, Alan* (Vice-Chair)	Ontario						X			X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
	Totals		1	24	10	9	4	1												

* Regional Council Member