



**NO. 648
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically), given the declared state of emergency (pursuant to State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020) and local public health directives imposing and recommending social distancing measures due to the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Jan Harnik, President

Hon. Art Brown, 1st Vice President

Hon. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President

Supervisor Luis Plancarte

Supervisor Kathryn Barger

Supervisor Hilda Solis

Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich

Hon. Brian Goodell

Hon. Alan Wapner

Hon. Peggy Huang

Hon. Mike T. Judge

Hon. Ben Benoit

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker

Hon. Kathleen Kelly

Hon. Rey Santos

Hon. Frank Navarro

Hon. Larry McCallon

Hon. Deborah Robertson

Buena Park

Eastvale

El Centro

Palm Desert

Beaumont

Colton

Highland

Rialto

RCTC

District 21

District 4

Imperial County

Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County

ICTC

OCTA

SBCTA

TCA

VCTC

Air District Representative

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 6

District 7

District 8



Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Fred Minagar	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Tammy Kim	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Diane Dixon	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Phil Bacerra	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Leticia Clark	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Trevor O'Neil	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Ray Hamada	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. Denise Diaz	<i>South Gate</i>	District 25
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. José Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Mark E. Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Gary Boyer	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Alex Fisch	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Jess Talamantes	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. David J. Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Lorrie Brown	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Elizabeth Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69

Members Not Present

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James Ramirez, Director of Human Resources (Acting)/Risk Management and Safety Officer
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services
Jeffery Elder, Deputy Legal Counsel
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Harnik called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. and asked Regional Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Given the declared state of emergency (pursuant to State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020) and local public health directives imposing and recommending social distancing measures due to the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A), President Harnik announced the meeting was being held both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. She noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. She reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there no written public comments received before or after the deadline.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

1. Findings to Continue Holding Virtual Regional Council and Committee Meetings Under AB 361

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Board Counsel Duran provided brief comments on continuing to holding virtual Regional Council and Committee meetings.

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.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) that the Regional Council (RC): (1) ratify the prior actions of the Executive/Administration Committee taken at its November 2, 2022 meeting relating to findings made pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3); (2) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the RC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (3) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the RC, EAC and all committees, subcommittees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG's Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e). Motion was SECONDED (Marquez). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Bacerra, Barger, Becerra, Benoit, Boyer, A. Brown, L. Brown, Bucknum, L. Clark, M. Clark, Dixon, Eich, Finlay, Fisch, Gazeley, Goodell, Hamada, Harnik, Henderson, Hernandez, Huang, Judge, J. Kalmick, Kelly, Kim, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Minagar, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, O'Neil, Plancarte, Posey, Robertson, Saleh, Sandoval, Santos, Shapiro, Simonoff, Solache, Solis, Tye, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Yokoyama (49)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

PRESENTATION

2. Infrastructure Update - California Infrastructure Advisor Antonio Villaraigosa

President Harnik introduced the Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa.

Mr. Villaraigosa provided an update on infrastructure and funding for transportation, broadband, energy, and water. He expressed the need to streamline the permitting process in the state and focus on accelerating projects. He also emphasized the need to look at other ways of delivering projects, doing more design build projects, and public private partnerships to expand the amount of money for projects.

Regional Council Members engaged in discussion with Mr. Villaraigosa. Comments consisted of requesting additional funding for transportation projects like the Gold Line and the 710 freeway, as well as looking at equity and providing connectivity for disadvantaged communities. Additional discussion focused on finding ways to streamline permitting processes and reforming CEQA to help move projects forward.

INFORMATION ITEM

3. Pedestrian Safety Month: Highlighting Go Human's 2022 Outcomes

President Harnik announced that the Pedestrian Safety Month wrapped up earlier this week – making it timely to receive this report on the work under a \$1.25 million dollar grant that SCAG received from the Office of Traffic Safety. She reported that as the last activity in this grant, the implementation period concluded for the SCAG *Go Human* Mini-Grants Program in September 2022. She noted that this program funded community-based organizations, non-profits, and social enterprises to implement innovative traffic safety and community engagement projects, and that in the last grant period, SCAG awarded over \$350,000 to 26 projects representing all six counties of the region. She stated that projects included demonstrations of safety infrastructure, public art to encourage safe driving, walk audits, community bike rides and other outreach events. A video was shown to highlight some of the important work.

Regional Council Member Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel, District 12, thanked SCAG for their collaboration in receiving funding to make improvements for pedestrian safety in his city. He announced that the American Public Works Association selected them as the best safety project in California.

ACTION ITEM

In the interest of time, action on Items 4, 5, 6 and the Consent Calendar were acted upon together. The roll call vote is reflected below.

4. Trade Corridor Enhancement Program SCAG Region Project Nominations

Kome Ajise, Executive Director provided a brief report and noted that the objective of the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) was to fund freight infrastructure improvements on

federally designated trade corridors, including corridors with a high volume of freight movement, as determined by the California Transportation Commission, including Senate Bill 671 Corridors. He explained that the SCAG region was eligible for TCEP because SCAG had an adopted Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (2020 Connect SoCal) determined by the California State Air Resources Board (CARB) to achieve the region's greenhouse gas reduction targets. He stated that SCAG, as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), was tasked with compiling project nominations from its respective agencies for the California Transportation Commission, this includes a cover letter to be submitted by the MPO with the list of nominations and confirmation of consistency of the project nominations with 2020 Connect SoCal. He stated that as part of this process, SCAG had received 16 project nominations for the SCAG region. He noted that the City of Santa Ana had alerted SCAG of its intention of submitting a TCEP application for the Santa Ana Grade Separation Project, making it 17 projects. He explained that with the 16 projects, the total TCEP funding request for this cycle was \$675.4 million reflecting a total eligible cost of just below \$2.1 billion. Additionally, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) had proposed that SCAG partner on a Caltrans-led TravelCenters of America TCEP application for the state's 40 percent share. He clarified that with the City of Santa Ana's request, it would be \$680 million.

There were no public comments on this item.

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.

5. REAP 2021 County Transportation Commission Partnership Program - Guidelines and Call for Projects

There were no public comments on this item.

Mr. Ajise noted that the 2021 County Transportation Commission Partnership Program was one that they had talked to the Regional Council about. He reported that the Partnership Program was an 80 million competitive pass-through program to fund significant countywide transportation projects and pilot programs. He explained that the guidelines were developed with the CTC Partnership Working Group over the last six months and reflect updates based on program outreach. He noted that the scoring rubric reflects the three REAP objectives and SCAG priorities. He stated SCAG was providing ongoing Technical Assistance to CTCs in the development of project concepts that meet these goals. Lastly, he noted that SCAG will open the Call for Projects pending HCD approval of SCAG's final application and will return to the Regional Council with the full project list for approval in Spring 2023.

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.

6. REAP 2021: Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Program

There were no public comments on this item.

Mr. Ajise reported that the PATH Program will allocate \$88 million in REAP 2 funds through three funding areas: 1) A Notice of Funds Available – For Lasting Affordability which will provide \$45 million in grants to create and support existing housing trusts, land trusts, and catalyst funds; 2) the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Pilot Program which will focus on investments in infill utility infrastructure planning and capital improvements supporting jurisdictions to meet the 6th Cycle housing elements; and 3) the Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands (HIPP) Pilot Program which will focus on: scaling up development on public and private lands with affordable and mixed-income housing and neighborhood supporting uses; and supporting agencies with regulatory land use control to implement corridor-wide and area-wide infill housing initiatives to scale housing supply while furthering fair housing and preventing displacement.

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on this item.

Approval Items

7. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – October 6, 2022
8. 2023 Meeting Schedule of the Executive Administration Committee, Policy Committees, and Regional Council
9. Resolution No. 22-648-1 Approving Amendment 2 to the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget, an amendment to the Indirect Cost Budget, an amendment to FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget and a New Classification Structure and Salary Schedule
10. Consideration of Increase to Regional Council Contract and Contract Amendments Approval Thresholds



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11. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-048-MRFP 12, Connect SoCal 2024 Technical Support
 12. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-051-C01, Konica Reprographics & Multi-Function Printer Equipment Lease and Maintenance
 13. Transmittal to South Coast Air Quality Management District of Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Appendix IV-C Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures

Receive and File

14. November 2022 State and Federal Legislative Update
15. Status Update on Clean Air Act Highway Sanction Clocks in SCAG Region
16. SCAG's Draft Digital Action Plan
17. Local Information Services Team (LIST) Status Update for Connect SoCal 2024 Local Data Exchange (LDX) Process
18. 2022 Racial Equity Baseline Conditions Report Release
19. Final 2022 Federal Certification Review
20. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
21. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Minagar) that the Regional Council approve **Item 4:** to approve 1) the SCAG region project nominations seeking Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funding; and 2) authorize SCAG to proceed with a TCEP grant application in coordination with Caltrans and TravelCenters of America, upon staff determining (in collaboration with Caltrans that risk and liability to SCAG can be appropriately mitigated should the grant be awarded; **Item 5:** that the Regional Council: 1) approve and adopt the REAP 2.0 County Transportation Commission Guidelines; 2) authorize SCAG staff to open the CTC Partnership Program Call for Projects, pending HCD approval of SCAG's final REAP 2.0 application; and 3) authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to revise the Guidelines as needed for compliance with the state REAP 2.0 program and/or feedback from the REAP 2.0 program team; **Item 6:** that the Regional Council: 1) approve

and adopt the REAP 2021 PATH Program; and 2) Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to execute all documents and actions incident to effectuating the Program including revising the Program as needed for compliance with the state REAP 2.0 program and/or feedback from the state partners; and **Consent Calendar** Items 7 through 13 and Receive and File Items 14 through 21. Motion was SECONDED (Posey). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Allen, Bacerra, Barger, Becerra, Benoit, Boyer, Boyles, A. Brown, L. Brown, Bucknum, L. Clark, M. Clark, Diaz, Dixon, Finlay, Fisch, Gazeley, Hamada, Harnik, Henderson, Hernandez, Huang, Judge, J. Kalmick, Kelly, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Minagar, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, O'Neil, Plancarte, Posey, Saleh, Sandoval, Santos, Shapiro, Solache, Talamantes, Tye, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Yokoyama (47)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

President Harnik asked if there was any Public Comment on the remaining administrative items.

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

BUSINESS REPORT

Ms. Lucy Dunn, Business Representative was out of the country and provided her report in advance, which was attached to the Agenda Board Packet.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Harnik reported that SCAG had a presence at the State of the State event, with First Vice President Art Brown attending the event, which was presented by the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce. She indicated that Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development provided an update on the past legislative year as well as an economic overview and forecast for California. She proceeded to congratulate Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Wapner for a successful State of the Airport event, which showcased Ontario International Airport's impressive expansion over the past six years. She noted that passenger volumes were up, and Ontario had become one of the top 10 cargo airports in North America, which generates \$3.8 billion dollars a year in activity for our region. She also reported that it was time again for CoMotion LA and this year, the mobility conference was taking place in downtown Los Angeles at the Japanese American National Museum from November 15-17. She stated that this event brings together global policymakers, transportation operators and the tech sector for workshops, demonstrations

and presentations about emerging mobility. She further reported that registration for SCAG’s 13th Annual Economic Summit was open until November 28, and this year’s event was themed “Resourcing the Region,” and would focus on harnessing Southern California’s unique resources to power our leading economy. She noted that the keynote speaker for this event was Calvin Gladney, the CEO of Smart Growth America, and that the event was scheduled for December 1 at the Sheraton Grand in Downtown Los Angeles. She also reported that many had attended the public memorial celebrating Supervisor Carmen Ramirez last month in Oxnard and that it was another opportunity to celebrate her life and pay our respects as we move forward from this difficult tragedy. She reported that the Ventura County Community Foundation had established the Ramirez Legacy Scholarship Fund for Public Service. She also announced that they had several Councilmembers who had their last meeting this day and would formally recognize them at the General Assembly in the Spring. She took the opportunity to wish them all the best and thank them for their tremendous service to SCAG. She noted the following members: Rey SJ Santos, RC District #3; Megan Beaman-Jacinto, RC District #66; Cheryl Viegas-Walker, RC District #1; Jess Talamantes, RC District #42; Paul Koretz, RC District #52; Mike Bonin, RC District #58; Joe Buscaino, RC District #62; Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles City Mayor, At-Large Member; Diane Dixon, RC District #15; Mike Posey, RC District #64; Juan Carrillo, RC District #43; Claudia Bill-de la Peña, RC District #45; and Peggy Huang, Transportation Corridor Agencies Representative. She also took a moment to recognize past President Cheryl Viegas-Walker who had been a dedicated public servant for 25 years. She also welcomed the newest member to the Regional Council, Vianey Lopez, who was sworn into office as a Ventura County Supervisor. Lastly, she announced that the next Regional Council meeting is scheduled on January 5, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise reported on the Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report (PERI)– Notice of Preparation (NOP) and stated that SCAG released the NOP of a Draft PEIR for the proposed Connect SoCal 2024. The NOP was currently under the required 30-day public review and comment period -from October 17 through November 16 and expected they would receive comments from interested parties on the scope and content of the Connect SoCal 2024 Draft PEIR. He noted that during the public review SCAG staff would host two virtual public scoping meetings. He also provided an update on the Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning (RAMP)/Greenprint Public Sector Stakeholder Workshop which reviewed our draft policy framework for RAMP. He stated that they met with public sector agencies who lead projects and can use RAMP and the planned Greenprint tool to expedite their projects and bring more certainty to their environmental review process. He stated that the feedback was helpful as they formulate plans for the Technical Advisory Committee. From here, staff will be revising the draft RAMP framework according to this feedback before bringing it back to the RAMP Advisory Task Group and later the Regional Council. He also highlighted two reports that were included in the agenda packet: the Digital Action Plan (Item 16) and Racial Equity Baseline Conditions Report (Item 18).

Lastly, he provided a report on the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Grant. He stated that as of October 15 many of their cities and a couple of counties did not meet the deadline for housing elements compliance. As a result, they would not be eligible for this program. He stated that staff brought attention to this and reach out to HCD. He reported that on October 7, HCD issued an amendment to the PLHA guidelines that extended the application deadline to November 30 and clarified that a jurisdiction without compliant housing elements may apply if their housing element is compliant by the date of the funding award. He stated that HCD plans to award PLHA funds by February 2023. He also reported that they had had several speaking engagements in the last month and congratulated the Ventura Council of Governments for their annual dinner.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Harnik adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 2:03 p.m.

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