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JOINT MEETING OF THE

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEES

Monday, March 18, 2013

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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JOINT MEETING OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEES AGENDA

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The Active Transportation, Public Health, and Sustainability Subcommittees may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as information or action items.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Hon. Pam O'Connor, Chair, Sustainability Subcommittee)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Subcommittee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty minutes.

CHAIRS' REPORTS

(Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, Public Health Subcommittee)

(Hon. Michelle Martinez, Chair, Active Transportation Subcommittee)

(Hon. Pam O'Connor, Chair, Sustainability Subcommittee)

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

(Hon. Pam O'Connor, Chair, Sustainability Subcommittee)

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STAFF REPORT

(Alan Thompson, Christopher Tzeng, Marco Anderson, SCAG Staff)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Please note that this is the final meeting of the Active Transportation, Public Health, and Sustainability Subcommittees.



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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEES. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE: WWW.SCAG.CA.GOV/SCAGTV.

The Joint Meeting of the Active Transportation (AT), Public Health (PH), and Sustainability Subcommittees held its meeting at the SCAG offices in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Public Health Chair, Hon. Pam O' Connor, Santa Monica, RC District No. 41.

Active Transportation Members

& Alternates Present

Hon. Michele Martinez, **Chair**
Hon. Patricia Kelley
Hon. Margaret Finlay
Hon. Margaret Clark
Hon. Jeff Stone, Vice Chair
Hon. Jon Harrison

Ex-Officio Members Present

Alan Wapner, TC Vice Chair
Rye Baerg, P-Sector
Terry M. Roberts, P-Sector
Michael A. Morris, P-Sector

Representing

Member (OC)
Alternate (OC) (Videoconference)
Member (LA)
Alternate (LA) (Teleconference)
Member (Riv) (Videoconference)
Member (SB) (Videoconference)

Other (SANBAG)
Member (Safe Routes to School)
Alternate (American Lung Assoc.)
Other (FHWA)

Public Health Members & Alternates Present

Hon. Deborah Robertson, **Chair**
Hon. Ray Musser
Hon. Dan Medina
Hon. Sylvia Ballin

Ex-Officio Members Present

Patty Ochoa, P-Sector

Terry M. Roberts, P-Sector

Lianne Dillon, MPH, P-Sector

Michael A. Morris, P-Sector

Representing

Member (SB) (Videoconference)
Member (SB)
Member (LA)
Member (LA)

Other (Physicians for Social
Responsibility)
Alternate (American Lung
Association)
Other (Public Health Institute)
(Teleconference)
Other (FHWA)

**Sustainability Members &
Alternates Present**

Hon. Pam O' Connor, **Chair**
Hon. Carol Chen
Hon. Greg Pettis
Hon. Ed Graham
Hon. Marsha McLean
Hon. Larry McCallon

Ex-Officio Members Present

Steve Schuyler rep. David Shepherd, P-Sector

Representing

Member (LA)
Alternate (LA)
Member (Riv) (Videoconference)
Member (SB) (Teleconference)
Alternate (LA) (Teleconference)
Member (SB) (Videoconference)

Alternate (BIA)

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Terry Roberts, P-Sector	Other (ARB)
Michael A. Morris, P-Sector	Other (FHWA)
Kristin Eberhard, P-Sector	Member (NRDC)

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Pam O'Connor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and it was determined that there was quorum for all three subcommittees.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - None

REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS - None

CHAIRS' REPORT

Hon. Pam O'Connor, Sustainability Subcommittee Chair, stated that the theme of the December 11, 2012 Sustainability Subcommittee meeting was "Trends about Real Estate Development, Buildings, and Leasing." Members also participated in a discussion on what "sustainability" means.

Hon. Michele Martinez, Active Transportation (AT) Subcommittee Chair, reported that the AT Subcommittee plans to have one more meeting before comments on the AT work plan is brought forward to the Transportation Committee (TC) and then the Regional Council (RC).

Hon. Deborah Robertson requested Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, to provide a recap of the last meeting of the Public Health (PH) Subcommittee which was held on November 28, 2012. Mr. Lieb stated there were presentations provided by several ex-officio members that provided suggestions to the Public Health policy framework.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes from November 5, 2012 Joint Active Transportation, Public Health, Sustainability Subcommittee Meeting

A motion was made (Martinez) to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded (Musser) and unanimously approved.

A roll call was taken of the joint subcommittees and the motion passed.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

2. Draft Subcommittee Policy Recommendations Discussion

Huasha Liu, SCAG Director, Land Use & Environmental Planning, stated that at the previous Joint meeting of the Subcommittees held on November 5, 2012, staff presented the preliminary draft of Policy Framework outlining the five (5) categories including definition, needs assessment, strategies, performance measures, and funding. Staff has since received feedback, suggestions, and comments from stakeholders. The information received is documented in the Consolidated Policy Subcommittee Recommendations in today's agenda packet. At meeting #5 of the individual subcommittees' staff will bring forward its recommendations for discussion. If possible meeting #6 will be a joint meeting of the six (6) subcommittees.

Hon. Pam O'Connor, Chair, informed the Subcommittees that at the request of various subcommittee members and stakeholders, today's meeting is intended to help guide finalizing the draft recommendations by the Subcommittees. There were requests to gather more information on performance indicators and monitoring to assist with scoping the 2016 RTP/SCS. The underlying theme will focus on social equity and justice in active transportation and public health.

3. SCAG Active Transportation Monitoring Program

Alan Thompson, SCAG Staff, informed the joint subcommittees that one of SCAG's functions is to monitor safety within the region. SCAG has collaborated with Caltrans on the Strategic Highway Safety Plan Development (SHSP Development). The goal of the plan is zero deaths.

Potential active transportation safety policies include:

- A. Establish a regional 'Safe Routes to School' strategy
- B. Support activities that educate bicycle riders on rules, regulations and safety, particularly in sensitive communities
- C. Support legislation that increases penalties for hit and run violators
- D. Research innovative intersection treatments that may decrease injuries/fatalities

Hon. Trish Kelly, Mission Viejo, suggested that the second slide on Page 19, Item B, pedestrians be included and sensitive communities be defined. Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto, suggested that transit activities (individuals using transit) and structural safety also be included in Item B.

4. Active Transportation in Sensitive Communities

Allison Mannos, Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy, gave a presentation on low-income focused outreach, primarily to working-class Latino immigrant cyclists who have

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limited English proficiency. The main focus of Ms. Mannos' presentation was a program called "City of Lights." a program maintained by the Multicultural Communities for Mobility, which aims to bring the immigrant population of cyclists in the Los Angeles area out of the shadows by using a combination of self-empowerment training and advocacy work. The program, originally designed to provide lighting and safety education for immigrant cyclists, is now designed to improve conditions that affect Latino immigrant cyclists through advocacy and education in the form of community workshops on safety issues, legal rights, and bike maintenance.

5. SCAG Performance Monitoring Program

Ping Chang, SCAG Staff, gave a presentation on the SCAG Performance Monitoring Program to explain what the roles and functions of performance monitoring along with the key components of the program, the evolving practice and recent emphasis, and its future directions.

Mr. Chang also explained the development of performance goals and targets as it relates to the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). In the current RTP/SCS there are nine performance goals. There are two performance targets with quantitative measures: the federal transportation conformity requirement and the state greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirement pursuant to SB 375. New federal law, MAP-21, requires additional performance targets in seven (7) required areas. SCAG will need to prepare for the next RTP/SCS to address and support the state performance targets and develop performance indicators.

To monitor the outcomes, SCAG's "State of the Region" has been the primary vehicle to track the overall progress of sustainability for the region and includes ten major planning issue areas. The next 'State of the Region' is expected in May 2014. SCAG's 'Local Profiles' track the indicators at the city level with the next release scheduled for May 2013. Issue-based monitoring studies have also been conducted.

Huasha Liu, SCAG Staff, stated that SCAG like other MPOs in the country, will be required to monitor the progress of the performance with respect to the targets and goals set in the RTP/SCS.

6. Healthy, Equitable, and Safe Communities for All

Manal Aboelata, Prevention Institute and Tracy Delaney, SoCal Chronic Disease Collaborative, discussed how both agencies work together to improve community health, combat chronic disease, and establish safety by advancing the science and practice of prevention across the country. Also discussed was how neighborhood environment and community design impacts health and safety across the SCAG region. Indicators and factors of elements for community health were discussed, the elements included: equitable opportunity, place, and people.

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Dr. Tracy Delaney, SoCal Chronic Disease Collaborative, discussed the technical side of how the Collaborative can partner with other sectors on measurement indicators. In terms of health, the Collaborative has three (3) recommendations which are: 1) have early-on formalized health representation, 2) incorporation of health in transportation priorities, policies and language, and 3) modeling tools and scenario planning.

Dr. Delaney invited SCAG to join the Collaborative's Active Transportation Working Group, a group which consists of local health departments, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), and Caltrans.

Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte, asked staff if the health criteria incorporated into programs and grants would be looked at in relation to SCAG's Compass Blueprint awards. Jacob Lieb, SCAG staff, stated that an agenda item would be brought forward to the Policy Committees and Regional Council at the February meetings asking for approval of criteria for selection of Compass Blueprint Grants as part of a larger package that SCAG is calling the 'Sustainability Program' which will include a larger range of projects that communities can propose to the agency.

7. Establish Future Subcommittee Meeting Dates - No discussion

STAFF REPORT

Marco Anderson, SCAG staff, announced that an e-mail would be sent to the members of the subcommittee with a Doodle Poll to select available dates for meeting #5 and #6 of the Sustainability Subcommittee. A Word version of the current draft policy recommendations will also be e-mailed to members of the subcommittee.

Jacob Lieb announced that the Public Health Subcommittee would now be staffed by Christopher Tzeng, SCAG Associate Regional Planner.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Pam O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

Marco Anderson
Staff to the Sustainability Subcommittee

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Subcommittee Policy Recommendations: Next Steps

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Draft Policy Recommendations

- Subcommittee recommendations have been distributed and discussed by members and stakeholders.

Sustainability Subcommittee

Sustainability Subcommittee Policy Staff Recommendations

Goals and Guiding Policies were included in the [2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy](#). In order to assist in meeting the goals and guiding policies, six subcommittees were convened to help guide SCAG as it implements the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and begins to lay the foundation for the 2016 RTP/SCS. These six subcommittees focus on different components that were strongly advocated for during the development of the last RTP/SCS.

At the commencement of the Sustainability Subcommittee, five components were presented for members to consider, discuss and define for a final deliverable to the SCAG Policy Committees. The components were: definitions, needs assessments, performance measures, strategy, and investments. Four subcommittee meetings were held and dialogues were held on the five components presented, the considerations for each component, and potential recommendations/actions were provided. The following four recommendations represent the output of comments and discussions held at the first three meetings of the Sustainability Subcommittee along with input provided by ex-officio members and stakeholders. These recommendations are intended to strengthen the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. These recommendations are not final, but rather will be taken to Policy Committees, and eventually to the Regional Council for deliberation and potentially for adoption.

Improve and expand the availability of data and information to evaluate the RTP/SCS and its alternatives relative to sustainability.

- Catalogue current performance monitoring and measurement indicators and identify better, cost-effective methods for using them to refine RTP/SCS scenario comparisons
- Develop and refine performance metrics for location efficiency in order to measure development siting impacts, such as jobs / housing fit
- Identify sustainability goals beyond transportation and land use, and where practical, identify regional partners to work with to achieve those goals e.g. water, energy, habitat conservation

Next Steps: In consultation with the Plans & Programs Technical Advisory Committee (P&P TAC), modeling experts, and other partners determine performance monitoring and measurement best practices that can be adopted. Continue improving performance monitoring program.

Support regulatory framework that puts sustainable development on an equal footing with exclusively automobile oriented development

- Recommend to Legislative Committee and Regional Council that SCAG engage in CEQA reform discussions occurring at state level
 - Recommend that SCAG continue to support research, and/or development of best practices (e.g. thru Sustainability Program grants) into dynamic local regulation of Parking, Multi-Modal Level of Service, and Complete Street Standards
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Joint Policy Subcommittee Meeting

- Joint Subcommittee Meetings focus on interrelated nature of SCS related subcommittees



Joint Policy Subcommittee Meeting

- Keep members fully aware of other subcommittee recommendations



Joint Policy Subcommittee Meeting

- Members fully understand how recommendations will inform current plan implementation, and future RTP/SCS development



New Scenario & Analytical Tools



Next
Generation
Open Source
Sketch Model &
Data
Ecosystem

Outcome	Indicator	Definition	Performance Target	Data Sources Used
Mobility and Accessibility	Person delay per capita	Delay per capita can be used as a supplemental measure to account for population growth impacts on delay	Improvement over No Project Baseline	Travel Demand Model
	Person delay by facility type (mixed flow, HOV, arterials)	Delay – excess travel time resulting from the difference between a reference speed and actual speed	Improvement over No Project Baseline	Travel Demand Model
	Truck delay by facility type (Highway, Arterials)	Delay – excess travel time resulting from the difference between a reference speed and actual speed	Improvement over No Project Baseline	Travel Demand Model
	Travel time distribution for transit, SOV, HOV for work and non-work trips	Travel time distribution for transit, SOV, HOV for work and non-work trips	Improvement over No Project Baseline	Travel Demand Model
Safety and Health	Collision/accident rates by severity by mode	Accident rates per million vehicle miles by mode (all, bicycle/pedestrian and fatality/killed)	Improvement over Base Year	CHP Accident Data Base, Travel Demand Model Mode Split Outputs
	Criteria pollutants emissions	CO, NO _x , PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , and VOC	Meet Transportation Conformity requirements	Travel Demand Model ARB EMFAC Model
Environmental Quality	Criteria pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions	CO, NO _x , PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , and VOC	Meet Transportation Conformity requirements and SB 375 per capita GHG reduction targets	Travel Demand Model ARB EMFAC Model
	Per capita greenhouse gas emissions (CO ₂)			
Economic Well Being	Additional jobs supported by improving competitiveness	Number of jobs added to the economy as a result of improved transportation conditions which make the region more competitive	Improvement over No Project Baseline	Regional Economic Model REM
	Additional jobs supported by transportation investment	Total number of jobs supported in the economy as a result of transportation expenditures	Improvement over No Project Baseline	Regional Economic Model REM
	Net contribution to Gross Regional Product	Gross Regional Product due to transportation investments and increased competitiveness	Improvement over No Project Baseline	Regional Economic Model REM
Investment Effectiveness	Benefit/Cost Ratio	Ratio of monetized user and societal benefits to the agency transportation costs	Greater than 1.0	California Benefit Cost Model
System Sustainability	Cost per capita to preserve multi-modal system to current and stable of good repair conditions	Annual costs per capita required to preserve the multi-modal system to current conditions	Improvement over Base Year	Estimated using SHRP Plan and recent California Transportation Commission 10-Year Needs Assessment

HOV = high occupancy vehicle, SOV = single occupancy vehicle

Committees and Regional Council

- Subcommittee Recommendations will be presented to respective Policy Committees for approval on April 4th
- Discussion panel planned for the General Assembly May 2-3
- Subcommittee Recommendations will be presented to the Regional Council for approval on June 6th

2016 RTP/SCS Milestone Schedule

- Subcommittees are only the first step in the 2016 RTP/SCS Development

**February-May
2013**

Findings from Subcommittees presented to Policy Committees, RC, and General Assembly

**October-
December 2014**

Policy input/direction from Policy Committees and RC on PEIR and RTP/SCS Strategies

April-June 2015

Conduct county-specific 2016 RTP/SCS Planning Workshops

**September-
October 2015**

Policy Committees recommend Regional Council to release Draft 2016 RTP/SCS and PEIR;

RC approved release for public review and comment

**October 2015-
March 2016**

Conduct extensive outreach to cities, counties, stakeholders, and the public on the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS and PEIR

**March-May
2016**

Policy Committees recommend approval of Final 2016 RTP/SCS and PEIR, and conformity determination

RC certifies 2016 RTP/SCS



Questions?

DRAFT Active Transportation Policy Recommendations

Policy Recommendations

At the commencement of the Active Transportation Subcommittee, five components were presented for members to consider, discuss and define for a final deliverable to the SCAG Policy Committees. The components were: definitions, needs assessments, performance measures, strategy and investments. Five subcommittee meetings and dialogue were held on the five components presented, and potential recommendations/actions were provided.

These recommendations are intended to strengthen the on-going implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. These recommendations are not final, and will be taken to Policy Committees, and to the Regional Council for deliberation and potentially for final approval.

1. Develop a definition of “Active Transportation” which recognizes the varying types and needs of active transportation users

- Existing: Active Transportation refers to transportation such as walking or using a bicycle, tricycle, velomobile, wheelchair, scooter, skates, skateboard, push scooter, trailer, hand cart, shopping car, or similar low-speed electrical devices. (*source: 2012 RTP/SCS*)
- Proposed: Active transportation refers to human powered transportation and low speed electronic assist devices. Examples include but are not limited to bicycle, tricycle, wheelchair, scooter, skates, skateboard, push scooter, trailer, hand cart.

Next Steps: Disseminate local definition throughout the organization, and its deliberative bodies. Pending further discussion and action by TC and Regional Council, include language in drafting the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.

2. Consider and refine the availability of data and information to evaluate the RTP/SCS and its alternatives relative to active transportation policy

- Provide the technical foundation for any potential improvements to performance measures and indicators by conducting research and identifying best methods for RTP/SCS alternatives evaluation and monitoring
- Strengthen performance indicators to facilitate measuring the benefits of active transportation development
- Expand our data collection efforts, by working with counties, cities and stakeholders to expand data collection efforts

Next Steps to 2016 RTP/SCS Development: Identify and assist local agencies that are adopting Active Transportation plans and programs. Train local planners through SCAG Programs.

3. Develop, with partner agencies, a methodology for selecting and prioritizing regionally supported active transportation projects

- Continue to work with local jurisdictions in coordinating and integrating active transportation data and plans
- Support the development of cost effectiveness data and methodology to determine which projects may have the greatest benefit/cost
- Work with partner stakeholders in Public Health, Land-Use Planning, Environmental Quality and Habitat Conservation to further enhance active transportation options.

Next Steps: Continue to work with partners to develop methodologies that may determine active transportation demand (e.g. walkscore/bikescore) and benefits of projects.

4. Seek opportunities to promote and support transportation investments with an active transportation component

- Support regulatory framework that considers active transportation an integral part of all transportation planning and development
- Support regulatory framework that considers active transportation an integral part of land-use planning and development
- Support and promote the consideration and accommodation of active transportation users, particularly in underserved communities, in all transportation projects, where applicable
- Support goals and principles of Complete Streets recognizing context of local land-uses
- Support and seek opportunities to promote and implement safety in active transportation
- Continue to support research, and/or development of best practices to justify investment in active transportation
- Support and seek opportunities to increase active transportation funding (including, but not limited to Safe Routes to School, Cap and Trade, River Parkway Grants, legislative strategies and other public and private grant opportunities)
- Seek opportunities to streamline environmental review of active transportation projects.

Next Steps to 2016 RTP/SCS Development: Develop cost effective investments and strategies that promote active transportation as part of 2016 RTP/SCS development process, subject to further stakeholder input and technical review, and work with transportation finance division to quantify costs and identify funding.

Active Transportation Subcommittee

Active Transportation Subcommittee Full Policy Framework Annotation

The number next to the "Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input" identifies which staff policy recommendation it was considered to be a part of. If the "Potential Recommendations/Actions" was not considered as a part of the staff policy recommendations, a brief explanation will show.

- "1" represents the Active Transportation recommendation.
- "2" represents the Active Transportation data and information recommendation.
- "3" represents the on-going partnerships recommendation.

Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input	Included in Staff Recommendations?	If so, which policy?	Explanation
Develop nomenclature and definitions for Active Transportation, Active Transportation Infrastructure, Complete Streets, Safe Routes to School and First Mile/Last Mile connections, regionally significant projects.	Yes	2, 3	Subject to additional review (e.g. staff and PPTAC)
Develop Needs Assessment to fill information gaps and provide an understanding of the active transportation needs of the region	Yes	2, 3	Subject to additional review (e.g. staff and PPTAC)
Develop appropriate active transportation performance measures for the 2016 RTP/SCS	Yes	2	Subject to additional review (e.g. staff and PPTAC)
Promote use of Urban Footprint model to analyze and monetize health impacts of walking, cycling and transit and ensure comprehensive health analysis of growth scenarios in all decision making for development of 2016 RTP/SCS.	Yes	2	Subject to additional review (e.g. staff and PPTAC)

Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input	Included in Staff Recommendations?	If so, which policy?	Explanation
Measure the regional economic benefit of Active Transportation	Yes	2	Subject to funding availability
Consider measuring other social equity impacts of Active Transportation	Yes	2	Subject to funding availability
Include public health as a goal of the RTP/SCS	Yes	2	Existing goal of RTP/SCS
Look for available data to study possible health and equity benefits related to project implementation (i.e., childhood asthma as related to nearby active transportation improvements)	No		No identified funding source for study
Incorporate enhanced tracking of chronic disease outcomes, such as asthma incidence and exacerbation, heart disease, stroke and diabetes	No		No identified funding source for study
Work in partnership with local public health departments, planning departments (including transportation departments) and health organizations to help develop active transportation policies and programs	Yes	3	
Develop Regional Active Transportation Technical Working Group as a subset of CEO Sustainability Working Group to review and comment on program development at key milestones	Yes	3	Subject to dialogue with partner agencies
Research and review available funding sources for active transportation-related projects and programs	Yes	2 and 3	Appropriate SCAG staff will initiate
Develop methods to leverage different sources of federal/state/local funding for active transportation	Yes	2 and 3	Subject to input from appropriate SCAG staff and partner agencies

Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input	Included in Staff Recommendations?	If so, which policy?	Explanation
Promote funding sources to promote complete streets and active transportation throughout the SCAG region.	Yes	1 and 3	Subject to dialogue with partner agencies
Develop legislative strategy to improve funding and safety	Yes	1	Appropriate SCAG staff will initiate
Develop Strategies to help implement the California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) particularly for bicyclists and pedestrians	Yes	1	Existing goal of RTP/SCS
Encourage the participation of schools and school districts in the development of the RTP/SCS with the aim of supporting the improvement of Safe Routes to School programs in the region	Yes	3	Subject to input from appropriate SCAG staff and partner agencies

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Public Health Subcommittee

Public Health Subcommittee Policy Staff Recommendations

At the commencement of the Public Health Subcommittee, five components were presented for members to consider, discuss and define for a final deliverable to the SCAG Policy Committees. The components were: definitions, needs assessments, performance measures, strategy, and investments. Subcommittee meetings and dialogue were held on the five components presented, the considerations for each component, and potential recommendations/actions were provided. In addition to the meetings, subcommittee members were also given the opportunity to provide written comments. After reviewing the dialogue of the subcommittee meetings and the written comments provided, SCAG staff has developed a set of policy staff recommendations for the Public Health Subcommittee. Staff is also providing annotation of the full policy framework for participants to review the status of any individual input (see attachment).

1. **Seek opportunities to promote transportation options with an active component/physical activity**

- Support goals and principles of Active Transportation Work Plan, as it pertains to public health for all communities, particularly sensitive communities
- Promote active transportation as a means to encourage active and healthy lifestyles, and as a means to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
- Support and seek opportunities to further promote safety (including both related to crime and violence, and also to collision and injury) in active transportation

Next Steps to 2016-2040 RTP/SCS Development: Develop cost effective investments and strategies that promote an active life style as part of 2016-2040 RTP/SCS development process, subject to further stakeholder input and technical review, and work with transportation finance division to quantify costs and identify funding. This will be discussed further at Joint Meeting #6 with the Active Transportation, Public Health and Sustainability Subcommittees.

2. **Provide robust public health data and information, as feasible, to better inform regional policy, the development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS, and support public health stakeholder participation**

- To the extent feasible, include information in the following emphasis areas:
 - Monetary and health impacts of different plan alternatives
 - Physical activity
 - Emissions and exposure
 - Consider implementation of zero and/or near-zero emissions vehicles
 - Safety
 - ¹Health outcomes (for example, incidence of chronic disease)
- Pursue feasible enhancements in data and analysis with regards to Environmental Justice report of RTP/SCS; for example, exposures and likely health issues

¹ SCAG currently does not possess data or technical capacity to produce health outcomes.

- Coordinate and provide data and technical foundation for potential regional public health policy and expanded performance measures, as feasible

Next Steps to 2016-2040 RTP/SCS Development: Pursue scenario planning tool enhancements to include increased and dynamic public health data. Solicit technical review through technical working groups and other forums. Final recommendations on plan methodologies, data and performance measures in advance of release of draft plan in late 2015.

3. Promote and seek on-going partnerships with regional partners, local public health departments and other stakeholders

- Participate, gather information and provide information in the So Cal Collaborative Active Transportation Team (run by the Southern California Chronic Disease Collaborative Public Health Institute), and includes County Public Health Departments and SANDAG
- Reach out to non-traditional stakeholders; for example, school districts
- Engage regional partners, including transportation agencies, on how they include health considerations in planning and project delivery
- Seek collaboration and partnership on data sharing to assist in planning efforts
- Promote public health best practices through webinars, Toolbox Tuesday workshops, or other forums

Next Steps to 2016-2040 RTP/SCS Development: Staff participation in partnerships and continue reaching out to non-traditional stakeholders. On-going report out to partners (for example, Regional CEOs Sustainability Working Group and technical working groups) and policy committees.

Public Health Subcommittee

Public Health Subcommittee Full Policy Framework Annotation

The number next to the "Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input" identifies which policy staff recommendation it was considered to be a part of. If the "Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input" was not considered as a part of the policy staff recommendations, a brief explanation will show.

- "1" represents the active transportation recommendation
- "2" represents the public health data and information recommendation
- "3" represents the on-going partnerships recommendation

Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input	Included in Staff Recommendations?	If so, which policy?	Note
Develop a definition of public health to guide regional public health policy	No		Subject to on-going collaborations
Develop standard definitions for use in the region, and incorporate these definitions into standard practice and policy as key considerations for project selection and implementation	No		Subject to on-going collaborations
Review how HIAs can be used to inform the RTP/SCS	No		Subject to additional review and discussion (e.g. staff and technical working groups)
Work in partnership with local public health departments to determine needs assessment gaps, share data at both regional and local levels, and leverage health departments expertise to identify high need areas (i.e., high-collision and disease burdened communities)	Yes	2 and 3	

Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input	Included in Staff Recommendations?	If so, which policy?	Note
Support an assessment of available and potential public health data that can be utilized at the county and city-level to help local jurisdictions identify high need areas	Yes	2	
Evaluate monetary public health impacts and how they can be incorporated into SCAG’s alternatives model, with coordination across agencies doing similar work (I-THIM, PLACE 3S Public Health, Metro Bicycle Model)	Yes	2	
Promote use of Urban Footprint model to analyze and monetize health impacts of walking, cycling, clean vehicles, car-share programs, and transit and ensure comprehensive health analysis of growth scenarios in all decision making for development of 2016-2040 RTP/SCS	Yes	2	
Create methodology to incorporate health and equity as criteria for project selection process and prioritization	No		Subject to dialogue with partner agencies. SCAG does not act independently in project evaluation
Study possible health and equity issues related to project implementation (i.e., childhood asthma as related to nearby freeway improvements; displacement and gentrification due to new transit stop, etc.)	No		No identified funding source
Include an expanded analysis of traffic pollution impacts to include areas with housing with 1,000 feet of high-volume roadways	Yes	2	Will consider as part of EJ analysis, subject to technical review
Incorporate enhanced tracking of chronic disease outcomes, such as asthma incidence and exacerbation, heart disease, stroke and diabetes	Yes	2	Subject to additional review (e.g. staff and technical working groups)

Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input	Included in Staff Recommendations?	If so, which policy?	Note
Develop appropriate public health performance measures for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS	Yes	2	Subject to additional review (e.g. staff and technical working groups)
Consider measuring other social determinants of health	Yes	2	Subject to determination by staff and others
Consider measuring the co-benefits of active transportation and zero-emission/near-zero emission projects (i.e., neighborhood electric vehicle infrastructure, car-share and ride-share programs, etc.)	Yes	1 and 2	Subject to additional review (e.g. staff and technical working groups)
Support the development of a pilot project in the SCAG region for the Healthy Community Indicators project sponsored by the Strategic Growth Council	Yes	2	Subject to funding availability. Similar policy being developed by the Sustainability Subcommittee
Promote the development of a Public Health Work Plan to inform regional planning, pending budget availability	No		No identified funding source
Develop additional mitigation strategies to address the negative health effects of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS	No		Subject to additional staff work and review
Include public health as a goal of the RTP/SCS	Yes	2	Existing goal of RTP/SCS
Encourage the participation of schools and school districts in the development of the RTP/SCS with the aim of supporting the improvement of Safe Routes to School programs in the region	Yes	3	
Work in partnership with local public health departments, planning departments (including transportation departments) and health organizations to develop public health policies and programs	Yes	3	

Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input	Included in Staff Recommendations?	If so, which policy?	Note
Consider public health policy and program development	Yes	2	Subject to identifying appropriate funding source
Develop methods to leverage different sources of federal/state/local funding for public health	Yes	2 and 3	Subject to input from appropriate SCAG staff and partner agencies
Research and review available funding sources for public health-related projects and programs	Yes	2 and 3	Appropriate SCAG staff will initiate
Promote funding sources to promote complete streets and active transportation throughout the SCAG region	Yes	1 and 3	Subject to dialogue with partner agencies
Monitor and report on the outcomes and impacts, as well as possible mitigation strategies	Yes	2 and 3	

Sustainability Subcommittee

Sustainability Subcommittee Policy Staff Recommendations

At the commencement of the Sustainability Subcommittee, five components were presented for members to consider, discuss and define for a final deliverable to the SCAG Policy Committees. The components were: definitions, needs assessments, performance measures, strategy, and investments. Four subcommittee meetings and dialogue was held on the five components presented, and potential recommendations/actions were provided. The following four recommendations represent the output of comments and discussions held at the meetings of the Sustainability Subcommittee along with input provided by ex-officio members and stakeholders. These recommendations are intended to strengthen the on-going implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. These recommendations are not final, but rather will be taken to Policy Committees, and eventually to the Regional Council for deliberation and potentially for approval.

1. Adopt the following as a definition of sustainability which recognizes the importance of local decision making, yet fosters regionally significant sustainability

- **Sustainability-** We work with our partners, local governments, and stakeholders to achieve a quality of life, inclusive of economic well-being, that provides resources for today's generation while preserving an improved quality of life for future generations

Next Steps: Disseminate local definition throughout the organization, and its deliberative bodies. Pending further discussion and action by CEHD and Regional Council include language in drafting the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.

2. Consider and refine the availability of data and information to evaluate the RTP/SCS and its alternatives relative to sustainability, as defined

- Provide technical foundation for any potential improvements to performance measures and indicators by conducting research and identifying best methods for RTP/SCS alternatives evaluation and monitoring
 - Focus on strengthening the location efficiency indicator to guide sustainable development including, for example, jobs / housing fit and active transportation accessibility to neighborhood services
 - Collect and refine data on fleet transformation from internal combustion engines to alternative fuels vehicles
 - Build off of on-going research including state and other efforts
- Develop performance monitoring program for tracking 2012-2035 RTP/SCS implementation

Next Steps: In consultation with technical working groups, modeling experts, and other partners determine performance monitoring and measurement best practices for consideration. Continue improving the performance monitoring and assessment program.

3. Support regulatory framework and project delivery financing that allows for sustainable development

- Provide local examples of workable CEQA practices to statewide entities engaged in CEQA modernization discussions
- Provide support to local jurisdictions in local approval processes for TOD, in-fill and other types of sustainable development
- Engage in the development of replacement local investment tools for Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRA)
- Continue to encourage and facilitate Public Private Partnerships (PPP) as a local community development strategy
- Continue to support research, and/or dissemination of best practices (e.g. through Sustainability Program grants) of dynamic local regulation of Parking, Multi-Modal Level of Service, and Complete Street best management practices
- Should jurisdictions be considering adopting or revising a local Climate Action Plan (CAP), encourage and assist them to do so in connection with General Plan updates, to ensure regulatory consistency

Next Steps: Report to Legislative Committee. Identify and assist local agencies that are adopting available CEQA amendments and local jurisdictions implementing alternative financing. Train local planners through SCAG Programs. Develop model ordinances and sample policy language through relevant Compass Blueprint Demonstration Projects. Promote the California Infrastructure Funding & Financing website that SCAG developed through the Compass Blueprint Program.

In addition to these three areas the Sustainability Committee found common ground with the Active Transportation and Public Health Subcommittees in supporting the promotion of Active Transportation.

4. Seek opportunities to promote transportation options with an active component/physical activity

- Support goals and principles of Active Transportation Work Plan, as it pertains to sustainability
- Promote active transportation as a means to encourage active and healthy lifestyles
- Support and seek opportunities to promote safety in active transportation
- Identify and assist jurisdictions planning for transit, active transportation, and transit oriented development (TOD) by providing regional case studies, and economic development data
- Support deployment of zero or near-zero emissions vehicle technology

Next Steps to 2016 RTP/SCS Development: Develop cost effective investments and strategies that promote active life style as part of 2016 RTP/SCS development process, subject to further stakeholder input and technical review, and work with transportation finance division to quantify costs and identify funding.

Sustainability Subcommittee

Sustainability Subcommittee Full Policy Framework Annotation

The number next to the "Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input" identifies which staff policy recommendation it was considered to be a part of. If the "Potential Recommendations/Actions" was not considered as a part of the staff policy recommendations, a brief explanation will show.

- “1” represents the develop a locally suited definition of sustainability recommendation.
- “2” represents the RTP/SCS alternatives evaluation recommendation.
- “3” represents the sustainable development regulatory framework & redevelopment recommendation.
- “4” represents the support active transportation recommendation.

Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input	Included in Staff Recommendations?	If so, which policy?	Explanation
Develop a definition of sustainability that recognizes the unique history and development patterns of Southern California yet challenges the region to achieve nationally ambitious targets	Yes	1	
Develop a definition of sustainability which recognizes the importance of local decision making, yet fosters regionally significant sustainability goals	Yes	1	
Asses status of local policy development that encourages sustainable development identified in local general plans	Yes	3	
Assess state of local adoption of Climate Action Plans to identify GHG emissions reductions through local policy actions	No		This was not identified by the subcommittee as a priority.

Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input	Included in Staff Recommendations?	If so, which policy?	Explanation
Continue to analyze and update housing market demand to assist in local planning	Yes	2	
Develop comprehensive open space mitigation strategies for each county	No		Staff is currently pursuing an open space work effort. No recommendation at this time.
Identify nexus between Complete Streets policies and private investment in public space amenities	Yes	3	
Continue to develop a robust performance monitoring program to measure 2012 RTP/SCS strategy outcomes Performance metrics should include: VMT/capita, mode share, % of population living within ¼ and ½ mile of transit, and within 3 miles of bike access to jobs or transit, % of population that can walk or bike to meet at least 50% of their daily needs, % of HH income spent on housing, utility, and transportation,	No		Staff and stakeholders noted that SCAG has developed a robust set of performance monitoring indicators. The challenge is to analyze and use them more effectively.
Identify sustainability goals outside of transportation and land use, and identify regional partners to work with to achieve those goals e.g. water, energy, habitat conservation: Possible metrics include: minutes of walk/bike per capita, total energy consumption from new growth, total water consumption from new growth, % of HH within 500 feet of a high-volume roadway, acres of land consumed by new development, criteria pollutants per capita.	Yes	1	It was noted by staff and modeling experts that indicators should only be advanced if they can be monitored using readily available credible data. In other cases stakeholders should work with staff to identify credible proxies for desired outcomes.

Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input	Included in Staff Recommendations?	If so, which policy?	Explanation
Develop and refine performance metrics for location efficiency in order to measure development siting impacts	Yes	2	
Refine methods for measuring and analyzing jobs/housing fit across regional housing and employment centers	Yes	2	
Encourage development and adoption of sustainable development policies and zoning, and local climate action plans	Yes	3	
Jurisdictions should consider adopting or revising a CAP in connection with an update to its general plan, so that general plans for development and Infill are analyzed with climate change concerns and appropriate responsive policies in mind and undertaken in concert with high-level planning.	Yes	3	
Replace parking minimum standards, in dense development environments, with locally adopted performance oriented parking standards and guidelines. Encourage locally tuned variable parking standards.	Yes	3	
Encourage Infrastructure Funding & Financing system that returns operations and maintenance to locally funded rather than to solely dependent on developer funding.	Yes	3	
Develop regional growth scenarios to better achieve sustainability by analyzing varying emphasis on TOD, walk/bike-ability, complete streets, and alternative vehicles for neighborhood level trip making	Yes	3	

Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input	Included in Staff Recommendations?	If so, which policy?	Explanation
Assist local agencies in analyzing the relative lifetime costs and benefits of infill development in terms of infrastructure and services	Yes	3	
Wherever possible, a local CAP should encourage positive behaviors that can be shared by all of the local residents, businesses, and public agencies (such as measures to encourage accelerated changes in fleet types and fuel usage, residential, commercial and public building retrofits, and substitution of more energy efficient appliances and equipment).	Yes	3	
Develop policies regarding alternatives to traditional one-dimensional auto-oriented transportation engineering methods	Yes	3	
Encourage Appendix G deletions as part of CEQA Reform. Remove non re-resource based categories from a need for exemption (i.e. shade & shadow, parking, aesthetics, level-of-services)	Yes	3	
Perform validation studies to provide documented analysis of alternative trip generation, Level of Service (LOS) analysis and Parking Requirement methodologies	Yes	3	
Continue to invest in local planning projects through the Compass Blueprint program, and new Green Region and Active Transportation grant programs	Yes	3	Note that Sustainability Program and Compass blueprint are on-going priorities.

Suggested Items – Meeting Items and Input	Included in Staff Recommendations?	If so, which policy?	Explanation
Explore ability to invest in design and direct implementation of sustainable projects	No		Expanding the direct technical assistance programs at SCAG will be taken up by the policy committees and regional council in the coming months.
Advocate for member jurisdictions at the state and federal levels to secure value-capture funding and financing tools to encourage public benefit development	Yes	3	
Incentives should be a central planning and implementation theme in establishing mitigation tool box options and alternatives. Additionally, any available federal, state or local funding sources should be included into a CAP when practicable.	Yes	3&4	Expanding the direct technical assistance programs at SCAG will be taken up by the policy committees and regional council in the coming months.
Fleet change and use of alternative fuels should be a central theme in any local sustainability strategy.	Yes	4	It was noted by staff that SCAG includes realistic Alternative Fuel Vehicle adoption rates into its scenario modeling for RTP/SCS development
Invest in local customization of open-source scenario development and modeling systems	Yes	3	