



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 19, 2022 — 1:45 p.m.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, 3rd District, City of Los Angeles
Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th Supervisorial District, County of Los Angeles
Mayor Jess Talamantes, City of Burbank
Councilmember Paul Krekorian, 2nd District, City of Los Angeles
Councilmember Marsha McLean, City of Santa Clarita

STAFF

SFVCOG Fiscal Agent: Rachelle Anema, County of Los Angeles
SFVCOG Secretary: Los Angeles County Commission's Office
SFVCOG Executive Director: John Bwarie
Counsel: Shan Thever, Deputy County Counsel, County of Los Angeles

OPEN SESSION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER — Bob Blumenfield, Chair**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

REGULAR CALENDAR

At the discretion of the SFVCOG Committee Chair, all items appearing on this Agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated and may be subject to action by the SFVCOG Transportation Committee.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. CONSIDERATION OF [SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES](#) (Page 4)

Recommended Action: *Approve Transportation Committee Meeting minutes*

6. NORTH SAN FERNANDO VALLEY TRANSIT CORRIDOR

Metro representatives will present a refined project alternative called the new *BRT Network Improvements*.

Recommended Action: *Discussion and Possible Action*

7. DRAFT I-405 COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PLAN (CMCP)

Metro representatives will provide an update on the [Draft I-405 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan \(CMCP\)](#), which is now available for public review and comment.

Recommended Action: *Discussion and Possible Action*

8. FUTURE MEETINGS: AGENDA ITEMS

Recommended Action: *Discuss potential agenda dates and items.*

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, September 2, 2021 — 2:00 p.m.

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OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER — Bob Blumenfield, Chair

Bob Blumenfield, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

QUORUM ESTABLISHED (4 Members):

Chair Bob Blumenfield (left at 2:30 p.m.)
John Popoch, Deputy, Chief of Staff, Councilmember Blumenfield
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Vice Mayor Jess Talamantes,
Sahag Yedalian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian,
Councilmember Marsha McLean (arrived at 2:30 p.m.)

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by Vice Mayor Jess Talamantes.

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4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rainbow Yeung, Sr. Public Information Specialist, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SACQMD), addressed the Council and reported that the SACQMD is leading a landmark effort along with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) to deploy 100 battery-electric regional haul and drayage trucks across California. The battery-electric trucks will be deployed through a partnership with NFI Industries (NFI) and Schneider. The project, known as Joint Electric Truck Scaling Initiative, or JETSI, is the largest commercial deployment of

battery-electric trucks in North America to date, helping to significantly increase the number of zero-emission heavy-duty trucks available for goods movement while achieving necessary emission reductions. This is the first battery-electric truck project jointly financed by CARB and the CEC, and the largest investment of its kind.

The project was funded with \$26.98 million from CARB's California Climate Investments Initiative and the CEC's Clean Transportation Program, \$5.43 million from South Coast AQMD, as well as \$41.37 million in funding from project partners. Ms. Yeung reported that there are still funds available for transit and shuttle buses.

Ms. Yeung also reported that September 25 through October 3, 2021 is National Drive Electric Week, a nationwide celebration to raise awareness of the many benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid cars, trucks, motorcycles and more. There will be webinars and events hosted by the SCQMD on September 29th and they will be offering a virtual electric vehicle test drive platform.

5. CONSIDERATION OF JUNE 17, 2021 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Recommended Action: *Approve Transportation Committee Meeting minutes*

On motion of Vice Mayor Jess Talamantes, seconded by Dave Perry, unanimously carried, the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (SFVCOG) Transportation Committee approved the June 17, 2021 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes, correcting Councilmember McLean's name spelling within Item No. 7.

6. METRO WORKSHOP ON I-405 CORRIDOR

Metro representatives will lead a workshop for committee members and public stakeholders to present issues and collect feedback to inform future projects and planning along the length of the 405.

Recommended Action: *Discussion and Possible Action.*

Karen Swift, Sr. Manager, Community Relations, LA Metro, introduced Matthew Marquez who presented a comprehensive overview of the I-405 Congested Corridor Program Study Area Project along with the proposed goals and draft evaluation framework.

Mr. Marquez, Community Relations Officer, LA Metro, introduced Michael Cano, Deputy Executive Officer, LA Metro, who presented the following:

The Corridor Study Area covers the total of the I-405 Fwy. and includes the I-5 Fwy. North to the Orange County Corridor to the South. The Study Area represents:

- **25% of LA County's population (2.8 million residents);**
- **28% of LA County jobs (1.4 million);**
- **29% of LA County Lane Miles; and**
- **41% of LA County Trips every year (10.6 million).**

Funding was made available for a Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) in the amount of \$250 million per year through Proposition 1B for highly competitive Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) to relieve congestion. SCCP requires that projects be included in a qualifying CMCP. Metro is exceeding requirements by bringing in equity and other criteria to compete effectively, and to bring transportation options to disadvantaged communities and to reduce single occupancy commuters.

Mr. Cano reported that since the plan was initiated, Metro has:

- **Identified project goals and objectives**
- **Developed a draft evaluation framework methodology**
- **Met with COGs**
 - o **South Bay**
 - o **North County**
 - o **Gateway and Westside Cities (In Progress)**
- **Completed assessment of baseline corridor conditions**
- **Began assessment of future corridor conditions**

Mr. Cano expressed that input and partnerships with the sub-regions is vital in linking common themes through the Corridor while being sensitive to the goals and needs of the sub-regions and local communities that feed into the Corridor, especially the SFV. The sub-regions are crucial in providing needed information such as statistics and in building relationships with Community Based Organizations. It is important to build a multi-dimensional plan that leads to appropriate projects that reflects the sub-regions' priorities. To do that Metro must:

- Understand Corridor Conditions
- Establish a Comprehensive Vision
- Evaluate Projects
- Package Projects

Mr. Jim Bergan, Project Manager, Cambridge Systematics, reviewed the Evaluation Framework – Assess Projects:

The following proposed goals were driven by CMCP Guidelines, Metro LRTP, Statewide Transportation Plan, and the Climate Plan for Transportation Infrastructure.

– Proposed Goals

- Improve Mobility and Accessibility
- Advance Equity
- Support Economic Vitality
- Achieve Sustainability
- Enhance Safety

The process to be used to evaluate projects is as follows:

- Required Element of a CMCP
- Assess Multi-Modal Projects and Programs using common process and criteria
- Aligns Existing Plans, Programs and Priorities
- Links Technical Analysis to decision making to ensure the most critical needs are addressed

The Evaluation Framework Includes:

- Compilation and Categorization of Projects
- Assessment of Projects
- Development of Improvement Scenarios

Projects will not be ranked in order, but rather the process will be conducted by a preliminary screening of projects for future decision making.

Mr. Bergan then reviewed various performance measures. He reviewed the evaluation schematic ranging from “Significantly Benefit Goals” to Neutral Impact.” Projects/programs will be grouped into improvement “tiers” based on the two key elements of “Shovel Worthy” (what is the

contribution to our shared goals) and “Shovel Ready” (is the project ready for implementation?). Once the tiering is completed, the projects can be grouped as follows:

- Geographically
- Timeframe
- Function
- Goal area

Mr. Marquez facilitated a mirror board discussion regarding the Goals; Required SCCP Criteria, and additional Criteria as specified by the Committee members. Additional notes added by the Committee members are as follows:

Goal: Improve Mobility & Accountability

- Prioritize Regional Connectivity
- Facilitate First/Last Mile Connections (light rail and scooter or bike to bus improvement)
- Position Hubs for first/last mile delivery; pop-up distribution centers
- More incentives for carpooling and prioritizing Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita Valley and SF Valley Motorists
- Freeway Induced “cut through” traffic on SFV neighborhoods (canyons, hillsides) before traffic reaches the I-405, drivers exit the freeway and cut through Encino Hills Dr., etc.) Focus should be getting vehicles off the I-405. The San Fernando Light Rail Project and the Sepulveda Pass Project, northern terminus project should try to draw trips onto transit
- Consider mitigation of severe and consistent congestion issues between the I-405 and I-5, San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys
- Divert as many vehicles from the southbound I-405 to the northern terminus of the future east SFV Transit Project and future Sepulveda Pass project

Goal: Lead with Equity

- Bus and shade shelters need to be provided at several stops to mitigate the heat in order to encourage passenger use especially moving west to the SFV, possibly the use of misters or fans

- Look at projects based on making things competitive to cars (walking trips/bike trips) especially in the west valley region, making it attractive for use
- More accessibility through additional modes and services and more points of entry to services
- Determine how to maximize benefits of investment
- Identify specific mobility challenges for women, students, disabled, etc.
- Include the dollar cost to individual travelers/riders/users as a criteria for equity (e.g. a project that can improve mobility without creating a cost barrier should be prioritized).

Vice-Chair Talamantes asked if there is minimum criteria for shade structures and who decides location for the structures? Ms. Swift responded that cities are responsible for these structures, and perhaps the COGs can take up this issue as a priority.

Vice-Chair Talamantes also inquired if there are any discussions in assisting Burbank residents' connectivity to I-405 from Burbank Blvd.?

Mr. Bergan responded that it is important to link improvements on arterials through competitive projects as long as the nexus is established for overall congestion, air quality, equity and over all vitality.

Dave Perry, Transportation Deputy, Kathryn Barger, Third Supervisorial District, recalled that when Metro was developing the *NextGen* Bus Plan to implement a new competitive bus system in Los Angeles County, there was data collected regarding trips taken from origination to destination. The investment encompassed a three-mile radius from I-405, as projects are identified it would be beneficial to determine how people are moving to and from the I-405 and how that influences the congestion in the area.

Mr. Bergan responded that the baseline assessment used to understand trip making – origination, length of trip, time of day, etc., for the *Nextgen* project revealed that the vast majority (80%) of trips were short distance trips of approximately five miles. In addition, very few commuters were taking transit. It is important to understand the trip making before projects can move forward.

Goal: Support Economic Vitality

- The “missing middle” – For example the Warner Center, many people do not live where they work. Prioritizing projects that facilitate business activity (e.g. customer trips to retail/restaurants), particularly for smaller businesses through non-auto trips
- Metro should work with adjacent cities to create land use plans that create efficiencies (delivery, living/working)
- Have Metro be the middle-man to increase economic vitality
- Prioritize projects that facilitates business activity
- Consider commute patterns, perhaps cell phone pings may help

Goal: Achieve Sustainability

- Bus/Shade structures
- Heat Islands
- Perhaps the heat issue can be framed from an environmental/climate justice angle.
- Note that second largest park in the City is directly adjacent to the I-405 (Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area), it is also a flood control facility that also protects downstream communities
- The east/west Orange Line bike path crosses under the I-405, south of Victory Blvd., which may provide equity and sustainability opportunities.

Goal: Enhance Safety:

- Look at safety for vulnerable travelers including women and the disabled
- Similar safety challenges on the Westside (cut through traffic for example)
- Enhance barriers or sound walls for protection of those located in downslope areas (homeless encampments)

Francine Oschin, president, Oschin Partners, commented that the soundwalls put in during the carpool lane widening resulted in an acoustical echo for all those living in the “Pass” hill sides. Despite spending a great deal of public funds on the sound and retaining walls, residents were told that there were not enough funds to coat the soundwalls with a product that absorbs sound as was done in the SF area according to the former Caltrans representative who was on the Metro Board.

Anissa Raja, Planning Deputy, City of Los Angeles, commented that a direct tie to I-405 could also tie into the implementation of effective metropolitan freight transportation strategies and intelligent transportation systems [akin to managed lanes] which allows for efficient economic movement of goods and people tied to livelihood/jobs.

Shelly Quan, CMCP, Deputy Project Manager, Metro, reviewed next steps as follows:

- Refine evaluation framework
- Complete future conditions assessment
- Compile and conduct draft project evaluation
- Develop draft improvement scenarios
- Continue stakeholder engagement

The Project Schedule was reviewed as follows:

- o Winter 2021 – Metro initiates plan
- o Summer – Fall 2021 – Metro prepares an assessment of baseline and future conditions and evaluation criteria for improvement scenarios. (Stakeholder interviews and public surveys conducted).
- o Winter 2022 – Spring 2022 – Metro releases draft plan for public review and comment with improvement scenarios. (Public meetings and surveys conducted).
- o Spring 2022 – Summer 2022 – Metro Board to consider adoption of final plan.
- o Metro applies for SCCP Cycle 3 funding.

The aforementioned presentation was Received and Filed.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS: AGENDA ITEMS

Recommended Action: *Discuss potential agenda dates and items.*

Executive Director Bwarie indicated that the next meeting will be scheduled sometime in November/December, and he will work with the Chair to schedule an appropriate date.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Chair Talamantes, by common consent, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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