



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE 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 (TC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting 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. Liz Becerra, SBCTA/SBCTA	District 65
Hon. Russel Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Art Brown, OCTA	District 21
Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Andrew Do	Orange County
Hon. Darrell Dorris	North LA County
Hon. John Dutrey, Montclair	SBCTA/SBCCOG
Hon. James Gazeley, SBCCOG	District 39
Hon. Jason Gibbs, Santa Clarita	NCTC
Hon. Brian Goodell, Mission Viejo	OCTA
Hon. Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
Hon. Ray Hamada, GCCOG	District 24
Hon. Laura Hernandez, VCOG	District 45
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Simi Valley	VCTC
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Richard Loa, Palmdale	NCTC
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills <b>(Chair)</b>	District 10
Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA	District 7



Hon. Marsha McLean, NLAC	District 67
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	District 9
Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich	ICTC
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Ed Reece	SGVCOG
Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto	WRCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	District 27
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona <b>(Vice Chair)</b>	District 38
Hon. Zak Schwank, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon. Jeremy Smith, Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake
Hon. Ward Smith, Placentia	OCCOG
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood	District 26
Hon. Speake, Wes, Corona	WRCOG
Hon. Karen Spiegel	Riverside County
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Michael Vargas	Riverside County
Hon. Don Wagner	Orange County
Hon. Wallace, Colleen, Banning	WRCOG
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SBCTA/SBCOG
Mr. Paul Marquez, Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio Member

**Members Not Present:**

Hon. Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles County
Hon. Denise Diaz, GCCOG	District 25
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Heather Hutt, Los Angeles	District 45
Hon. Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon. Jon Primuth, S. Pasadena	AVCJPA
Hon. Hilda Solis	Los Angeles County
Hon. Steve Tye	District 37
Hon. Scott Voigts, Lake Forest	OCCOG
Hon. Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas	LVMCOG

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Ray Marquez, SBCTA/SBCCOG, District 10, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA, District 7, led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. He reminded the public to submit comments via email to [TCPublicComment@scag.ca.gov](mailto:TCPublicComment@scag.ca.gov). Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there were no public comments received by email before or after the deadline.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Marquez closed the Public Comment Period.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

### **STAFF REPORT**

David Salgado, SCAG staff, reported that as part of the development of Connect SoCal 2024, three subcommittees were formed to explore critical policy directions. Those include Next Generation Infrastructure, Racial Equity and Regional Planning and Resilience and Conservation. A white paper and draft recommendations will be forthcoming from this effort. Additionally, he reported that staff was working to fill committee vacancies as a result of the November 2022 elections. Lastly, he reported that SCAG would sponsor regional events in the coming weeks including the South Coast Air Quality Management District Clean Air Awards and the State of the Port of Los Angeles.

Annie Nam, SCAG staff, reviewed the committee agenda outlook for 2023.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Marquez closed the Public Comment Period.

#### **Approval Items**

1. Minutes of the Meeting – November 3, 2022
  2. Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 & 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 - Release for Public Review
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3. Regional Safety Targets: 2023

Receive and File

4. Transportation Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items
5. Draft Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) Policy Framework
6. Release of Transportation Conformity Analysis of Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Consistency Amendment #23-03 for Public Review and Comment
7. Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)
8. CARB Final 2022 Scoping Plan
9. Transit Ridership Update
10. Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Study Final Report

A MOTION was made (Dorris) to approve Consent Calendar Item 1 thru 3; and Receive and File Items 4 through 10. The motion was SECONDED (Wallace) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** BECERRA, BETTS, BROWN A., CHUN, DO, DORRIS, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GIBBS, GOODELL, HAGMAN, HAMADA, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, REECE, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMITH J., SMITH W., SOLACHE, SPEAKE, SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, VARGAS, WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER (40)

**NOES:** NONE (0)

**ABSTAIN:** SPIEGEL on item 1 (1)

**ACTION ITEMS**

11. 2023 Go Human Community Hubs Program Guidelines

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Marquez closed the Public Comment Period.

Alina Borja, SCAG staff, reported on the 2023 Go Human Community Hubs Program. Ms. Borja noted in 2015 SCAG introduced the Go Human program to reduce traffic collisions and encourage walking and biking. As part of the Go Human Safety and Encouragement Campaign the Community Hubs Program was being launched to provide resources to local community-based organizations, non-profits and social enterprises to implement traffic safety strategies by leveraging community gathering and resource sites. It was noted the program seeks to award approximately \$400,000 to organizations in the region. The maximum amount of an award was \$40,000 and it was anticipated approximately 10 projects would be awarded. She noted potential project types included distributing bike helmets at a community gathering place such as a library as well as community bike rides and open streets and safety demonstrations. She stated funding guidelines had been prepared and it was anticipated a Call for Applications would occur early 2023 with Regional Council approval.

A MOTION was made (Hagman) to recommend that the Regional Council: 1) approve the 2023 Go Human Community Hubs Program Guidelines and authorize staff to release the Call for Applications; and 2) authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to enter into agreements with selected awardees under this program and execute all documents incident to the agreements, including issuance of conditional award letters. The motion was SECONDED (Becerra) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** BECERRA, BETTS, BROWN A., CHUN, DO, DORRIS, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GIBBS, GOODELL, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HERNANDEZ, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, REECE, SANDOVAL, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMITH J., SMITH W., SOLACHE, SPEAKE, SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, VARGAS, WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER (40)

**NOES:** NONE (0)

**ABSTAIN:** NONE (0)

## 12. SCAG's Draft Digital Action Plan

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Marquez closed the Public Comment Period.



Roland Ok, SCAG staff, reported on the Draft Digital Action Plan. He noted access to broadband offers vital connections to education, economic development and public health particularly for those with limited mobility. He stated 10% of regional residents do not have access to broadband with low-income residents predominant in the group. In February 2021 SCAG adopted Resolution 21-629-2 which pledged to assist in bridging the digital divide in underserved and unserved communities. One aspect was the development of a Digital Action Plan. SCAG's Digital Action Plan lays out the action the agency will take to provide accessibility and in turn foster an equitable, prosperous and resilient region for all residents. The goals outlined included accessibility and affordability, adoption, consensus and planning. He also reported on the strategies, guiding principles and deliverables. Beyond bridging the digital divide, he noted broadband was vital for Smart Cities, Intelligent Transportation Systems, goods movement and safety. He requested that the Transportation Committee authorize the release of the Draft Digital Action Plan for a 30-day review and comment period.

Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, commented that the plan lacks specific actionable policies or firm direction. Hon. Hagman noted that the agency ought to focus on policy actions which can bring about change such as engagement with local telecom providers that benefit local jurisdictions.

Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore, suggested the plan include strategies that benefit business members. He indicated that businesses may be in a better position to build out the necessary infrastructure which would promote development to the residential sector.

Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills, District 10, asked if data can be broken down per county. Mr. Ok responded that the plan includes that detail.

A MOTION was made (Vargas) to recommend that the Regional Council approve and adopt the Digital Action Plan. The motion was SECONDED (Michael) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** BECERRA, BETTS, BROWN A., CHUN, DO, DORRIS, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GIBBS, GOODELL, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HERNANDEZ, JUDGE, KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, REECE, RUIZ, SANDOVAL, SCHWANK, SMITH J., SMITH W., SOLACHE, SPEAKE, SPIEGEL, STERNQUIST, VARGAS, WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER (41)

**NOES:** NONE (0)

**ABSTAIN:** NONE (0)

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**INFORMATION ITEM****13. California Integrated Travel Project**

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Marquez closed the Public Comment Period.

Gillian Gillette, Program Manager, Cal-ITP, reported on the California Integrated Travel Project. Ms. Gillette stated her effort can be viewed as removing barriers between modes and within modes to make transportation choices easier. She noted that 25% or 10 million people in California were underbanked or unbanked and access to digital transit payments provider them a pathway to financial inclusion. Cal ITP is an initiative to increase transit ridership by bringing global standards for fare payment and real-time data to state transit agencies as well as seamless verification of eligibility for transit discounts. She stated areas of performance include open payments, real-time data standards, automated verification of eligibility for discounts and benefits and ubiquitous open payment products. Additionally, she noted that it seeks to extend usability between different transit agencies. She also outlined a pilot project with Monterey-Salinas Transit which enable fare payment by Tap cards or digital wallets. She explained that a device was placed in busses which accepts fare payment by Google pay, Apple pay or Tap card. Additionally, she stated that it provides older adults their discount in real time. She reported on a similar pilot project that links digital payments for fueling electric vehicles. Ms. Gillette stated future efforts include additional demonstration projects with a view toward linking payment for different modes including transit, electric vehicles and micro mobility.

Hon. Wes Speake, Corona, WRCOG, asked how many transit agencies currently have digital payment options. Ms. Gillette responded that this type of payment was common in Europe with larger cities in this country now following.

Hon Russell Betts, CVAG, asked about providing free transit. Ms. Gillette responded that free transit was not good service and has not proven to increase ridership.

**14. Connect SoCal 2024: Draft Transit/Rail Approach**

Chair Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Marquez closed the Public Comment Period.

Priscilla Freduah-Agyemang, SCAG staff, provided an update on the transit/rail element for Connect SoCal 2024. She stated the plan views transit as a backbone to achieve sustainability goals and an

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essential community lifeline particularly for those who do not own a vehicle. New transit and rail projects were reviewed including L.A. Metro’s NextGen bus system redesign, the “K” line light rail service connecting Los Angeles Airport, Redlands Rail Arrow line, an increasing deployment of zero emission busses, Metrolink’s Tier 4 locomotives and biodiesel use as well as its SCORE improvements. She reported that the region has vast transit network with greater than 100 operators, passenger rail operators Amtrak and Metrolink, 33,485 miles of bus routes and three bus rapid transit corridors and carries about 660 million passengers per year. Despite recent ridership declines, the transit/rail system remains a key component of the region’s plans for improving air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Steve Fox, SCAG staff, continued the report indicating that transit/rail guidelines are consistent with federal, state and local guidelines and goals. Further, transit/rail strategies embraces a multimodal approach including complete streets, mobility hubs, mobility as a service (MaaS) and shared mobility and first/last mile connections. He noted it also includes land use strategies including transit-oriented development, equity and resilience planning. He provided an update on the Dedicated Transit Lanes Study providing a map of the network of proposed transit priority treatments.

#### **CHAIR’S REPORT**

Hon. Ray Marquez, SBCTA/SBCCOG, District 10, reported that SCAG was now accepting nominations for the 2023 Sustainability Awards. Each year SCAG honors projects and plans that best exemplify the core principles of sustainability. Winners will be presented at the 2023 General Assembly in Palm Desert May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that SCAG was working to fill policy committee vacancies working through subregional council of governments.

#### **METROLINK REPORT**

Hon. Art Brown, OCCOG, District 21 reported that in October 2022 improvements began on the Perris Valley Line including addition of a second passenger platform and lengthening the existing platform to accommodate the length of Metrolink’s standard six-car trains. He noted that the project will upgrade 2.5 miles of track, part of a future nine-mile double-track corridor south of the station. He reported that work was expected to be completed in spring 2024. He further reported that work had started on the Burbank Junction Speed Improvement Project. The project was part of Phase 1 of the agency’s Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) program and aims to reduce travel times by allowing for increased speeds. The project, located north of the Burbank-Downtown Station, will realign, reconfigure and lengthen track, improve and replace approximately one-half mile of existing track, and install new right-of-way safety fencing. Additionally, the Metrolink Board unanimously elected SBCTA representative and City of Highland Mayor, Larry McCallon as its next chair.



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hon. Russell Betts, CVAG, announced that Sunline Transit along with the California Hydrogen Bus Council was holding a forum January 19 at the J.W. Marriott in Palm Desert to explore further development of hydrogen fuel. He noted that on January 18 at 10:00 a.m. there would be a tour of Sunline Transit's hydrogen generation station.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Marquez adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 11:31 a.m.

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MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
Barger, Kathryn		Los Angeles County	1			1	1	1				
Becerra, Liz	Victorville	District 65	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCTA		1		1	1	1		1		
Diaz, Denise	Southgate	District 25	1	1		1		1				
Do, Andrew		Orange County	1	1		1	1			1		
Dorris, Darrell	Lancaster	NCTC	1	1		1	1			1		
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair	SBCTA	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Gibbs, Jason	Santa Clarita	NCTC	1	1			1	1		1		
Goodell, Brian	Mission Viejo	OCTA	1	1		1	1			1		
Hagman, Curt		San Bernardino Cnty	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Hamada, Ray	Bellflower	Bellflower	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC	1	1		1	1	1				
Hernandez, Laura	Prt Hueneme	District 45		1				1		1		
Hutt, Heather	Los Angeles	District 57										
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49										
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Loa, Richard	Palmdale	NCTC		1		1	1	1		1		
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63	1	1				1		1		
Marquez, Paul	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio	1			1	1	1				
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1		1	1	1		1		
McCallon, Larry	SBCTA/SBCCOG	District 7	1	1		1	1	1		1		
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG	1	1		1		1		1		
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCJPA	1			1				1		
Nava-Froelich, Maria		ICTC	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Primuth, Jon	S. Pasadena	AVCJPA	1	1				1				
Reece, Ed	Claremont	SGVCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG	1	1			1	1		1		
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38	1	1			1	1		1		
Schwank, Zak	Temecula	District 5		1						1		
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake		1		1	1	1		1		
Smith, Ward	Placentia	OCCOG		1		1	1			1		
Solache, Jose Luis	Lynwood	District 26	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Solis, Hilda		Los Angeles County						1				
Speake, Wes	Corona	WRCOG								1		
Spiegel, Karen		Riverside County		1		1	1			1		
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City	SGVCOG	1	1			1	1		1		
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar	District 37		1			1	1				
Vargas, Michael		Riverside County	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Voigts, Scott	Lake Forest	Orange County		1		1	1					
Wagner, Don	Orange County	Orange County	1	1			1	1		1		

Wallace, Colleen	Banning	WRCOG								1		
Wapner, Alan		SBCTA	1	1		1	1	1		1		
Weintraub, Alicia	Calabasas	LVMCOG	1			1	1	1				