



Southern California Association of Governments  
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**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019**

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., 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey	District 25
Hon. Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles County
Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar	South Coast AQMD
Hon. Will Berg, Port Hueneme	VCOG
Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Drew Boyles	El Segundo
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	OCTA
Hon. Emily Gabel-Luddy	AVCJPA
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Jack Hadjinian, Montebello	SGVCOG
Hon. Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
Hon. Ray Hamada	Bellflower
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Simi Valley	VCTC
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Randon Lane, Murrieta	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	SBCTA
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	District 9

**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*



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Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Charles Puckett, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Hon. Carlos Rodriguez, Yorba Linda	President's Appointment
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon. Karen Spiegel	Riverside County
Hon. Jess Talamantes <b>(Vice Chair)</b>	SFVCOG
Hon. Steve Tye	District 37
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro <b>(Chair)</b>	District 1
Hon. Don Wagner	Orange County
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SBCTA/SBCOG
Hon. Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas	LVMCOG
Mr. Paul Marquez, Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio Member

**Members Not Present:**

Hon. Rusty Bailey, Riverside	District 68
Hon. Austin Bishop, Palmdale	North L.A. County
Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Diane Dixon, Newport Beach	OCCOG
Hon. Lena Gonzalez, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Brian McDonald	Tribal Government Board
Hon. Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest	OCCOG
Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto	WRCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	GCCOG
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Thomas Small, Culver City	Culver City
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera	GCCOG

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

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Imperial County Transportation Commission, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Aaron Klemm, Chief of Energy and Sustainability, California State University Chancellor's Office, requested to comment following the presentation on agenda item 9.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. I-105 Corridor Sustainability Study Status Report

Gary Hamrick, Cambridge Systematics, provided an update on the I-105 Corridor Sustainability Study. Mr. Hamrick stated the purpose of the study is to examine multi-modal conditions in the corridor which is an approach that goes beyond traditional freeway planning. He noted additional objectives of the study include improving connectivity between modes, transit, walking and bicycling as well as increasing system efficiency. Also, to reduce vehicles miles travelled and serious and fatal collisions. He noted the project study area is a 3 mile area around all sides of the I-105. Mr. Hamrick reviewed land use patterns and study area demographics and noted the study included significant stakeholder outreach to understand current corridor use.

Mr. Hamrick listed the corridor improvement projects in the study area including active transportation, arterials, goods movement, highway and transit and noted how each would improve mobility and corridor efficiency. He reviewed the total cost of corridor projects examined and noted that the \$21 billion total includes currently planned large scale infrastructure and transit projects.

Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland, asked if consideration was given to making a connection between the Green Line and Metrolink. Mr. Hamrick responded that one of the projects involved closing the gap between those rail services.

Hon. Jess Talamantes, Arroyo Verdugo Cities, asked if the I-105 study took into account Metro's Next Gen Study. Mr. Hamrick responded that data and recommendations from the Next Gen Study was used in the I-105 study particularly those for transit and sustainability.

A MOTION was made (Brown) and SECONDED (Hagman) to direct staff to transmit the final report to California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and other interested stakeholders. The Motion passed by the following votes:

- AYES: Ashton, Barger, Benoit, Berg, Betts, Boyles, Brown, Gabel-Luddy, Gazeley, Hadjinian, Hagman, Hamada, Harnik, Judge, Kelley, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Michael, Najarian, Navarro, Puckett, Real Sebastian, Rodriguez, Sandoval, Simonoff, Spiegel, Talamantes, Tye, Viegas-Walker, Wagner, Wapner, Weintraub (35)
- NOES: None (0)
- ABSTAIN: None (0)

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Approval Item**

2. Minutes of the April 4, 2019 Meeting

### **Receive and File**

3. Safety Leadership Symposium and Workshop Series
4. ADA Paratransit Demand Forecast
5. Transit Asset Management Target Setting
6. Connect SoCal Technical Methodology and Submittal to California Air Resources Board
7. Local Input Survey Results

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

- AYES: Ashton, Barger, Benoit, Berg, Betts, Boyles, Brown, Gabel-Luddy, Gazeley, Hadjinian, Hagman, Hamada, Harnik, Kelley, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Michael, Najarian, Navarro, Puckett, Real Sebastian, Rodriguez, Sandoval, Simonoff, Spiegel, Talamantes, Viegas-Walker, Wagner, Wapner, Weintraub (33)
- NOES: None (0)
- ABSTAIN: Tye (1)

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8. Connect SoCal Financial Plan Development Update

Annie Nam, SCAG staff, provided an update on Connect SoCal financial plan development. Ms. Nam stated that the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (Connect SoCal) must include a financial plan that estimates how much funding will

be needed to implement recommended improvements and operate and maintain the transportation system over the planning horizon. She noted that 60% of revenue is derived from local sources, 32% from the state and 8% from federal sources. It was further noted 57% of local revenue is generated from sales taxes, 12% from the Transportation Development Act, 9% from farebox revenue and 10% from other local sources. Ms. Nam stated that total revenue for Connect SoCal is approximately \$506 billion which includes local, state and federal revenue sources through 2045. She stated next steps include refinement of project cost and revenue forecast and noted the committee will be provided additional financial plan updates as development of the 2020 RTP/SCS continues.

Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, asked that the financial plan development consider identifying opportunities for project cost savings so committee members may consider a response such as seeking regulatory relief to facilitate those cost savings. Ms. Nam responded that project cost savings will be examined and brought forth.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, stated that county revenues traditionally only cover capital expenses and asked if operation and maintenance costs are considered in the development of the financial plan. Ms. Nam responded that SB 1 addresses a significant portion of operation and maintenance costs and a breakdown of lifecycle costs will be presented to the committee in the next iteration of the financial plan.

9. SCAG Transportation Demand Management Strategic Plan Update

Steve Fox, SCAG staff, provided an update on the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategic Plan. Mr. Fox stated that TDM is a set of strategies aimed at reducing the demand for roadway travel particularly in single occupancy vehicles. He noted that TDM investments reduce congestion and shift trips to other modes while costing significantly less than roadway or transit capital expansion projects. TDM strategies include carpooling, vanpooling, telecommuting as well as new technology such as transportation network companies (TNCs), carshare, bikeshare and multi-modal trip planning smart phone applications. Mr. Fox noted important strategic goals include assessing the current state of TDM planning and understanding the impact and opportunities from new mobility and technology innovations as well as develop performance measures to evaluate the effectiveness of corridor level, local and regional TDM strategies.

Mr. Fox noted draft recommendations include creating a dedicated web page to share the TDM Strategic Plan deliverables such as the updated TDM toolbox and to convene periodic trainings sessions throughout the region. Also, establish a TDM regional data clearinghouse and formalize performance metrics and facilitate data collection and reporting. He noted next steps include further incorporating comments received on the draft recommendations into the draft TDM strategic plan.

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, stated that the region is a significant tourist destination and a greater effort can be made to assist visitors in getting around the region using transit and other options so they are not restricted to renting a vehicle. Mr. Fox responded that some of the strategies in the updated toolbox will address that need. Additionally, one study activity is to address 10 congested corridors including the intersection of I-10 and I-110, an important corridor for the upcoming 2028 Olympics.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, expressed concern that TNCs such as Uber and Lyft are considered as TDM strategies as there is evidence that they increase vehicle miles travelled. Mr. Fox responded that TNCs are thought to be an alternative to single occupancy vehicle driving but there is evidence that TNCs increase roadway travel particularly when driving on the roadways waiting for their next trip.

Aaron, Klemm, Chief of Energy and Sustainability, California State University Chancellor's Office, commented that California state universities are major employment and student destinations throughout the state and they are seeking to partner with SCAG on traffic demand issues and to be a member of the technical advisory committee.

10. The Future of the Workplace: Regional Summary and Travel Impacts

Michele Bina, Cambridge Systematics, reported on the Future of the Workplace and telecommuting study. Ms. Bina stated that new technology and work concepts have emerged which can affect transportation planning. She noted the working trends examined include teleworkers, or those who work from a fixed office space but telecommute once per week and home workers who work only at home. She reviewed total teleworkers for each county in the SCAG region and the total days telecommuting noting that those who telework tend to be higher income earners. Ms. Bina further noted that there is an increasing trend in coworking spaces or short-term shared office space. These are commonly used by younger workers often in information technology and consulting. She noted that 40% of those surveyed indicate that their coworking offices are closer to home and involve less daily travel.

Ms. Bina next reviewed the emergence of "Gig Economy" workers or those workers who are independent contractors, seasonal, temporary or on-call contract workers. She reviewed job sectors that may be affected by automation in the future noting that business and finance specialist sectors face the least likelihood of automation while those in the farming production sectors could experience a greater level of automation.

Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona, asked if there has been an examination of the link between

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workforce automation and the increase in homelessness. Ms. Bina responded that it is worth investigating as some industry sectors have seen considerable displacement through automation.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, announced that an employee wellness program is underway and committee members Hon. Alan Wapner and Hon. Randon Lane will serve as team leaders. Committee members interested in participating can contact one of the committee team leaders.

#### **METROLINK REPORT**

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, reported that Metrolink saw a slight 0.8 percent growth in ridership during January. February ridership decreased 1.1 percent but March increased 1.8 percent. He noted the LINK US project has completed CEQA environmental review and is progressing toward the design phase. This effort includes the L.A. Union Station run-through tracks. Additionally, Metrolink offered free rides on Monday, April 22, 2019 to promote Earth Day. This produced an overall ridership increase of 40% over a normal weekday. Also, with the April schedule change, Metrolink introduced an additional late night round trip from San Bernardino to Union Station.

#### **STAFF REPORT**

John Asuncion, SCAG staff, announced that SCAG's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Demographic Workshop will take place Tuesday June, 11, 2019 at USC and registration remains open.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

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2019																Total Mtgs Attended To Date
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JAN (dark)	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC		
Ashton, Sean	Downey	District 25		1	1	1		1							4	
Bailey, Rusty	Riverside	WRCOG			1	1									2	
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County	Los Angeles County		1		1		1							3	
Benoit, Ben	Wildomar	South Coast AQMD			1	1		1							3	
Berg, Will	Port Hueneme	VCOG		1		1		1							3	
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG		1	1	1		1							4	
Bishop, Austin	Palmdale	North L.A.													0	
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo	El Segundo		1	1			1							3	
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21		1	1	1		1							4	
Buscaino, Joe	Los Angeles	District 62													0	
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCTA		1	1			1							3	
Curtis, Jonathan	La Cañada Flintridge	District 36		1	1	1									3	
Dixon, Diane	Newport Beach	OCCOG													0	
Gabel-Luddy, Emily	Burbank	AVCJPA		1	1	1		1							4	
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39		1	1	1		1							4	
Gonzalez, Lena	Long Beach	District 30													0	
Hadjinian, Jack	Montebello	SGVCOG		1	1	1		1							4	
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino Cnty	San Bernardino Cnty		1		1		1							3	
Hamada, Ray	Bellflower	Bellflower				1		1							2	
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC			1	1		1							3	
Harrington, Dave	Aliso Viejo	OCCOG													0	
Hofbauer, Steven	Palmdale	District 43		1	1										2	
Huizar, Jose	City of Los Angeles	District 61													0	
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC		1	1	1		1							4	
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG		1	1	1		1							4	
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49													0	
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG			1										1	
Lane, Randon	Murrieta	District 5		1	1			1							3	
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4		1	1			1							3	
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63		1	1	1		1							4	
Marquez, Paul	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio		1	1	1		1							4	
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10		1	1	1		1							4	
McCallon, Larry	Highland	SBCTA		1	1	1		1							4	
McDonald, Brian	Tribal Gov't Board	Tribal Gov't Board													0	
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67		1	1	1		1							4	
Medina, Dan	Gardena	District 28		1	1	1		1							4	
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9			1			1							2	
Minagar, Fred	Laguna Niguel	District 12		1	1	1									3	
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG		1	1	1									3	
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCJPA		1	1			1							3	
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6			1	1		1							3	
Puckett, Charles	Tustin	District 17		1	1			1							3	
Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park	SGVCOG		1	1	1		1							4	
Robinson, Dwight	Lake Forest	OCCOG													0	
Rodriguez, Carlos	Yorba Linda	President's Appt		1	1	1		1							4	
Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG		1		1									2	
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG		1	1	1									3	
Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Mission Indians	Morongo Mission Indians													0	
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38		1		1		1							3	
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22			1	1		1							3	
Small, Thomas	Culver City	Culver City			1	1									2	
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	Riverside County			1	1		1							3	
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City	SGVCOG		1		1									2	
Talamantes, Jess	Burbank	SFVCOG		1	1	1		1							4	
Tercero, Brent	Pico Rivera	GCCOG		1	1										2	
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar	District 37						1							1	
Viegas-Walker, Cheryl	El Centro	District 1		1		1		1							3	
Wagner, Don	Orange County	Orange County						1							1	
Wapner, Alan	Ontario	SBCTA		1	1	1		1							4	
Weintraub, Alicia	Calabasas	LVMCOG		1				1							2	

Attachment: TC Attendance (Minutes of TC Meeting, June 6, 2019)