



Southern California Association of Governments 900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017 TC Agenda Item No. 1 September 6, 2018

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018

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, 900 Wilshire Blvd., 17th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon.	Sean Ashton, Downey	District 25
Hon.	Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon.	Ben Benoit, Wildomar	South Coast AQMD
Hon.	Will Berg, Port Hueneme	VCOG
Hon.	Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon.	Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon.	Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon.	Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	OCTA
Hon.	Jim Clarke, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon.	Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon.	Emily Gabel-Luddy	AVCJPA
Hon.	James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon.	Jeffrey, Giba, Moreno Valley	District 69
Hon.	Jack Hadjinian, Montebello	SGVCOG
Hon.	Curt Hagman (Chair)	San Bernardino County
Hon.	Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar	District 37
Hon.	Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale	District 43
Hon.	Jim Hyatt, Calimesa	District 3
Hon.	Mike T. Judge, Simi Valley	VCTC
Hon.	Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon.	Randon Lane, Murrieta (Vice Chair)	District 5
Hon.	Clint Lorimore, Eastvale	District 4
Hon.	Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon.	Ray Marquez, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon.	Larry McCallon	Highland
Hon.	Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon.	Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28

Hon.	Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon.	L. Dennis Michael	District 9
Hon.	Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon.	Kris Murray, Anaheim	District 19
Hon.	Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon.	Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon.	Sam Pedroza, Claremont	District 38
Hon.	Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon.	Charles Puckett, Tustin	District 17
Hon.	Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Hon.	Ali Saleh, Bell	GCCOG
Hon.	Jesus Silva, Fullerton	
Hon.	Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon.	Jess Talamantes	SFVCOG
Hon.	Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera	GCCOG
Hon.	Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1
Hon.	Alan Wapner, Ontario	SBCTA/SBCOG
Mr.	Paul Marquez	Caltrans District 7

Members Not Present:

Hon.	Rusty Bailey, Riverside	District 68
Hon.	Austin Bishop, Palmdale	North L.A. County
Hon.	Gonzalez, Lena, Long Beach	District 30
Hon.	Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon.	Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
Hon.	Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon.	Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon.	James C. Ledford	Palmdale
Hon.	Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon.	Shawn Nelson	Orange County
Hon.	Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest	OCCOG
Hon.	Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto	WRCOG
Hon.	Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon.	Zareh Sinanyan, Glendale	SFVCOG
Hon.	José Luis Solache, Lynwood	District 26
Hon.	Barb Stanton, Apple Valley	SBCTA/SBCOG
Hon.	Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon.	Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas	LVMCOG
Hon.	Michael Wilson, Indio	District 66

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mitchell Jackman encouraged the Committee to consider promoting no drive days as a way to reduce traffic congestion.

ACTION ITEMS

1. <u>Election of 2018-19 Chair and Vice Chair</u>

Joann Africa, SCAG Chief Counsel, announced that the Committee will elect its 2018-19 Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Africa stated that additional nominations would be accepted from the floor. As no nomination were received from the floor Ms. Africa stated the candidate for Chair is Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, and the candidates for Vice Chair are Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton and Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro. After statements were given by each of the candidates, the Committee voted.

Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, received the majority of votes and was elected Chair as follows:

Hagman: Benoit, Berg, Betts, Brown, Buscaino, Chun, Clarke, Curtis, Gabel-Luddy, Gazeley,
Giba, Hadjinian, Hagman, Herrera, Hyatt, Judge, Kelley, Lane, Lorimore, Manos,
Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Medina, Michael, Moore, Navarro, O'Connor, Pedroza,
Puckett, Real Sebastian, Saleh, Silva, Simonoff, Talamantes, Tercero, Viegas-Walker (37)

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, received the majority of votes and was elected Vice Chair as follows:

- Lorimore: Benoit, Betts, Clarke, Giba, Hagman, Hyatt, Lorimore, Manos, Messina, Moore, Simonoff (11)
- Navarro: Berg, Judge, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Michael, Navarro, Saleh, Silva, Talamantes, Tercero (11)

Viegas-Walker: Brown, Buscaino, Chun, Curtis, Gabel-Luddy, Gazeley, Hadjinian, Herrera, Hofbauer, Kelley, Lane, Medina, O'Connor, Pedroza, Pettis, Puckett, Real Sebastian, Viegas-Walker (18)

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Minutes of the March 1, 2018 Meeting

Receive and File

- 3. 29th Annual Demographic Workshop, June 11, 2018
- 4. Regional Planning Working Groups Series
- 5. ARB SB 375 Regional GHG Target Update for the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2020 RTP/SCS)
- 6. Environmental Justice Working Group
- 7. Go Human Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign Update

A MOTION was made (Puckett) and SECONDED (Navarro) to approve Consent Calendar 2 - 7. The Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Benoit, Berg, Betts, Brown, Buscaino, Chun, Clarke, Curtis, Gabel-Luddy, Gazeley, Giba, Hadjinian, Hagman, Herrera, Hofbauer, Hyatt, Judge, Kelley, Lane, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Medina, Messina, Michael, Moore, Navarro, O'Connor, Pedroza, Pettis, Puckett, Real Sebastian, Saleh, Silva, Simonoff, Talamantes, Tercero, Viegas-Walker (40)
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Downtown Los Angeles (LA) Streetcar

Reza Shahmirzadi, Program Manager, Downtown Los Angeles (LA) Streetcar, provided an update on the LA Streetcar. Mr. Shahmirzadi reported that the LA Streetcar is a proposed 3.8 mile streetcar loop with 24 planned stations along a downtown route that includes 1st Street, Broadway, 11th Street, Figueroa Street, 7th Street and Hill operating at a speed of 6 miles per hour in evening peak hours. He noted the streetcar will operate with 7-minute peak hour headways and 10-minute and 15-minute headways other times of the day. Further, ridership is projected to be 4,180 by 2020 and 5,370 by 2040. Additionally, 6 vehicles will be in operation connecting passengers to the Convention Center, Staples Center, LA Live and Broadway Fashion District. Mr. Shahmirzadi reviewed key issues and challenges including funding availability, maintenance and storage facility costs and complex utility relocations.

Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena, asked why the streetcar would be one directional. Mr. Shahmirzadi responded that due to the space and right of way limitations, a one direction service is the most viable option.

9. Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE)

Roderick Diaz, Planning and Development Director, Metrolink, reported on Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) Program. Mr. Diaz stated that Metrolink's regional rail system currently comprises 7 lines, 59 stations and 400 miles of rail service serving 40,000 passengers a day. He noted that a significant portion of the system is single track only enabling one-way service. Further, 60% of the system is owned by other railroads and most of Metrolink's current service is directed toward downtown Los Angeles. He noted the SCORE program seeks to make double track improvements on key sections so the majority of the system can provide a minimum of 30-minute frequency in both directions and 15-minute headways on core segments of the system.

Mr. Diaz noted these improvements will enable passengers to use the service without having to consult a schedule and attract a greater number of riders. Further, better coordination can be achieved with bus service enhancing First/Last Mile options. He noted capital investments would include additional stations, signal system, new maintenance facilities, grade crossings and grade separations. Mr. Diaz stated the SCORE Program will complement other investments such as Link Union Station which will improve rail flow through.

Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale, asked about frequency of service to the Antelope Valley. Mr. Diaz responded that these system improvements will better enable reverse peak direction service from Santa Clarita to Palmdale. Additionally, High Speed Rail service is planned from Palmdale to Union Station which will provide additional service to the area.

Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont, asked if a funding measure is being considered to fund these improvements. Mr. Diaz responded that any funding provided would be used toward the SCORE Program and noted improvements can be provided incrementally.

10. Harbor Performance Enhancement Center (HPEC)

Jonathan Rosenthal, CEO, Harbor Performance Center (HPEC), reported on the proposed HPEC initiative. Mr. Rosenthal stated HPEC is a partnership between the Port of Los Angeles (POLA)

and a private consortium. He noted the proposed site will serve as a container staging facility on a 110-acre site on Terminal Island at POLA. HPEC is expected to handle approximately 3,500 truckloads per day which will be transported from nearby container terminals. Further, the facility is expected to increase efficiency, reduce costs and emissions while increasing productivity by 10% or greater.

Mr. Rosenthal noted HPEC seeks to use private sector capabilities to produce greater cargo efficiency. He reported that freight facilities currently experience an imbalance between cargo availability and labor and HPEC seeks greater inventory control to move a greater velocity of freight. This will mean less container stacking and better distribution efficiency improving regional competitiveness.

Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, asked about the essential process for moving freight on the facility. Mr. Rosenthal responded that containers would be wheeled within the facility for improved efficiency to create a free flow pile and less container stacking.

11. <u>2019 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Guidelines and Call for Projects</u>

Kome Ajise, Director of Planning, presented opening remarks noting there are two components of the ATP program; the statewide and the regional programs. He noted there have been three (3) previous cycles of the ATP which has awarded funding to approximately 300 regional projects totaling nearly \$500 million.

Robert Nelson, Deputy Director, California Transportation Commission, continued the presentation stating that the goal of the ATP is to encourage increased use of active transportation including biking and walking. Additionally, the California Transportation Commission is expected to adopt 2019 Active Transportation Program Guidelines and host a call for projects from May 16, 2018 to July 31, 2018. The 2019 ATP will award approximately \$400 million through fiscal years 2019/20 to 2022/23. The total amount to be awarded is approximately double the amount of the previous cycle due to the addition of SB 1 funding. As in past cycles, the 2019 ATP will award 50% (\$200 million) of funding to the highest scoring projects statewide. 10% of funding will be awarded to Small Urban and Rural Areas under which no SCAG jurisdictions qualifies. 40% or approximately \$90 million of the MPO funding will fund SCAG region ATP projects in collaboration with the six county transportation commissions.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, asked about geographic equity in funds allocation. Mr. Nelson responded that the process is competitive and the MPOs portion allows for funding to be spent exclusively within each MPO jurisdiction.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, announced that the Committee elected Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, to serve as Chair for the coming year and Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, to serve as Vice Chair. Mr. Hagman reminded members that 700 forms are due by those who have not yet submitted them and also noted that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be June 7, 2018 as SCAG's General Assembly will be held May 3-4, 2018.

METROLINK REPORT

Hon Art Brown, Buena Park, stated the Board voted to acquire 155 new ticket vending machines which will place an additional 32 vending machines in service. The new vending machines will accept cash in addition to credit cards. Additionally, ridership increased .9% for the quarter ending December 31, 2107. Mr. Brown also noted commuter rail ridership nationwide fell 1.1% during the same period. Also, Angels Express has begun service to Angels Stadium.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

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