



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)  
THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023**

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.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Transportation Committee (TC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Hon. Konstantine Anthony	District 42
Hon. Liz Becerra, SBCTA/SBCTA	District 65
Hon. Brian Berkson	Jurupa Valley
Hon. Art Brown, OCTA	District 21
Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Denise Delgado, Coachella	Pres. Appt.
Hon. Andrew Do	Orange County
Hon. Darrell Dorris	North LA County
Hon. John Dutrey, Montclair	SBCTA/SBCCOG
Hon. James Gazeley, SBCCOG	District 39
Hon. Brian Goodell, Mission Viejo	OCTA
Hon. Curt Hagman	San Bernardino County
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Simi Valley ( <b>Vice Chair</b> )	VCTC
Hon. Fred Jung, Fullerton	OCCOG
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Malcolm Lilienthal, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Ken Mann, Lancaster	District 43
Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Marsha McLean, NLAC	District 67
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	District 9



Hon. Linda Molina	Calimesa
Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Ara Najarian, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich	ICTC
Hon. Sharona Nazarian, Beverly Hills	WSCCOG
Hon. Gil Rebolgar, ICTC	District 1
Hon. Ed Reece	SGVCOG
Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto	WRCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	District 27
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona <b>(Chair)</b>	District 38
Hon. Suely Saro, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Zak Schwank, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon. Ward Smith, Placentia	OCCOG
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood	District 26
Hon. Speake, Wes, Corona	WRCOG
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Don Wagner	Orange County
Hon. Wallace, Colleen, Banning	WRCOG
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SBCTA/SBCOG
Hon. Thomas Wong, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Mr. Paul Marquez, Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio Member

**Members Not Present:**

Hon. Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles County
Hon. Russel Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Jonathan Dumitru, Orange	District 17
Hon. Jason Gibbs, Santa Clarita	NCTC
Hon. Laura Hernandez, VCOG	District 45
Hon. Heather Hutt, Los Angeles	District 45
Hon. Paul Krekorian	District 49
Hon. Bridgett Lewis, Torrance	Pres. Appt.
Hon. Richard Loa, Palmdale	NCTC
Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA	District 7
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Jon Primuth, S. Pasadena	AVCJPA
Hon. Jeremy Smith, Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake
Hon. Hilda Solis	Los Angeles County
Hon. Karen Spiegel	Riverside County
Hon. Steve Tye	District 37



Hon. Michael Vargas  
Hon. Scott Voigts, Lake Forest

Riverside County  
OCCOG

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Tim Sandoval, Pomona, District 38, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Hon. Mike Judge, VCTC, led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Sandoval 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 Sandoval closed the Public Comment Period.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – April 6, 2023
2. Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 & 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Consistency Amendment 23-03, Including the Associated Transportation Conformity Determinations

Receive and File

3. Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items
4. Status Report on SCAG's Racial Equity Early Action Plan

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5. Transportation Conformity Determination of Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Consistency Amendment #23-03
  6. CEQA Addendum No. 4 to Connect SoCal 2020 Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2019011061)
  7. 2023 California State Rail Plan Update and SCAG Comment Letter
  8. Connect SoCal 2024: Equity Analysis Update – Priority Equity Communities
  9. Connect SoCal 2024: Local Data Exchange (LDX) Survey Results
  10. Connect SoCal Regional Growth Vision & Local Data Exchange Evaluation
  11. SCAG Regional Travel Demand Model (ABM) Peer Review Meeting
  12. Federal Performance Target Update

A MOTION was made (Lorimore) to approve Consent Calendar: Item 1 amended to note the attendance of members Hon. Linda Molina, Calimesa and Hon. Ken Mann, Lancaster, District 43, at the April 6, 2023 meeting and Item 2; Receive and File Items 3 through 12. The motion was SECONDED (Wallace) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** ANTHONY, BECARRA, BROWN, CHUN, DELGADO, DO, DORRIS, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GOODELL, HAGMAN, HARNIK, JUDGE, JUNG, KELLEY, KRUPA, LORIMORE, MANN, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MICHAEL, MOLINA, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAZARIAN, REBOLLAR, REECE, RUIZ, SANDOVAL, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SPEAKE, STERNQUIST, WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER, WONG (37)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** W. SMITH (1) minutes only

**ACTION ITEM**

13. STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines

There were no public comments on Item 13.

Warren Whiteaker, SCAG staff, reported on the STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines. He noted the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program was a federal funding source that may be used for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance of highways, bridges, public roads, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects. He also noted that the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) was a federal funding source for transportation projects and programs to reduce congestion and improve air quality for areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter (nonattainment areas) and for former nonattainment areas that are now in compliance. He indicated that approximately \$580 million annually was apportioned to the SCAG region from these two funding programs, and as of July 1, 2023, SCAG was responsible for the selection of the projects funded with STBG and CMAQ sources. He noted that following Regional Council approval, a call for projects nominations would proceed.

A MOTION was made (Goodell) to recommend that the Regional Council: 1) approve STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines; and 2) authorize Executive Director to initiate a call for projects consistent with approved guidelines. The motion was SECONDED (Wallace) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** BECARRA, BERKSON, BROWN, CHUN, DELGADO, DO, DORRIS, DUTREY, GAZELEY, GOODELL, HAGMAN, HARNIK, JUDGE, JUNG, KELLEY, KRUPA, LORIMORE, MANN, MANOS, MARQUEZ, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MOLINA, MOORE, NAJARIAN, NAVA-FROELICH, NAZARIAN, REBOLLAR, REECE, RUIZ, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SMITH W., SPEAKE, STERNQUIST, WAGNER, WALLACE, WAPNER, WONG (41)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### 14. Connect SoCal 2024: Policy Development Framework Update

There were no public comments on Item 14.

Warren Whiteaker, SCAG staff, provided an update on the policy development framework for Connect SoCal 2024. Mr. Whiteaker noted the purpose of the policies was to articulate broad and established regional goals vital to realizing the vision of Connect SoCal 2024. He noted in June 2022, the Regional Council approved the policy development framework for Connect SoCal 2024 which retained important elements from the previous plan as well as critical emerging issues. He noted that it also called for the formation of subcommittees to explore in depth critical policy areas and

forward recommendations. He explained that the vision and goals for Connect SoCal 2024 included four key areas: 1) Mobility - build and maintain a robust transportation network; 2) Communities - develop, connect, and sustain communities that are livable and thriving; 3) Environment - create a healthy region for the people today and tomorrow; and 4) Economy - support a sustainable, efficient and productive regional economic environment that provides opportunities for all. He noted the new policy considerations included technology integration, housing the region, 15-minute communities, equitable engagement and decision making, climate resilience, and broadband.

Mr. Whiteaker reviewed policy directions specific to mobility including Transportation Demand Management, Transportation System Management, Technology Integration, system preservation and resilience, safety and complete streets. He reported on policy directions related to communities as they intersect with mobility goals which included 15-minute communities, equitable engagement and decision making. He further noted goals for environment including clean transportation and air quality which are also linked with transportation goals.

Hon. Sharona Nazarian, Beverly Hills, WSCCOG, commented that safety ought to be a significant policy direction as it is a fundamental concern for those using the transportation system.

Hon. Jan Harnik, RCTC, concurred that safety was critical and emphasized that pedestrians and cyclists have a role to play in contributing to transportation safety.

#### 15. Guiding Principles for Emerging Technology

There were no public comments on Item 15.

Javier Silva, SCAG staff, reported on the guiding principles for emerging technology. Mr. Silva stated that as technology continues to accelerate leaders increasingly face the challenge of making informed decisions regarding emerging technologies. He noted that to assist in this decision-making process, staff had developed a set of guiding principles to help evaluate emerging mobility technologies. The principles incorporate input received from stakeholders and the Emerging Technologies Committee to serve as an objective framework. He indicated that these principles would be integrated into Connect SoCal 2024 and would serve as a framework to guide policy discussions. Mr. Silva reported on the guiding principles including equity, accessibility, safety, sustainability, integration, adaptability, transparency and resilience. He noted these were intended as a guide and jurisdictions were encouraged to reflect and modify them based on the particular circumstance. He reviewed the critical milestones and next steps.

Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea, District 22, noted that other agencies in the region have also developed principles and asked how these would coordinate with those. Mr. Silva responded that these principles were presented as a thoughtful platform and each jurisdiction or agency may avail themselves to them as needed according to the situation.

## 16. Connect SoCal 2024: Goods Movement Approach

There were no public comments on Item 16.

Scott Strelecki, SCAG staff, reported on Connect SoCal 2024 Goods Movement approach. Mr. Strelecki noted the SCAG region was home to the country's largest goods movement network which handles \$573 billion in trade and supports nearly 30% of regional jobs. He stated that in addition to geopolitical issues, goods movement had seen several regulatory impacts in recent years. Further, in March 2023 the Regional Council adopted a Goods Movement resolution which would be incorporated into regional planning. Policy efforts since Connect SoCal 2020 were reviewed including the Last-Mile Freight Delivery Study, Ventura County Freight Corridors Study, Curb Space Management, the Integrated Passenger and Freight Rail Study as well as port enhancements and grade separation projects. The goods movement policies were reviewed including rail investments, community and environmental justice, zero-emission and clean technology, comprehensive system planning and investments.

Hon. Sharona Nazarian, Beverly Hills, WSCCOG, commented that zero emission goods movement and transportation efforts ought to consider the need to expand the electric grid to meet increased demand.

Hon. Brian Berkson, Jurupa Valley, asked if a map was being assembled which would indicate the location of charging stations available to freight and other vehicles. Mr. Strelecki responded that it would be useful to map and develop this information for the region.

Hon. Konstantine Anthony, Burbank, District 42, asked that hydrogen be considered as an aspect of developing zero-emission transportation.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona, District 38, welcomed new committee members Hon. Denise Delgado, Coachella, Pres. Apt., Hon. Bridgett Lewis, Torrance, Pres. Appt., Hon. Malcolm Lilienthal, Hemet, WRCOG, Hon. Johnathan Dumitru, Orange, District 17 and Hon. Suely Saro, Long Beach, District 29. He also reported that SCAG had concluded in-person workshops held throughout the region in April and May 2023. These were an opportunity for stakeholders to participate and share their thoughts. He indicated that stakeholders could still contribute to the process by completing a survey that was available until June 4, 2023.

### **METROLINK REPORT**

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, reported that service along Metrolink's Orange County Line, its Inland Empire-Orange County Line and the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner was fully restored last Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. The track closure was due to the latest slope destabilization in the City of San Clemente. He also reported that the California State Senate formed a new subcommittee on the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Resiliency. The initial hearing was held on May 16th. He noted that the subcommittee was chaired by Senator Catherine Blakespear (San Diego and Orange counties), who would brief the Transportation Committee next month. He also reported that Metrolink's popular weekday Summer Day Pass had returned through September 1. The pass provides unlimited rides on weekdays on the date of purchase. Metrolink also offers the \$10 Holiday and \$10 Weekend Day passes.

### **STAFF REPORT**

David Salgado, SCAG staff, reported that the Greenprint would be an open data and mapping tool to support Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning (RAMP). He noted that staff was currently assembling the Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee which would advise staff on its development. Lastly, he reported that SCAG was seeking input from stakeholders on the current RHNA reform initiative which will be forwarded to the state Department of Housing and Community Development. Those interested can complete a survey or attend a listening session on June 22, 2023.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods, OCCOG, asked for an agenda item on the recycling process and its impact on truck traffic on the roadways.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Sandoval adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Anthony, Konstantine	Burbank	District 42	1								
Barger, Kathryn		Los Angeles County									
Becerra, Liz	Victorville	District 65	1								
Berkson, Brian	Jurupa Valley	Pres Appt.	1								
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG									
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21	1								
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCTA	1								
Delgado, Denise	Coachella	Pres. Appt.	1								
Do, Andrew		Orange County	1								
Dorris, Darrell	Lancaster	NCTC	1								
Dumitru, Jonathan	Orange County	District 17									
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair	SBCTA	1								
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39	1								
Gibbs, Jason	Santa Clarita	NCTC									
Goodell, Brian	Mission Viejo	OCTA	1								
Hagman, Curt		San Bernardino Cnty	1								
Harnik, Jan	Palm Desert	RCTC	1								
Hernandez, Laura	Prt Hueneme	District 45									
Hutt, Heather	Los Angeles	District 57									
Judge, Mike	Simi Valley	VCTC	1								
Jung, Fred		OCCOG	1								
Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo	OCCOG	1								
Krekorian, Paul	Public Transit Rep	District 49									
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	WRCOG	1								
Lewis, Bridgett	Torrance	Pres. Appt.									
Lilienthal, Malcolm	Hemet	WRCOG	1								
Loa, Richard	Palmdale	NCTC									
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4	1								
Mann, Ken	No. L.A. County	District 43	1								
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63	1								
Marquez, Paul	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio	1								
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10	1								
McCallon, Larry	SBCTA/SBCCOG	District 7									
McLean, Marsha	No. L.A. County	District 67	1								
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9	1								
Molina, Linda	Calimesa	Pres. Appt.	1								
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG	1								
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	AVCJPA	1								
Nava-Froelich, Maria		ICTC	1								
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6									
Nazarian, Sharona	Beverly Hills	WSCCOG	1								
Primuth, Jon	S. Pasadena	AVCJPA									
Rebollar, Gil	ICTC	District 1	1								
Reece, Ed	Claremont	SGVCOG	1								
Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG	1								
Saleh, Ali	City of Bell	GCCOG	1								
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38	1								

Saro, Suely	Long Beach	District 29	1							
Schwank, Zak	Temecula	District 5	1							
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22	1							
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake								
Smith, Ward	Placentia	OCCOG	1							
Solache, Jose Luis	Lynwood	District 26	1							
Solis, Hilda		Los Angeles County								
Speake, Wes	Corona	WRCOG	1							
Spiegel, Karen		Riverside County								
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City	SGVCOG	1							
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar	District 37								
Vargas, Michael		Riverside County								
Voigts, Scott	Lake Forest	Orange County								
Wagner, Don	Orange County	Orange County	1							
Wallace, Colleen	Banning	WRCOG	1							
Wapner, Alan		SBCTA	1							
Wong, Thomas	Monterey Park	SGVCOG	1							