



**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE JOINT POLICY COMMITTEES
(COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD);
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (EEC); AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (TC))
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE JOINT POLICY COMMITTEES. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: <http://scag.ig2.com/Citizens/>

The Joint Policy Committees of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting telephonically and electronically, given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

CEHD Members Present:

Hon. Jorge Marquez, Chair	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Vice Chair	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. David Avila	<i>Yucaipa</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Juan Carrillo	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. Letitia Clark	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Steve De Ruse	<i>La Mirada</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Paula Devine	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Diane B. Dixon	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Rose Espinoza	<i>La Habra</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Waymond Fermon	<i>Indio</i>	CVAG
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Alex Fisch	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Peggy Huang		TCA
Hon. Tammy Kim	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Cecilia Hupp	<i>Brea</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Kathleen Kelly	<i>Palm Desert</i>	District 2



Hon. Matt LaVere		Ventura County CoC
Hon. Jed Leano	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Anni Marshall	<i>Avalon</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Tribal Gov't Regl Planning Rep.</i>	
Hon. Lauren Meister	<i>West Hollywood</i>	WSCCOG
Hon. Bill Miranda	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. John Mirisch	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	<i>Pres. Appt., Member-at-Large</i>
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Trevor O'Neil	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Edward Paget	<i>Needles</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Sunny Park	<i>Buena Park</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Ariel Pe	<i>Lakewood</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Misty Perez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	<i>Pres. Appt., Member-at-Large</i>
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Nick Schultz	<i>Burbank</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. David Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Wes Speake	<i>Corona</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Acquanetta Warren	<i>Fontana</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Christi White	<i>Murrieta</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG

CEHD Members Not Present

Hon. Al Austin, II	<i>Long Beach</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Ramon Castro		Imperial County CoC
Hon. Mark Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Patricia Lock-Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Gregory A. Nava	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC
Hon. Kim B. Nguyen	<i>Garden Grove</i>	District 18
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Nithya Ramen	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 29
Hon. Gabriel Reyes		San Bernardino County CoC
Hon. Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Andy Sobel	<i>Santa Paula</i>	VCOG

EEC Members Present

Hon. David Pollock, (Chair)	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46
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Hon. Deborah Robertson, (Vice Chair)

Hon. Cindy Allen
Hon. Robert Copeland
Hon. Maria Davila
Hon. Ned Davis
Hon. Rick Denison
Hon. Julian A. Gold
Hon. Shari Horne
Hon. Britt Huff
Hon. Jonathan Ingram
Hon. Dan Kalmick
Hon. Joe Kalmick
Hon. Elaine Litster
Hon. Diana Mahmud
Hon. Cynthia Moran
Hon. Oscar Ortiz
Sup. Luis Plancarte
Hon. Randall Putz
Sup. Carmen Ramirez
Hon. Greg Raths
Hon. Richard Rollins
Hon. Jesus Silva
Hon. Sharon Springer
Hon. Connor Traut
Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson

Rialto

Long Beach
Signal Hill
South Gate
Westlake Village
Yucca Valley
Beverly Hills
Laguna Woods
Rolling Hills Estates
Murrieta
Huntington Beach
Seal Beach
Simi Valley
South Pasadena
Chino Hills
Indio

Big Bear

Mission Viejo
Port Hueneme
Fullerton
Burbank
Buena Park
Signal Hill

District 8

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GCCOG
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LVMCOG
SBCTA
WSCCOG
OCCOG
SBCCOG
WRCOG
OCCOG
District 20
VCOG
SGVCOG
SBCTA
CVAG
Imperial County
District 11
Ventura County
OCCOG
VCOG
President’s Appointment
SFVCOG
OCCOG
GCCOG

EEC Members Not Present

Hon. Ana Beltran
Hon. Daniel Brotman
Hon. Margaret Clark
Hon. John Valdivia

Westmoreland
Glendale
Rosemead
San Bernardino

ICTC
AVCJPA
SGVCOG
SBCTA

TC Members Present:

Hon. Sean Ashton, (Chair)
Hon. Art Brown, (Vice Chair)
Hon. Phil Bacerra
Hon. Kathryn Barger
Hon. Elizabeth Becerra
Hon. Ben Benoit

Downey
Buena Park
Santa Ana

Victorville
Wildomar

District 25
District 21
District 16
Los Angeles County
District 65
South Coast AQMD



Hon. Russell Betts	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	CVAG
Hon. Ross Chun	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	OCTA
Hon. Andrew Do		Orange County CoC
Hon. Darrell Dorris	<i>Lancaster</i>	NCTC
Hon. John Dutrey	<i>Montclair</i>	SBCTA
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Brian Goodell		OCTA
Hon. Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Hon. Ray Hamada	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. Jan Harnik	<i>Palm Desert</i>	RCTC
Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Lindsey Horvath	<i>West Hollywood</i>	WSCCOG
Hon. Mike T. Judge	<i>Simi Valley</i>	VCTC
Hon. Trish Kelley	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Linda Krupa	<i>Hemet</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Richard Loa	<i>Palmdale</i>	NCTC
Hon. Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. Fred Minagar	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Carol Moore	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Ara Najarian	<i>Glendale</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Blanca Pacheco	<i>Downey</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Ed Reece	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Crystal Ruiz	<i>San Jacinto</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Rey Santos	<i>Beaumont</i>	District 3
Hon. Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Jeremy Smith	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	
Hon. Ward Smith	<i>Placentia</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Jose Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Hilda Solis		Los Angeles County
Hon. Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Hon. Jess Talamantes		SFVCOG



Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Michael Vargas		Riverside County CoC
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Don Wagner		Orange County
Hon. Colleen Wallace	<i>Banning</i>	
Hon. Alan Wapner	<i>Ontario</i>	SBCTA/SBCOG
Hon. Alicia Weintraub	<i>Calabasas</i>	LVMCOG

TC Members Not Present:

Lorrie Brown	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Michelle Chambers		Los Angeles County CoC
Hon. Jonathan Curtis	<i>La Cañada-Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Jason Gibbs	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	NCTC
Hon. Paul Krekorian		District 49
Hon. Steven Ly	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich		ICTC
Hon. Jon Primuth	<i>South Pasadena</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist	<i>Temple City</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Scott Voigts	<i>Lake Forest</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Paul Marquez	<i>Caltrans District 7</i>	Ex-Officio Member

Staff Present

- Kome Ajise, Executive Director
- Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
- Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
- Javiera Cartagena, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
- Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
- Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
- Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
- Mike Houston Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
- Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
- Maggie Aguilar, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Clint Lorimore called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m. A quorum was confirmed. President Lorimore asked Darrell Dorris, TC Policy Committee Member, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments.

The Clerk stated that there were no written public comments received by email before and after the deadline. Additionally, the Clerk confirmed that there were no public comment speakers.

Seeing no other public comment speakers, President Lorimore closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

Board Counsel Ruben Duran requested that the information item be presented on first followed by the Consent Calendar. President Lorimore acknowledged the request.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Action on the Consent Calendar was taken after Agenda Item 4.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meetings – September 3, 2020 and March 4, 2021

Receive and File

2. REAP 2.0 Application for Advance Funding
3. Connect SoCal 2024 Preliminary Regional and County Growth Projections

A MOTION was made (A. Brown) to approve Consent Calendar Agenda Item 1; and Receive and File Items 2 and 3. Motion was SECONDED (Huang). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: (CEHD) Andrade-Stadler, Avila, Boyles, Carrillo, Dixon, Espinoza, Fisch, Huang, Kim, Kelly, Meister, Mirisch, M. Nava, O’Neil, Pe, Santa Ines, Shevlin, Warren, Wu, Yokoyama, Zerunyan, (EEC) Allen, Davila, Denison, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Moran, Ortiz, Pollock, Putz, Ramirez, Rollins, Traut, Wilson, (TC) Ashton, Barger, Becerra, Benoit, Betts, A. Brown, Chun, Do, Hagman, Hamada, Harnik, Kelley, Krupa, Lorimore, Manos, R. Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Michael, Moore, Navarro, Reece, Saleh, Sandoval, Santos, Schwank, Simonoff, W. Smith, Solache, Solis, Spiegel, Talamantes, Vargas, Viegas-Walker, Wallace, Wapner, Weintraub (73)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Solis abstained on Item 1 (1)

INFORMATION ITEM

4. Connect SoCal 2024: Emerging Issues Update

There were no public comments on Item 4.

Sarah Jepson, Planning Director, reported that staff would be seeking their direction and input on many policy issues and potential strategies to include within Connect SoCal 2024, in addition to revisiting the emerging trends that were identified during the adoption of the last plan. She also indicated that staff would provide insights on the regions forecasted growth. She mentioned that following the staff presentation there would be a panel discussion that would feature a few of their key partners in the planning development process to help shed light on the emerging issues that they see and to provide a broader planning context that will be helpful as they develop their future plan.

Sarah Dominguez, Program Manager, provided a broad overview of the current plan and its implementation and where they are in developing the next plan as well as some of the context and emerging issues they were finding. Her presentation included an overview of what Connect SoCal is, the Connect SoCal 2020 implementation and progress, the Connect SoCal 2024 development update, and disrupted trends and emerging issues. She explained that Connect SoCal was updated every four years which allowed them to make adjustments to their plan based on new data, context and key connections. She reported that since 2020 the Regional Council has adopted a number of resolutions to help steer the region and provide a policy foundation for staff work on the next plan development. She also reported that in addition to the implementing activities staff has been working on the foundations and frameworks for the next plan which included data collection and policy development. She also indicated that since the adoption of Connect SoCal 2020 they were now facing uncertainty and as a result were revisiting some of the key disruptive data and trends that were presented to the Regional Council in September 2020. She also mentioned the emerging issues for Connect SoCal 2024 which included regional equity, resilience and the economic shifts accelerated by the pandemic.

Kevin Kane, Program Manager, provided a report on the Connect SoCal 2024 preliminary regional and county growth projections which included information on households, employment and population in the region and six counties. Specifically, his presentation included information on the preliminary regional and county forecast for growth from 2019 to 2050, the Connect SoCal horizon, and next steps in the Connect SoCal planning process. His presentation also included information on

the rate of births and deaths, the economic base, the California exit, housing, and preliminary projections indicating slower growth but steady improvement. He also mentioned that next step would be to consider the principles and a process which will guide local jurisdiction input and review of Connect SoCal 2024's forecasted regional development pattern at the local levels.

Kome Ajise, moderated a panel discussion that would allow them to continue to set the stage for policy discussions in the upcoming months. He noted that the conversation could offer opportunities and perspectives on the emerging issues and trends that they were facing in the region. Mr. Ajise introduced the following panelist: Anne Mayer, Executive Director of Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), Managing Agency of the Western Riverside Regional Conservation Authority (RCA); Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA); Lynn von Koch-Liebert, Executive Director of the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC); Seleta Reynolds, General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT). As requested by Mr. Ajise, each panelist provided background information on their agencies and the role they each play in the development of Connect SoCal. Mr. Ajise also asked the panelist a series of questions.

Mr. Ajise reported that in 2021, RCTC became the managing partner of RCA, which was the cohesive alignment of habitat conservation and infrastructure development. He asked Ms. Mayer to share some lessons in terms of helping maximize this balance and sustainable outcome. Ms. Mayer noted that they have always known that advance mitigation is good policy and they have been able to demonstrate over the past 15 years that transportation projects have benefited from mitigation. She shared that not only have transportation projects been streamlined in terms of process and accelerating project delivery, but they have also been able to ensure more effective and meaningful conservation. She stated that they were seeing that there was a synergy between land use conservation and transportation as envisioned by the Riverside County integrated project. She expressed that advance mitigation and multi species habitat conservation plans work, they just need funding, and it should be an important component of any regional transportation plan as well as priorities at the state and federal level.

Mr. Ajise noted that the SGC had been working to assess the landscape of transportation planning, funding and an alignment with state climate goals and asked Ms. von Koch-Liebert how this was informing the expectations that the state has of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) in this kind of planned development. Ms. von Koch-Liebert stated that Assembly Bill 285 asked the SGC to produce a California transportation assessment, and the heart of this research was really around the question of whether transportation investments are leading towards the goals and sustainable community strategies. She indicated that they were close to putting out the results of the research paper that was put together by the USCIS research institutions. She indicated that next steps on this process was going to be digging in on some of the recommendations that the researchers had put forward.

Mr. Ajise asked Ms. Reynolds how the city of Los Angeles was facing issues around equity and how it is affecting their planning and implementation of activities. Ms. Reynolds noted that during the summer of 2020, everybody in the planning space, both on the transportation and land use side, really did a lot of soul searching. She stated there was quite a bit of reckoning in that space about the need to take ownership in a tone for historic decisions. She noted that there were decisions undertaken at every level of government that did not adequately account for the legacy of inequities and racial inequities which had been inherited in transportation and land use planning. She stated this brought about or accelerated a shift in the way that the city of Los Angeles was now sort of trying to wrestle with everything from its budget to the way that it prioritizes and applies for federal and state funding.

Mr. Ajise noted that OCTA runs an enviable transit system and asked Mr. Johnson how they were thinking about transit recovery and the role of transit in the region's mobility strategies. Mr. Johnson stated that during the pandemic they learned that OC bus was absolutely critical for a segment of the population that had no other way to get to their jobs and as they think about the future of transit, they needed to try to figure out what is a temporary change due to where they had been and what was a permanent and structural change as to where they were going. He stated it was important that they don't come up with temporary solutions to the problem and pretend that they are long term. He mentioned that they were doing a better connection study to look at what the future of transit was in their county. He also mentioned that there was a lot of funding that was being talked about for transit and most of it was for capital investment which was really good. However, he stated that they recognized the importance of that capital investment, but they also needed a way to properly operate the system and maintain that system and it could not be forgotten if they were going to have the investment pay benefits for the long term.

Mr. Ajise asked the panelist to briefly address the shifts in their organizations as a result of the pandemic and what they expected to do long term. Ms. Mayer indicated that it was really important for them to make data-driven decisions and they needed to drill down and see what was really happening to people in terms of their circumstances. She indicated that they needed to make sure that they don't perpetuate inequities and look at innovation and doing things a different way while focusing on climate change and the many other new policies. She indicated that they had to make sure not to leave people behind and they needed to avoid the perspective that they know all the answers because they did not. She also mentioned that they had to be careful about making sweeping generalizations about what the future is going to look like and be careful about unintended consequences of their decisions. Ms. von Koch-Leibert also noted that they needed to really think about solutions that work for those who will telework and those who will continue to commute to their daily destinations. She indicated that one thing around teleworking that they were seeing change in was the state, they were shifting away from having so much of the policy focused staff being in Sacramento to being located around the state, and thought it was a good shift

because they were able to contribute into the policy discussions. She also noted that as a result of the number of executive order waivers that waived rules and regulations processes, procedures, and procurement structures, they were more effective and streamlined and were able to deploy resources deeply into communities and thought there was a lot of assessment that should be done moving forward. She also noted that the governor's budget proposed an office for community partnership and strategic communications, and thought it was a real investment in how that permanency can happen where this office proposes \$65 million annually to continue to have those deep community engagements and continue to create that structure that was really important during the pandemic response. Ms. Reynolds mentioned that the pandemic actually busted a lot of myths that they had held for a long time in transportation and maybe in government, such as that government can't do big things fast, and she proceeded to provide examples like the largest vaccine site being set up at Dodgers Stadium overnight.

Members of the Joint Policy Committees and panelists engaged in discussions regarding growth stability, transit recovery, equity issues, universal basic mobility, innovative micro-transit, regional connectivity, wealth and economic projections, homeownership opportunities, public safety on transit and expanding the definition of resilience.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

President Lorimore provided an update from the Executive/Administration Committee meeting. He indicated that the EAC heard a staff presentation on implementing in-person participation opportunities at the upcoming March meetings. He indicated that they would be providing a hybrid option for members but still would not be able to allow the public to attend in person. He mentioned that the RC, EAC and Policy Committee members would be required to fill out a health assessment, either prior to arrival or upon arrival at SCAG, and would have their temperature checked, that masks covering were required unless they were actively eating or drinking, social distancing measures would be used, and that staff would be sending out a survey to determine if they would be attending in-person. Lastly, he reminded members that the Policy Committees: CEHD, EEC and TC were scheduled for March 3rd at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Lorimore adjourned the Joint Policy Committee meeting at 11:54 a.m.

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