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MEETING OF THE

LEGISLATIVE/ COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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***Tuesday, November 19, 2024
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.***

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LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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- 1. Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson**
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- 2. Hon. Jose Luis Solache**
LCMC Vice Chair, Lynwood, RC District 26
- 3. Hon. Cindy Allen**
Long Beach, RC District 30
- 4. Hon. Wendy Bucknum**
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- 12. Hon. Ray Marquez**
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- 13. Hon. Gil Rebollar**
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- 14. Hon. David J. Shapiro**
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- 15. Sup. Donald Wagner**
Orange County
- 16. Hon. Alan Wapner**
SBCTA Representative
- 17. Hon. Thomas Wong**
Monterey Park, District 34



LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Policy B Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
8:30 AM

The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as information or action items.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Honorable José Luis Solache, Vice Chair)

PRESENTATIONS

(Paul Mitchell, Vice President, Political Data Inc. and Owner, Redistricting Partners)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

This is the time for public comments on any matter of interest within SCAG’s jurisdiction that is **not** listed on the agenda. For items listed on the agenda, public comments will be received when that item is considered. Although the committee may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

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INFORMATION ITEMS

3. Federal Elections Update PPG. 15
(Holland & Knight)
4. State Elections Update PPG. 16
(Cruz Strategies)

POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION UPDATE

(Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (LCMC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (LCMC). A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.ig2.com/Citizens/>.

The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jose Luis Solache (Vice Chair)

Cindy Allen
Wendy Bucknum
Jenny Crosswhite
Keith Eich
Margaret Finaly
Curt Hagman
Jan Harnik
Laura Hernandez
Clint Lorimore
Gil Rebollar
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District 36
District 35
San Bernardino County
RCTC
District 45
District 4
District 1
District 44
Orange County
SBCTA
District 34

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Patricia Lock Dawson (Chair)
Ray Marquez

Riverside
Chino Hills

District 68
District 10

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and called upon David Shapiro, Calabasas, District 44, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed that a quorum was present.

Vice Chair Solache took a moment to acknowledge Hon. Donald Wagner, Orange County, who became the newest board member for South Coast AQMD.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache opened the Public Comment Period for items not listed on the agenda and outlined the instructions for public comments. He noted that this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction not listed on the agenda.

SCAG staff confirmed that no public comments were submitted via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov or any raised hands. Seeing and hearing no public comment speakers, Chair Patricia Lock Dawson closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEM

There were no prioritized agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR**Approval Item**

1. Minutes of the Meeting – September 17, 2024
2. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

3. Federal Appropriations Bills Update
4. Bill Position, Legislative Tracking and End of Session Update

There were no public comments for the Consent Calendar.

Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache opened the floor to the committee members for questions or comments.

There were no comments for the Consent Calendar.

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4. The MOTION was SECONDED (Bucknum) and APPROVED by a majority roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Bucknum, Crosswhite, Eich, Finlay, Hagman, Harnik, Lorimore, Rebollar, Shapiro, Solache, Wagner, Wapner, and Wong (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. Legislative Advocacy Update

There were no public comments for Item No. 5.

Mr. Francisco Barajas, Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst, provided an update on legislative advocacy efforts highlighting the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which authorized \$1.2 trillion in funding for transportation and infrastructure purposes. Mr. Barajas explained that the 5-year bill's authorization is set to expire at the end of 2026, and efforts are underway to evaluate the effectiveness of the programs and identify what will be in the next iteration. Mr. Barajas continued his presentation with an update on SB 375, which requires the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to set greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets for the automobile and light truck sector for each region in the state. He further explained that SB 375 also mandates that each region develop a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) to meet these targets as part of their transportation plan. Mr. Barajas concluded his presentation by informing the committee that SCAG, along with MTC, SACOG, and SANDA, sent a letter to CARB requesting the opportunity to review the SB 375 framework holistically to enhance collaboration between state and regional agencies in achieving housing, climate, and transportation goals.

Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache opened the floor to the committee members for questions or comments.

Hon. Wendy Bucknum, Mission Viejo, District 13, inquired about the status of CARB's approval regarding SCAG's determination that the SCS would meet the GHG emissions reduction target of 19% by 2035. She also asked if the methodology that CARB had concerns about would apply to the next Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). Mr. Barajas acknowledged her questions and addressed them accordingly.

6. SB 375 Update

There were no public comments for Item No. 6.

Mr. Bill Higgins, Executive Director for the California Association of Councils of Governments, provided an update on SB 375. He discussed the challenges of implementing strategies related to this bill, emphasizing the need improved accountability and resource allocation. He stressed the importance of establishing clear roles and responsibilities, suggesting that the state should lead in making difficult decisions to achieve their objectives. He also highlighted the need for a more effective dialogue about implementation with state partners, focusing on funding and accountability structures. Additionally, Mr. Higgins raised concerns about the current process for approving SCS, which has led to delays and inconsistencies. Mr. Higgins concluded by suggesting that the time is right for an evolution in the approach to SB 375.

Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache opened the floor to the committee members for questions or comments.

Committee members engaged in a robust discussion. During the discussion, the committee raised several questions and provided valuable comments. All comments and questions were answered and addressed accordingly.

7. SCAG Mobile Workshops Update

There were no public comments for Item No. 7.

Senior Government Affairs Officers Rachel Wagner and David Salgado provided the committee with a presentation about their mobile workshop tours, which focused on goods movement and clean transportation technology with an emphasis on optimizing emerging technologies. Ms. Wagner highlighted the mobile workshop held in Ventura County at the Port of Hueneme on August 30, 2024. The mobile workshop included both a boat and land tour of the Port, a tour of the BMW processing plant, and a visit to Anacapa Fresh Logistics. The tour concluded with a dove release ceremony in memory of the late Carmen Ramirez. Mr. Salgado provided an update on the mobile workshop in Imperial County which took place on September 26 and 27, 2024. The tour kicked off Thursday evening with dinner at the California League of Cities, Imperial County Division. The tour continued with stops at the with the County of Imperial's Natural Resource Office, the mud pots,



and geothermal plants, culminating with lunch at the Stockmen’s Club in Brawley. Both Ms. Wagner and Mr. Salgado expressed their gratitude to the attendees for their participation.

Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache opened the floor to the committee members for questions or comments.

There were no further questions or comments from the committee.

POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION UPDATE

There were no public comments on division updates.

Mr. Kevin Gilhooley, Legislative Affairs Manager, began the division report by providing an update on the Demographic Workshop. The event received media coverage with stories running on ABC 7, World Journal, and California Planning and Development Report. Mr. Gilhooley informed the committee that the presentations from the Demographic Workshop were available on the SCAG website. Mr. Gilhooley then provided an update on the League of California Cities Annual Conference where SCAG Executive Director, Kome Ajise, would moderate a panel discussion titled “Are cities ready for an electric future?”. Lastly, Mr. Gilhooley announced the dates for next year’s Sacramento Summit, which will be taking place March 19 and 20, 2025.

Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache opened the floor to the committee members for questions or comments.

There were no comments for division updates.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache adjourned the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee meeting at 9:18 a.m.

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Legislative / Communications and Membership Committee

2024-2025															Total Mtgs Attended YTD
MEMBERS	Representing	MAY	JUN	JUL (Dark)	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC (Dark)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
1	Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, RC District 30	0	1		0	0	1							2
2	Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13	1	0		1	1	1							4
3	Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1	1	D	1	1	1		D					5
4	Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1	1		1	1	1							5
5	Finlay, Margaret	Duarte, RC District 35	1	1		0	1	1							4
6	Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino County	0	1		0	0	1							2
7	Harnik, Jan C.	RCTC	0	1		1	1	1							4
8	Hernandez, Laura	Port Hueneme, RC District 45	1	1	A	0	1	1		A					4
9	Lock Dawson, Patricia (Chair)	Riverside, RC District 68	1	1		0	1	0							3
10	Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale, RC District 4	1	1		0	1	1							4
11	Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills, RC District 10	1	1		1	1	0							4
12	Rebollar, Gil	Brawley, RC District 1	1	0	R	1	1	1		R					4
13	Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1	1		1	1	1							5
14	Solache, Jose Luis (Vice Chair)	Lynwood, RC District 26	1	1		1	1	1							5
15	Wagner, Donald P.	Orange County	1	1	K	1	1	1		K					5
16	Wapner, Alan	SBCTA	1	0		1	0	1							3
17	Wong, Thomas	Monterey Park, District 34	1	1		1	1	1							5

Attachment: LCMC Attendance Sheet 2024-2025 (Minutes of the October 15, 2024 Meeting)



AGENDA ITEM 2
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
November 19, 2024

To: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst
(213) 630-1422, angel@scag.ca.gov

Subject: SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve up to \$35,000 for memberships with 1) the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (\$10,000) and 2) METTRANS Transportation Consortium (\$25,000).

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) is asked to approve up to \$35,000 for memberships with 1) the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (\$10,000) and 2) METTRANS Transportation Consortium (\$25,000).

BACKGROUND:

Item 1: The Intelligent Transportation Society of America
Type: Membership **Amount:** \$10,000

The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America), a nonprofit established in 1991, advocates for deploying Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) in the United States. Its mission is to advance the research and deployment of intelligent transportation technologies to save lives, improve mobility, increase accessibility and equity, promote sustainability, and improve efficiency and productivity. ITS America seeks to do this by convening leaders from the public and private sectors, academia, and research organizations to foster innovation. ITS America advocates for policies that support investment in ITS. The organization also conducts research, educates stakeholders, and spreads awareness of innovations in smart transportation technologies.

ITS America's membership brings together the most influential voices from its 240+ members throughout 45 sectors ranging from state departments of transportation (DOT), metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), cities, transit, freight, start-ups, automakers, suppliers, academia, and more, including:

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
- American Automobile Association (AAA)
- California Department of Transportation (CalTrans)
- HDR, Inc.
- HNTB
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
- Los Angeles County MTA
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- National League of Cities

The FY 25 dues for MPOs are \$10,000, which includes the following benefits:

- Join leaders that drive and shape the discussion on a wide range of emerging mobility issues through ITS America’s Standing Advisory Committees;
- Receive weekly updates on federal, legislative, state, and local regulations in the Policy Rundown newsletter and participate in federal advocacy;
- Discounted executive forum attendance fees, exhibit and conference discounts, and forum and policy roundtable speaking opportunities;
- Promote SCAG’s projects and accomplishments in the transportation ecosystem on ITS America’s digital media platforms, ITSABlog, and in the Momentum newsletter; and
- Access to ITS America’s global network of ITS Professionals.

Item 2: The METRANS Transportation Consortium

Type: Membership **Amount:** \$25,000

The METRANS Transportation Center operates through a partnership with the University of Southern California and California State University, Long Beach. METRANS focuses on solving the most pressing transportation problems facing large metropolitan regions, like the Los Angeles Metropolitan area, through interdisciplinary research, education, and outreach. METRANS facilitates collaboration between the University community, the private sector, and the public sector to study trends in goods movement and international trade and to discuss the latest updates, developments, and policies in the transportation sector.

SCAG staff is recommending that the agency retain membership at the “Silver” level, which will provide SCAG with the following:

- Membership on the METRANS Advisory Board
- Opportunities to propose special topical events related to current transportation issues

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- Customized opportunities for student engagement and recruitment and METRANS approved/recommended intern for one semester
 - Sponsorship acknowledgment and participation in the annual Careers in Transportation panel
 - Feature article in various METRANS/CITT publications and online media
 - Admission to all METRANS events and VIP receptions, including four (4) complimentary admissions to the biennial International Urban Freight Conference (I-NUF)
 - Recognition on the METRANS website and other communication materials and at all METRANS events, including I-NUF, Town Hall meetings, and the annual Seminar Series

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$35,000 for the Intelligent Transportation Society of America and METRANS Transportation Consortium memberships is included in the approved FY 24-25 Indirect Cost Budget.



**AGENDA ITEM 3
REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments
November 19, 2024

To: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst
(213) 630-1422, angel@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Federal Elections Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Holland & Knight, SCAG's federal lobbyist, will provide an overview of the 2024 General Election results, as well as what to expect from Congress, as there has been a significant shift in the balance of power after the election.

BACKGROUND:

The United States held the November 2024 General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, where all 80 California State Assemblymembers, half of the 40 State Senators, one US Senator, and all 52 members of the House of Representatives were on the ballots of Californians. These contests also included ten statewide ballot measures and various local offices and local measures.

The election resulted in former President Donald Trump's re-election as President of the United States and Senate Republicans taking control of the US Senate, having flipped three seats, with an anticipated flip of a fourth seat at the time of writing this report. Thus, Republicans now control the Senate by an expected margin of 53 to 47. Various races for the House of Representatives remain uncalled, with votes still being counted in California, Iowa, Maine, Oregon, Ohio in the closest races in the nation. House Republicans are expected to retain an extremely narrow majority of 220 seats, but the exact margin of their majority is still being determined as states finish counting ballots.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the Federal Election Update is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



AGENDA ITEM 4
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
November 19, 2024

To: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst
(213) 630-1422, angel@scag.ca.gov

Subject: State Elections Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Cruz Strategies, SCAG's state lobbyist, will provide an overview of the 2024 General Election results, as well as what to expect from the state, as we expect almost half of the legislature to be new members.

BACKGROUND:

The United States held the November 2024 General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, where all 80 California State Assemblymembers, half of the 40 State Senators, one US Senator, and all 52 members of the House of Representatives were on the ballots of Californians. These contests also included ten statewide ballot measures and various local offices and local measures.

In the California State Legislature, twenty-four races were anticipated to be competitive, with eighteen in the Assembly and six in the Senate, including open seats and incumbent challenges, with thirteen intraparty contests. Due to term limits and close elections, Cruz Strategies anticipates over 30 new legislators will be sworn in on December 2, 2024. First-time members of the legislature will be able to serve up to 12 years. Notably, SCAG's own Regional Council members, Jose Luis Solache and Celeste Rodriguez, are projected to win their contests to serve in the State Assembly. Cruz Strategies will provide more details on key races in the state and region and a general outlook of the state legislature based on its new membership.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the State Election Update is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.