Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

DATE: August 4, 2025
TO: Governing Board
FROM: Dan Brotman, Council Member, City of Glendale
SUBJECT: SCAG Transportation Committee Report for AVCJPA Meeting

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RECOMMENDATION:

This report is being provided as information only.

BACKGROUND: Below is a summary of the last few transportation meetings with Southern California Association of Governments Transportation Committee (TC) from December 2024 to March 2025.

MEETINGS OVERVIEW:

- December 5, 2024
- March 6, 2025

December 5th Meeting Details:

- 2024 Sustainable Communities Program – Active Transportation and Safety (SCP-ATS)
    - SCAG received 40 applications requesting $15.9 million, though only $8.2 million was available.
    - Recommended funding 13 projects, including CSU Dominguez Hills Travel Demand Management Plan, OCTA's Move Orange County, and 11 quick-build safety projects.
    - Public engagement included workshops and applicant support. Approved unanimously (35 votes in favor) to recommend funding to the Regional Council and allow staff to seek additional funding for contingency projects.
- Zero Emission Truck Infrastructure Study (ZETI) – Preliminary Findings

- Study assesses regional needs for charging/fueling infrastructure to support zero-emission trucks (ZETs).
- Projected energy needs: 6.5 GW/day by 2030, 14.5 GW/day by 2035, 23.8 GW/day by 2040. Key counties needing buildout include Los Angeles County & San Bernadino County. The importance of planning with utility providers includes addressing land-use impacts.

- <u>Go Human Program 2024 Outcomes</u>
  - The Go Human Program supports active transportation safety through community grants and education. Since 2018, SCAG has funded 130+ safety projects, awarding $430,000 in 2024. Featured tools like the "Kit of Parts" for temporary street safety demonstrations. During Kit of Part deployments and community surveys, over 7,000 participants were engaged.
  - Public comment urged more open streets events in East San Fernando Valley.
  - Hon. Munoz-Guevara of Lynwood encouraged wider distribution of safety materials to cities and schools.
- Reports
  - Chair's Report (Mike Judge)
    - Invited members to attend the 2024 Economic Update presentation at the upcoming Regional Council meeting.
  - Metrolink Report (Art Brown)

    – AAA members now receive Metrolink discounts via fare machine passcodes.

    – Highlighted Metrolink's "Christmas Train" live events.
  - Staff Report (David Salgado)

    – Reminder that Sustainability Award nominations were due by December 13, 2024.
- <u>Announcements</u>
  - Hon. Art Brown (Buena Park) announced his retirement after 30 years of public service, expressing appreciation for his work with SCAG.

March 6th Meeting Details:

- FFY 2026-2028 STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines & Call for Project Nominations
    - SCAG launched the largest call for projects in its history – estimated at $1.2billion
    - Two programs are available for Cities, Counties and Transit Agencies are qualified for two programs: Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. Eligible applicants include cities, counties, transit agencies, tribal governments, and CTCs.
    - Focus Areas include highway, bridge, pedestrian/bike infrastructure, transit capital projects, zero-emission vehicles, alternative fuel buses, resilience to extreme weather, and ITS and projects reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips. Applicants prioritized by county commissions and finalized by SCAG for Regional Council approval.
- SCAG 2025 Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) covers FY 2026–2029; SCAG share: $35 million of $169 million statewide. A total of 15 projects funded (totaling $35M), with 113 contingency projects ($972M), with 95% of funds support implementation; 5% go to planning and capacity building.
- Motion by Hagman, seconded by Molina, to:
    1. Approve Consent Calendar Item 1
    2. Receive and file Items 2–4
    3. Recommend Regional Council approval of:
        - 2026–28 STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines
        - Call for project nominations
        - Resolution approving the SCAG 2025 ATP
- Regional Recovery & Resilience in the Face of Disasters
    - Caltrans role:
        - Manages emergency response in four phases: preparedness, response, recovery, mitigation. Examples: Palisades Fire (debris removal, wall restoration, roadway repair), as well as coordination with FEMA, CalOES, and local agencies.
    - VCTC Efforts:
        - In partnership with SBCAG, developed a Transportation Emergency Preparedness Plan (TEPP).

        - Example deployments: Ojai-Santa Paula landslide, Laguna fire evacuations. Planning next steps include countywide multimodal climate vulnerability assessment.
    - Committee Discussion:
        - Molina (Calimesa): Asked about using rail for emergency supply delivery.
        - Hagman (San Bernardino): Recommended SCAG promote state-level resilience policy.
        - Lara (Pico Rivera): Asked about data on medically fragile residents; privacy concerns acknowledged.

- Regional Mobility Hubs Strategy Update
    - Mobility hubs are centralized locations offering multi-modal transportation access. The goals are to reduce GHG emissions, improve first/last mile connectivity, enhance placemaking. There are 6 hub types defined: urban, suburban, rural, institutional, downtown, etc. The pilot project is expected in 2026.

- Chair's Report
    - Chair Sandoval welcomed new members, including representatives from Anaheim, Irvine, Compton, Palm Springs, and more.

- Metrolink Report
    - Celebrated Earth Month (April) by promoting sustainable rail use.
    - Shared updates on successful March ridership campaigns.

- Staff Report
    - Reminded members of the upcoming SCAG General Assembly – May 2–3, 2025, in Indian Wells.
    - Encouraged Sustainability Award nominations due mid-April.