

Summary of RC meeting – 11/4/21 – Mark Henderson

1. Findings to Continue Holding Virtual Regional Council and Committee Meetings Under AB 361 (Ruben Duran, BB&K Board Counsel) – **Approved by RC.**
2. Last Mile Freight Program: Phase 1 Selected Projects & Contingency List (Scott Strelecki, Senior Regional Planner) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Last Mile Freight Program Phase 1 Selected Projects to be awarded \$10 million and, further, that the Contingency List Projects be considered for award should additional funding become available through the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee. – **Approved by RC.**

CONSENT CALENDAR – **Approved by RC**

Approval Items 3. Minutes of the Meeting – October 7, 2021

3. Approval for Additional Stipend Payments
4. Resolution No. 21-637-1 Authorizing Acceptance One-Time Funds from the CA Workforce Development Board for Implementation of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy
5. Resolution 21-637-2 Connect SoCal CEQA Addendum No. 2 to Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2019011061)
6. Resolution No. 21-637-3 Adoption of Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment No. 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05
7. Amending Contract Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value: Bench Contract No. 19-052-C01 through C10 Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support
8. Amending Contract Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value and \$75,000: Contract No. 20-002-C01, with Best Best & Krieger LLP for Board Counsel Services and as Needed Litigation Services

Receive and File – **Received by RC**

9. November 2021 State and Federal Legislative Update REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA
10. Orange County Equity Map and Social Progress Index – Presentation given.
11. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
12. CFO Monthly Report INFORMATION ITEM
13. Assessing the Potential Impacts of Senate Bill 9 on Housing Supply (Kome Ajise, Executive Director) – **No reportable action taken.**
14. BUSINESS REPORT (Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio Member; Business Representative)
15. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (The Honorable Clint Lorimore, President)
16. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Kome Ajise, Executive Director)
17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S ANNOUNCEMENT/S ADJOURNMENT

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SPOTLIGHT

SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



ABOUT

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.

AGENDA

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING



ACTION REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES 27 LAST MILE FREIGHT PROJECTS

The Regional Council today approved 27 proposals as a part of the Last Mile Freight Program Phase 1 to be awarded \$10 million. The Regional Council also approved a contingency list of projects that can be considered should additional funding become available through the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee.

The [Last Mile Freight Program](#) Phase 1 is the initial step towards implementing freight-related clean vehicles/equipment and infrastructure to support cleaner air goals. The focus on last mile freight operations is particularly significant as trucks serving the regional distribution market constitute nearly 90 percent of total truck trips in the region.

Following approval of the project list by the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee, SCAG staff will work closely with the awarded agencies to further define the scopes of work and develop a project initiation schedule and

budgets. Read more about the Last Mile Freight Program at scag.ca.gov/lmfp.

INFO

IAN CARLTON SPEAKS ON ASSESSING THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF SENATE BILL 9 ON HOUSING SUPPLY

Ian Carlton, Co-Founder of MapCraft Labs, presented to the Regional Council on research conducted by UC Berkeley's Turner Center for Housing Innovation on a study which used parcel-level data and an economic model to assess the potential impacts of Senate Bill (SB) 9's provisions on housing in the SCAG region.

Signed into law by Governor Newsom in September 2021, SB 9 allows for by-right lot split and duplex developments on single-family residential parcels. The Turner Center study indicates that approximately seven percent of the region's single-family parcels would be financially feasible to develop under SB 9's provisions, approximately 300,000 new homes in the SCAG region; however, this potential supply increase could address a substantial share of the region's housing need and is significant when compared to recent housing production. Carlton concluded that it is unknown how many homeowners will want to take advantage of this program and that jurisdictions have wide implementation authority to create programs that will work for their communities.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES FUNDING FOR THE INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC RECOVERY STRATEGY

The Regional Council today accepted \$3.5 million in one-time funds from the California Workforce Development Board to support the implementation of recommendations in the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy.

The Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy, adopted by the Regional Council in July 2021, is focused on economic recovery from the pandemic and provides opportunities to ensure inclusive economic growth for SCAG's lower-income communities and communities of color. Through Assembly Bill 129, and with support from Senator Susan Rubio (D-West Covina), SCAG was allocated one-time funds to implement several core recommendations of the strategy including:

- Supporting expansion of the number of, and access to, middle-wage jobs
- Strengthening supply chains and access to contracting opportunities
- Construction apprenticeships and training
- Providing regional data
- Addressing human capital needs

More information on the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy can be found at scag.ca.gov/iers.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES UPDATES TO CONNECT SOCIAL, FTIP AND PEIR

The Regional Council today approved Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 and 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Consistency Amendment No. 21-05, including the associated transportation conformity determination, as well as Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report Addendum No. 2.

CONNECT SOCAL AMENDMENT NO. 1 & 2021 FTIP CONSISTENCY AMENDMENT NO. 21-05

Since the adoption of Connect SoCal, the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, in September 2020, several projects included in the plan's Project List have experienced technical changes that are time-sensitive. In addition, the county transportation commissions in the SCAG region have also identified new project priorities in addition to projects that are no longer priorities. The [amendments to Connect SoCal and the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program \(FTIP\)](#) ensure these projects move forward in a timely manner. The amendments will now be forwarded to the appropriate federal and state reviewing agencies for final approval. Learn more about Connect SoCal at scag.ca.gov/connect-socal and the 2021 FTIP at scag.ca.gov/ftip.

CONNECT SOCAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ADDENDUM NO. 2

The [Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report \(PEIR\) Addendum No. 2](#) analyzes the changes documented in the Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1. SCAG staff has determined that the proposed changes resulting from Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 would not result in a substantial change to the region-wide impacts. It has also been concluded that the projects identified in the amendment are consistent with the analysis, mitigation measures and findings of fact contained in the previously certified PEIR and Addendum No. 1. Learn more about the PEIR at scag.ca.gov/peir.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT



PRESIDENT LORIMORE VISITS GO HUMAN & LADOT POP-UP AT MAGNOLIA AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, President Clint Lorimore joined SCAG's *Go Human* campaign and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) for a demonstration of temporary street improvements at Magnolia Avenue

Elementary School in Los Angeles County on Walk to School Day and Clean Air Day. The demonstration included “School Streets,” creating a student plaza adjacent to the school that was closed to vehicle traffic and open to students and families with opportunities to play in the street and provide feedback. The street was reconfigured as a one-way school pick-up and drop-off zone, with safety improvements like bulb-outs and wave delineators to improve safety and streamline access. Air quality monitors were placed to assess impacts. SCAG was thrilled to partner with LADOT to showcase and test out these temporary improvements to improve the safety of students and families traveling to school on Walk to School Day, Clean Air Day and every day.

PRESIDENT LORIMORE JOINS ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Monday, Nov. 1, President Lorimore was pleased to join leaders and stakeholders from the Inland Empire and beyond for a celebration of the Ontario International Airport's (ONT) anniversary and hear from leaders including ONT Authority Board of Commissioners President and SCAG Regional Council member Alan Wapner. Several other elected officials were present for the occasion celebrating continued expansion and contribution to our regional economic recovery. Airports don't just move people; they are a key part of the global economy moving the things we need and want. Happy anniversary to the Ontario International Airport!

SCAG WELCOMES NEW POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Since June 2021, SCAG has welcomed nine new elected officials to the Regional Council and SCAG's Policy Committees.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Ramon Castro, Imperial County Communities of Concern
- Waymond Fermon, Coachella Valley Association of Governments
- Matt LaVere, Ventura County Communities of Concern
- Gabriel Reyes, San Bernardino County Communities of Concern

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

- Jonathan Ingram, Western Riverside Council of Governments

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- Michelle Chambers, Los Angeles County Communities of Concern
- Andrew Do, Orange County Communities of Concern
- Jason Gibbs, North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition
- Michael Vargas, Riverside County Communities of Concern

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



NEW PROGRAM DETAILS: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT

The [12th Annual Southern California Economic Summit](#) is only a few weeks away. SCAG is bringing together leading voices in business, policy, planning and academia on **Thursday, Dec. 2** to develop strategies for kickstarting post-COVID economic growth in the region.

To kick off the event, we are excited to have Senator Susan Rubio (D-West Covina) share updates on economic initiatives in the California legislature. The program also includes an insightful look at the state of the region's economy and the key issues that are affecting the region the most and a panel discussion on the core issues threatening Southern California's ability to stay competitive and resources to kickstart inclusive economic growth.

Don't miss this vital conversation on the region's economic future – [reserve your seat today](#). Elected officials and city managers of SCAG's member jurisdictions may attend for free.

GO HUMAN AWARDED \$1.25M GRANT THROUGH THE CA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

Earlier this year, the California Office of Traffic Safety awarded SCAG's *Go Human* program a \$1.25 million grant to continue initiatives to improve traffic safety and expand community engagement across the region. With this funding, *Go Human* will continue to cultivate partnerships and strategies across the region, guided by a holistic, equity-centered approach to safety. [Read the full press release here](#). For details on future activities and events, visit scag.ca.gov/go-human.

SCAG CONGRATULATES ICTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARK BAZA ON HIS RETIREMENT

SCAG would like to congratulate Mark Baza upon his retirement as Executive Director of the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC). Baza has served in his role since May 2010 and during his time has led the development of the agency's new organizational structure, staffing and work programs. Through ICTC, Baza has been actively involved in supporting regional projects that provide immense value to the county and has always shown great appreciation for the role SCAG plays in supporting Imperial County while considering county-specific challenges. We are deeply thankful for his 30+ years of service in regional transportation planning and steadfast commitment to regional collaboration. SCAG will present Baza with a proclamation at his retirement celebration later this month.

Read the full [Executive Director's Report for November 2021](#) and see past

reports on the SCAG website.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NOVEMBER

- 9th** Transportation Demand Management Technical Advisory Committee
- 16th** Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
- 18th** Technical Working Group
- 23rd** Transportation Conformity Working Group

DECEMBER

- 1st** Executive/Administration Committee
- 7th** Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 7th** Sustainable and Resilient Communities Working Group
- 9th** Safe and Active Streets Working Group
- 9th** Equity Working Group
- 15th** Regional Housing Planning Working Group
- 21st** Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee



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