



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

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 in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

**Hon. Mike T. Judge (Vice Chair)**

Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	<b>VCTC</b>
Hon. Phil Bacerra	<i>Orange County</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Liz Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	CoC
Hon. Russel Betts	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	District 65
Hon. Daniel Brotman	<i>Glendale</i>	CVAG
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Ross Chun	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	District 21
Hon. Denise Delgado	<i>Coachella, Pres. Appt.</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Jonathan Dumitru	<i>Orange</i>	Member at Large
Hon. John Dutrey	<i>Montclair</i>	District 17
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Jason Gibbs	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 39
Hon. Curt Hagman		NCTC
Hon. Jan Harnik		San Bernardino County
Hon. Fred Jung	<i>Fullerton</i>	RCTC
Hon. Trish Kelley		OCCOG
Hon. Linda Krupa	<i>Hemet</i>	TCA
Hon. Malcolm Lilienthal	<i>Hemet</i>	District 3
Hon. Richard Loa	<i>Palmdale</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale</i>	NCTC
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 4
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 63
Hon. Larry McCallon		District 10
		Air District Representative



Hon.	Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon.	Linda Molina	<i>Calimesa, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon.	Carol Moore	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon.	Juan Munoz-Guevara	<i>Lynwood</i>	GCCOG
Hon.	Ara Najarian	<i>Glendale</i>	SFVCOG
Hon.	Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon.	Sharona Nazarian	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	WSSCOG
Hon.	Gil Rebollar	<i>Brawley</i>	District 1
Hon.	Ed Reece	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon.	Crystal Ruiz	<i>San Jacinto</i>	WRCOG
Hon.	Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon.	Steve Sanchez	<i>La Quinta</i>	District 66
Hon.	Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon.	Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon.	Ward Smith	<i>Placentia</i>	OCCOG
Hon.	Wes Speake	<i>Corona</i>	WRCOG
Hon.	Cynthia Sternquist	<i>Temple City</i>	SGVCOG
Hon.	Michael Vargas	<i>Riverside County</i>	CoC
Hon.	Don Wagner		Orange County
Hon.	Colleen Wallace	<i>Banning</i>	WRCOG
Hon.	Alan Wapner		SBCTA
Hon.	Thomas Wong	<i>Monterey Park</i>	SGVCOG
Mr.	Marlon Regisford	<i>Caltrans District 7</i>	Ex-Officio Member

**Members Not Present:**

Hon.	Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Hon.	Brian Berkson	<i>Jurupa Valley, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon.	Jeanette Burns		Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon.	Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon.	Lauren Hughes-Leslie	<i>Lancaster</i>	NCTC JPA
Hon.	Heather Hutt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon.	Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49
Hon.	Andrew Lara	<i>Pico Rivera</i>	District 31
Hon.	Bridgett Lewis	<i>Torrance, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon.	Ken Mann	<i>Lancaster</i>	District 43
Hon.	Tim McOsker	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon.	L. Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon.	Nikki Perez	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon.	Celeste Rodriguez	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon.	Tim Sandoval (Chair)	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38



Hon. Suely Saro	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Jeremy Smith	<i>Canyon Lake, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Jose Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Hilda Solis		Los Angeles County
Hon. Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Scott Voigts	<i>Lake Forest</i>	OCCOG

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair, Mike Judge, Simi Valley, VCTC, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Hon. Jan Harnik, RCTC, led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice Chair Judge 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).

No members of the public requested to comment.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests to prioritize the agenda item.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – September 5, 2024

Receive and File

2. Acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety Grant (OTS) Funds 2025: Go Human Campaign
3. Acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Funds: Safety Modeling
4. Big Data Program Update

5. Senate Bill 375: Joint MPO Letter to CARB
6. REAP 2.0 Program Update
7. Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items

Committee Counsel announced, with the committee's concurrence, a single vote could be taken on the Consent Calendar and agenda item 8 and suggested holding the vote after a presentation on item 8.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

8. 2024 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program: SCAG Region Projects Nominations

There were no public comments on Item No. 8.

Prithvi Deore, SCAG staff, reported on the 2024 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP): SCAG Region Projects Nominations. She noted the purpose of TCEP was to fund infrastructure improvements on federally designated Trade Corridors of National and Regional Significance on California's portion of the National Freight Network. In addition, it funds projects in freight corridors that are priority candidates for zero-emission freight. The 2024 TCEP cycle represents the fourth cycle since the program's inception in 2018. As the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), SCAG is tasked with compiling project nominations from its respective agencies and forwarding them to the California Transportation Commission once it is determined the projects are consistent with the adopted Regional Transportation Plan and freight plan. Ms. Deore stated 13 project nominations were identified requesting a total of \$323 million in TCEP regional funds this cycle. The overall cost of these projects is \$1.2 billion. Further, the projects represent a significant investment in freight infrastructure which is critical for maintaining efficiency of the regional and nation supply chains. Once approved by the committee and Regional Council the projects will be forwarded to the California Transportation Commission by the November 22, 2024 deadline.

A MOTION was made (Navarro) to recommend that the Regional Council (RC) approve the SCAG region project nominations seeking Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funding as well as Consent Calendar Item 1; and Receive and File items 2 through 7. The motion was SECONDED (Bacerra) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** Andrade-Stadler, Bacerra, Becerra, Betts, Brown, Chun, Delgado, Dumitru, Dutrey, Gazeley, Gibbs, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Jung, Kelley, Krupa, Lilienthal, Loa, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Molina, Moore, Munoz-Guevara, Najarian,

Navarro, Nazarian, Reece, Ruiz, Saleh, Sanchez, Simonoff, W. Smith, Speake, Sternquist, Vargas, Wagner, Wallace, Wapner, Wong (43)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### 9. Senate Bill 1121 State and Local Transportation Needs Assessment

There were no public comments on Item No. 9.

Frances Dea-Sanchez, California Transportation Commission reported on Senate Bill 1121. Ms. Dea-Sanchez reported that SB 1121 directs the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to prepare a 10-year transportation needs assessment with the intent to assess the cost to operate, maintain, and grow the statewide multimodal transportation system. It is meant as a plain look into needs and available revenue. In addition, it needs to consider the cost to address climate resiliency. She noted as part of the process the CTC conducted a survey of local and regional agencies for 10-year revenue projections and needs assessment. Ms. Dea-Sanchez noted the increase in zero-emission vehicles would increase the revenue shortfall as they do not contribute to gasoline tax revenue. She examined different scenarios in light of revenue expectations as well as supplemental revenue options such as a road user charge. The assessment report includes statewide local roads and streets, state highway system, transit and rail, climate adaptation challenges and policy recommendations. She reviewed revenue needs indicating \$736 billion is needed while \$572 billion is anticipated leaving a projected \$164 billion revenue shortfall.

Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, CVAG, asked about the definition of a near zero emissions vehicle. Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA, District 7, responded that near zero emission vehicles refer to natural gas-powered vehicles that are hybrid and can travel a minimum number of miles as zero emission.

Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore, commented that a road user fee would be useful for those who drive electric vehicles to balance the loss of gasoline tax revenue.

#### 10. Connect SoCal 2024 Implementation Strategies Update

There were no public comments on Item No. 10.

Camille Guirba, SCAG staff, reported on Connect SoCal 2024 Implementation Strategies. Ms. Guirba stated direct implementation of Connect SoCal largely relies on actions and decisions of other

agencies, local jurisdictions and those in the private sector to install transit service, install bike paths and promote land uses that benefit transportation efficiency. SCAG's goal centers around leadership in establishing vision and goals. She noted other regional leadership activities include collaboration and policy leadership, administration of federal funding, data collection, analysis, and local technical assistance resources. The report indicates progress on 71 of 93 implementation strategies. Those are defined under the main policy focus areas including mobility, environment, communities and economy. Mobility efforts include a call for application for the Sustainable Communities Program to fund activities including community plans and quick build projects that encourage active transportation. She noted further updates would be provided to the committee in the future.

#### 11. Regional Pilot Initiatives (RPI) Program Update

There were no public comments on Item No. 11.

Kate Kigongo, SCAG staff, provided an update on Regional Pilot Initiatives (RPI). Ms. Kigongo reported the RPI program seeks to test new technologies and innovation models with the potential to scale regionally to achieve transformative impact. It is meant to be an incubator for pilot projects that can be used to inform future calls for projects and/or funding opportunities. On July 6, 2023, the Transportation Committee and Regional Council approved the RPI framework. Ms. Kigongo reported on the different projects being developed including the Transportation Data Analysis Program which seeks to identify key transportation planning and policy questions using the Streetlight Big Data Platform with an emphasis on providing consultant support for small and under-resourced local jurisdictions. She next reviewed the Watts Rising E-Bike Lending Library which seeks to improve mobility and access by launching an E-bike lending library at Nickerson Gardens in Watts. Additionally, the Contactless Open Loop Fare Payment pilot seeks to develop a tap to pay system on the San Bernardino Line in partnership with the California Integrated Travel Project (Cal-ITP) and Metrolink. It will be a one-year pilot to begin in 2025. The Mobility Hubs pilot seeks to develop a network of mobility hubs in the region in partnership with county transportation commissions. Ms. Kigongo reviewed next steps including pursuing procurements for private partners and developing MOUs for each pilot project. Quarterly updates will be provided to the committee.

Hon. Colleen Wallace, Banning/WRCOG, asked if any projects would benefit Riverside County. Ms. Kigongo responded the Mobility Hub conceptual design project under development would include a Riverside County location as a conceptual design and could develop further into a Mobility Hub site. It is also envisioned that the Metrolink pay system pilot could be scaled to the full rail network bringing benefits to Riverside County.

#### 12. Future Communities and Smart Cities Update

There were no public comments on Item No. 12.

Marisa Laderach, SCAG staff, updated the committee on Future Communities and Smart Cities pilot program takeaways. She noted the program's framework was adopted by the Regional Council in 2017 to advance SCAG's role as a leader in technology and innovation by applying new technologies and data analytics to reduce vehicle miles travelled and greenhouse gas emissions. A further goal is to improve the efficiency of municipal services. She reviewed the different projects including the Anaheim Smart Center City real time parking guidance which created efficiencies by alerting those seeking parking spaces where spaces are located. For the City of Cerritos an online permitting and licensing software program was developed with real-time information. A project in Glendale developed route optimization and fleet telematics for street sweeping and garbage collection routes resulting in reduced VMT, GHG and congestion. She reviewed projects in Monrovia, Riverside and also San Bernardino County's Remote Electronic Warrants effort which upgraded the system enabling warrant application virtually eliminating inefficiencies with the previous system.

Ms. Laderach reviewed the benefits observed including a reduction in neighborhood parking complaints in Anaheim as a result of improved efficiency and real-time information. She noted the Cerritos project reduced vehicle trips to city hall as well as reduce the need for two salaried positions. Glendale's Route Optimization program reduced truck VMT and resulted in 49 fewer trips to the dump each week reducing worker stress around overtime. She emphasized the importance of VMT reduction in San Bernardino's Electronic Warrants Program as it is the largest county in the nation. It also saved police officer labor time further demonstrating the value of the pilot programs. It was noted online portals are popular and growing in demand. Key takeaways include the utilization of public-private partnership, cross agency task forces and a need to provide supportive infrastructure to enable technology.

Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, commented that the benefits of technology in a city ends when a vehicle crosses into a neighboring city that may not provide the same technology. Can we develop a way for cities to sync with their neighbor jurisdictions to provide benefits across city borders. He suggested a future project to explore this question. Ms. Laderach responded that cross jurisdiction efforts are regionally critical and noted the steering committee being developed can undertake a way forward on this issue.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Vice Chair Judge welcomed new member Phil Bacerra, Orange County, CoC. He reported the Regional Council meeting would have a report on housing from Dhakskike Wickrema, Deputy Secretary on Homelessness.



**METROLINK REPORT**

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, reported that in October, 32 additional weekday trains were added increasing service by 23 percent. Additionally, CalSTA awarded a \$40.5 million grant to the Riverside County Transportation Commission for the development and construction of a new Metrolink station and Mobility Hub in Mead Valley. They also awarded \$50 million to Metrolink to construct two service and inspection tracks that will allow four additional round trips daily.

**STAFF REPORT**

David Salgado, SCAG staff, reported that SCAG was hosting a mobile tour November 22, 2024, to tour SoCal Gas' hydrogen plant in Downey.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice Chair Judge adjourned the meeting of the Transportation Committee at 11:34 a.m.

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**Transportation Committee Attendance Report**

**2024- 25**

MEMBERS	Representing	2024- 25													Total Mtgs Attended To Date
		JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY		
Andrade-Stadler, Adele	Alhambra, SGVCOG				1		1								2
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County														0
Bacerra, Phil	Orange County, CoC								1						1
Becerra, Liz	Victorville, RC District 65				1		1								2
Berkson, Brian	Jurupa Valley, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1			1										2
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs, CVAG	1			1		1								3
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, AVCJPA	1			1		1								3
Brown, Art	Buena Park, RC District 21	1			1		1								3
Burns, Jeanette	Morongo Band of Mission Indians														0
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo, OCCOG	1			1		1								3
Delgado, Denise	Coachella, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)								1						1
Dumitru, Jonathan	Orange, RC District 17	1			1		1								3
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair, SBCTA	1			1		1								3
Gazeley, James	Lomita, RC District 39	1			1		1								3
Gibbs, Jason	Santa Clarita, NCTC	1							1						2
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino County	1			1		1								3
Harnik, Jan	RCTC	1			1		1								3
Hernandez, Laura	Port Hueneme, RC District 45	1			1										2
Hughes-Leslie, Lauren	Lancaster, NCTC JPA	1			1										2
Hutt, Heather	Los Angeles, RC District 57														0
Judge, Mike	VCTC	1			1		1								3
Jung, Fred	Fullerton, OCCOG	1			1		1								3
Kelley, Trish	TCA Representative	1			1		1								3
Krekorian, Paul	Los Angeles, RC District 49/Public Transit Rep.														0
Krupa, Linda	Hemet, RC District 3	1							1						2
Lara, Andrew	Pico Rivera, Dist 31				1										1
Lewis, Bridgett	Torrance, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1			1										2
Lilienthal, Malcolm	Hemet, WRCOG	1			1		1								3
Loa, Richard	Palmdale, NCTC				1		1								2
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale, RC District 4	1			1		1								3
Mann, Ken	Lancaster, RC District 43	1													1
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore, RC District 63	1			1		1								3
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills, RC District 10	1			1		1								3
McCallon, Larry	Air District Representative	1			1		1								3
McLean, Marsha	Santa Clarita, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1			1		1								3
McOsker, Tim	Los Angeles, RC District 62	1													1
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga, RC District 9														0
Molina, Linda	Calimesa, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1							1						2
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1			1		1								3
Munoz-Guevara, Juan	Lynwood, GCCOG	1							1						2
Najarian, Ara	Glendale, SFVCOG	1			1		1								3
Navarro, Frank	Colton, RC District 6	1							1						2
Nazarian, Sharona	Beverly Hills, WSCCOG	1			1		1								3
Perez, Nikki	Burbank, District 42														0
Rebollar, Gil	Brawley, RC District 1				1		1								2
Reece, Ed	Claremont, SGVCOG	1			1		1								3

Attachment: TCAttendance Sheet Nov 7, 2024 (Minutes of the Meeting - November 7, 2024)

