



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)  
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 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:**

<b>Hon. Tim Sandoval (Chair)</b>	<b><i>Pomona</i></b>	<b>District 38</b>
<b>Hon. Mike T. Judge (Vice Chair)</b>		<b>VCTC</b>
Hon. Brian Berkson	<i>Jurupa Valley, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Russel Betts	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	CVAG
Hon. Daniel Brotman	<i>Glendale</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Ross Chun	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Andrew Do	<i>Orange County</i>	CoC
Hon. Jonathan Dumitru	<i>Orange</i>	District 17
Hon. John Dutrey	<i>Montclair</i>	SBCTA
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Jason Gibbs	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	NCTC
Hon. Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Hon. Jan Harnik		RCTC
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Lauren Hughes-Leslie	<i>Lancaster</i>	NCTC JPA
Hon. Fred Jung	<i>Fullerton</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Trish Kelley		TCA
Hon. Linda Krupa	<i>Hemet</i>	District 3
Hon. Bridgett Lewis	<i>Torrance, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Malcolm Lilienthal	<i>Hemet</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Ken Mann	<i>Lancaster</i>	District 43
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. Tim McOsker	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
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. Maria Nava-Froelich		ICTC
Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Sharona Nazarian	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	WSCCOG
Hon. Ed Reece	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Celeste Rodriguez	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
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. Suely Saro	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Jose Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Wes Speake	<i>Corona</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
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. Ashleigh Aitken		OCTA
Hon. Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Hon. Liz Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Jeanette Burns		Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Denise Delgado	<i>Coachella, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Heather Hutt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49
Hon. Richard Loa	<i>Palmdale</i>	NCTC
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. Nikki Perez	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42



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Hon. Gil Rebolgar	<i>Brawley</i>	District 1
Hon. Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Ward Smith	<i>Placentia</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Jeremy Smith	<i>Canyon Lake, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Hilda Solis		Los Angeles 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 9:30 a.m. Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA, District 7, 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).

Ruben Duran, Committee Counsel, acknowledged there were two public comments received prior to the meeting. The first was provided to the members as part of their agenda packet. He noted the second comment was received after Wednesday’s deadline and would be made available to members following the meeting.

Chair Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona, District 38, joined the meeting. Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Sandoval closed the Public Comment Period.

Committee Counsel Duran reported that agenda item 1 had a typographical error, and the committee would be asked to approve the minutes of April 4, 2024. Additionally, he noted that agenda item 3 had the incorrect public release start date as July 11, 2024 and the correct start date was July 12, 2024.

**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.

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Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – April 4, 2024

Receive and File

2. Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items
3. Release of Draft Transportation Conformity Analyses of Draft 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1
4. List of Awarded Projects for the 2024 Go Human Community Streets Grant Program
5. Southern California Zero Emissions Truck Infrastructure Study: Technical Analysis Update
6. LOSSAN Rail Corridor Resiliency Subcommittee Update
7. CalSTA Transit Transformation Task Force

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to approve Consent Calendar Item 1; and Receive and File items 2 through 7. The motion was SECONDED (Navarro) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** Berkson, Betts, Brotman, Brown, Chun, Do, Dumitru, Dutrey, Gazeley, Gibbs, Hagman, Hernandez, Hughes-Leslie, Judge, Jung, Kelley, Krupa, Lewis, Lilienthal, Lorimore, Mann, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Molina, Moore, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Nazarian, Reece, Rodriguez, Saleh, Sanchez, Sandoval, Saro, Simonoff, Solache, Sternquist, Vargas, Wagner, Wallace, Wapner (43)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

**ACTION ITEMS**

8. Draft 2025 FTIP and Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 – Release for Public Review and Comment

There were no public comments on Item No. 8.

Agustin Barajas, SCAG staff, reported on the Draft 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 – release for public review and comment. Mr. Barajas stated Connect SoCal 2024 was being amended as a result of project list changes in the 2025 FTIP. He noted the FTIP was a list of transportation projects which have received funding and are advancing toward implementation within six years. The FTIP is a bottom-up process where transportation projects emerge through the county transportation commissions before being provided to SCAG. He noted there were approximately 1,128 FTIP projects regionally representing an investment totaling \$38.8 billion over a six-year period.

Mr. Barajas stated equity considerations were part of the FTIP process and projects were examined to understand their impacts to specific communities. These metrics serve to inform county transportation commissions on equity impacts.

Nancy Lo, SCAG staff, reported on Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1. She noted 348 project modifications were received prompting the development of Amendment 1.

A MOTION was made (Marquez) to recommend that the Regional Council authorize the Executive Director to release the draft 2025 FTIP and draft Connect SoCal 2024 (2024 RTP/SCS) Amendment 1 for Public Review and Comment. The motion was SECONDED (Hagman) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** Berkson, Betts, Brotman, Brown, Chun, Dumitru, Dutrey, Gazeley, Gibbs, Hagman, Hernandez, Hughes-Leslie, Judge, Jung, Kelley, Krupa, Lewis, Lilienthal, Lorimore, Mann, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Molina, Moore, Munoz-Guevara, Najarian, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Nazarian, Reece, Rodriguez, Saleh, Sanchez, Sandoval, Saro, Simonoff, Solache, Speake, Spiegel, Sternquist, Vargas, Wagner, Wallace, Wapner, Wong (47)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert, RCTC, expressed support for Item 8. Her vote is not reflected in the count as she was not at a noticed location and there was not a quorum of the membership present in the room for her to use the “just cause” provision.

#### 9. 2024 SCP Active Transportation & Safety Guidelines and Call for Projects

There were no public comments on Item No. 9.



Rachel Om, SCAG staff, reported on the SCP Active Transportation and Safety Guidelines and Call for Projects. Ms. Om noted the goal of the Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) was to support Connect SoCal and meet the needs of local communities. She reported the SCP strengthens partnerships with local agencies responsible for land use and transportation decisions, offering resources to meet the diverse planning needs of local communities while supporting Connect SoCal policies. Ms. Om stated the SCP was hosting a call for applications focused on Active Transportation and Safety. The total funding anticipated was \$10.4 million which would be funded by Active Transportation Cycle 7 Regional Funds and Safe Streets and Roads for All Federal Grant. Project plans include those focused on Active Transportation, bicycle and/or Pedestrian Master Plans, First/Last Mile and Safe Routes. The plans must benefit disadvantaged communities per state active transportation guidelines. For active transportation plans, up to \$500,000 is available per award.

Ms. Om noted Quick-Build projects were also sought and up to \$900,000 was available for each project. She reviewed a recently completed artistic curb extension Quick-Build project in Long Beach in the Washington neighborhood and a pedestrian plaza project in Calexico. Ms. Om reported that once the call for projects was released, staff would continue engagement with virtual workshops and regular office hours to support those applying for funding. She reviewed key dates including final application determinations in June 2025.

Hon. Suely Saro, Long Beach, District 29, commented in support of the artistic curb extensions placed in the Washington neighborhood. She noted the increased visibility serves to enhance placemaking and pedestrian safety in addition to improving aesthetic quality.

Hon. Daniel Brotman, Glendale, AVCJPA, reported on a recent Quick Build effort on N. Brand Boulevard in Glendale. He noted communication efforts around safety and the general purpose of the modification would have benefitted public acceptance.

A MOTION was made (Solache) to recommend that the Regional Council approve the Connect SoCal 2024 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Active Transportation & Safety Guidelines and authorize staff to release the SCP Active Transportation & Safety Call for Applications. The motion was SECONDED (Manos) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** Berkson, Betts, Brotman, Brown, Dumitru, Dutrey, Gazeley, Gibbs, Hagman, Hernandez, Hughes-Leslie, Judge, Jung, Kelley, Krupa, Lewis, Lienthal, Lorimore, Mann, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Molina, Munoz-Guevara, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Nazarian, Reece, Rodriguez, Saleh, Sanchez, Sandoval, Saro, Simonoff, Solache, Speake, Spiegel, Sternquist, Vargas, Wagner, Wallace, Wapner, Wong (44)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

10. 2023-2026 CRP-CMAQ-STBG Project Selection and Award Recommendations

There were no public comments on Item No. 10.

Warren Whiteaker, SCAG staff, reported on the 2023-26 CRP-CMAQ-STBG Project Selection and Award Recommendations. He noted the committee’s approval was being requested to recommend the awardee list to the Regional Council. He noted Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding was for transportation projects or programs that reduce congestion and improve air quality in nonattainment areas. Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding promotes flexible state and local transportation decisions, and Carbon Reduction Program (CPR) funds projects that decrease transportation emissions from on-road highway sources. He noted the call for projects began January 2024 and application review was conducted April – May 2024. SCAG will work with the awardees to include their projects in the FTIP. Mr. Whiteaker reviewed the project scoring criteria and contingency list. He reviewed the recommended projects for each county and award amounts. Next steps for awardees include programming projects in the FTIP and beginning the obligation request with Caltrans. All awarded funds must be obligated by September 30, 2029.

Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, CVAG, noted that the awarded projects in his city and region provide useful public benefits including generating transit use.

Hon. Steve Sanchez, La Quinta, District 66, asked about the Monroe Street project which was highly recommended but did not receive funding. Mr. Whiteaker responded that due to the competitiveness of some programs, funding was not sufficient to fund all worthy projects.

A MOTION was made (Hagman) to recommend that the Regional Council: (1) approve the 2023-2026 CRP-CMAQ-STBG Project Award List and Contingency List; and (2) authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to make programming adjustments as necessary. The motion was SECONDED (Betts) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** Berkson, Betts, Brown, Dumitru, Dutrey, Hagman, Hernandez, Hughes-Leslie, Judge, Jung, Kelley, Krupa, Lewis, Lilienthal, Lorimore, Mann, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McOsker, Molina, Munoz-Guevara, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Nazarian, Reece, Rodriguez, Ruiz, Sanchez, Sandoval, Saro, Simonoff, Solache, Spiegel, Wagner, Wallace, Wapner, Wong (38)

**NOES:** Brotman (1)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

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**INFORMATION ITEMS****11. Update on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Action on South Coast Air Quality Management District's Plan to Meet the 1997 Ozone Standard**

There were no public comments on Item No. 11.

Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), provided an update on proposed EPA action on SCAQMD's Ozone Standard plan. She reported that federal and state law requires SCAQMD and California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop plans to meet federal air quality standards. EPA recently proposed disapproving a portion of the plan to meet the 1997 ozone standard. If the proposed disapproval is finalized without changes, 18 months later the region will begin facing significant economic sanctions. Disapproval is based around SCAQMD/CARB's proposal for the federal government to take responsibility for specific emission sources. Those sources are currently under federal authority. She noted in 2017 SCAQMD and CARB submitted a plan to meet the federal 1997 ozone standard by the attainment date in 2023.

Ms. Rees reviewed the public health effects of ozone noting it is particularly detrimental to sensitive groups such as children and results in billions in healthcare costs. She reviewed the ozone levels looking back several decades noting aircraft, oceangoing vessels and trains had increased slightly. Those emissions are under federal authority. Under the Contingency Measure Plan, SCAQMD and CARB propose that all three agencies work together to reduce emissions within each agency's authority. Since EPA did not respond to the proposed agreement, SCAQMD took legal action to prompt shared responsibility. SCAQMD continues to encourage the federal government to take responsibility for the emission sources under its purview and seeks to work with them in a cooperative way to manage regional emissions.

Hon. Tim Sandoval, Pomona, District 38, asked how committee members can be of assistance. Ms. Rees responded that raising profile of the situation and consequences is beneficial.

**12. Highways to Boulevards Regional Study**

There were no public comments on Item No. 12.

Hina Chanchlani, SCAG staff, provided an update on the Highways to Boulevards Regional Study. She reported the study began in November 2023 with the goal to identify opportunities to reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating transportation facilities such as highways or railways that create barriers to community connectivity. The study funding was \$480,000 from federal programs seeking to explore options for communities. She examined the equity elements



and study goals including identifying locations for conversion and mitigation, developing a methodology to identify potential conversions and position the region for federal funding and implementation. Best practices and outreach activities were outlined including community briefings and engagement with Community Based Organizations. Project prioritization and study timeline were reviewed.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Sandoval introduced new committee members Juan Munoz-Guevara, Lynwood, GCCOG, Hon. Nikki Perez, Burbank, District 42, and Steve Sanchez, La Quinta, District 66. He also thanked members for their attendance at SCAG's General Assembly at the JW Marriott in Palm Desert, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **METROLINK REPORT**

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, reported that Metrolink recently announced a \$1.3 million award from the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Stage 1 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the development and demonstration of a pioneering track intrusion detection system. In addition to this grant funding, Congressman Brad Sherman (CA-32) recently secured an additional \$1 million in congressionally directed spending in fiscal year 2024 appropriations to support the innovative rail safety project. During the project's initial phase, the new intruder detection system will be concentrated within a 1.5-mile stretch of Metrolink's Ventura County Line between Haskell Avenue and Van Nuys Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. The prototype will explore the use of artificial intelligence (AI)-equipped cameras and radar or light detection and ranging sensors in connection with Metrolink's existing Positive Train Control (PTC) system to identify and validate track intrusions. On June 3, Metrolink announced the implementation of a cutting-edge 'smart crossing' technology known as a Wireless Crossing Nearside Station Stop (WCNSS) system at the Del Obispo Street crossing near the San Juan Capistrano Station in Orange County. The technology was made possible by funding from the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program to create a better experience for drivers and pedestrians while increasing safety for Metrolink passengers and the San Juan Capistrano community.

He noted that in May Metrolink announced plans to make summer travel more convenient and affordable with the return of the \$15 Summer Day Pass. The promotion offers unlimited rides on Metrolink's system on the day of purchase. The Summer Day Pass is available weekdays through Labor Day, with the exception of July 4, when the Metrolink \$10 Holiday Pass will be available. Metrolink will continue to offer a \$10 weekend day pass on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer.



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**STAFF REPORT**

Annie Nam, SCAG staff, reported that SCAG was engaged in recent advocacy toward the Joint Legislative Budget Plan asking that funding for REAP 2.0 be retained and the Active Transportation Program is continued. Once the budget is finalized SCAG will continue suballocation efforts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Sandoval adjourned the meeting of the Transportation Committee at 11:42 a.m.

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## Transportation Committee Attendance Report

2024- 25

MEMBERS	Representing	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Aitken, Ashleigh	OCTA													
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County													
Becerra, Liz	Victorville, RC District 65													
Berkson, Brian	Jurupa Valley, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1												
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs, CVAG	1												
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Dutrey, J. John	Montclair, SBCTA	1												
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Jung, Fred	Fullerton, OCCOG	1												
Kelley, Trish	TCA Representative	1												
Krekorian, Paul	Los Angeles, RC District 49/Public Transit Rep.													
Krupa, Linda	Hemet, RC District 3	1												
Lewis, Bridgett	Torrance, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1												
Lilienthal, Malcolm	Hemet, WRCOG	1												
Loa, Richard	Palmdale, NCTC													
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale, RC District 4	1												
Mann, Ken	Lancaster, RC District 43	1												
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore, RC District 63	1												
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Navarro, Frank	Colton, RC District 6	1												
Nazarian, Sharona	Beverly Hills, WSCCOG	1												
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Rebollar, Gil	Brawley, RC District 1													
Reece, Ed	Claremont, SGVCOG	1												

Attachment: TCAttendance Sheet June 6, 2024 (TC Minutes June 6, 2024)

