



Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017
TC Agenda Item No. 1
February, 1, 2018

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation Committee (TC) met at SCAG, 818 W. 7TH Street, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey	District 25
Hon. Rusty Bailey, Riverside	District 68
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar	South Coast AQMD
Hon. Will Berg, Port Hueneme	VCOG
Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs	CVAG
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	OCTA
Hon. Jim Clarke, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Emily Gabel-Luddy	AVCJPA
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Jeffrey, Giba, Moreno Valley	District 69
Hon. Jack Hadjinian, Montebello	SGVCOG
Hon. Curt Hagman (Chair)	San Bernardino County
Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar	District 37
Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa	District 3
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Simi Valley	VCTC
Hon. Randon Lane, Murrieta (Vice Chair)	District 5
Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena	District 28
Hon. Richard D. Murphy, Los Alamitos	OCTA
Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton	District 6
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Charles Puckett, Tustin	District 17

Members Present:

Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park	SGVCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell	GCCOG
Hon. Jesus Silva, Fullerton	
Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea	District 22
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City	SGVCOG
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SBCTA/SBCOG
Hon. Michael Wilson, Indio	District 66
Ms. Nieves Castro	Caltrans District 7

Members Not Present:

Hon. Austin Bishop, Palmdale	North L.A. County
Hon. Jonathan Curtis, La Cañada-Flintridge	District 36
Hon. Gonzalez, Lena, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Jose Huizar, Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. James C. Ledford	Palmdale
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Larry McCallon	Highland
Hon. Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	District 9
Hon. Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Carol Moore, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Kris Murray, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. Shawn Nelson	Orange County
Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont	District 38
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest	OCCOG
Hon. Crystal Ruiz, San Jacinto	WRCOG
Hon. Damon Sandoval	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Zareh Sinanyan, Glendale	SFVCOG
Hon. José Luis Solache, Lynwood	District 26
Hon. Barb Stanton, Apple Valley	SBCTA/SBCOG
Hon. Jess Talamantes	SFVCOG
Hon. Brent Tercero, Pico Rivera	GCCOG
Hon. Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas	LVMCOG

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public requested to comment.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Calendar Year 2018 Transportation Safety Targets

Courtney Aguirre, SCAG staff, provided a presentation on the recommended Calendar Year 2018 Transportation Safety Targets. Ms. Aguirre reported that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) had issued a Final Rule, effective April 14, 2016, to establish performance measures for state departments of transportation (DOTs) to carry out the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) as required by transportation legislation (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, MAP-21). She stated that the Final Rule called for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to establish targets for reducing the numbers and rates of transportation fatalities and serious injuries. She stated that SCAG had until February 27, 2018 to establish its regional safety targets. Ms. Aguirre reviewed potential regional safety targets and noted that with the committee’s approval, the safety targets would be forwarded to the Regional Council for its approval at its February 1, 2018 meeting.

Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey, asked if changes in the economy had an effect on safety. Ms. Aguirre responded that during the recent recession, there was a reduction in the number of fatalities and serious injuries, and that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) had shared research suggesting a strong correlation between the numbers of fatalities and serious injuries with unemployment and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) fluctuations.

A MOTION was made (Navarro) and SECONDED (Brown) to recommend the Regional Council adopt SCAG’s calendar year 2018 Transportation Safety Targets. The Motion passed by the following votes:

- AYES: Ashton, Bailey, Benoit, Berg, Betts, Brown, Buscaino, Chun, Clarke, Gazeley, Giba, Hadjinian, Hagman, Herrera, Hofbauer, Hyatt, Judge, Lane, Manos, Medina, Murphy, Navarro, Puckett, Real Sebastian, Silva, Simonoff, Sternquist, Viegas-Walker, Wapner, Wilson (30)
- NOES: None (0)
- ABSTAIN: Gabel-Luddy (1)

2. Draft 2018 California State Rail Plan Update and SCAG Comment Letter

Steve Fox, SCAG staff, reported on the Draft 2018 State Rail Plan (CSRP) Update and SCAG’s comment letter. Mr. Fox stated the CSRP was a long-range document that set priorities and implementation strategies for improving the state’s passenger and freight rail networks. He noted the Draft CSRP was released on October 11, 2017 for a 60-day public comment period that would close on December 11, 2017. Mr. Fox reviewed SCAG’s comments for the Draft CSRP, including implementing service in new markets, particularly new service from Los Angeles Union Station to the Coachella Valley, and the

need to emphasize regional connectivity between rail service and public transit to provide seamless regional travel opportunities. He detailed additional comments, including expediting the California High-Speed Rail blended system and improving connectivity to the region's airports. He noted that freight rail comments included identifying critical mainline freight enhancements as well as port area rail infrastructure improvements, and the need for more discussion on the role of federal emissions standards.

Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles, asked that rail comments include an effort to work with rail companies such as Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe on accessing existing rights-of-way for expanding passenger rail service. Mr. Fox responded that current efforts included a proposal to lease existing rights of way from freight rail providers to enhance passenger rail service.

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, stated that the initial financial commitment of \$1 billion to Southern California High-Speed Rail blended service efforts had not yet been honored and this ought to be in the comment letter. Mr. Fox responded that it could be included in the comments and to also note that Northern California funding has been distributed.

A MOTION was made (Viegas-Walker) and SECONDED (Ashton) to authorize the Executive Director to submit SCAG's comment letter to Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation. The Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Ashton, Bailey, Benoit, Berg, Betts, Brown, Buscaino, Chun, Clarke, Gazeley, Giba, Hadjinian, Hagman, Herrera, Hofbauer, Hyatt, Judge, Lane, Manos, Medina, Murphy, Navarro, Puckett, Real Sebastian, Silva, Simonoff, Sternquist, Viegas-Walker, Wapner, Wilson (30)
NOES: None (0)
ABSTAIN: Gabel-Luddy (1)

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Minutes of the November 2, 2017 Meeting

Receive and File

4. State of California 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan
5. 2018 Schedule of Regional Council and Policy Committees

A MOTION was made (Brown) and SECONDED (Lane) to approve Consent Calendar items 3 – 5. The Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Ashton, Bailey, Benoit, Berg, Betts, Brown, Buscaino, Chun, Clarke, Gazeley, Giba, Hadjinian, Hagman, Herrera, Hofbauer, Hyatt, Judge, Lane, Manos, Medina, Murphy, Navarro, Puckett, Real Sebastian, Silva, Simonoff, Sternquist, Viegas-Walker, Wapner, Wilson (29)
NOES: None (0)
ABSTAIN: Gabel-Luddy, Saleh (2)

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. SCAG Region Transit Ridership Trends Study

Brian Taylor Ph.D., Professor of Urban Planning, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, reported on transit ridership trends in the SCAG region. Mr. Taylor stated that regional per capita transit ridership

had declined since 2007. He noted only 2 percent of residents in the region take transit frequently, 20 percent ride occasionally and 78 percent ride transit very little or not at all. Additionally, he stated that 60 percent of transit commuters lived in Census tracts that comprise less than 1 percent of the region's land area. He reported that fewer than 10 percent of the region's transit operators carried about 80 percent of all transit passengers. He noted that concentrated transit use meant concentrated ridership losses, and that Metro, OCTA, LADOT and Santa Monica Big Blue Bus accounted for 88 percent of the state's ridership losses between 2010 and 2016. He shared that Metro alone accounted for 72 percent of the state's ridership losses.

Mr. Taylor reviewed possible factors leading to ridership loss such as altered levels of service, fuel prices and transportation network companies (TNCs) such as Uber and Lyft. He noted that service levels had increased while ridership declined and changes in fuel prices did not affect ridership. Further, he noted that TNCs were used most heavily during times when transit was not typically used. He noted fuel prices and TNCs had likely played a contributing role, but not a leading role in ridership losses. Mr. Taylor stated the most likely cause of transit ridership decline was a significant increase in private vehicle ownership. He noted that between 2000 and 2015 the region added 2.3 million new residents and an additional 2.1 private vehicles or .95 vehicles per new resident. He stated that by comparison, in the 1990s the region added 1.8 million residents and 456,000 vehicles or .25 vehicles per new resident. He noted that since 2000, SCAG households had increased private vehicle ownership at nearly 4 times the rate of the 1990s, leading to an investment in private vehicles far greater than that spent on major transit infrastructure improvements. He stated that this had increased vehicle access to residents such as recent immigrants who had traditionally experienced limited vehicle access and were therefore the heaviest users of public transit. Mr. Taylor noted this trend was expected to continue.

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, asked about the effectiveness of providing tax deductions for transit users as a way to stimulate ridership. Mr. Taylor responded that a tax deduction strategy would be most appealing to higher-income riders and less likely to increase ridership. He noted service quality and frequency of service tended to motivate ridership more than price and suggested lowering fares at times when there was excess capacity. Mr. Taylor also responded that an employee's choice to drive to work was often dependent upon the availability and cost of parking there. He stated an alternative strategy would be to provide employees a monthly parking stipend, with the option to retain the stipend if the employee opted not to utilize work parking.

Hon Rusty Bailey, Riverside, inquired about the feasibility of a study to examine the positive effects of a "Free Friday" strategy to encourage residents to try transit. Mr. Taylor responded that a program like that had the benefit of introducing transit to the non-rider so they could become familiar and comfortable with the process and service. He noted many riders did not take transit because they are unfamiliar with it and a free day might help shift some non-riders to occasional riders.

7. California Transportation Asset Management Plan

Michael Johnson, Caltrans Asset Management Engineer, provided an update on California's Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP). Mr. Johnson stated federal regulations required an asset management plan for pavement and bridges on the National Highway System (NHS) including local portions located in the SCAG region. He noted pavement condition was evaluated using the International Roughness Index (IRI), which evaluated cracking, rutting, and faulting on surfaces. He explained that surface conditions were assigned designations of good, fair, or poor. Mr. Johnson noted that 60 percent of the total local National Highway System pavement was in the SCAG region and 5 percent was rated as good, 83 percent was rated as fair, and 12 percent was rated as poor. Mr. Johnson reviewed regional bridge conditions and noted that the SCAG region contained NHS bridges

that were designated as follows: 36 percent were rated as good, 49 percent were rated as fair, and 15 percent were rated as poor. He reviewed the established TAMP targets and noted that local NHS pavement targets called for a poor condition rating of no greater than 9 percent, and SCAG's current poor pavement rating was 14 percent. He noted that the local NHS bridge targets called for a poor condition rating of no greater than a 1.5 percent, and SCAG's current poor bridge rating was 15 percent.

8. Trade Corridor Enhancement Program

Item deferred to a future meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No chair's report provided.

METROLINK REPORT

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, reported that on December 18, 2017, Metrolink service would extend to the San Bernardino Transit Center providing connections to several Omnitrans local bus routes, sbX Green line, Pass Transit, Mountain Transit, Victor Valley Transit Authority, and Riverside Transit Agency's new service starting January 2018. He shared that information on train service to Riverside's Festival of Lights could be found at Metrolinktrains.com. He reported that the City of Claremont was hosting community meetings as part of the process of deciding whether to keep the Claremont Metrolink Station open upon the completion of the Metro Gold Line extension to Montclair scheduled for 2027. Finally, he reported that Metrolink hosted a community meeting regarding the future Hollywood Burbank Airport North Station that was scheduled to open in November 2018. He noted that with the opening of the new Hollywood Burbank Airport - North Station, a new station stop on the Antelope Valley Line would be added, and Metrolink was seeking community and stakeholder feedback regarding possible impacts of a reduction or elimination of service at the Sun Valley Station due to the fact that it was currently minimally utilized and would be very close to the new airport station.

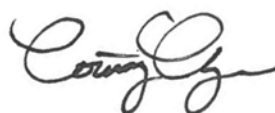
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hon. Jim Clarke, Culver City, stated that he recently completed a tour of the tunnel project being pursued by Elon Musk and asked if staff could examine a similar tour for Transportation Committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Randon Lane, Murrieta, adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE]



Courtney Aguirre, Senior Regional Planner
Transportation Planning

Transportation Committee Attendance Report

2017

Member (including Ex-Officio) Last Name, First Name	Representing	X = County Represented						X = Attended				= No Meeting			NM = New Member			
		IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	GA May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
1	Ashton, Sean*	Downey		X					X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
2	Bailey, Rusty*	Riverside, WRCOG				X			X	X	X			X		X	X	X
3	Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley									X					X		X
4	Benoit, Ben*	South Coast AQMD				X			X	X	X	X				X		X
5	Berg, Will	VCOG, Port Hueneme												X	X		X	X
6	Betts, Russell	CVAG				X			X		X			X	X		X	X
7	Bishop, Austin	County																
8	Brown, Art*	Buena Park			X					X	X	X			X	X	X	X
9	Buscaino, Joe*	Los Angeles		X										X				X
10	Castro, Nieves	Caltrans District 7													NM		X	X
11	Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo, OCTA			X											NM	X	X
12	Clarke, Jim	Culver City, WCCOG		X					X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
13	Curtis, Jonathan*	La Cañada Flintridge		X							X				X			
14	Gabel-Luddy, Emily	Burbank, AVCJPA		X														X
15	Gazeley, James*	Lomita		X					X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
16	Giba, Jeffrey*	Moreno Valley				X			X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
17	Gonzalez, Lena*	Long Beach		X														
18	Hadjinian, Jack	Montebello, SGVCOG		X										X	X		X	X
19	Hagman, Curt* (Chair)	San Bernardino County					X		X		X	X			X	X	X	X
20	Hahn, Janice*	Los Angeles County		X							NM							
21	Harnik, Jan*	Palm Desert, RCTC				X			X	X	X				X		X	
22	Harrington, Dave	Aliso Viejo, OCCOG			X													
23	Herrera, Carol*	Diamond Bar		X					X	X		X			X		X	X
24	Hofbauer, Steven*	County		X					X	X	X	X			X			X
25	Huizar, Jose*	Los Angeles		X														
26	Hyatt, Jim*	Calimesa				X			X	X	X	X			X	X		X
27	Judge, Mike*	Simi Valley, VCTC										NM	X		X	X	X	X
28	Kelley, Trish	Mission Viejo, OCCOG			X									NM	X		X	X
29	Krupa, Linda	Hemet, WRCOG				X			X	X	X	X			X		X	
30	Lane, Randon* (Vice Chair)	Murrieta				X			X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
31	Ledford, James C.	County		X														
32	Lorimore, Clint*	Eastvale				X			X	X	X	X			X		X	
33	Manos, Steve*	Lake Elsinore				X									NM		X	X
34	Marquez, Ray*	Chino Hills					X		X	X	X				X	X	X	X
35	McCallon, Larry	Highland					X								X	X		
36	McLean, Marsha*	Santa Clarita		X					X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
37	Medina, Dan*	Gardena		X					X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
38	Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X					X		X	X			X	X	X	
39	L. Dennis Michael*	Rancho Cucamonga					X			X	X	X			X	X	X	
40	Mitagar, Fred*	Laguna Niguel			X				X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
41	Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods, OCCOG			X				X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
42	Murphy, Richard	Los Alamitos/OCTA			X					X					X	X		X
43	Murray, Kris*	Anaheim			X				X	X	X				X		X	X
44	Navarro, Frank*	Colton				X			X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
45	Nelson, Shawn*	County of Orange			X						NM							
46	O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X					X			X						X
47	Pedroza, Sam*	Claremont		X					X	X	X	X			X		X	
48	Pettis, Greg*	Cathedral City				X									NM		X	X
49	Puckett, Charles*	Tustin															X	X
50	Real Sebastian, Teresa	Monterey Park/SGVCOG		X					X		X	X			X	X	X	X
51	Robinson, Dwight	Lake Forest, OCCOG			X													
52	Ruiz, Crystal	WRCOG/San Jacinto				X						NM			X	X	X	
53	Saleh, Ali*	City of Bell, GCCOG		X						X	X	X			X		X	X
54	Sandoval, Damon	Morongo Band of Mission Indians																
55	Silva, Jesus	Fullerton			X												NM	X
56	Simonoff, Marty*	Brea			X				X	X	X	X			X	X		X
57	Sinanyan, Zareh	Glendale		X														
58	Solache, José Luis*	Lynwood		X													X	
59	Stanton, Barb*	Apple Valley					X			X	X							
60	Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City		X					X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
61	Talamantes, Jess			X							X	X			X	X	X	
62	Tercero, Brent	Pico Rivera			X				X			X						
63	Viegas-Walker, Cheryl*	El Centro		X					X	X	X	X				X	X	X
64	Wapner, Alan*	SBCTA/SBCOG					X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
65	Weintraub, Alicia	Calabasas/LVMCOG		X						X	X				X		X	
66	Wilson, Michael*	Indio, CVAG				X				X		X			X		X	X
	Totals		1	25	12	12	7	2										

* Regional Council Member