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**No. 5
MEETING OF THE**

**Active Transportation
Subcommittee**

PLEASE NOTE DATE & TIME

Friday, March 1, 2013

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Ventura County: Hon. Linda Parks, Member

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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

AGENDA

MARCH 1, 2013 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

The Active Transportation Subcommittee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as information or action items.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Hon. Michele Martinez, Chair)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Subcommittee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty minutes.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

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1. Approve Minutes from November 26, 2012
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ACTION ITEMS

2. Active Transportation Policy Recommendations and Work Plan
(Alan Thompson, SCAG Staff)
Recommended Action: Recommend that TC forward Policy
Recommendations and Work Plan to Regional Council

Attachment

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3. Establish Joint Subcommittee Meeting Date
(Hon. Michele Martinez, Chair)

STAFF REPORT

(Alan Thompson, SCAG Staff)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any Subcommittee member or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such a request.

**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
AGENDA
MARCH 1, 2013 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Please note that the next regular meeting of the Active Transportation Subcommittee meeting will be a joint meeting with the Public Health and Sustainability Subcommittees. The meeting date and time will be determined.



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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE. AUDIO OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Active Transportation Subcommittee held its meeting at the SCAG offices in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Hon. Michele Martinez, Chair, Orange County, District 16. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Michele Martinez, **Chair**
Hon. Patricia Kelley
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker
Hon. Margaret Finlay
Hon. Jeff Stone, Vice Chair
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson
Hon. Linda Parks

Representing

Member (OC)
Alternate (OC)
Member (Imp) (Videoconference)
Member (LA)
Member (Riv) (Videoconference)
Alternate (Riv) (Videoconference)
Member (Ventura) (Videoconference)

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Rye Baerg, P-Sector
Michael A. Morris, P-Sector
Terry M. Roberts, P-Sector

Member, (Safe Routes to School)
Other, (FHWA)
Alternate (American Lung Association)

**Members/Alternates/Ex-Officio
Not Present**

Hon. Margaret Clark
Hon. Jon Harrison
Hon. Alan Wapner, Vice Chair

Representing

Alternate (LA)
Member (SB)
Transportation Committee (SANBAG)

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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Michele Martinez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the Public deferred their comments until the respective presentation was given. Ms. Rachel Morris requested to make comments on agenda item #4.

Ms. Gail Shiomoto-Lohr requested to make comments on agenda items #2 and #4.

REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. San Bernardino Access to Transit

Mr. Brian Gaze, Alta Planning & Design, discussed the recently completed study on Improving Access to Transit for Bicyclists and Pedestrians.

The project examined seven cities and 10 stations; and provided high level recommendations to improve access to transit, which included:

- Comprehensive Wayfinding
- Additional Pavement Markings
- Prioritized Resurfacing on Roadways that are Designated Bikeways
- Additional and Improved Bicycle Parking
- Pedestrian Improvements and Increased “Sense of Place.”

Mr. Gaze further stated that the San Bernardino Associated Governments is examining ways to fund implementation of the recommendations.

2. BikeShare Programs

Mr. Derek Fretheim, BikeNation, discussed the development of the Bicycle Sharing System programs and how it is being implemented in the SCAG Region.

Bike Share is a closely packed network of bicycle rental kiosks that rent bicycles on a short-term basis with drop-off at any station and the hope is to replace short distance car travel in certain areas. Mr. Fretheim stated that by making the first 30 minutes free, there is a greater financial incentive to use the service for short trips from transit stations or in central business districts.

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BikeNation is currently in Anaheim and Fullerton and will be starting in Downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, Westwood, Venice and Long Beach.

Members participated in a discussion concerning the use of safety helmets. Mr. Fretheim noted that helmets are always recommended. Because of safety and hygiene concerns, Bike Nation has also developed a helmet vending system in certain areas to mitigate that need.

3. Santa Ana Complete Streets Program

Mr. William Gavez, City of Santa Ana, discussed the implementation of Complete Streets in the City of Santa Ana.

Mr. Gavez commented that the City of Santa Ana is the first city in Orange County to implement the California Complete Streets Act (AB1358). The law requires all cities to integrate complete streets ideas into General Plans that are significantly updated after January 2011.

The City is revamping its circulation element in three key areas, Streets and Highways reclassifications, a bikeways plan and a Pedestrian Plan. Significant stakeholder participation was encouraged providing a holistic complete streets policy. Design Standards and a Complete Streets Manual are being developed as part of the General Plan update, which will be complete in late 2013.

Members participated in a discussion concerning the practicability of utility companies committing to underground utilities based on the illustration outlined in the presentation. It was noted that the presentation was for illustrative purposes.

Hon. Michele Martinez, Chair, commented that utilities play a major role when trying to implement complete streets.

4. SCAG Active Transportation Work Plan

Ms. Rachel Morris, member of the public, spoke in support of Class 1 bike paths or separated bike lanes/paths to be developed along the same road path as vehicles. In addition, Ms. Morris spoke in support of improved safety features at intersections.

Ms. Gail Shiomoto-Lohr, member of the public, requested consideration within the Draft Policy framework of strategies that include an additional set of Active Transportation benefits such as improved safety, a sense of community, and financial benefits through tourism and increased property values.

In addition to the Complete Streets strategies proposed, Ms. Shiomoto-Lohr requested the Policy Framework strategies focus on improving pedestrian systems through the existing sidewalk connectivity process, and to identify

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other safety measures to ensure walkable sidewalks for local cities that may not have Complete Streets funding.

Alan Thompson, SCAG Staff, reintroduced the policy framework, seeking input from committee members and stakeholders on the following five key elements of the Framework:

1. Definitions
2. Needs Assessment
3. Performance Measurement
4. Strategy
5. Investment

Mr. Thompson stated that definitions refer to how we define the bikeways and pedestrian networks. New innovative treatments are in place that do not meet the standard definitions and it is important for all cities/counties in the region to have a common understanding of the definitions.

Needs Assessment refer to the necessary data collection to determine what the needs are. This can refer to gaps in the bikeway network, lack of ADA compliance on local street sidewalks, safety problems and general lack of available data to determine the needs.

Performance measures complement and expand on how we are measuring and responding to the needs assessment

Strategy policies refer to how the region will respond to the needs, including establishing transportation priorities, providing local resources and identifying funding to implement those priorities.

Investment policies refer to the strategy of identifying existing and new sources of funding to improve active transportation in the region.

At the conclusion of Mr. Thompson's report, the committee members directed staff to include Flood Control and Water districts, along with the Army Corps of Engineers as part of the consensus building strategy within the Policy Framework.

5. Establish Future Subcommittee Meeting Dates

Hon. Michele Martinez announced that the proposed meeting date for the next Active Transportation Subcommittee meeting would be a joint meeting with the Sustainability and Public Health Subcommittees. A Doodle Poll will be released to members to develop consensus on the date.

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STAFF REPORT

No staff report was given.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None was presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Michele Martinez, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p. m. The next regular meeting of the AT will be held in conjunction with the Joint Sustainability and Public Health Subcommittee, date TBD, at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

Minutes Approved by Alan Thompson

Alan Thompson
Staff to the Active Transportation Subcommittee

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DRAFT Active Transportation Policy Recommendations

Policy Recommendations

At the commencement of the Active Transportation Subcommittee, four components were presented for members to consider, discuss and define for a final deliverable to the SCAG Policy Committees. The components were: definitions, needs assessments, performance measures, strategy and investments. Four subcommittee meetings and dialogue was held on the five components presented, and potential recommendations/actions were provided.

These recommendations are intended to strengthen the on-going implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. These recommendations are not final, but rather will be taken to Policy Committees, and eventually to the Regional Council for deliberation and potentially for approval.

1. Develop a definition of active transportation which recognizes the varying types and needs of active transportation users

- Existing: Active Transportation refers to transportation such as walking or using a bicycle, tricycle, velomobile, wheelchair, scooter, skates, skateboard, push scooter, trailer, hand cart, shopping car, or similar low-speed electrical devices. (*source: 2012 RTP/SCS*)
- Proposed: Active transportation refers to human powered transportation and low speed electronic assist devices. Examples include but are not limited to bicycle, tricycle, wheelchair, scooter, skates, skateboard, push scooter, trailer, hand cart.

Next Steps: Disseminate local definition throughout the organization, and its deliberative bodies. Pending further discussion and action by CEHD and Regional Council, include language in drafting the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.

2. Consider and refine the availability of data and information to evaluate the RTP/SCS and its alternatives relative to active transportation policy

- Provide the technical foundation for any potential improvements to performance measures and indicators by conducting research and identifying best methods for RTP/SCS alternatives evaluation and monitoring
- Strengthen performance indicators to facilitate measuring the benefits of active transportation development

Next Steps to 2016 RTP/SCS Development: Identify and assist local agencies that are adopting Active Transportation plans and programs. Train local planners through SCAG Programs.

3. Develop, with partner agencies, a methodology for selecting and prioritizing regionally significant active transportation projects

- Continue to work with local jurisdictions in coordinating and integrating active transportation data and plans.
- Support the development of cost effectiveness data and methodology to determine which projects may have the greatest benefit/cost.

Next Steps: Continue to work with partners to develop methodologies that may determine active transportation demand (e.g. walkscore/bikescore) and benefits of projects.

4. Seek opportunities to promote and support transportation investments with an active transportation component

- Support regulatory framework that considers active transportation an integral part of all transportation planning and development
- Support regulatory framework that considers active transportation an integral part of land-use planning and development
- Support and promote the consideration and accommodation of active transportation users in all transportation projects, where applicable
- Support goals and principles of Complete Streets recognizing context of local land-uses
- Support and seek opportunities to promote and implement safety in active transportation
- Continue to support research, and/or development of best practices to justify investment in active transportation
- Support and seek opportunities to increase active transportation funding

Next Steps to 2016 RTP/SCS Development: Develop cost effective investments and strategies that promote active transportation as part of 2016 RTP/SCS development process, subject to further stakeholder input and technical review, and work with transportation finance division to quantify costs and identify funding.

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Draft Subcommittee Recommendations

Active Transportation Subcommittee Meeting
SCAG Los Angeles Office

Starting the conversation early

“We committed to an open process, and this is what that looks like.

We have to talk about these questions. If we had something to look at then the staff work would be done, and we wouldn't have an open process.”

-Hon. Pam O'Connor, 2011

2012-2035 RTP/SCS Adoption



- Adopted unanimously at SCAG's General Assembly
- Following day SCAG Regional Council approves motion to create six new subject area subcommittees

Subcommittee Charters

- Charters Approved July 5, 2012

“The six (6) subcommittees will facilitate information exchange and policy development around their respective emphasis areas, identify regional priorities, and help facilitate the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS.”

-SCAG Regional Council Staff Report, 2012

Subcommittee Outlooks

- Started the process with a range of ideas from discussions during the RTP/SCS development, and draft review

Policy Framework

- Staff developed the initial framework for categorizing suggestions in two ways:
 - The type of suggestion: Definition, Needs Assessment, Performance Monitoring, Strategy, Investment
 - Phase of the process: Implementing the 2012 RTP/SCS, Development of the 2016 RTP/SCS, Inclusion in the 2016 RTP/SCS

Consolidated Policy Suggestions

- Staff built up the Policy Framework by distributing it to members, and taking suggestions
- Synthesized into draft recommendations

2012 RTP/SCS Implementation Plan

(Adopted by Regional Council April 4, 2012)

Broaden SCAG's role as a provider of technical assistance in regional and local planning efforts for active transportation through three distinct planning projects:

- *Active Transportation Strategic Funding Plan*
- *Regional Complete Streets Plan*
- *Regional Safe Routes to School Plan*

In developing these plans, SCAG should convene representatives from cities, counties, councils of governments, public health and other stakeholders and provide additional technical assistance in the form of planning, data collection and modeling.

Active Transportation Policy Recommendations

Goal:

To establish the process by which SCAG will:

- Implement the 2012 RTP/SCS Active Transportation Chapter and
- Develop the 2016 RTP/SCS Active Transportation Chapter

Active Transportation Policy Recommendations

Definitions:

Develop a definition of active transportation which recognizes the varying types and needs of active transportation users.

e.g. Active transportation refers to human powered transportation and low speed electronic assist devices.

Active Transportation Policy Recommendations

Needs Assessment/Performance Measures:

Develop Needs Assessment to fill information gaps and provide an understanding of the active transportation needs of the region.

Develop appropriate active transportation performance measures for the 2016 RTP/SCS

Develop, with partner agencies, a methodology for selecting and prioritizing regionally significant projects

Active Transportation Policy Recommendations

Strategy and Investments:

Seek opportunities to promote and support transportation investments with an active transportation component

Active Transportation Work Plan

Process:

A sequence of activities and projects that build upon each other over the next four years to develop and expand Active Transportation in the region.

Active Transportation Work Plan

Products:

- Regional Active Transportation Database
- First Mile/Last Mile Studies
- Performance Measures
- Needs Assessment
- Economic Impact Study
- Strategic Funding Plan
- First Mile/Last Mile Strategy
- Safe Routes to School Strategy
- Complete Streets Strategy



Questions?

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