



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)
THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025**

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.ig2.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. Tim Sandoval (Chair)	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Mike T. Judge (Vice Chair)	<i>Simi Valley</i>	VCTC
Hon. Javier Amezcua	<i>Calipatria</i>	ICTC
Hon. Ryan Balius	<i>Anaheim</i>	
Hon. Brian Berkson	<i>Jurupa Valley, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Jeanette Burns		Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Denise Delgado	<i>Coachella, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. John Dutrey	<i>Montclair</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Bryan Fish	<i>Culver City</i>	WSCCOG
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Jason Gibbs	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	NCTC
Hon. William Go	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Fred Jung	<i>Fullerton</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Trish Kelley		TCA
Hon. Linda Krupa	<i>Hemet</i>	District 3
Hon. Andrew Lara	<i>Pico Rivera</i>	District 31
Hon. Carlos Leon		OCTA
Hon. Richard Loa	<i>Palmdale</i>	NCTC
Hon. Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10

Hon. Larry McCallon		Air District Representative
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. Linda Molina	<i>Calimesa, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Carol Moore	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Ara Najarian	<i>Glendale</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. David Ready	<i>Palm Springs</i>	CVAG
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. Emma Sharif	<i>Compton</i>	District 26
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. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
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
Hon. Zhen Wu	<i>San Clemente</i>	OCCOG
Mr. Marlon Regisford	<i>Caltrans District 7</i>	Ex-Officio Member

Members Not Present:

Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Phil Bacerra	<i>Orange County</i>	CoC
Hon. Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Hon. Daniel Brotman	<i>Glendale</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Jonathan Dumitru	<i>Orange</i>	District 17
Hon. John Gabbard	<i>Dana Point</i>	District 12
Hon. Jan Harnik		RCTC
Hon. Lauren Hughes-Leslie	<i>Lancaster</i>	NCTC JPA
Hon. Heather Hutt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Lauren Kleinman	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Bridgett Lewis	<i>Torrance, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large

Hon. Ken Mann	<i>Lancaster</i>	District 43
Hon. Tim McOsler	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Juan Munoz-Guevara	<i>Lynwood</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Nikki Perez	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. Gabriel Reyes	<i>San Bernardino County</i>	CoC
Hon. Jeremy Smith	<i>Canyon Lake, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Hilda Solis		Los Angeles County
Hon. Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Hon. Edward Twining	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Scott Voigts	<i>Lake Forest</i>	OCCOG

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair, Tim Sandoval, Pomona, District 38, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet, District 3, 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.

No members of the public requested to comment.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

Ruben Duran, Committee Counsel, noted to Chair Sandoval that with the committee's concurrence, a single vote could be taken on the Consent Calendar and agenda Items 5 and 6, and suggested holding the vote until after presentations and committee questions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – December 5, 2024

Receive and File

2. Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items
3. Transportation Trends Update
4. CalSTA Transit Transformation Task Force Update

ACTION ITEM

5. FFY 2026-2027 & FFY 2027-2028 STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines and Call for Project Nominations

There were no public comments on Item No. 5.

Warren Whiteaker, SCAG staff, reported on program guidelines for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG). He noted the call for projects was the largest in SCAG's history and was estimated at \$1.2 billion covering fiscal years 2026-27 and 2027-28. Mr. Whiteaker noted cities, counties, transit agencies, federally recognized Tribal governments and county transportation commissions were eligible to apply for funds. He reviewed project eligibility noting the STBG program seeks projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance of surface transportation including highways, bridges, and public roads, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects. The CMAQ program was designed 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 noted this effort followed a 2024 call for projects where 33 projects were approved totaling \$186 million.

Examples of eligible projects were provided including alternative fuel and zero emission vehicle/buses, infrastructure, and equipment as well as projects that improve the resilience of at-risk infrastructure from extreme weather events and natural disasters. Additionally, projects that support increasing transit/rail ridership or reduce single occupancy vehicle use. Other eligible projects include highway or local roadway projects that improve traffic flow or optimize truck and bus throughput including Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). It was noted that SCAG will initiate the call for project nominations through its application module and the county transportation commissions will prioritize applications. Additionally, SCAG will further review and present funding recommendations to the Regional Council for consideration.

6. SCAG 2025 Regional Active Transportation Program

There were no public comments on Item No. 6.

Rachel Om, SCAG staff, provided a report on the 2025 Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) and proposed projects. She noted the current funding cycle covers fiscal years 2026-25 through 2028-29. Statewide approximately \$169 million is available and the SCAG region portion is approximately \$35 million. Ms. Om reported that 15 projects were recommended for funding in the current cycle, totaling \$35 million. There were also 113 contingency projects totaling \$972 million. Should there be an overriding consideration relating to a primary project then those funds can be shifted to a contingency project. Ms. Om reported that 95% of regional projects go toward implementation (\$33.3 million) and 5% are allocated to planning and capacity building (\$1.7 million). She reviewed the funding allocation per county and the 15 funded and 113 contingency projects which will be forwarded to the Regional Council for approval.

Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo, TCA, commented on the number of submitted projects that were placed on the contingency list due to lack of funding and asked if additional funding was available to meet regional needs. Ms. Om responded that advocating for additional funding would be useful and encouraged examining other funding sources noting the CMAQ/STBG was a new funding pool which allocates funding to support active transportation projects and SCAG was available to be a partner and explore all available funding opportunities for jurisdictions.

Hon. Bryan Fish, Culver City, WSCCOG, asked about the contingency list and how those projects could become eligible for funding. Ms. Om responded that should a problem arise with a funded project, then contingent projects within that county would be considered for funding.

A MOTION was made (Hagman) to approve **Consent Calendar** item 1; **Receive and File** items 2 through 4; **Item 5**: to recommend the Regional Council: 1) approve the federal fiscal year 2026-2027 and federal fiscal year 2027-2028 Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program (CMAQ) Program Guidelines (FFY 2026-2027 & FFY 2027-2028 STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines); and 2) authorize the Executive Director to initiate a call for project nominations consistent with the approved FFY 2026-2027 & FFY 2027-2028 STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines; and **Item 6**: to recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. XX-XXX-X (number to be assigned for RC April meeting) approving the SCAG 2025 Active Transportation Program. The motion was SECONDED (Molina) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: Balius, Berkson, Delgado, Dutrey, Fish, Gazeley, Gibbs, Go, Hagman, Hernandez, Judge, Jung, Kelley, Krupa, Loa, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Michael, Molina, Moore, Najarian, Navarro, Rebollar, Reece, Ruiz, Saleh, Sanchez, Sandoval, Schwank, Sharif, Simonoff, Smith W., Speake, Sternquist, Vargas, Wagner, Wallace, Wapner, Wong, Wu (43)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Wu on the Consent Calendar (1)

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Regional Recovery and Resilience in the face of Disasters-Policy Discussion

There were no public comments on Item No. 7.

Annie Nam, SCAG staff, noted a presentation would be provided focusing on resilience in transportation. She introduced Godson Okereke, Caltrans, District 7. Mr. Okereke noted Caltrans was prepared to respond to any emergency involving highways, bridges, and intelligent traffic systems. He noted four phases including preparation, response, recovery, mitigation and prevention. Preparation includes an ability to respond to a variety of emergency situations including earthquakes, wildfires, and building resilience in the infrastructure. Response involves having teams ready to manage traffic and establish an incident command system. In the recovery stage temporary traffic control and detour measures are put in place as well as collaboration with state and federal agencies including CalOES, FEMA and ACOE. Mitigation and prevention measures are also followed including noting lessons learned from previous incidents, roadside and watershed vegetation management, bridge retrofitting, and culvert management.

He noted the team also coordinates with other Caltrans divisions on project delivery, safety, traffic operations, the legal department on proclamations as well as external affairs to confirm any external communication strategy. Information technology can become involved in any technology systems recovery at the site. Mr. Okereke reviewed the Palisades fire, noting efforts were needed around traffic control, retaining wall restoration, debris flow cleanup, and roadway repairs.

Amanda Fagan, Director of Planning and Sustainability, Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), reported on their Emergency Preparedness Plan. Ms. Fagan noted after the Thomas fire and other incidents cut off emergency response between counties, VCTC and Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) collaborated to develop a Transportation Emergency Preparedness Plan (TEPP). She reported that much of their population lives near Highway 101 and it operates as a critical corridor in emergencies. Key strategies include establishing a transportation/transit seat at emergency operations centers to coordinate resources, creating an inventory of transportation assets, resources and contacts as well as improved radio connectivity for transit operators. Concepts of operations for evacuations are prepared to consider damage to infrastructure, transportation for special needs populations such as those in wheelchairs and a communication system to inform the public. Ms. Fagan reviewed recent emergencies where the TEPP was put into action such as a landslide during a 2024 rainstorm that cut off the only direct

route between Ojai and Santa Paula and the Laguna fire where busses were used for evacuations. Next steps were presented including a grant application to conduct a countywide multimodal climate vulnerability assessment.

Hon. Linda Molina, Calimesa, asked if an agreement could be established with Caltrans and the rail lines to either deliver supplies in an emergency or affected areas. She noted there were places where highways and rail lines run parallel. Marlon Regisford, Caltrans District 7, responded that there was coordination between freight partners and would welcome discussion on specific locations to begin conversations with rail operators.

Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, encouraged planning toward preparedness against weather events and policy development with SCAG which can be elevated to legislators in Sacramento. He encouraged focus on specific policy, prevention, and mitigation efforts regionally.

Hon. Andrew Lara, Pico Rivera, District 31, asked if a database was available listing bed bound residents, particularly those on ventilators. It was noted that during an emergency, paramedics are overwhelmed, and shortage of assets can be life threatening. Ms. Fagan responded that there were some privacy concerns about such information, but challenges remain in addressing that need in an emergency.

8. Regional Mobility Hubs Strategy Update

There were no public comments on Item No. 8.

Sirinya Matute, SCAG staff, provided an update on mobility hub strategy. Ms. Matute reported that mobility hubs were locations where different modes of transportation can be accessed. She noted these provide safe and convenient places for users to transfer between modes, serve as first/last mile connections, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create placemaking locations in communities. SCAG has developed six different mobility hub types including downtown, urban, suburban, rural, and institutional. Further, a Mobility Hub Design and Implementation Guide has been developed which shows different conceptual designs for different locations. She reviewed public outreach efforts around development of the guide and next steps which include pilot projects in 2026.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Sandoval welcomed new members, Javier Amezcua, Calipatria, ICTC; Ryan Balius, Anaheim, District 19; Bryan Fish, Culver City, WCCOG; John Gabbard, Dana Point, District 12; William Go, Irvine, District 14; Lauren Kleiman, Newport Beach, District 15; Carlos Leon, OCTA; David Ready, Palm Springs, CVAG; Emma Sharif, Compton, District 26; Butch Twining, Huntington Beach, District

64; Zhen Wu, San Clemente, OCCOG; and Fred Jung, Fullerton, District 21. He also reported that at the April meeting, there would be the Chair and Vice Chair election for the following year and those interested in forwarding a nomination could respond to an email sent to committee members.

METROLINK REPORT

Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea, reported that Metrolink updated its schedule to expand weekday service including service to San Bernardino. Also, the California Air Resources Board had withdrawn its request for a federal waiver from the EPA and staff would continue to monitor the situation.

STAFF REPORT

David Salgado, SCAG staff, reported that registration was open for SCAG's 60th General Assembly, May 1 and 2, 2025. He noted the deadline for submissions for SCAG's scholarship program was March 21, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Sandoval adjourned the meeting of the Transportation Committee at 11:49 a.m.

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Transportation Committee Attendance Report															
2024- 25															Total Mtgs Attended To Date
MEMBERS	Representing	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY		
Amezcuca, Javier	Calipatria, ICTC										1			1	
Andrade-Stadler, Adele	Alhambra, SGVCOG				1		1							2	
Bacerra, Phil	Orange County, CoC						1	1						2	
Balius, Ryan	Anaheim, District 19										1			1	
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County													0	
Berkson, Brian	Jurupa Valley, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1			1						1			3	
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, AVCJPA	1			1		1	1						4	
Burns, Jeanette	Morongo Band of Mission Indians										1			1	
Delgado, Denise	Coachella, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)						1				1			2	
Dumitru, Jonathan	Orange, RC District 17	1			1		1	1						4	
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair, SBCTA	1			1		1	1			1			5	
Brian, Fish	Culver City, WCCOG										1			1	
Gabbard, John	Dana Point, District 12													0	
Gazeley, James	Lomita, RC District 39	1			1		1				1			4	
Gibbs, Jason	Santa Clarita, NCTC	1					1	1			1			4	
Go, William	Irvine, District 14										1			1	
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino County	1			1		1	1			1			5	
Harnik, Jan	RCTC	1			1		1	1						4	
Hernandez, Laura	Port Hueneme, RC District 45	1			1			1			1			4	
Hughes-Leslie, Lauren	Lancaster, NCTC JPA	1			1									2	
Hutt, Heather	Los Angeles, RC District 57													0	
Judge, Mike	VCTC	1			1		1	1			1			5	
Jung, Fred	Fullerton, OCCOG	1			1		1	1			1			5	
Kelley, Trish	TCA Representative	1			1		1	1			1			5	
Kleiman, Lauren	Newport Beach, District 15													0	
Krupa, Linda	Hemet, RC District 3	1					1	1			1			4	
Lara, Andrew	Pico Rivera, Dist 31				1						1			2	
Leon, Carlos	OCTA										1				
Lewis, Bridgett	Torrance, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1			1									2	
Loa, Richard	Palmdale, NCTC				1		1	1			1			4	
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale, RC District 4	1			1		1	1			1			5	
Mann, Ken	Lancaster, RC District 43	1						1						2	
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore, RC District 63	1			1		1	1			1			5	
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills, RC District 10	1			1		1	1			1			5	
McCallon, Larry	Air District Representative	1			1		1	1			1			5	
McLean, Marsha	Santa Clarita, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1			1		1	1			1			5	
McOsker, Tim	Los Angeles, RC District 62	1												1	
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga, RC District 9										1			1	
Molina, Linda	Calimesa, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1					1				1			3	
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1			1		1	1			1			5	
Munoz-Guevara, Juan	Lynwood, GCCOG	1					1	1						3	
Najarian, Ara	Glendale, SFVCOG	1			1		1				1			4	
Navarro, Frank	Colton, RC District 6	1					1				1			3	
Perez,Nikki	Burbank, District 42							1						1	
Ready, David	Palm Springs, CVAG										1			1	
Rebollar, Gil	Brawley, RC District 1				1		1	1			1			4	

Reece, Ed	Claremont, SGVCOG	1	1	1				1			4
Regisford, Marlon	Caltrans, District 7, Ex-Officio Member	1	1	1	1						4
Reyes, Gabriel	San Bernardino County CoC										0
Ruiz, Crystal	Sna Jacinto, WRCOG	1	1	1	1			1			5
Saleh, Ali	Bell, RC District 27	1	1	1	1			1			5
Sanchez, Steve	La Quinta, District 66	1	1	1	1			1			5
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona, RC District 38	1						1			2
Schwank, Zak	Temecula, RC District 5			1				1			2
Sharif, Emma	Compton, District 26							1			1
Simonoff, Marty	Brea, RC District 22	1	1	1	1			1			5
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)										0
Smith, Ward	Placentia, OCCOG		1	1	1			1			4
Solis, Hilda	Los Angeles County										0
Speake, Wes	Corona, WRCOG	1	1	1	1			1			5
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	1	1								2
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City, SGVCOG	1	1	1	1			1			5
Twining, Butch	Huntington Beach, District 64										0
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar, RC District 37				1			1			2
Vargas, Michael	Riverside County CoC	1	1	1				1			4
Voigts, Scott	Lake Forest, OCCOG										0
Wagner, Don	Orange County	1	1	1	1			1			5
Wallace, Colleen	Banning, WRCOG	1	1	1				1			4
Wapner, Alan	SBCTA	1	1	1	1			1			5
Wong, Thomas	Monterey Park, SGVCOG	1		1	1			1			4
Wu, Zhen	San Clemente, OCCOG							1			1



AGENDA ITEM 3

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 3, 2025

To: Transportation Committee (TC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Annie Nam, Deputy Director
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Subject: Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In April 2024, SCAG's Regional Council adopted the 2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Connect SoCal 2024. Following adoption of Connect SoCal 2024, staff developed a 12-month TC Outlook to carry forward the policy priorities and Implementation Strategies of Connect SoCal 2024. For FY2025, the TC Outlook reflects outcomes of the 2024 Executive Administration Committee (EAC) Retreat and discussions with the TC Chair and Vice Chair. The Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items will be updated monthly as a receive and file item.

BACKGROUND:

The work of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the leadership from the agency's Policy Committees and Regional Council is driven by SCAG's legally mandated duties as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Southern California, the long-range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), Connect SoCal 2024 as well as, the agency Strategic Plan approved by the Executive Administrative Committee on May 1, 2024¹

Transportation Committee Outlook and Framework

The Policy Committees help to further the implementation of Connect SoCal by advising on policy, research or resource programs. The Policy Committees will also be informed and advise on broader regional leadership items as needed. Over the upcoming year, most agenda items fall under the following three categories: