



Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, California 90017
March 5, 2020

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting at the SCAG main office, 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, California 90017. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Bill Jahn, President	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Clint Lorimore, 2nd Vice President	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Alan Wapner, Imm. Past President		SBCTA
Hon. Peggy Huang, Chair, CEHD		TCA
Hon. Stacy Berry, Vice Chair, CEHD	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
Sup. Linda Parks, Chair, EEC		Ventura County
Hon. David Pollock, Vice Chair, EEC	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 45
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, TC	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Jess Talamantes, Vice Chair, TC	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, LCMC		RCTC
Hon. Margaret Clark, Vice Chair, LCMC	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Frank Navarro, President’s Appt.	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. L. Dennis Michael, President’s Appt.	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President’s Appt.	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35

Members Not Present

Hon. Rex Richardson, 1st Vice President	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Sup. Luis Plancarte, President’s Appt.		Imperial County
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-officio	<i>Lewis Group of Companies</i>	Business Representative

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer

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

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Justine Block, Acting Chief Counsel/Acting Director of Legal Services
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Bill Jahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment speaker.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Resolution No. 20-618-1 Regarding Regional Funding for Housing

President Jahn introduced the item and asked Executive Director Kome Ajise to provide a report. As background information, Mr. Ajise referenced the California Budget Act of 2019-20, also known as AB 101, which appropriated funding for two (2) new one-time programs to provide regions and jurisdictions with grants for planning activities to enable jurisdictions to increase housing planning and accelerate housing production in order to meet the housing needs as determined by the Sixth Cycle RHNA. To further provide information regarding this opportunity, Mr. Ajise asked Director of Planning Sarah Jepson to explain the program's resources available to SCAG. Ms. Jepson stated that SCAG is eligible to apply for \$47.5 million for housing across the region, a portion of which SCAG can apply for in advance. These early resources will help SCAG to begin the planning work and further complete the framework with our partner agencies and initiate educating the communities.

A MOTION was made (Navarro) to adopt Resolution No. 20-618-1 authorizing SCAG to apply for advance funding of twenty-five (25) percent, or \$11,867,77 of its maximum eligible funding allowed under the Regional Early Action Program (REAP). Motion was SECONDED (Walker) and passed by the following votes:



AYE/S: Clark, Finlay, Harnik, Huang, Jahn, Michael, Navarro, Pollock, Talamantes, Walker, and Wapner (11)

NOE/S: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

2. Minutes of the Special Meeting – December 5, 2019
3. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships
4. 2020 State and Federal Legislative Platform
5. ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) Voter Approval Threshold
6. SB 45 (Allen) Climate Change Resiliency Bond Act of 2020
7. SB 795 (Beall, McGuire, Portantino)
8. Contract Amendment: Contract 20-002-C01, Board Counsel Services
9. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-043-C01, to Laptops, Associated Hardware, as well as four (4) years of Hardware Support
10. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-016-C01, City of Ojai Maricopa Highway Demonstration Project
11. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 19-062-C01, North Paramount Gateway Plan
12. Contract Amendment Greater than \$75,000: 19-002-C01, Disadvantaged Communities Planning Initiative

Receive and File

13. State HCD Review Findings of SCAG's Draft RHNA Methodology
 14. February State and Federal Legislative Update
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15. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999

16. CFO Monthly Report

President Jahn announced that staff asked to pull Agenda Item 8 related to *“Contract Amendment: Contract 20-002-C01, Board Counsel Services”* and will be agendized at a future meeting.

A MOTION was made (Walker) to approve the Consent Calendar, except for Agenda Item 8; Receive and File Item Nos. 13 through 16. Motion was SECONDED (Berry) and passed by the following votes:

AYE/S: Clark, Finlay, Harnik, Huang*, Jahn, Lorimore, Michael, Navarro, Parks**, Pollock, Talamantes, Walker, and Wapner (13)

NOE/S: Huang (1) for Agenda Item No. 7 only*

ABSTAIN: None (0)

While the voting results were being reviewed, Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA, noted a “No” vote for Agenda Item No. 7 only; while Supervisor Linda Parks, Ventura County, stated she inadvertently voted an “Abstention” and indicated that she intended to vote “Yes” on the Consent Calendar. President Bill Jahn and Board Counsel Ruben Duran directed staff to correct the votes for Councilmember Peggy Huang* and Supervisor Linda Parks** and is annotated above.

Councilmember Margaret Clark, Rosemead, District 32, expressed concerns that the state may impose a penalty on drivers who cannot afford to live near where they work. Executive Director Kome Ajise responded that equity and privacy are two of the important elements included in the study while attaining a sustainable source of funding for transportation, but not to the detriment of any one population. Mr. Ajise emphasized that this is one of the features in Connect SoCal and this policy does not come into play until 2030.

Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC, commented on the importance of SCAG’s membership for the Mileage-Based User Fee Alliance (MBUFA), which provides mileage-based user fees as an alternative source of transportation funding. Executive Director Kome Ajise echoed Councilmember Harnik’s comments and noted that the state of Oregon is already implementing MBUFA; Oregon also pioneered the gas tax.

Supervisor Linda Parks, Ventura County, asked whether MBUFA is supposed to replace the gas tax and expressed concerns whether this is in addition to the gas tax. Executive Director Kome Ajise responded this is stipulated as a replacement and not in addition to the gas tax.

CFO MONTHLY REPORT

Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer, reported the external auditors of SCAG, Eide Bailly, LLP, found no audit findings. He also reported there are two (2) cities in the SCAG region currently being recruited for membership.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jahn reported that he, along with the leadership, travelled and collaborated with the Ministry of Transport of New Zealand and Australia as part of the beginning phases of exploratory work to conduct a regional/local study and further assess the various policy questions regarding user fees, travel behavior, privacy and equity issues regarding Road Usage Charges (RUC). At the March 5 meeting of the Transportation Committee and the Regional Council, President Jahn stated that a full report will be presented. He asked the leadership to share some information and practical lessons-learned from the travel. Immediate Past President Alan Wapner commented on the absence of excise taxes on diesel fuel in New Zealand and reported on the trans-urban technology. Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, commented regarding toll roads and toll road funding. Councilmember Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga, District 9, commented regarding CMP in Australia and trans-urban toll roads in New Zealand. He remarked on the efficiency of private sectors responsible for building roads, bridges, tunnels, etc. with a unique way of transferring the responsibility to the government. Mayor Michael also echoed the comments of Executive Director Kome Ajise relative to equity and privacy which are two of the important elements included in the study while attaining a sustainable source of funding for transportation. Councilmember Cheryl Walker, El Centro, District 1, remarked regarding the RUC in Australia and New Zealand and compared its successful implementation to Southern California's vehicle miles travelled (VMT)—as reflected on the Regional Transportation Plan—and encouraged advocating the program in the region while understanding its social equity and privacy.

President Jahn thanked the delegation for their comments and also thanked Kome Ajise, Sarah Jepson and Annie Nam who arranged the meetings with the Ministry of Transport in New Zealand and Australia.

Finally, President Jahn announced that at the beginning of the Regional Council meeting, California High-Speed Rail Authority Chief Executive Officer Brian Kelly will be providing an update on the High-Speed Train Project.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise expressed appreciation for the delegations' thoughtful discussions and questions regarding the Road User Charges exploratory work in New Zealand and Australia. He

noted that SCAG is on the forefront and cutting-edge of technology and we need the sustainability of a funding process, such as MBUFA. He cited an example of RUC in New Zealand, implemented since 1978, and how the discussions continue to advance to the Regional Council. For further analysis, Mr. Ajise referenced SB 1077, which required the creation of a Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to guide the development and evaluation of the pilot program to assess the potential for mileage-based revenue collection for California's roads and highways as an alternative to the gas tax. At the March 5 Regional Council meeting, a complete report will be provided regarding the study tour.

Mr. Ajise reported on Connect SoCal with the Public Comment period ended on January 24 with an excess of 2,000 comments and report of outcomes will be provided in March for recommendation of adoption in April.

Finally, Mr. Ajise announced that Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), authorized federal spending on highways and public transportation, with its funding expiring on September 30, 2020.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

None

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Jahn adjourned the meeting at 9:33AM.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2019-20													Total # Attend To Date		
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC [Sp. Mtg]	JAN	FEB		MAR	APR
Hon. Bill Jahn, Chair	Big Bear Lake	District 11		1		1	1	1	1	1		1			7
Hon. Rex Richardson, 1st Vice Chair	Long Beach	District 29	1	1		1	1	0	1	1		0			5
Hon. Clint Lorimore, 2nd Vice Chair	Eastvale	District 4	1	1		1	1	1	1	0		1			6
Hon. Alan Wapner, Imm. Past. Chair		SBCTA	1	1		1	1	1	1	0		1			6
Hon. Peggy Huang, Chair, CEHD		TCA	0	1		1	0	1	1	1		1			5
Hon. Stacy Berry, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cypress	District 18	1	1		1	1	0	1	0		1			5
Supervisor Linda Parks, Chair, EEC		Ventura County	1	1		0	1	1	0	1		1			5
Hon. David Pollock, Vice Chair, EEC	Moorpark	District 45	1	1		1	1	1	1	0		1			6
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, TC	El Centro	District 1	1	1		1	1	1	1	0		1			6
Hon. Jess Talamantes, Vice Chair, TC	Burbank	District 42	1	1		1	1	1	0	0		1			5
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, LCMC		RCTC						1	1	1		1			4
Hon. Margaret Clark, Vice Chair, LCMC	Rosemead	District 32	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1			7
Hon. L. Michael Dennis, President's Appt.	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9	1	1		1	0	1	1	0		1			5
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President's Appt.	Duarte	District 35	1	1		1	1	1	1	0		1			6
Hon. Frank Navarro, President's Appt.	Colton	District 6	1	1		0	1	1	1	0		1			5
Supervisor Luis Plancarte, President's Appt.		Imperial County	0	1		1	1	1	1	1		0			5
Hon. Brian McDonald	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0	1		1	1	1	0	0					3
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio Member	Lewis Group of Companies	Business Representative	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		0			6