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A B O U T

The Regional Council is the governing board of the Southern California Association of Governments and consists of 86 elected officials representing 191 cities, six counties, county transportation commissions, transportation corridor agencies, tribal governments and air districts in Southern California.

A G E N D A

For current and archived Regional Council meeting agendas and videos, visit: bit.ly/AgendaRC.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING



Nominees pictured left to right: Mayor Margaret E. Finlay, Duarte, District 35, Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, SBCTA and Mayor William "Bill" Jahn, Big Bear Lake, District 11

ACTION

RC ELECTS 2017-2018 BOARD OFFICERS

The Regional Council today unanimously approved the nominations for the SCAG 2017- 2018 Board Officers, as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Congratulations to Mayor Margaret Finlay, City of Duarte, who will serve as the new SCAG President; Hon. Alan Wapner, from the City of Ontario and San Bernardino County Transportation Authority representative, as First Vice President; and Mayor William "Bill" Jahn, City of Big Bear Lake, as Second Vice President. The slate of new officers will be presented to the General Assembly for ratification at its meeting on May 4.

ACTION

UPDATE ON 2016 RTP/SCS AMENDMENT

The Transportation Committee moved today to recommend that the Regional Council adopt the Proposed Final Amendment #1 to the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) and the 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Consistency Amendment #17-03. Adopted in April 2016, the 2016 RTP/SCS has since received requests from several county transportation commissions (CTCs) to amend the plan to reflect additions or changes to project scopes, costs and schedules. SCAG staff worked with the CTCs to include these project changes in the amendment as well as a concurrent consistency amendment to the 2017 FTIP. The draft amendments were released for a 30-day public review period to solicit comments on the proposed changes to the plan from Jan. 6 to Feb. 6. All comments received during this time have been addressed as appropriate in the proposed final amendments, which were presented to the Transportation Committee today. The Regional Council will review the Proposed Final 2016 RTP/SCS Amendment #1 at its next meeting on April 6. For more information, please visit: www.scagrtpscscs.net.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SCAG DELEGATION VISITS D.C. TO ATTEND CONFERENCE AND MEET WITH FEDERAL LAWMAKERS

In mid-February, a delegation of SCAG board members traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the National Association of Regional Councils' annual conference and meet with lawmakers on Capitol Hill on SCAG's federal legislative priorities, adopted by the Regional Council in January. The delegation included SCAG President Michele Martinez, First Vice President Margaret Finlay, Second Vice President Alan Wapner, Hon. Pam O'Connor, Hon. Larry McCallon, Hon. Greg Pettis and Immediate Past President Cheryl Viegas-Walker. In the delegation's meetings with Congressional representatives and U.S. Department of Transportation staff, they also solicited support for SCAG's recent application for FASTLANE grant funding for congestion-relieving highway projects throughout the region. SCAG will also be sending a delegation to Sacramento later this month to meet with state lawmakers on regional priorities related to housing, transportation infrastructure and Cap-and-Trade funding.

SCAG PARTNERS ON AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION AND ROUNDTABLE

Early in February, SCAG partnered with some of the region's foremost mobility innovators to host a demonstration of a fully autonomous shuttle in downtown Los Angeles. Local leaders, media and the general public gathered at the La Kretz Innovation Campus in Los Angeles' Downtown Arts District to take turns riding in a fully autonomous shuttle bus (no steering wheel, pedals or driver). SCAG's Executive Director Hasan Ikhata also participated in a leadership roundtable, which discussed ways to bring new transportation technologies to help address one of our region's most critical issues—traffic—while prioritizing safety and overall quality of life. SCAG was proud to collaborate with the Alliance for Transportation Innovation (ATI21), Transdev, EasyMile, Splunk, HDR and the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator for this event.

EARLY BIRD RATE FOR 2017 REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENDS MARCH 31

SCAG is excited to announce that the theme for our 52nd Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly will be "Innovating for a Better Tomorrow." This theme, which was also adopted as SCAG's official tagline in

September, reflects the agency's renewed strategic focus on facilitating innovation in the region. The two-day conference, which will take place on May 4-5 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, will investigate how cities, counties and partners can be dynamic and proactive in their approach to resolving regional challenges. Over 900 Southern California leaders from the public, private and nonprofit sectors will convene to address strategies for facilitating innovation and maximizing its benefits. State and local elected officials, CEOs, business and civic leaders, transportation and environment stakeholders and local government staff are encouraged to attend. The conference is free for elected officials and city managers in the region. A reduced rate is available for students. For all other attendees, a special early bird registration rate will be available until March 31. For more information, please visit: scag.ca.gov/ga2017.

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March

- 2nd Regional Council & Policy Committee Meetings
- 21st Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
- 24th Audit Committee
- 28th Transportation Conformity Working Group

April

- 6th Regional Council & Policy Committee Meetings
- 18th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
- 20th Technical Working Group
- 25th Transportation Conformity Working Group



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