



Southern California Association of Governments
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June 2, 2021

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its special meeting telephonically and electronically, given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Rex Richardson, President	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Clint Lorimore, 1st Vice President	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Jan Harnik, 2nd Vice President		RCTC
Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Imm. Past President		SBCTA
Hon. Jorge Marquez, Chair, CEHD		
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Vice Chair, CEHD	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. David Pollock, Chair, EEC	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Vice Chair, EEC	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, TC	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Art Brown, Vice Chair, TC	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Chair, LCMC	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Peggy Huang, Vice Chair, LCMC		TCA
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President’s Appt.	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, President’s Appt.		Ventura County
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-officio	<i>Lewis Group of Companies</i>	Business Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Kim Nguyen, President’s Appt.	<i>Garden Grove</i>	District 18
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRP Representative

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director



Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Carmen Flores, Human Resources Director
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Javiera Cartagena, Acting Director of Policy and Public Affairs
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services
Peter Waggoner, Office of Regional Council Support
Maggie Aguilar, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Rex Richardson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and asked Jan Harnik, 2nd Vice President, RCTC, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Given the public health directives limiting gatherings due to COVID-19, President Richardson announced the meeting was being held telephonically and electronically in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Orders.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Richardson opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments.

He reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov. Staff acknowledged there were no public comments received by email.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Richardson closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Resolution No. 21-632-2 Approving the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Final Comprehensive Budget

Chief Financial Officer Cindy Giraldo reported the budget was first presented to the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) on March 3 and to the Regional Council on March 4,

where they received approval to proceed with the draft budget and initiate the 30-day public comment period. She stated the budget was made available online for public comment for the required 30-day period, and no public comments were received. Additionally, she stated the draft overall work program was submitted to Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for their review and comments, and that all comments received were addressed and incorporated in the final conclusions of budget. She indicated the budget was now \$147.1 million, about \$700,000 less than the draft budget that was brought to them before. She called out Tables 1 and 2 within the staff report, which provided a summary of the changes made to both revenues and expenditures. She reported changes were predominantly driven by a \$1 million reduction to projected FHWA Planning funds based on the latest projections received, and offsetting cost reductions to print expenditures that were made to absorb the revenue reduction. She further stated that the current budget reflected no changes to salaries or benefits. However, \$777,000 in grant funds already programmed and other costs had been set aside to fund a one-year extension of three limited term positions to support the implementation of Connect SoCal. She indicated that the reallocation of these resources to the total salary costs would be brought back for approval as part of the fiscal year 2022 budget amendment one in the fall. In addition to this, she stated three new employee classifications were added to the salary schedule, including two for IT and one for planning, and that these new classifications would help fill identified staffing gaps within the divisions. Lastly, she pointed out that the ledger before them supported the important regional work that SCAG had committed to through Connect SoCal. She recommended that the EAC move to adopt the \$147.1 million budget and authorize the submittal of the overall work program to Caltrans, FHWA and FTA.

2. Resolution No. 21-632-3 Approving Amendment 4 to the FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program Budget

The Executive/Administration Committee combined the roll call votes for Items 1 and 2.

A MOTION was made (Pollock) on agenda Item 1, to recommend that the Regional Council: 1) Adopt the Fiscal Year 2021-22 (FY 2021-22) Final Comprehensive Budget and corresponding Resolution 21-632-2, subject to approval of the General Fund Budget and Membership Dues Assessment by the SCAG General Assembly; and 2) Authorize the submittal of the FY 2021-22 Overall Work Program (OWP) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and on agenda Item 2, that the Regional Council Adopt Resolution No. 21-632-3, approving Amendment 4 to the FY 2020-21 (FY21) Overall Work Program (OWP) budget and authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the necessary documentation to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Finlay, Harnik, Huang, Lorimore, Marquez, Pollock, Ramirez, Richardson,

Robertson, Solache, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Yokoyama (14)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Meeting - March 31, 2021
4. Contract Amendment Greater than \$75,000, Contract No. 19-034-C01, SCAG Integrated Passenger and Freight Forecast, Amendment No. 4
5. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-033-C01, Travel Demand Model Improvement and Validation
6. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-037-C01, Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Study
7. Contract Amendment Greater than 30% of the contracts original value, Contract No. 21-045-C01, Protective Glass Installation, Amendment No. 1
8. SCA 2 (Allen) - Public Housing Projects
9. SB 9 (Atkins) - Duplex Approvals
10. SB 10 (Wiener) – CEQA Exemption for Up-Zoning up to 10 Units
11. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

12. CFO Monthly Report

Immediate Past President Alan Wapner, SBCTA, requested to pull Items 9 and 10 of the Consent Calendar.

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve Consent Calendar, Items 3 through 8 and 11; Receive and

File Item 12. Motion was SECONDED (Solache) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Finlay, Harnik, Huang, Lorimore, Marquez, Pollock, Ramirez, Richardson, Robertson, Solache, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Yokoyama (14)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

Acting Director of Policy and Public Affairs Javiera Cartagena provided a brief overview of Item 9, SB 9 (Atkins) - Duplex Approvals and Item 10, SB 10 (Wiener) – CEQA Exemption for Up-Zoning up to 10 Units.

Immediate Past President Wapner expressed concern about taking an oppose unless amended position on Item 9, SB 9 (Atkins) - Duplex Approvals, and indicated he preferred to take an oppose position. He stated this bill would eliminate single family housing in the state of California and that nowhere in the bill did it mentioned anything about affordable housing. With respect to Item 10, SB 10 (Wiener) – CEQA Exemption for Up-Zoning up to 10 Units, he asked what this bill did that they didn't already have as far as local control. Staff acknowledged the question and responded accordingly.

Regional Council Member Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, clarified that with respect to SB 9, the League of California Cities took a position to oppose unless amended and it was not a flat out oppose position. She stated they needed to have a seat at the table to work with everything that was coming out of Sacramento. She indicated they needed to be engaged and be part of that discussion.

Regional Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA, stated she agreed with Immediate Past President Wapner on Senate Bill 9. With respect to SB 10, she stated the city of Yorba Linda was strongly against it. She indicated that they were one of those cities that does have a ballot initiative for zoning changes.

Regional Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, indicated there was differing opinions here and was intrigued by both Immediate Past President Wapner and Regional Councilmember Viegas-Walker’s thoughts on this.

Regional Councilmember Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood, District 26, stated there was a very good discussion at the Committee level and there was a strong sentiment on the issue of local control. He indicated there was no doubt that the local control discussion was the top issue and the reason why

the Committee recommended what they did. He further stated they wanted to have a seat at the table to see how SCAG could be a voice to some of the possible amendments to the bill.

Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County, stated she strongly agreed with Regional Councilmember Viegas-Walker and would like to be able to work with the legislature to make this better, if possible, and would support the Committees position.

Regional Councilmember David Pollock, Moorpark, District 46, addressed SB 9 and stated that what was going on at the legislature was the recognition that 75% of our residential zoning was single family homes, and unless they did something with that, the affordability crisis was never going to be over. He indicated the cities had been saying they already had the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process and have enough pressure to make this happen. Due to this argument, he thought they wanted to stay at the table with them and keep arguing local control, and for that reason he supported and oppose unless amended position.

Immediate Past President Wapner stated that with all due respect to his colleagues, and certainly understood their position, at some point they had to draw a line and thought that they needed to protect their cities and communities, as well as their residents and do what was right. He questioned why they opposed any legislation.

President Richardson stated this was part of a deeper discussion with respect to the positions they take and thought maybe the new President could address this.

Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC, expressed that Immediate Past President Wapner made some really great points. She stated they were going back to a one size fits all, and one size as they all knew it, did not fit all. She stated she really didn't see when they oppose something, why they couldn't have a seat at the table, because their voice should be stronger than that. She mentioned they had more than 19 million people and should have a seat at the table if they oppose.

President Richardson stated that an oppose unless amended position says we're paying attention to housing issues, we have concerns about the local control, but we have some details to work out. He thought there was a place for them to be able to help improve this bill and stated he supported the Committee's recommendation.

Regional Councilmember Solache thought that Regional Councilmember Harnik's point was very well taken because he had not thought about it that way. He stated that with their new administration they would have some work to do with this kind of conversation. He moved to support the Committee's recommendation.

A MOTION was made (Solache) to take an Oppose Unless Amended position on SB 9 (Atkins) -

Duplex Approvals, Consent Calendar Item 9. Motion was SECONDED (Viegas-Walker).

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made (Wapner) to take an Oppose position on SB 9 (Atkins) - Duplex Approvals, Consent Calendar Item 9. Motion was SECONDED (Huang) and failed by the following votes:

AYES: Harnik, Huang, Lorimore, Robertson, Wapner and Yokoyama (6)

NOES: Brown, Finlay, Marquez, Pollock, Ramirez, Richardson, Solache and Viegas-Walker (8)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

President Richardson proceeded to request a roll call vote for the original motion on Item 9, SB 9 (Atkins) - Duplex Approvals, on the Consent Calendar.

A MOTION was made (Solache) to take an Oppose Unless Amended position on SB 9 (Atkins) - Duplex Approvals, Consent Calendar Item 9. Motion was SECONDED (Viegas-Walker) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Finlay, Harnik, Huang, Lorimore, Marquez, Pollock, Ramirez, Richardson, Solache, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Yokoyama (14)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Robertson (1)

President Richardson proceeded to request a roll call vote on Item 10, SB 10 (Wiener) – CEQA Exemption for Up-Zoning up to 10 Units, on the Consent Calendar.

A MOTION was made (Brown) to take a Support if Amended position on SB 10 (Wiener) – CEQA Exemption for Up-Zoning up to 10 Units, Consent Calendar Item 10. Motion was SECONDED (Viegas-Walker) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Finlay, Harnik, Lorimore, Marquez, Pollock, Ramirez, Richardson, Robertson, Solache, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Yokoyama (14)

NOES: Huang (1)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEM**13. Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy - Summary and Draft Recommendations**

Deputy Director of Planning Jenna Hornstock provided a brief overview of the draft recommendations for the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy. She stated the recommendations were organized across five focus areas, in addition to levels of influence. She stated that based on what they had heard from stakeholders they wanted to ensure what they could and could not deliver. Therefore, for each focus area, recommendations were categorized as: 1) SCAG is actively pursuing with existing resources, 2) SCAG can pursue with partnerships and additional resources, and 3) additional recommendations where SCAG can partner. She indicated the key priority recommendations they were going to focus on were the areas they were already doing the work on and whether they wanted to pursue some partners and additional resources. She proceeded to provide a brief overview of the top recommendation priorities in the five focus areas, which included, but were not limited to the following:

- Housing Production with respect to the Regional Early Action Program;
- Transportation and Infrastructure projects across the region and advocating for funding at the state and federal level, in addition to, the use of these projects to pilot job training programs and to lead and support efforts to bridge the digital divide;
- Sector Based Strategies for key industry sectors and the need for regulatory reform; and
- Human Capital to bring greater awareness of workforce development resources for employers, joining the state in advocating for federal jobs guarantee, and seeking partners and additional resources, by serving as the lead data and research partner for the Southern California region in developing the job quality index.

CFO REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Cindy Giraldo highlighted the success SCAG has had with the federal programs for disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE's) and stated that for the past six months reporting period, SCAG was able to report success rates ranging from 24 to 31% of the percentage of federal dollars allocated to DBE's, which exceeded the approximate 17% goal established by Caltrans. She stated that gaining a better understanding of how we continue to move this was an area that they were going to be looking at as part of the approved equity action plan.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Richardson reported the Regional Council meeting was scheduled from 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m. tomorrow, followed by General Assembly at 10:15 a.m. He reminded the EAC members that the next meeting of the EAC was scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise congratulated President Richardson on a successful tenure. He also provided a brief overview of action items that were going on in the region, which included, but were not limited to the following:

- The launch of the Last Mile Freight Program on May 10th and the opening of the call-for-projects, which includes a total of \$10 million in Phase 1, which will be available for local businesses to commercially deploy zero-emission (ZE) or near-zero emission (NZE) heavy- and medium-duty on road trucks. Additionally, SCAG would conduct a workshop for businesses interested in applying in the next few weeks, with the submission deadline;
- The Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 which was the most contested cycle in the history of the program and dealt with two components, the statewide and MPO components. Specifically in the statewide component the lowest scoring applications that received funding scored 92 out of 100 and under the MPO components of the ATP, SCAG would be able to fund some projects that were significant to the tune of about \$93 million, such as Sustainable Communities Program - Active Transportation and Safety; and
- SCAG was working on drafting a letter for Broadband funding with a potential of \$8 billion for Southern California. Funds would go to projects in various communities under the digital divide.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Richardson adjourned the Regular Meeting of the EAC at 4:00 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2020-21															Total M Attend To Da
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JUN (Sp. Mtg.)	JULY	AUG (Retreat)	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Hon. Rex Richardson, President	Long Beach	District 29	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Hon. Clint Lorimore, 1st Vice Chair	Eastvale	District 4	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, 2nd Vice Chair		RCTC	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Hon. Alan Wapner, Imm. Past Chair		SBCTA								1	1	1	0	1	4
Hon. Jorge Marquez, Chair, CEHD	Covina	District 33	1			1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	8
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Hon. David Pollock, Chair, EEC	Moorpark	District 46	1	D	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	9
Hon. Deborah Roberston, Vice Chair, EEC	Rialto	District 8	1	A	A	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	7
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, TC	El Centro	District 1	1	R	R	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Hon. Art Brown, Vice Chair, TC	Buena Park	District 21										1	1	1	3
Hon. José Luis Solache, Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1	K	K	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Hon. Peggy Huang, Vice Chair, LCMC		TCA	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President's Appt.	Duarte	District 35	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Hon. Kim Nguyen, President's Appt.	Garden Grove	District 18	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	8
Sup. Carmen Ramirez, President's Appt.		County of Ventura	1			0	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	8
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0			0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio Member	Lewis Group of Companies	Business Representative	1			1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	9
			14	0	0	12	13	13	13	15	15	16	13	15	

*Revised to reflect attendance not previously recorded in the minutes approved on 1/7/21

Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2020-21 (Minutes of the Meeting - May 5, 2021)