



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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>	VCTC
Hon. Liz Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Brian Berkson	<i>Jurupa Valley, Pres. Appt.</i>	District 65
Hon. Russel Betts	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	Member at Large
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. Jonathan Dumitru	<i>Orange</i>	OCCOG
Hon. John Dutrey	<i>Montclair</i>	District 17
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Curt Hagman		District 39
Hon. Jan Harnik		San Bernardino County
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	RCTC
Hon. Lauren Hughes-Leslie	<i>Lancaster</i>	District 45
Hon. Fred Jung	<i>Fullerton</i>	NCTC JPA
Hon. Trish Kelley		OCCOG
Hon. Andrew Lara	<i>Pico Rivera</i>	TCA
Hon. Bridgett Lewis	<i>Torrance, Pres. Appt.</i>	District 31
Hon. Malcolm Lilienthal	<i>Hemet</i>	Member at Large
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
		District 10



Hon. Larry McCallon		Air District Representative
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Carol Moore	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Ara Najarian	<i>Glendale</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Sharona Nazarian	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	WSCCOG
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. Suely Saro	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Ward Smith	<i>Placentia</i>	OCCOG
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. Don Wagner		Orange County
Hon. Colleen Wallace	<i>Banning</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Alan Wapner		SBCTA
Mr. Marlon Regisford	<i>Caltrans District 7</i>	Ex-Officio Member

Members Not Present:

Hon. Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Hon. Jeanette Burns		Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Denise Delgado	<i>Coachella, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Andrew Do	<i>Orange County</i>	CoC
Hon. Jason Gibbs	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	NCTC
Hon. Mike T. Goodsell	<i>Holtville</i>	ICTC
Hon. Heather Hutt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49
Hon. Linda Krupa	<i>Hemet</i>	District 3
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. Linda Molina	<i>Calimesa, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Juan Munoz-Guevara	<i>Lynwood</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
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. Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
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. Michael Vargas	<i>Riverside County</i>	CoC
Hon. Scott Voigts	<i>Lake Forest</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Thomas Wong	<i>Monterey Park</i>	SGVCOG

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair, Mike Judge, Simi Valley, VCTC, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills, District 10, 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.

There were no public comments.

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 – June 6, 2024
2. Amended ATP Cycle 7 Regional Guidelines and 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety Guidelines

Receive and File

3. Transportation Conformity Determinations of Proposed Final 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1
4. 2024 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program
5. CalSTA Transit Transformation Task Force Update
6. National V2X Deployment Plan
7. Broadband Last Mile Project Assessment

Committee Counsel announced a single vote can be taken on the Consent Calendar and agenda item 8 and suggested holding the vote after a presentation on item 8.

ACTION ITEMS

8. Approval of 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Amendment 1 to Connect SoCal 2024

There were no public comments on Item No. 8.

Warren Whiteaker, SCAG staff, reported on the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Amendment 1 to Connect SoCal 2024. He noted the FTIP is a federally mandated list of transportation investments from across the six SCAG counties. These projects are federally funded, require a federal action or are considered regionally significant from a transportation conformity perspective. The 2025 FTIP is a multimodal list of capital investment projects totaling over \$38.8 billion and contains over 1,100 projects covering a six (6) year period. The county transportation commissions are principally responsible for prioritizing and determining the projects that go into their respective Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs).

Mr. Whiteaker addressed Connect SoCal Amendment 1 and noted Connect SoCal 2024 was approved by the Regional Council April 4, 2024. Amendment 1 contains approximately 350 project modifications that have been requested by the county transportation commissions. He reported that on July 12, 2024, SCAG released the draft 2025 FTIP and draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 for a 30-day public review and comment period spanning July 12, 2024, through August 12, 2024. The draft 2025 FTIP received 21 comments, five general and 16 project specific. The draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 received eight comments.

A MOTION was made (Brown) to recommend that the Regional Council (RC) approve the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Amendment 1 as well as Consent Calendar

Item 1; and Receive and File items 2 through 7. The motion was SECONDED (Solache) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: Andrade-Stadler, Becerra, Berkson, Betts, Brown, Chun, Dutrey, Gazeley, Hagman, Harnik, Hernandez, Hughes-Leslie, Judge, Jung, Kelley, Lara, Lewis, Lilienthal, Loa, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Moore, Najarian, Nazarian, Rebollar, Reece, Ruiz, Saleh, Saro, Simonoff, Smith, Solache, Sternquist, Wagner, Wallace, Wapner (38)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items

There were no public comments on Item No. 9.

Annie Nam, SCAG staff, provided an update on the committee agenda outlook. Ms. Nam noted that following the adoption of Connect SoCal 2024 in April, staff assembled a twelve-month outlook of policy priorities and Connect SoCal implementation strategies. She stated most agenda items will fall under three areas; Connect SoCal, local assistance program, and regional updates. Connect SoCal items will speak to the investments and strategies of the plan, local resources refer to programs administered by SCAG such as Sustainable Communities Strategies and Regional Early Action Program and regional updates speak to projects of regional significance and may involve guest speakers to address current activities.

Hon. Sharona Nazarian, Beverly Hills, WSCCOG, suggested an agenda item on batteries such as those used in electric vehicles. It would be useful to understand their lifecycle, replacement and environmental implications.

Hon. Karen Spiegel, Riverside County, suggested regular updates on coordination for the 2028 Olympics.

Hon. Wes Speake, Corona, WRCOG, suggested a discussion on tolling and issues around public perception of tolling charges.

10. Broadband Permit Streamlining Report and Ordinance

There were no public comments on Item No. 10.

Phillip Law, SCAG staff, provided an update on Broadband Permit Streamlining Report. Mr. Law stated there were gaps in regional access to broadband coverage which limits the economic, education and social access for segments of the population sometimes referred to as the digital divide. These can include rural areas, low income or lower educational level households. This effort involves examining ways to streamline the permitting process to enable the efficient delivery of broadband infrastructure.

The report identified several practices to improve permit streamlining both regionally and statewide. Those include uniform permit fees, no extra fees for broadband, inclusive zoning practices to facilitate broadband development across districts, leverage public and utility facilities, dedicated staff for broadband permits, permit processors for small jurisdictions, enhanced utility mapping, use of micro trenching and develop online application portals specifically for broadband that provide real-time status. Further, the development of a standardized broadband ordinance would be beneficial and can act as a practical guide for all jurisdictions, especially smaller ones. He noted the study will be shared and offered as a resource.

Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, related his city's experience with installation and suggested increased industry standards on work performed. He also noted there is some disruption even with micro trenching and while aerial distribution can resolve some problems, some neighborhoods are seeking fewer elevated transmission and utility poles.

Hon. Steve Sanchez, La Quinta, District 66, raised the concern about using micro trenching in areas that experience higher temperatures such as the Coachella Valley.

Hon. Jan Harnik, Palm Desert, RCTC, commented that high temperatures can affect micro trenching as well as existing geographic features and noted that applications may vary between jurisdictions.

11. Goods Movement Update: Southern California Zero Emissions Truck Infrastructure Study & Comprehensive Sustainable Freight Plan

There were no public comments on Item No. 11.

Jonathan Raspa, SCAG staff, reported on Southern California Zero Emissions Truck Infrastructure Study & Comprehensive Sustainable Freight Plan. Mr. Raspa reviewed goods movement studies already completed including Last Mile Freight Program Phase I which supports deployment of zero emission medium duty and heavy-duty trucks in partnership with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Committee. Also, the Goods Movement Communities Opportunities Assessment which examined community impacts of freight movement. He reviewed SCAG's 2023 Goods Movement Resolution which affirms that the region's goods movement system needs a guiding vision and SCAG

was in the best position to develop and advance that effort. He also reviewed the Zero Emission Truck Infrastructure Study indicating the work was near completion including a significant freight modeling effort to better understand the current charging network and what is needed in the future to build a zero-emission freight infrastructure.

Mr. Raspa reviewed efforts on the Comprehensive Sustainable Freight Plan. He noted the plan updates SCAG's 2013 freight plan and reviewed its elements including stakeholder engagement, systemwide needs assessment of infrastructure, warehousing and other aspects. It assesses zero emission, alternative technology and e-commerce freight flow analyses. He reviewed the freight plan development timeline noting the work will begin in 2025 and will conclude in conjunction with Connect SoCal 2028.

Ms. Lucy Dunn provided public comment raising awareness of AB 98. She stated it is a warehouse bill which takes away local control and is strongly opposed by the business community. Ms. Dunn recommends that SCAG move in opposition to AB 98.

Hon. Larry McCallon, SBCTA, District 7, asked if SCAG's goods movement studies examine the use of hydrogen. Mr. Raspa responded that hydrogen is considered though it is in limited use currently. Mr. McCallon stated that hydrogen is the likely solution for long haul freight movement and encouraged attention regarding its potential. He noted battery power can be used for drayage trucks.

Hon. Suely Saro, Long Beach, District 29, encouraged proper support for hydrogen. She noted our climate goals are ambitious and there may be cities interested in being hydrogen hubs as part of a supportive clean freight infrastructure.

12. Transportation Trends Update

There were no public comments on Item No. 12.

Jeremy Marks, SCAG staff, provided an update on transportation trends. Mr. Marks stated that an update on transportation trends was provided to the committee regularly, which looks particularly at post pandemic trends in transit ridership, vehicle miles travelled, and work from home trends. Transit was reviewed and it was noted that bus ridership remains below pre pandemic levels but has been steadily improving. For LA Metro specifically, both bus and rail ride ridership has been recovering but remains below pandemic levels. Metrolink ridership is recovering more slowly while data on vehicle miles travelled shows it at only 5% below pre-pandemic levels. He noted the data indicates steady and improved use of transit.



CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Judge welcomed new members Andrew Lara, Pico Rivera, District 3, Adele Andrade-Stadler, Alhambra, SGVCOG, and Mike Goodsell, Holtville, ICTC. He reported that registration was open for 2024 Southern California Demographic Workshop to be held at SCAG on September 24, 2024. Additionally, SCAG's Go Human Community Streets grant program awardees completed 15 traffic safety community engagement projects throughout the region.

METROLINK REPORT

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, reported that Metrolink was hosting its annual rail safety month raising awareness of rail safety throughout the region. He also noted that Darren Kettle, CEO of Metrolink, would be providing an update at the Regional Council meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Ivette Macias, SCAG staff, reported that SCAG's Active Transportation and Safety call for applications was open until September 27, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Judge adjourned the meeting of the Transportation Committee at 11:49 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
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County														0
Becerra, Liz	Victorville, RC District 65				1										1
Berkson, Brian	Jurupa Valley, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1			1										2
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs, CVAG	1			1										2
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, AVCJPA	1			1										2
Brown, Art	Buena Park, RC District 21	1			1										2
Burns, Jeanette	Morongo Band of Mission Indians														0
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo, OCCOG	1			1										2
Delgado, Denise	Coachella, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)														0
Do, Andrew	Orange County CoC	1													1
Dumitru, Jonathan	Orange, RC District 17	1			1										2
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair, SBCTA	1			1										2
Gazeley, James	Lomita, RC District 39	1			1										2
Gibbs, Jason	Santa Clarita, NCTC	1													1
Goodsell, Mike	Holtville, ICTC														0
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino County	1			1										2
Harnik, Jan	RCTC	1			1										2
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										2
Jung, Fred	Fullerton, OCCOG	1			1										2
Kelley, Trish	TCA Representative	1			1										2
Krekorian, Paul	Los Angeles, RC District 49/Public Transit Rep.														0
Krupa, Linda	Hemet, RC District 3	1													1
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										2
Loa, Richard	Palmdale, NCTC				1										1
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale, RC District 4	1			1										2
Mann, Ken	Lancaster, RC District 43	1													1
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore, RC District 63	1			1										2
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills, RC District 10	1			1										2
McCallon, Larry	Air District Representative	1			1										2
McLean, Marsha	Santa Clarita, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1			1										2
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
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1			1										2
Munoz-Guevara, Juan	Lynwood, GCCOG	1													1
Najarian, Ara	Glendale, SFVCOG	1			1										2
Navarro, Frank	Colton, RC District 6	1													1
Nazarian, Sharona	Beverly Hills, WSCCOG	1			1										2
Perez, Nikki	Burbank, District 42														0
Rebollar, Gil	Brawley, RC District 1				1										1
Reece, Ed	Claremont, SGVCOG	1			1										2

Attachment: TC Attendance Sheet (Minutes of the Meeting - September 5, 2024)

Regisford, Marlon	Caltrans, District 7, Ex-Officio Member	1	1																		2	
Rodriguez, Celeste	San Fernando, RC District 67	1																				1
Ruiz, Crystal	Sna Jacinto, WRCOG	1	1																			2
Saleh, Ali	Bell, RC District 27	1	1																			2
Sanchez, Steve	La Quinta, District 66	1	1																			2
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona, RC District 38	1																				1
Saro, Suely	Long Beach, RC District 29	1	1																			2
Schwank, Zak	Temecula, RC District 5																					0
Simonoff, Marty	Brea, RC District 22	1	1																			2
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)																					0
Smith, Ward	Placentia, OCCOG		1																			1
Solache, Jose Luis	Lynwood, RC District 26	1	1																			2
Solis, Hilda	Los Angeles County																					0
Speake, Wes	Corona, WRCOG	1	1																			2
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	1	1																			2
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City, SGVCOG	1	1																			2
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar, RC District 37																					0
Vargas, Michael	Riverside County CoC	1	1																			2
Voigts, Scott	Lake Forest, OCCOG																					0
Wagner, Don	Orange County	1	1																			2
Wallace, Colleen	Banning, WRCOG	1	1																			2
Wapner, Alan	SBCTA	1	1																			2
Wong, Thomas	Monterey Park, SGVCOG	1																				1