



Southern California Association of Governments
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October 7, 2021

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)
THURSDAY, September 2, 2021**

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.igm2.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-08-21. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

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| Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey (Chair) | District 25 |
| Hon. Phil Bacerra, Santa Ana | District 16 |
| Hon. Kathryn Barger | Los Angeles County |
| Hon. Liz Becerra, Victorville | District 65 |
| Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar | South Coast AQMD |
| Hon. Russel Betts, Desert Hot Springs | CVAG |
| Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park (Vice Chair) | District 21 |
| Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo | OCTA |
| Hon. Darrell Dorris | Lancaster, NCTC |
| Hon. John Dutrey, Montclair | SBCTA |
| Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita | District 39 |
| Hon. Jason Gibbs, Santa Clarita | NCTC |
| Hon. Curt Hagman | San Bernardino County |
| Hon. Ray Hamada, Bellflower | District 24 |
| Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert | RCTC |
| Hon. Laura Hernandez, Port Hueneme | District 45 |
| Hon. Christian Horvath | Pres. Apt. |
| Hon. Mike T. Judge, Simi Valley | VCTC |
| Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo | OCCOG |
| Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet | WRCOG |
| Hon. Richard Loa, Palmdale | NCTC |



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| Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale | District 4 |
| Hon. Steven Ly, Rosemead | District 32 |
| Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills | District 10 |
| Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA | District 7 |
| Hon. Marsha McLean, NLAC | 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. Maria Nava-Froelich | ICTC |
| Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton | District 6 |
| Hon. Blanca Pacheco | GCCOG |
| Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona | District 38 |
| Hon. Rey Santos, Beaumont | District 3 |
| Hon. Zak Schwank, Temecula | District 5 |
| Hon. Tim Shaw | OCTA |
| Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea | District 22 |
| Hon. Jeremy Smith | Canyon Lake |
| Hon. Ward Smith, Placentia | OCCOG |
| Hon. Karen Spiegel | Riverside County |
| Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank | Pres. Appt. |
| Hon. Michael Vargas | Riverside County |
| Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro | District 1 |
| Hon. Don Wagner | Orange County |
| Hon. Colleen Wallace, Banning | Pres. Appt. |
| Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario | SBCTA/SBCOG |
| Mr. Paul Marquez, Caltrans District 7 | Ex-Officio Member |

Members Not Present:

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| Hon. Lorrie Brown | District 47 |
| Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles | District 62 |
| Hon. Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge | District 36 |
| Hon. Andrew Do | Orange County |
| Hon. Lindsey Horvath | WSCCOG |
| Hon. Paul Krekorian | District 49 |
| Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore | District 63 |
| Hon. Jon Primuth, S. Pasadena | AVCJPA |
| Hon. Ed Reece | SGVCOG |
| Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto | WRCOG |



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| Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell | District 27 |
| Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood | District 26 |
| Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City | SGVCOG |
| Hon. Steve Tye | District 37 |
| Hon. Scott Voigts, Lake Forest | OCCOG |
| Hon. Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas | LVMCOG |

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey, District 25, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, CVAG, led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Salgado, SCAG staff, reported no public comments were received up to the moment and none are requested from the floor.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

- Minutes of TC Meeting, July 1, 2021

Receive and File

- Proposed 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Guidelines
- Initial Findings for Connect SoCal CEQA Addendum No. 2 to Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse #2019011061)
- California Climate Investments (CCI) 2021 Update

A MOTION was made (Navarro) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4. The motion was SECONDED (Marquez) and passed by the following votes.

AYES: ASHTON, BACERRA, BARGER, BECERRA, BENOIT, BETTS, BROWN A., CHUN, DORRIS, DUTREY, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HORVATH C., KELLEY, KRUPA, LOA, LORIMORE, LY, MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, PACHECO, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAW, SIMONOFF, SMITH J., SMITH W., SPIEGEL, TALAMANTES, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER (42)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

ABSTAIN ON ITEM 1: GIBBS, VARGAS (2)

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. Coachella Valley-San Gorgonio Pass Rail Corridor Service Update

Sheldon Peterson, Rail Manager, Riverside County Transportation Commission reported on the proposed Coachella Valley-San Gorgonio Pass Rail Corridor which would provide service between Los Angeles Union Station and the Coachella Valley via Fullerton and Riverside. He noted currently there is no regular service to the Coachella Valley and reviewed the planned rail route, stations, and anticipated ridership. Mr. Peterson stated the project is in the environmental planning and funding building stage and he reviewed anticipated ridership and geographical challenges for the different line segments along the 145-mile rail line.

6. Status Update on SCAG's Broadband Program

Roland Ok, SCAG staff, provided an update on SCAG's Broadband Program. He noted the Regional Council in February 2021 adopted Resolution No. 21-629-2 directing staff to develop a program to advance broadband development regionally. He noted surveys are underway to understand barriers in broadband development including available resources and differing permitting practices. Mr. Ok reviewed early findings noting 15% of the population does not have access to adequate internet speeds or a computer and 16% are below the federal threshold (25/3). Broadband penetration and infrastructure for the region was reviewed demonstrating a varying regional pattern among urban and rural areas. He noted an investment of approximately \$8 billion would be needed to achieve broadband development goals.

7. Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategic Plan Implementation Status Update

Thomas Bellino, SCAG staff, provided an update on the TDM Strategic Plan. He noted the plan was completed in 2019 and was integrated into Connect SoCal. Mr. Bellino explained that TDM strategies are those that are alternatives to single occupant vehicle trips such as public transit, carsharing, rideshare, biking, walking and telecommuting. Upcoming trainings were reviewed as well as efforts to encourage greater awareness and utilization of TDM options. Further, it was noted data standards are important to developing effective TDM activities at the local level.

8. Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Study and Mobility as a Service (MaaS) Feasibility White Paper Introduction

Priscilla Freduah-Agyemang, SCAG staff, reported that transit expansion is a core vision of Connect SoCal to advance mobility, sustainability and air quality goals. To promote transit recovery, two planning studies have been put forth: the Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Study and the Mobility as a Service (MaaS) Feasibility White Paper. She noted transit lanes have been successful where used and the goal of the study is to identify best practices, key benefits and primary factors for successful implementation. She reviewed current dedicated transit lanes and noted the improved system performance they provided. Ms. Freduah-Agyemang stated MaaS is the growing use of a single platform such as a cell phone to access a variety of transportation options such as carshare, rideshare, e-scooters, transit and other application-based options. The white paper will assess the feasibility of implementing MaaS including identifying challenges and opportunities.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey, District 25, announced new committee members Hon. Jason Gibbs, Santa Clarita, NCTC and Hon. Michael Vargas, Riverside County. Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey, District 25, asked for a presentation on recent federal infrastructure investments.

METROLINK REPORT

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, reported the Metrolink Board has named Darren Kettle as the new chief executive officer (CEO). Mr. Kettle is currently the executive director of the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) and his Metrolink service begins Tuesday, September 7th. Metrolink is expanding the new Ventura County Line Saturday service by adding connections to and from three additional stations - Camarillo, Oxnard, and Ventura-East - to the existing service between Moorpark and Los Angeles. The new service began August 14th. In July, Metro released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Antelope Valley Line Capacity and Service Improvements Program to evaluate potential benefits and impacts of building infrastructure to support increased rail service between Los Angeles and the Antelope Valley.

STAFF REPORT

David Salgado, SCAG staff, reported that Cal State Long Beach is conducting a study on smart cities and SCAG will be sending a short survey to elected officials to gather information.



Hon. Richard Loa, Palmdale, NCTC, noted he was not present at the vote but wished to enter a yes vote on item 2 of the Consent Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey, District 25, adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

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| MEMBERS | CITY | Representing | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | |
| Ashton, Sean | Downey | District 25 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Bacerra, Phil | Santa Ana | District 16 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Barger, Kathryn | | Los Angeles County | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Becerra, Liz | Victorville | District 65 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Benoit, Ben | | South Coast AQMD | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Betts, Russell | Desert Hot Springs | CVAG | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Brown, Art | Buena Park | District 21 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Brown, Lorrie | Ventura | District 47 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Buscaino, Joe | Los Angeles | District 62 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Chun, Ross | Aliso Viejo | OCTA | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Curtis, Jonathan | La Cañada Flintridge | District 36 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Do, Andrew | | Orange County | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dorris, Darrell | Lancaster | NCTC | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Dutrey, J. John | Montclair | SBCTA | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Gazeley, James | Lomita | District 39 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Gibbs, Jason | Santa Clarita | NCTC | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hagman, Curt | | San Bernardino Cnty | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hamada, Ray | Bellflower | Bellflower | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Harnik, Jan | Palm Desert | RCTC | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Hernandez, Laura | Prt Hueneme | District 45 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Horvath, Christian | Redondo Beach | Pres. Apt. | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Horvath, Lindsey | West Hollywood | WSCCOG | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Judge, Mike | Simi Valley | VCTC | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Kelley, Trish | Mission Viejo | OCCOG | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Krekorian, Paul | Public Transit Rep | District 49 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Krupa, Linda | Hemet | WRCOG | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Loa, Richard | Palmdale | NCTC | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Lorimore, Clint | Eastvale | District 4 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Ly, Steven | Rosemead | District 32 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Manos, Steve | Lake Elsinore | District 63 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Marquez, Paul | Caltrans District 7 | Ex-Oficio | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Marquez, Ray | Chino Hills | District 10 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| McCallon, Larry | Highland | SBCTA | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| McLean, Marsha | No. L.A. County | District 67 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Michael, L. Dennis | Rancho Cucamonga | District 9 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| 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 |
| Nava-Froelich, Maria | | ICTC | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Navarro, Frank | Colton | District 6 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Pacheco, Blanca | Downey | GCCOG | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Primuth, Jon | S. Pasadena | AVCJPA | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Reece, Ed | Claremont | SGVCOG | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Ruiz, Crystal | San Jacinto | WRCOG | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Saleh, Ali | City of Bell | GCCOG | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Sandoval, Tim | Pomona | District 38 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Santos, Rey | Beaumont | District 3 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Schwank, Zak | Temecula | District 5 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Shaw, Tim | | ICTC | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Simonoff, Marty | Brea | District 22 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Smith, Jeremy | Canyon Lake | Canyon Lake | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Smith, Ward | Placentia | OCCOG | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Solache, Jose Luis | Lynwood | District 26 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Spiegel, Karen | | Riverside County | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Sternquist, Cynthia | Temple City | SGVCOG | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Talamantes, Jess | Burbank | AVCJPA | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Tye, Steve | Diamond Bar | District 37 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Vargas, Michael | | Riverside County | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Viegas-Walker, Cheryl | El Centro | District 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Voigts, Scott | Lake Forest | Orange County | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Wagner, Don | Orange County | Orange County | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 2 |

Attachment: TC Attendance Sheet Sept 2, 2021 (Minutes of TC Meeting, September 2, 2021)

