



Southern California Association of Governments  
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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020**

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 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 recent Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

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| Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey                           | District 25           |
| Hon. Phil Bacerra, Santa Ana                       | District 16           |
| Hon. Rusty Bailey, Riverside                       | District 68           |
| Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar                          | South Coast AQMD      |
| Hon. Will Berg, Port Hueneme                       | VCOG                  |
| Hon. Russell Betts                                 | CVAG                  |
| Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park                         | District 21           |
| Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo                        | OCTA                  |
| Hon. Diane Dixon, Newport Beach                    | OCCOG                 |
| Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita                         | District 39           |
| Hon. Dean Grose, Los Alamitos                      | District 20           |
| Hon. Jack Hadjinian                                | Montebello            |
| Hon. Curt Hagman                                   | San Bernardino County |
| Hon. Ray Hamada, Bellflower                        | District 24           |
| Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert                       | RCTC                  |
| Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale <b>(Vice Chair)</b> | District 43           |
| Hon. Mike T. Judge, Simi Valley                    | VCTC                  |
| Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo                   | OCCOG                 |
| Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet                            | WRCOG                 |
| Hon. Richard Loa, Palmdale                         | NCTC                  |
| Hon. Steven Ly, Rosemead                           | District 32           |
| Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore                    | District 63           |
| Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills                      | District 10           |

**OUR MISSION**

*To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.*

**OUR VISION**

*Southern California’s Catalyst for a Brighter Future*

**OUR CORE VALUES**

*Be Open | Lead by Example | Make an Impact | Be Courageous*



Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	SBCTA
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	District 9
Hon. Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Charles Puckett, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Ed Reece	SGVCOG
Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto	WRCOG
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Rey Santos, Beaumont	District 3
Hon. Zak Schwank, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon. Thomas Small, Culver City	Culver City
Hon. Jeremy Smith	Canyon Lake
Hon. Larry Smith	Calimesa
Hon. Ward Smith, Placentia	OCCOG
Hon. Karen Spiegel	Riverside County
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Jess Talamantes	SFVCOG
Hon. Steve Tye	District 37
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro <b>(Chair)</b>	District 1
Hon. Don Wagner	Orange County
Hon. Colleen Wallace	Banning
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SBCTA/SBCOG
Hon. Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas	LVMCOG
Mr. Paul Marquez, Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio Member

**Members Not Present:**

Hon. Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles County
Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. John Dutrey, Montclair	SBCTA
Hon. Emily Gabel-Luddy	AVCJPA
Hon. Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Hector Pacheco	San Fernando
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	GCCOG
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood	District 26

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Hon. Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera

GCCOG

### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Cheryl Viegas-Walker, District 1, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Hon. Ben Benoit, Air District Rep, led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public requested to comment.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **Approval Item**

1. Minutes of the Meeting, October 1, 2020

A MOTION was made (Hofbauer) to approve Consent Calendar Item 1, Minutes of the Meeting, October 1, 2020. The motion was SECONDED (Marquez) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: ASHTON, BACERRA, BAILEY, BENOIT, BERG, BETTS, BROWN, CHUN, DIXON, GAZELEY, GROSE, HADJINIAN, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAJARIAN, PUCKETT, REECE, RUIZ, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMALL, SMITH J., SMITH L., SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, TALAMANTES, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (47)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Navarro, Smith W. (2)

#### **Receive and File**

2. California High Speed Rail Los Angeles to Anaheim Section

Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland, stated the High-Speed Rail Section from Los Angeles to Anaheim calls for the location of an intermodal freight facility in Colton which would significantly increase the level of harmful emissions to Colton and surrounding communities. He asked for a review of this project in a lengthier committee discussion preferably with the agencies involved.

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, responded that there have been conversations with High-

Speed Rail with an effort to understand the project scope. He further noted it would be useful for a member of HSR to speak to the committee about their concerns.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to approve Consent Calendar Item 2, California High-Speed Rail Los Angeles to Anaheim Section with a direction to staff to communicate to the appropriate representatives of High-Speed Rail and BNSF Railway the depth of concern expressed by committee members about the proposed intermodal facility in Colton. The motion was SECONDED (McLean) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: ASHTON, BACERRA, BAILEY, BENOIT, BERG, BETTS, BROWN, CHUN, DIXON, GAZELEY, GROSE, HADJINIAN, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LY, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVARRO, PUCKETT, REECE, RUIZ, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMALL, SMITH J., SMITH L., SMITH W., SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (49)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

### **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **3. Release of the Draft 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)**

John Asuncion, SCAG staff, reported on the release of the Draft 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Mr. Asuncion stated the FTIP is a federally mandated list of multimodal transportation investment priorities in the SCAG region over a six-year period. Federal regulations require it to be updated at least every four years, but SCAG updates every two years. He noted the FTIP is prepared in coordination with the County Transportation Commissions and reflects the region's overall strategy for providing mobility and improving safety. It contains approximately 2,000 regional projects representing an investment of \$35.2 billion. Mr. Asuncion reviewed the funding sources noting 56% originates locally, 28% from the state and 16% federal. He stated that, with the committee's approval, the 2021 FTIP will be released for a 30-day public comment period beginning November 6, 2020 and ending December 7, 2020.

A MOTION was made (Brown) to approve and recommend that the Regional Council authorize the release of the Draft 2021 FTIP for public review and comment, beginning November 6, 2020 and ending December 7, 2020. The motion was SECONDED (Wallace) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: ASHTON, BACERRA, BAILEY, BENOIT, BETTS, BROWN, CHUN, DIXON, GAZELEY, GROSE, HADJINIAN, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LY, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVARRO, PUCKETT, REECE, RUIZ, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMALL, SMITH J., SMITH L., SMITH W., SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, TALAMANTES, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (49)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

#### 4. Last Mile Freight Program Draft Guidelines

Scott Strelecki, SCAG staff, reported on the Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) Draft Guidelines. Mr. Strelecki stated SCAG will serve to implement the last mile component of the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Committee's (MSRC) Goods Movement Program. He noted the first phase calls for projects focusing on the purchase and commercial deployment of zero-emission or near-zero emission (ZE/NZE) heavy and/or medium duty on road trucks and supporting infrastructure. A subsequent phase would broaden implementation strategies and explore further uses particularly in e-commerce. He noted SCAG has been working with a MSRC subcommittee to develop the plan and reviewed the desired investment impacts and targets. He noted \$10 million is available to be awarded with a focus on efforts in the South Coast Air Basin. Mr. Strelecki reviewed eligibility guidelines noting the focus on last mile delivery vehicles supporting e-commerce industries including business to business commerce.

He reviewed the selection criteria noting the goal is to seek innovative technologies that advance emission reductions for NOx, PM2.5 and greenhouse gases and provide a competitive advantage over conventional operations. Mr. Strelecki reviewed the application schedule stating there will be workshops and assistance available for those submitting applications.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to recommend the Regional Council approve the LMFP Draft Guidelines and authorize staff to release the LMFP Call-for-Projects, pending the execution of an agreement with the South Coast Air Quality Management District. The motion was SECONDED (Ashton) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: ASHTON, BENOIT, BETTS, BROWN, CHUN, DIXON, GAZELEY, GROSE, HADJINIAN, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LY, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVARRO, PUCKETT, REECE, RUIZ, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF,

SMALL, SMITH L., SMITH W., STERNQUIST, TALAMANTES, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER,  
WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER, WEINTRAUB (44)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

5. SunLine Transit Advancing Alternative Fuel Buses and Infrastructure

Lauren Skiver, CEO/General Manager, SunLine Transit Agency, reported on their alternative fuel buses and infrastructure. Ms. Skiver stated SunLine is a small transit agency employing 370 employees operating a fleet of 80 buses and 39 paratransit vehicles providing 4.5 million passenger trips annually. The fleet includes 60 CNG, 17 Hydrogen Electric Fuel Cell, 4 Electric Battery BYD, and 39 CNG Paratransit Vehicles. She noted the agency is undergoing a redesign for post-COVID, making their service network faster with fewer transfers and adding a line to Cal State San Bernardino in addition to providing rideshare service using taxis. Ms. Skiver introduced their zero emissions efforts, noting it began with policy development in 1993. She noted they were the first transit agency to produce hydrogen on their facility, and they are the largest producer of hydrogen for transit in North America. She reviewed their fleet of vehicles noting mixed propulsion is likely a future scenario for many transit operators. She stated that hydrogen vehicles are electric vehicles, and in addition to passenger vehicles, their service vehicles will be transitioned to electric.

Ms. Skiver reported on their hydrogen fueling station, stating the facility produces 900 kilograms of hydrogen per day and is operated with a combination of grid and solar power with a goal to become 100% renewable using solar. Ms. Skiver reviewed the proposed solar to hydrogen effort which will include a solar farm on the facility to power hydrogen production. She reported on their West Coast Center for Zero Emission Technology which serves as an on-site trade school to train workers in zero emission technology.

Hon. Collen Wallace, Banning, asked if the agency will move away from their CNG technology. Ms. Skiver responded that CNG vehicles will not achieve rules established by California Air Resources Board and at some point, they will be discontinued.

Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City, stated she serves on Foothill Transit's Board which recently visited SunLine Transit and will be moving forward with the purchase of 20 fuel cell busses.

6. Overview of 2022 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan and Near-term Air Quality Planning Challenges

Dr. Philip Fine, Deputy Executive Officer, South Coast AQMD, reported on air quality planning efforts and challenges. Dr. Fine stated AQMD includes the South Coast Air Basin as

well as the Coachella Valley. He stated Environmental Protection Agency standards for the South Coast Basin calls for attainment of 35 micrograms per cubic meter in a 24-hour period and 12 pcm annually. Dr. Fine stated that emissions in the South Coast Basin have decreased since 1997; however, it remains short of attainment standard. Next, the Coachella Valley's ozone levels were reviewed, and he noted the area remains in nonattainment although long term results show a downward decline. Additionally, ozone levels in the Coachella Valley are primarily due to the direct transport of ozone from the South Coast Air Basin. and attainment in Coachella Valley depends on reducing emissions in the South Coast Basin.

Dr. Fine reviewed the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan and noted partner agencies share a role in achieving the goals. He stated the main elements of the plan are due August 2022, and he reviewed the control strategy including a transition to zero-emission technology or near zero-emission, engaging both regulatory measures and incentives. Further, working groups are being convened to examine mobile source on and off-road activities as well as impacts from residential and commercial building. Next, he reviewed the incentive funding and its role in supporting programs benefitting emission goals.

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, District 1, asked if the plan considers the impacts of the shrinking of the Salton Sea. Dr. Fine responded that there is awareness of the air quality impacts and they are working with local entities in Imperial County to address this situation.

Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, asked about ozone contributions from Asia and overseas sources. Dr. Fine responded that background ozone is measured regularly but is not a factor that drives the condition of nonattainment.

#### **METROLINK REPORT**

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, reported schedule changes will take place November 16, 2020. Schedules will be modified, and some lines will run less frequently in response to a decline in ridership due to the pandemic.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, District 1, adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

**[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE]**

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MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	2020- 21													Total Mtgs Attended To Date
			JUN (GA)	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
Ashton, Sean	Downey	District 25		1		1	1	1								4
Bacerra, Phil	Santa Ana	District 16		1		1	1	1								4
Bailey, Rusty	Riverside	WRCOG		1		1	1	1								4
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County	Los Angeles County														
Benoit, Ben	Wildomar	South Coast AQMD		1			1	1								3
Berg, Will	Port Hueneme	VCOG		1		1	1	1								4
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG		1		1		1								3
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21		1		1	1	1								4
Buscaino, Joe	Los Angeles	District 62				1										1
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCTA		1		1	1	1								4
Curtis, Jonathan	La Cañada Flintridge	District 36					1									1
Dixon, Diane	Newport Beach	OCCOG		1		1	1	1								4
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair	SBCTA		1		1	1									3
Gabel-Luddy, Emily	Burbank	AVCJPA		1		1	1									3
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39		1		1	1	1								4
Grose, Dean	Los Alamitos	Dist 20		1		1	1	1								4
Hadjinian, Jack	Montebello	SGVCOG		1		1	1	1								4
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino Cnty	San Bernardino Cnty		1		1	1	1								4
Hamada, Ray	Bellflower	Bellflower		1		1	1	1								4
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC		1		1	1	1								4
Hofbauer, Steven	Palmdale	District 43		1		1	1	1								4
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC				1	1	1								3
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG		1		1	1	1								4



Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49																	
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG	1		1	1	1												4
Loa, Richard	Palmdale	NCTC	1		1	1	1												4
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4	1		1	1													3
Ly, Steven	Rosemead	District 32	1		1	1	1												4
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63	1		1	1	1												4
Marquez, Paul	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio	1			1													2
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10	1		1	1	1												4
McCallon, Larry	Highland	SBCTA	1		1	1	1												4
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67	1		1	1	1												4
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9	1		1		1												3
Minagar, Fred	Laguna Niguel	District 12				1	1												2
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG	1		1	1	1												4
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCJPA	1		1	1	1												4
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6			1		1												2
Pacheco, Hector	San Fernando	District	1		1	1													3
Puckett, Charles	Tustin	District 17	1				1												2
Reece, Ed	Claremont	SGVCOG	1		1	1	1												4
Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG	1		1	1	1												4
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG	1			1													2
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38	1		1	1	1												4
Santos, Rey	Beaumont	District 3	1		1	1	1												4
Schwank, Zak	Temecula	District 5	1		1	1	1												4
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22	1			1	1												3
Small, Thomas	Culver City	Culver City	1		1	1	1												4
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake	1		1	1	1												4
Smith, Larry	Calimesa	Calimesa	1		1	1	1												4
Smith, Ward	Placentia	OCCOG	1		1		1												3
Solache, Jose Luis	Lynwood	District 26				1													1
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	Riverside County	1		1	1	1												4
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City	SGVCOG			1	1	1												3
Talamantes, Jess	Burbank	AVCJPA			1	1	1												3
Tercero, Brent	Pico Rivera	GCCOG			1	1													2