

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Medina, Frank Zerunyan, Judy Mitchell & John Addleman

SUBJECT: Regional Council and Committee reports for January SCAG meetings

COMMUNITY, EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – from Frank Zerunyan

One-on-One Meetings with Local Jurisdictions to Provide Assistance for a Bottom-Up Local Input Process

Jan February March meetings and April May for follow up. Already the local jurisdictions are engaged and SCAG expects a smooth process. They are and will be reaching out to sub regions. They will have a local implementation survey along with this. The meetings may take up to 20 hours depending on the size of the jurisdiction. SCAG is willing to provide the technical support for jurisdictions if need be.

NOTE: SCAG staff is attending the SBCCOG January 15 Livable Communities Working Group meeting to discuss these meetings.

Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) Growth Forecast: Implications on Latino Labor Force and Higher Education

Interesting presentation on Growth Forecast and implications for the region. Focus on Hispanic population growth in the SCAG region. Correlation to higher education and employment. I suspect the SBCCOG area is a little different than the entire SCAG region but it cannot be that different. The full presentation is available under agenda item 3. Some discussion addressed the responsibility of policy makers to focus on higher education as well as technical education in various communities especially in the Hispanic community. SCAG will follow up with this education component next.

Equitable Economic Development to Address Poverty Issues: *The Role of Education and Training and What Else is Needed?*

This presentation comes from the Economic Summit of December 5. The presentation is under agenda item 4 and the materials from the economic summit are on the SCAG web site.

NOTE FROM ZERUNYAN: Based on these reports, it may be a good thing for the SBCCOG to engage the local colleges and the University to discuss the engagement of this growing community to assure their educational success as their success is the success of the region. If they fall behind, the region will fall behind in innovation, skills and jobs. The SBCCOG may be a catalyst for raising awareness of this topic in our cities and region.

Update on 2016 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan.

USEPA sets National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The South Coast air basin has been designated non-attainment for the NAAQS and therefore must demonstrate how it will come into attainment by submitting its State Implementation Plan. The committee heard an update on the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). The plan must address the new 2008 EPA 8-hour ozone standard of .075 parts per million (ppm) and include this in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) demonstrating attainment. The 2016 AQMP must also include an update to the previously submitted 1997 8-hour ozone and the 1-hour ozone SIPs, and the new annual PM 2.5 standard. There are extreme challenges to meet the standards required for the 2016 AQMP. The requirements include reducing regional NOx emissions by 65% (or more) by 2023 and by 75% by 2032 to attain the 1997 and the 2008 8-hour ozone standards. NOx is a precursor to ozone, reacting with sunlight to create ozone. Motor vehicles are the primary contributors to NOx emissions and ozone. SCAG will prepare its portion of the 2016 AQMP, which includes a growth/travel forecast, Regional Transportation Strategy and Control Measures (2016 RTP/SCS), due in July 2016.

Advanced Clean Air Technologies Update

Henry Hogo, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Mobile Source Division, South Coast Air Quality Management District presented an update on Advanced Engine Control technologies in the freight movement sector, highlighting anticipated technologies now under development, such as battery electric, fuel cell/hybrid, natural gas/hybrid, catenary or wayside power, and alternative fuels.

Port of Long Beach Advanced Clean Technologies Implementation Update

Richard Cameron, Acting Managing Director of Environmental Affairs and Planning, Port of Long Beach gave an update on the Technology Advancement Program (TAP) with the goal of reaching zero-emission vehicles, Vision Motors has a hydrogen fuel cell plug-in hybrid electric truck; International Rectifier has a plug-in hybrid electric truck; ships are using electric shore power and emission control systems. CARB has a rule that 50% of fleets must plug in to shore power by January 1, 2014.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Joint Work Program with San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) to implement the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS re: (1) Countywide Vision for sustainability, (2) Countywide Routes to Schools Inventory, (3) Executive study on development and access to key transit corridors and (4) Collaboration on conservation and open-space identification and planning. Passed unanimously after slight discussion. (Presented to and passed at the other two committees too.)

Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Update - State's Preliminary Draft Active Transportation Program Guidelines

Sarah Jepson, a recent addition to SCAG staff from Metro, presented the item. The California Transportation Commission has put out these guidelines. SCAG funding is approx. \$25,000,000 per Year. During her presentation, John Addleman requested that the SCAG program take into consideration Metro's concept for slow speed multi-modal traffic. This concept is more inclusive

and he requested that SCAG allow funds for class II roller lanes and defined by Metro (not just bicycle lanes). Ms Jepson stated she will include this in the SCAG proposal.

The joint comment letter from the commissions regarding the draft Guidelines to meet the December 31 deadline is not yet done and will be distributed at a later date. These comments are intended to increase the competitiveness of Southern California agencies for statewide funds, reduce admin burden for SCAG and project sponsors, provide greatest possible flexibility for implementation of the regional competitions, ensure timelines are feasible, and support the state and region in demonstrating progress in advance of MAP-21 Reauthorization to preserve TAP funding.

SB 743: Facilitating Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) in Southern California

Ping Chang presented this item. Allows for CEQA exemption/streamlining opportunities, not mandates, within transit priority areas (TPA): 1. The project needs to be residential, mixed-use development or the defined employment center (zoned for commercial use with a floor area of 0.75 or higher) 2. The project will implement and is consistent with a specific plan for which an environmental impact report has been certified. 3. The project is consistent with the general use designation, density, building intensity and applicable policies specified for the project area in either an adopted MPO regional sustainable communities strategy or alternative planning strategy, which has been accepted by the State Air Resources Board.

OPR is required to circulate draft provisions by July 1, 2014 establishing criteria for determining the significance of transportation impacts of projects within TPAs using alternative metrics for traffic level of service.

The streamlining provisions do not relieve public agencies of the requirement to analyze a project's significant transportation impacts.

Congressional intention to eliminate Gas Tax by 2025??

REGIONAL COUNCIL – Dan Medina & Judy Mitchell

- Adopted the Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework and Guidelines for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.
- Transportation of Goods Movement becoming a National interest. Sustainable movement of freight issue is coming up.
- Old Cars are too old to recycle
- ARB appointment of Judy Mitchell – waiting for confirmation.
- Business report - Interest Rates are due to go up.
- SB751 passed – disallows secret ballots per amendment to the Brown Act.
- "E-Voting" system to be purchased
- Audit Committee Report - received the 2012-2013 external financial audit report and the actuarial report as of 6/30/13 on OPEB.
 - Fund Post Retirement Funds. (CALPERS)
 - Unfunded Health & Medical Benefits
 - \$519,282 paid annually by SCAG (retiree Health Benefits)
 - Actuarial Value of Assets. \$2.253,854 (soothing) @ 7%
 - Total 10.000.000 accountValued Liability \$6.072.549
 - Not including unfunded Liability/Contributions/Interest.
- RHNA and Housing Element Reform Subcommittee Charter adopted

- Jan Michaels.....passed Away at age 67