



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Transportation Committee (TC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present:

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| Hon. Konstantine Anthony, Burbank | District 42 |
| Hon. Kathryn Barger | Los Angeles County |
| Hon. Liz Becerra, SBCTA/SBCTA | District 65 |
| Hon. Russel Betts, Desert Hot Springs | CVAG |
| Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo | OCCOG |
| Hon. Andrew Do | Orange County |
| Hon. Darrell Dorris | North LA County |
| Hon. John Dutrey, Montclair | SBCTA/SBCCOG |
| Hon. James Gazeley, SBCCOG | District 39 |
| Hon. Jason Gibbs, Santa Clarita | NCTC |
| Hon. Brian Goodell, Mission Viejo | OCTA |
| Hon. Curt Hagman | San Bernardino County |
| Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert | RCTC |
| Hon. Laura Hernandez, VCOG | District 45 |
| Hon. Mike T. Judge, Simi Valley | VCTC |
| Hon. Fred Jung, Fullerton | OCCOG |
| Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo | OCCOG |
| Hon. Linda Krupa, WRCOG | District 3 |
| Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale | District 4 |
| Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore | District 63 |
| Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills (Chair) | District 10 |
| Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA | District 7 |
| Hon. Marsha McLean, NLAC | District 67 |



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| Hon. L. Dennis Michael | District 9 |
| Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods | OCCOG |
| Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich | ICTC |
| Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton | District 6 |
| Hon. Gil Rebollar, ICTC | District 1 |
| Hon. Ed Reece | SGVCOG |
| Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell | District 27 |
| Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona (Vice Chair) | District 38 |
| Hon. Zak Schwank, Temecula | District 5 |
| Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea | District 22 |
| Hon. Jeremy Smith, Canyon Lake | Canyon Lake |
| Hon. Ward Smith, Placentia | OCCOG |
| Hon. Speake, Wes, Corona | WRCOG |
| Hon. Karen Spiegel | Riverside County |
| Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City | SGVCOG |
| Hon. Steve Tye | District 37 |
| Hon. Don Wagner | Orange County |
| Hon. Wallace, Colleen, Banning | WRCOG |
| Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario | SBCTA/SBCOG |
| Hon. Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas | LVMCOG |

Members Not Present:

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| Hon. Art Brown, OCTA | District 21 |
| Hon. Ray Hamada, GCCOG | District 24 |
| Hon. Heather Hutt, Los Angeles | District 45 |
| Hon. Paul Krekorian | District 49 |
| Hon. Richard Loa, Palmdale | NCTC |
| Hon. Ken Mann, Lancaster | District 43 |
| Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale | AVCJPA |
| Hon. Jon Primuth, S. Pasadena | AVCJPA |
| Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto | WRCOG |
| Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood | District 26 |
| Hon. Hilda Solis | Los Angeles County |
| Hon. Michael Vargas | Riverside County |
| Hon. Scott Voigts, Lake Forest | OCCOG |
| Mr. Paul Marquez, Caltrans District 7 | Ex-Officio Member |

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Ray Marquez, SBCTA/SBCCOG, District 10, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Hon. Linda Molina, Calimesa, led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG’s jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. He reminded the public to submit comments via email to TCPublicComment@scag.ca.gov. Ruben Duran, committee counsel, acknowledged there were no public comments received by email before or after the deadline.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Marquez closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, announced that the Committee would elect its 2023-24 Chair and Vice Chair and opened the floor for nominations. Chair Marquez announced that Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona, District 38, nominated himself for Chair and Hon. Mike Judge, Simi Valley, VCTC, nominated himself for Vice Chair. No additional nominations were submitted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Marquez closed the Public Comment Period.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – February 2, 2023
2. SCAG's Digital Action Plan

Receive and File

3. Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items

4. Connect SoCal 2024: Draft Aviation and Airport Ground Access Approach
5. Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No.: 2022100337): Status Update on Stakeholder Outreach and Highlights of Preliminary Approaches to Major Components
6. Connect SoCal 2024: Locally-Reviewed Growth Forecast Demographic and Economic Evaluation
7. Status Update for Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Consistency Amendment #23-03
8. Clean Transportation Technology Policy
9. Exploring Transportation Pricing & Incentives Via Mobility Wallet Update
10. Connect SoCal 2024: Equity Analysis Update - Priority Equity Communities
11. Transit Ridership Update

A motion was made (Brown) to close nominations for Chair and Vice Chair and to approve both the election of Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona, District 38 as Chair and Hon. Mike Judge, Simi Valley, VCTC, as Vice Chair under the Consent Calendar approval as each were running unopposed; approve Consent Calendar Item 1; and Receive and File Items 2 through 11. The motion was seconded (Lorimore) and approved by the following votes.

AYES: ANTHONY, BECARRA, BERKSON, BETTS, BROWN, DORRIS, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GIBBS, GOODELL, HARNIK, JUDGE, JUNG, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MANN, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MOLINA, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVARRO, PRIMUTH, REBOLLAR, REECE, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPEAKE, STERNQUIST, VARGAS, VOIGTS, WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER, WONG (41)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

ACTION ITEMS

12. 2023 SCAG Regional Active Transportation Program

There were no public comments for Agenda Item No. 12.

Cory Wilkerson, SCAG staff, reported on the 2023 Regional Active Transportation Program. Mr. Wilkerson stated this was the sixth cycle of the Active Transportation Program and it would fund projects through 2027. He noted the regional program was valued at \$361 million over four years and would fund 73 projects that support walking and bicycling. He reviewed the population-based funding targets for each county noting upon Regional Council approval, staff would submit the regional program to the California Transportation Commission for final adoption June 2023.

A MOTION was made (Wallace) to recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 23-654-3 approving the 2023 Active Transportation Program Regional Program and Contingency List. The motion was SECONDED (Sternquist) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: BECARRA, BERKSON, BETTS, BROWN, DORRIS, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GIBBS, GOODELL, HAGMAN, HARNIK, JUDGE, JUNG, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MANN, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MOLINA, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVARRO, PRIMUTH, REBOLLAR, REECE, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPEAKE, STERNQUIST, VARGAS, VOIGTS, WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER, WONG (41)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

13. Approval of Expedited Programming for FY22 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)

There were no public comments for Agenda Item No. 13.

Warren Whiteaker, SCAG staff, provided an update on the FY22 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). Mr. Whiteaker reported the CRP was a new program established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funded at \$6.4 billion nationally over a five-year period. It provides funding for transportation projects that reduce carbon dioxide emissions from on-road transportation sources. SCAG is responsible for selecting CRP funded projects and the region's funding allocation is \$33.6 million. The county transportation commissions identified projects to be funded by CRP and SCAG recommends their approval. The request is expedited due to the limited time to obligate FY2022 funds.

Hon. Jon Primuth, South Pasadena, AVCJPA, asked if there was confidence that the projects selected for funding would be approved by Caltrans. Mr. Whiteaker responded that the funding program was new but there was an agreement from the participating agencies that the funding would be allocated as requested.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to recommend that the Regional Council: 1) approve expedited programming of Fiscal Year 2021-22 (FY2022) Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds for selected projects; and 2) authorize Executive Director to make necessary adjustments to selected projects to meet eligibility criteria and other applicable requirements. The motion was SECONDED (Brown) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: ANTHONY, BECARRA, BERKSON, BETTS, BROWN, DORRIS, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GIBBS, GOODELL, HARNIK, JUDGE, JUNG, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MANN, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MOLINA, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVARRO, PRIMUTH, REBOLLAR, REECE, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPEAKE, STERNQUIST, VARGAS, VOIGTS, WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER, WONG (41)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEM

14. Joint Office of Energy and Transportation – Policy Direction for Transportation

There were no public comments for Agenda Item No. 14.

Gabe Klein, Joint Office of Energy & Transportation, reported on the joint office mission and programs. Mr. Klein stated the joint office was created to address areas of federal joint interest between the Departments of Energy and Transportation. It was funded at \$300 million, and its mission was to accelerate an electrified transportation system that is affordable, convenient, equitable, reliable and safe. The vision is to support deployment of zero-emission transportation through leveraging activities of the DOE and DOT. Additionally, to serve as the front door to the federal government for expertise and technical assistance and serve as a convenor of federal agencies, private sector companies, non-government organizations and academia to stimulate an all of society approach to zero emissions transportation and mobility services to reinvent the economy around zero-emission transportation.

Mr. Klein reviewed the emphasis areas stating that technical assistance of vehicle charging may be the most relevant to SCAG's focus. Further the Joint Office provides unifying guidance, technical assistance and analysis to support the \$5 billion National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) formula program which funds state efforts to build a national electric vehicle (EV) charging network. Other programs include \$5.6 billion to support low and no-emission transit bus deployments as well as \$5 billion to support electric school bus deployments. He reviewed the NEVI program noting the goal was to provide chargers every 50 miles along alternative fuel corridors. Each port ought to be

capable of providing 150kw to every vehicle. Mr. Klein noted the discretionary grant program for charging and fueling infrastructure was currently accepting grant applications until May 30, 2023. The charging infrastructure needs to be publicly accessible, located along a designated alternative fuels corridor, address environmental justice and be usable by those with disabilities.

Hon. Kenn Mann, Lancaster, District 43, asked if different grant applications can be submitted, one for electric and one for hydrogen. Mr. Klein responded that would be acceptable.

15. Connect SoCal 2024: Draft New Funding Strategies

There were no public comments for Agenda Item No. 15.

Jaimee Lederman, SCAG staff, reported on Connect SoCal 2024 draft new funding strategies. Ms. Lederman noted that the plan needs to estimate funding needed over a 20-year life and must balance expected revenue sources and estimated cost. Connect SoCal 2024's timeframe is FY24/25 through FY 49/50. She reviewed the financial plan development process noting that an initial core revenue forecast is developed followed by an estimation of operation and maintenance costs. Additional capital projects and CTC submissions are incorporated, and a working draft is created. Further steps involve exploring new revenue sources to establish a draft financial plan. She reviewed key issues included a failure of the federal gas tax revenue to keep pace with inflation and transportation funding federally was not meeting transportation needs. Additionally, there was dependence on retail sales growth and some local sales measures were due to expire in the coming years.

Ms. Lederman reviewed key issues relating to plan expenditures including capital costs for transit, passenger rail, state highways and local streets and debt service payments. Additional issues included addressing resiliency needs, increased costs for labor and construction and state mandates to shift to zero emission busses. It was noted revenues were decreasing, costs were increasing, and the transportation system needs were expanding. She reviewed the new and innovative funding sources included in Connect SoCal 2020 and explained the mileage-based user fee to replace tax on gasoline.

Hon. Wes Speake, Corona, WRCOG, expressed concern that there was not a sufficient communication plan in order for the public to understand some of the measures needed in response to the financial issues such as the mileage-based user fee.

Hon. Liz Becerra, Victorville, District 65, asked how the mileage-based user fee would work for those who drive across different counties. Ms. Lederman responded that the state and federal pilot programs were exploring how these logistical issues would work with this fee.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hon. Ray Marquez, SBCTA/SBCCOG, District 10, welcomed new committee members Hon. Linda Molina, Calimesa, Hon. Thomas Wong, Monterey Park, SGVCOG, Hon. Brian Berkson, Jurupa Valley, and Hon. Sharona Nazarian, Beverly Hills. Mr. Marquez thanked outgoing member Hon. Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas. Mr. Marquez announced that SCAG's 2023 General Assembly would take place May 4th and 5th in Palm Desert and there would be no Transportation Committee that month. Additionally, Connect SoCal 2024 mobile workshops were taking place throughout the region and members were encouraged to attend one in their county. Also, May was National Bike Month to encourage biking safety. SCAG's Go Human program worked toward these goals and upcoming neighborhood events were announced.

METROLINK REPORT

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, reported that Metrolink had completed full deployment of its earthquake early warning system along segments of all seven of its passenger rail lines. Metrolink's warning system was based on an interface between the United States Geological Survey's ShakeAlert[®] system and Metrolink's Positive Train Control (PTC) system. With roll out to all of Metrolink's seven lines, the system now included automatic braking through PTC, so the train can stop or slow down in response to an alert. Also, Metrolink was offering free rides on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22nd. The Santa Fe Depot in San Bernardino was featured on a new U.S. stamp commemorating historic railroad stations across the country. The Santa Fe Depot opened in 1918 and at the time was the largest railway station west of the Mississippi River.

STAFF REPORT

David Salgado, SCAG staff, reminded members to appoint delegates to SCAG's General Assembly coming up in May. He also announced SCAG co-sponsored events in the region including Urban Land Institute's Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Forum April 28 and a Ribbon Cutting event at the Sysco Distribution center in Riverside to celebrate grant supported zero emission fleet enhancements.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, reported that a new state Senate committee had been formed to support Southern California rail, specifically the LOSSAN corridor. Mr. Brown asked that a member of that committee be invited to address the Transportation Committee at its June or July meeting.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Marquez adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 11:37 a.m.

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| Anthony, Konstantine | Burbank | District 42 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Barger, Kathryn | | Los Angeles County | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Becerra, Liz | Victorville | District 65 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Berkson, Brian | Jurupa Valley | Pres Appt. | | | | | | | | | |
| Betts, Russell | Desert Hot Springs | CVAG | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Brown, Art | Buena Park | District 21 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Chun, Ross | Aliso Viejo | OCTA | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Do, Andrew | | Orange County | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 |
| Dorris, Darrell | Lancaster | NCTC | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 |
| Dutrey, J. John | Montclair | SBCTA | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Gazeley, James | Lomita | District 39 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Gibbs, Jason | Santa Clarita | NCTC | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Goodell, Brian | Mission Viejo | OCTA | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 |
| Hagman, Curt | | San Bernardino Cnty | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Hamada, Ray | Bellflower | Bellflower | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Harnik, Jan | Palm Desert | RCTC | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Hernandez, Laura | Prt Hueneme | District 45 | | 1 | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Hutt, Heather | Los Angeles | District 57 | | | | | | | | | |
| Judge, Mike | Simi Valley | VCTC | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Jung, Fred | | OCCOG | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Kelley, Trish | Mission Viejo | OCCOG | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Krekorian, Paul | Public Transit Rep | District 49 | | | | | | | | | |
| Krupa, Linda | Hemet | WRCOG | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Loa, Richard | Palmdale | NCTC | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Lorimore, Clint | Eastvale | District 4 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Mann, Ken | No. L.A. County | District 43 | | | | | | | | | |
| Manos, Steve | Lake Elsinore | District 63 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Marquez, Paul | Caltrans District 7 | Ex-Officio | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Marquez, Ray | Chino Hills | District 10 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| McCallon, Larry | SBCTA/SBCCOG | District 7 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| McLean, Marsha | No. L.A. County | District 67 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Michael, L. Dennis | Rancho Cucamonga | District 9 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Molina, Linda | Calimesa | Pres. Appt. | | | | | | | | | |
| Moore, Carol | Laguna Woods | OCCOG | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Najarian, Ara | Glendale | AVCJPA | 1 | | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| Nava-Froelich, Maria | | ICTC | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Navarro, Frank | Colton | District 6 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Primuth, Jon | S. Pasadena | AVCJPA | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Rebollar, Gil | ICTC | District 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Reece, Ed | Claremont | SGVCOG | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Ruiz, Crystal | San Jacinto | WRCOG | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Saleh, Ali | City of Bell | GCCOG | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Sandoval, Tim | Pomona | District 38 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Schwank, Zak | Temecula | District 5 | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Simonoff, Marty | Brea | District 22 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Smith, Jeremy | Canyon Lake | Canyon Lake | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |

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| Smith, Ward | Placentia | OCCOG | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 |
| Solache, Jose Luis | Lynwood | District 26 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Solis, Hilda | | Los Angeles County | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Speake, Wes | Corona | WRCOG | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Spiegel, Karen | | Riverside County | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 |
| Sternquist, Cynthia | Temple City | SGVCOG | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Tye, Steve | Diamond Bar | District 37 | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Vargas, Michael | | Riverside County | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Voigts, Scott | Lake Forest | Orange County | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Wagner, Don | Orange County | Orange County | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Wallace, Colleen | Banning | WRCOG | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Wapner, Alan | | SBCTA | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Wong, Thomas | Monterey Park | SGVCOG | | | | | | | | | |