



**AGENDA**  
**Legislative Policy Committee Meeting**

**November 13, 2024**

**9:40 AM**

**Location**

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority  
*First Floor Lobby Board Room*  
 1170 W. 3rd Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410

**Legislative Policy Committee Membership**

**Chair - President**

Ray Marquez, Council Member  
*City of Chino Hills*

Art Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem  
*Town of Apple Valley*

**Vice Chair – Vice President**

Rick Denison, Council Member  
*Town of Yucca Valley*

Larry McCallon, Mayor Pro Tem  
*City of Highland*

Alan Wapner, Council Member  
*City of Ontario*

**Past President**

Dawn Rowe, Supervisor  
*County of San Bernardino*

Paul Cook, Supervisor  
*County of San Bernardino*

**San Bernardino County Transportation Authority  
San Bernardino Council of Governments**

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**SBCTA Office**

**First Floor Lobby Board Room**

**1170 W. 3rd Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410**

Items listed on the agenda are intended to give notice to members of the public of a general description of matters to be discussed or acted upon. The posting of the recommended actions does not indicate what action will be taken. The Board may take any action that it deems to be appropriate on the agenda item and is not limited in any way by the notice of the recommended action.

To obtain additional information on any items, please contact the staff person listed under each item. You are encouraged to obtain any clarifying information prior to the meeting to allow the Board to move expeditiously in its deliberations. Additional “*Meeting Procedures*” and agenda explanations are attached to the end of this agenda.

**CALL TO ORDER**

(Meeting Chaired by Ray Marquez)

- i. Pledge of Allegiance
- ii. Attendance
- iii. Announcements
- iv. Agenda Notices/Modifications – Julie Perales

**Public Comment**

**Brief Comments from the General Public**

**Note: Public Comment on items listed on this agenda will be allowed only during this committee meeting. No public comment will be allowed on committee items placed on the Consent Agenda at the Board of Directors meeting. If an item has substantially changed after consideration during the committee meeting, the item will be placed on Discussion for Board and public comment will be allowed.**

## **Possible Conflict of Interest Issues**

Note agenda item contractors, subcontractors and agents which may require member abstentions due to conflict of interest and financial interests. Board Member abstentions shall be stated under this item for recordation on the appropriate item.

### **1. Information Relative to Possible Conflict of Interest**

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Note agenda items and contractors/subcontractors, which may require member abstentions due to possible conflicts of interest.

**This item is prepared for review by Board and Committee members.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Discussion - Administrative Matters**

#### **2. 2025 Legislative Policy Committee Meeting Schedule**

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Approve the 2025 Legislative Policy Committee meeting schedule.

**Presenter: Ashley Izard**

**This item is not scheduled for review by any other policy committee or technical advisory committee.**

### **Discussion - Legislative/Public Outreach**

#### **3. 2025-2026 Legislative Platforms**

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That the Legislative Policy Committee recommend the Board, acting as the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and San Bernardino Council of Governments:

Adopt the 2025-2026 State and Federal Legislative Platforms.

**Presenter: Otis Greer**

**This item is not scheduled for review by any other policy committee or technical advisory committee.**

#### **4. State Legislative Update**

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Receive the November 2024 State Legislative Update and provide direction as to positions on bills as appropriate.

**Presenter: Louis Vidaure**

**This item is not scheduled for review by any other policy committee or technical advisory committee.**

#### **5. Federal Legislative Update**

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Receive the November 2024 Federal Legislative Update and provide direction as appropriate.

**Presenter: Louis Vidaure**

**This item is not scheduled for review by any other policy committee or technical advisory committee.**

## **Comments from Board Members**

**Brief Comments from Board Members**

## ADJOURNMENT

### Additional Information

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**The next Legislative Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2024**

## Meeting Procedures and Rules of Conduct

**Meeting Procedures** - The Ralph M. Brown Act is the state law which guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies. These rules have been adopted by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code 54950 et seq., and shall apply at all meetings of the Board of Directors and Policy Committees.

**Accessibility & Language Assistance** - The meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. A designated area is reserved with a microphone that is ADA accessible for public speaking. A designated section is available for wheelchairs in the west side of the boardroom gallery. If assistive listening devices, other auxiliary aids or language assistance services are needed in order to participate in the public meeting, requests should be made through the Clerk of the Board at least three (3) business days prior to the Board meeting. The Clerk can be reached by phone at (909) 884-8276 or via email at [clerkoftheboard@gosbcta.com](mailto:clerkoftheboard@gosbcta.com) and office is located at 1170 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, CA.

Service animals are permitted on SBCTA's premises. The ADA defines service animals as dogs or miniature horses that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work, or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.

**Accesibilidad y asistencia en otros idiomas** - Las personas con discapacidad pueden acceder a la sala de reuniones. Se reserva una zona designada con un micrófono accesible que cumple con los requisitos de la ADA para hablar en público. Una sección designada está disponible para sillas de ruedas en el lado oeste de la galería de la sala de reuniones. Si se necesitan dispositivos de ayuda auditiva, otras ayudas auxiliares o servicios de asistencia en otros idiomas para participar en la reunión pública, las solicitudes deben presentarse al Secretario de la Junta al menos tres (3) días hábiles antes de la fecha de la reunión de la Junta. Puede comunicarse con el Secretario llamando al (909) 884-8276 o enviando un correo electrónico a [clerkoftheboard@gosbcta.com](mailto:clerkoftheboard@gosbcta.com). La oficina se encuentra en 1170 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, CA.

Los animales de servicio están permitidos en las instalaciones de SBCTA. La ADA define a los animales de servicio como perros o caballos miniatura que son entrenados individualmente para hacer trabajo o realizar tareas para personas con discapacidades. Según la ADA, los animales de servicio deben tener un arnés o ser atados, a menos que estos dispositivos interfieran con el trabajo del animal de servicio, o que la discapacidad de la persona impida el uso de estos dispositivos. En ese caso, la persona debe mantener el control del animal a través de su voz, señales u otros controles efectivos.

**Agendas** – All agendas are posted at [www.gosbcta.com/board/meetings-agendas/](http://www.gosbcta.com/board/meetings-agendas/) at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Staff reports related to agenda items may be reviewed online at that web address. Agendas are also posted at 1170 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, San Bernardino at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

**Agenda Actions** – Items listed on both the “Consent Calendar” and “Discussion” contain recommended actions. The Board of Directors will generally consider items in the order listed on the agenda. However, items may be considered in any order. New agenda items can be added and action taken as provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act Government Code Sec. 54954.2(b).

**Closed Session Agenda Items** – Consideration of closed session items excludes members of the public. These items include issues related to personnel, pending litigation, labor negotiations and real estate negotiations. Prior to each closed session, the President of the Board or Committee Chair (“President”) will announce the subject matter of the closed session. If reportable action is taken in closed session, the President shall report the action to the public at the conclusion of the closed session.

**Public Testimony on an Item** – Members of the public are afforded an opportunity to speak on any listed item, except Board agenda items that were previously considered at a Policy Committee meeting where there was an opportunity for public comment. Individuals in attendance at SBCTA who desire to speak on an item may complete and turn in a "Request to Speak" form, specifying each item an individual wishes to speak on. Individuals may also indicate their desire to speak on an agenda item when the President asks for public comment. When recognized by the President, speakers should be prepared to step forward and announce their name for the record. In the interest of facilitating the business of the Board, speakers are limited to three (3) minutes on each item. Additionally, a twelve (12) minute limitation is established for the total amount of time any one individual may address the Board at any one meeting. The President or a majority of the Board may establish a different time limit as appropriate, and parties to agenda items shall not be subject to the time limitations. Any individual who wishes to share written information with the Board may provide 35 copies to the Clerk of the Board for distribution. If providing written information for distribution to the Board, such information must be emailed to the Clerk of the Board, at [clerkoftheboard@gosbcta.com](mailto:clerkoftheboard@gosbcta.com), no later than 5:00 pm the day before the meeting in order to allow sufficient time to distribute the information. Information provided as public testimony is not read into the record by the Clerk. Consent Calendar items can be pulled at Board member request and will be brought up individually at the specified time in the agenda. Any consent item that is pulled for discussion shall be treated as a discussion item, allowing further public comment on those items.

**Public Comment** –An opportunity is also provided for members of the public to speak on any subject within the Board’s jurisdiction. Matters raised under “Public Comment” will not be acted upon at that meeting. See, “Public Testimony on an Item,” above.

**Disruptive or Prohibited Conduct** – If any meeting of the Board is willfully disrupted by a person or by a group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting impossible, the President may recess the meeting or order the person, group or groups of person willfully disrupting the meeting to leave the meeting or to be removed from the meeting. Disruptive or prohibited conduct includes without limitation addressing the Board without first being recognized, not addressing the subject before the Board, repetitiously addressing the same subject, failing to relinquish the podium when requested to do so, bringing into the meeting any type of object that could be used as a weapon, including without limitation sticks affixed to signs, or otherwise preventing the Board from conducting its meeting in an orderly manner.

Your cooperation is appreciated!

**General Practices for Conducting Meetings  
of  
Board of Directors and Policy Committees**

**Attendance.**

- The President of the Board or Chair of a Policy Committee (Chair) has the option of taking attendance by Roll Call. If attendance is taken by Roll Call, the Clerk of the Board will call out by jurisdiction or supervisorial district. The Member or Alternate will respond by stating his/her name.
- A Member/Alternate who arrives after attendance is taken shall announce his/her name prior to voting on any item.
- A Member/Alternate who wishes to leave the meeting after attendance is taken but before remaining items are voted on shall announce his/her name and that he/she is leaving the meeting.

**Basic Agenda Item Discussion.**

- The Chair announces the agenda item number and states the subject.
- The Chair calls upon the appropriate staff member or Board Member to report on the item.
- The Chair asks members of the Board/Committee if they have any questions or comments on the item. General discussion ensues.
- The Chair calls for public comment based on “Request to Speak” forms which may be submitted.
- Following public comment, the Chair announces that public comment is closed and asks if there is any further discussion by members of the Board/Committee.
- The Chair calls for a motion from members of the Board/Committee. Upon a motion, the Chair announces the name of the member who makes the motion. Motions require a second by a member of the Board/Committee. Upon a second, the Chair announces the name of the Member who made the second, and the vote is taken.
- The “aye” votes in favor of the motion shall be made collectively. Any Member who wishes to oppose or abstain from voting on the motion shall individually and orally state the Member’s “nay” vote or abstention. Members present who do not individually and orally state their “nay” vote or abstention shall be deemed, and reported to the public, to have voted “aye” on the motion.
- Votes at teleconferenced meetings shall be by roll call, pursuant to the Brown Act, or, at any meeting, upon the demand of five official representatives present or at the discretion of the presiding officer.

**The Vote as specified in the SBCTA Administrative Code and SANBAG Bylaws.**

- Each Member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote. In the absence of the official representative, the Alternate shall be entitled to vote. (Note that Alternates may vote only at meetings of the Board of Directors, Metro Valley Study Session and Mountain/Desert Policy Committee.)

### **Amendment or Substitute Motion.**

- Occasionally a Board Member offers a substitute motion before the vote on a previous motion. In instances where there is a motion and a second, the Chair shall ask the maker of the original motion if he or she would like to amend the motion to include the substitution or withdraw the motion on the floor. If the maker of the original motion does not want to amend or withdraw, the substitute motion is voted upon first, and if it fails, then the original motion is considered.
- Occasionally, a motion dies for lack of a second.

### **Call for the Question.**

- At times, a Member of the Board/Committee may “Call for the Question.”
- Upon a “Call for the Question,” the Chair may order that the debate stop or may allow for limited further comment to provide clarity on the proceedings.
- Alternatively, and at the Chair’s discretion, the Chair may call for a vote of the Board/Committee to determine whether or not debate is stopped.
- The Chair re-states the motion before the Board/Committee and calls for the vote on the item.

### **The Chair.**

- At all times, meetings are conducted in accordance with the Chair’s direction.
- These general practices provide guidelines for orderly conduct.
- From time to time, circumstances may require deviation from general practice (but not from the Brown Act or agency policy).
- Deviation from general practice is at the discretion of the Chair.

### **Courtesy and Decorum.**

- These general practices provide for business of the Board/Committee to be conducted efficiently, fairly and with full participation.
- It is the responsibility of the Chair and Members to maintain common courtesy and decorum.

*Adopted By SANBAG Board of Directors January 2008*

*Revised March 2014*

*Revised May 4, 2016*

*Revised June 7, 2023*



## Minute Action

AGENDA ITEM: 1

**Date:** November 13, 2024

**Subject:**

Information Relative to Possible Conflict of Interest

**Recommendation:**

Note agenda items and contractors/subcontractors, which may require member abstentions due to possible conflicts of interest.

**Background:**

In accordance with California Government Code 84308, members of the Board may not participate in any action concerning a contract where they have received a campaign contribution of more than \$250 in the prior twelve months from an entity or individual, except for the initial award of a competitively bid public works contract. This agenda contains recommendations for action relative to the following contractors:

Item No.	Contract No.	Principals & Agents	Subcontractors
		None	

**Financial Impact:**

This item has no direct financial impact on the Budget.

**Reviewed By:**

This item is prepared for review by Board and Committee members.

**Responsible Staff:**

Otis Greer, Director of Legislative and Public Affairs

Approved  
Legislative Policy Committee  
Date: November 13, 2024

Witnessed By:

Entity: San Bernardino Council of Governments, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

## ***Minute Action***

AGENDA ITEM: 2

***Date:*** *November 13, 2024*

***Subject:***

2025 Legislative Policy Committee Meeting Schedule

***Recommendation:***

Approve the 2025 Legislative Policy Committee meeting schedule.

***Background:***

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) regular meeting schedule is on the Wednesday of the week following the Board of Directors meeting, which is usually the second Wednesday of the month, with a typical start time between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby Board Room at the Santa Fe Depot. Although a monthly schedule is adopted, it is acknowledged that when there are not sufficient business items to require a meeting, the meeting will be cancelled. It has also been the practice to modify the meeting date and time when the meeting has been rescheduled due to conflicts with other meetings or holiday schedules. SBCTA staff, however, has been directed to make every effort to minimize deviation from the regular schedule to ensure continuity of meetings and participation.

A proposed 2025 meeting schedule is identified below for approval. Committee members and staff are urged to calendar these meetings for the coming year. Advance confirmation of meetings or cancellation notices are part of SBCTA's standard procedure for meeting preparation. The proposed meeting schedule does conform to the second Wednesday of each month, the week following the Board of Directors meeting.

The proposed 2025 LPC meeting dates are as follows:

January 15, 2025\*  
 February 12, 2025  
 March 12, 2025  
 April 9, 2025  
 May 14, 2025  
 June 11, 2025  
 July 9, 2025 (**DARK**)  
 August 13, 2025  
 September 10, 2025  
 October 8, 2025  
 November 12, 2025  
 December 10, 2025

*\*This date falls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.*

***Financial Impact:***

This item has no financial impact on the adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

***Reviewed By:***

This item is not scheduled for review by any other policy committee or technical advisory committee.

*Entity: San Bernardino Council of Governments, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority*

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**Responsible Staff:**

Ashley Izard, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Approved  
Legislative Policy Committee  
Date: November 13, 2024

Witnessed By:

San Bernardino Council of Governments  
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

# SBCTA / SBCOG 2025 Master Calendar

~ January 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOTES: *The Board meeting will be held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday due to Holiday. **The CCMTAC meeting will be held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday due to Holiday. ***This meeting falls on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. ****This meeting falls on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.			1  New Year's Holiday	2  SCAG Regional Council	3	4
5	6	7  Orthodox Christmas	8  *Board	9  **City/County Manager's TAC	10	11
12	13	14  Orthodox New Year	15  ***General Policy Committee  ***Legislative Policy Committee  LAFCO Hearing	16  ****Transit Committee  ****Metro Valley Study Session	17  Mt/Desert Policy Committee	18
19	20  Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29  League of CA Cities New Mayors & Council Members Academy	30  League of CA Cities New Mayors & Council Members Academy	31  League of CA Cities New Mayors & Council Members Academy	

Attachment: 2025 Master Meeting Calendar-PDF (10947 : 2025 Legislative Policy Committee Meeting

Board of Directors meetings start at 10:00 a.m.  
General Policy Committee starts at 9:00 a.m.

Legislative Policy Committee starts at 9:30 a.m.  
Transit Committee starts at 9:00 a.m.

Metro Valley Study Session starts at 9:30 a.m.  
Mountain/Desert Committee starts at 9:30 a.m.

# SBCTA / SBCOG 2025 Master Calendar

~ February 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5 Board	6 SCAG Regional Council	7	8
9	10	11	12 General Policy Committee Legislative Policy Committee	13 Transit Committee Metro Valley Study Session	14	15
16	17 Presidents' Day Holiday	18	19 LAFCO Hearing	20	21 Mt/Desert Policy Committee	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Ramadan	

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~ March 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> NACo Legislative Conference Ramadan
<b>2</b> NACo Legislative Conference Ramadan	<b>3</b> NACo Legislative Conference Ramadan	<b>4</b> NACo Legislative Conference Ramadan	<b>5</b> Board Ramadan	<b>6</b> City/County Manager's TAC SCAG Regional Council Ramadan	<b>7</b> Ramadan	<b>8</b> Ramadan
<b>9</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins Ramadan	<b>10</b> Ramadan	<b>11</b> Ramadan	<b>12</b> General Policy Committee Legislative Policy Committee Ramadan	<b>13</b> Transit Committee Metro Valley Study Session Ramadan	<b>14</b> Ramadan	<b>15</b> Ramadan
<b>16</b> Ramadan	<b>17</b> Ramadan	<b>18</b> Ramadan	<b>19</b> LAFCO Hearing Ramadan	<b>20</b> Ramadan	<b>21</b> Mt/Desert Policy Committee Ramadan	<b>22</b> Ramadan
<b>23</b> Ramadan	<b>24</b> Ramadan	<b>25</b> Ramadan	<b>26</b> Ramadan	<b>27</b> Laylat al-Qadr Ramadan	<b>28</b> Ramadan	<b>29</b> Ramadan
<b>30</b> Ramadan	<b>31</b> Cesar Chavez Day					

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 Mountain/Desert Committee starts at 9:30 a.m.

# SBCTA / SBCOG 2025 Master Calendar

~ April 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Board	3 SCAG Regional Council	4	5
6	7	8	9 General Policy Committee Legislative Policy Committee	10 Transit Committee Metro Valley Study Session	11	12 Passover
13 Passover	14 Passover	15 Passover	16 LAFCO Hearing Passover	17 Passover	18 Mt/Desert Policy Committee Good Friday Passover	19 Passover
20 Easter Passover	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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Mountain/Desert Committee starts at 9:30 a.m.

# SBCTA / SBCOG 2025 Master Calendar

~ May 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOTES: *City/County Manager's TAC cancelled due to conflict with SCAG General Assembly. **This meeting falls on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.				1 *City/County Manager's TAC (CANCELLED) SCAG Regional Council SCAG General Assembly	2 SCAG General Assembly	3
4	5	6	7 Board	8 City/County Conference (Tentative)	9 City/County Conference (Tentative)	10
11	12	13	14 General Policy Committee Legislative Policy Committee	15 **Transit Committee **Metro Valley Study Session	16 Mt/Desert Policy Committee	17
18	19	20	21 LAFCO Hearing	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day Holiday	27	28	29	30	31

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 Mountain/Desert Committee starts at 9:30 a.m.



# SBCTA / SBCOG 2025 Master Calendar

~ June 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Shavuot (begins sunset)	2 Shavuot	3 Shavuot (ends nightfall)	4 Board	5 SCAG Regional Council	6 Eid al-Adha	7 Eid al-Adha
8	9	10	11 General Policy Committee Legislative Policy Committee	12 Transit Committee Metro Valley Study Session	13	14
15	16	17	18 LAFCO Hearing	19 Juneteenth Holiday US Conference of Mayors	20 Mt/Desert Policy Committee US Conference of Mayors	21 US Conference of Mayors
22 US Conference of Mayors	23	24	25	26	27 Muharram	28
29	30					

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Mountain/Desert Committee starts at 9:30 a.m.

# SBCTA / SBCOG 2025 Master Calendar

~ July 2025~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOTES: *No policy committee meetings.		1	2 Board	3 *City/County Manager's TAC (DARK)  SCAG Regional Council	4  Independence Day Holiday	5
6	7	8	9 *General Policy Committee (DARK)  *Legislative Policy Committee (DARK)	10 *Transit Committee (DARK)  *Metro Valley Study Session (DARK)	11  NACo Annual Meeting	12  NACo Annual Meeting
13  NACo Annual Meeting	14  NACo Annual Meeting	15	16  LAFCO Hearing	17	18  *Mt/Desert Policy Committee (DARK)	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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Mountain/Desert Committee starts at 9:30 a.m.

# SBCTA / SBCOG 2025 Master Calendar

~ August 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOTES: *No Board Meeting.					1	2
3	4	5	6 *Board (DARK)	7 SCAG Regional Council (DARK)	8	9
10	11	12	13 General Policy Committee Legislative Policy Committee	14 Transit Committee Metro Valley Study Session	15 Mt/Desert Policy Committee	16 Janmashtami
17	18	19	20 LAFCO Hearing	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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~ September 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Holiday	2	3 Board	4 City/County Manager's TAC SCAG Regional Council	5 Prophet Muhammad's Birthday	6
7	8	9	10 General Policy Committee Legislative Policy Committee	11 Transit Committee Metro Valley Study Session	12 Mobility 21 Summit	13
14	15	16	17 LAFCO Hearing	18	19 Mt/Desert Policy Committee	20
21	22 Navratri Rosh Hashanah (Start)	23 Rosh Hashanah (Cont.)	24 Rosh Hashanah (Ends)	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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# SBCTA / SBCOG 2025 Master Calendar

~ October 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>NOTES:</b> *This meeting will be held on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday due to a conflict with the League of CA Cities Annual Conference.			<b>1</b> Board Yom Kippur	<b>2</b> SCAG Regional Council Yom Kippur	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Sukkot	<b>7</b> Sukkot	<b>8</b> General Policy Committee Legislative Policy Committee League of CA Cities Annual Conference Sukkot	<b>9</b> League of CA Cities Annual Conference Sukkot	<b>10</b> League of CA Cities Annual Conference Sukkot	<b>11</b> Sukkot
<b>12</b> Sukkot	<b>13</b> Columbus Day Sukkot Shemini Atzeret	<b>14</b> Shemini Atzeret Simchat Torah	<b>15</b> LAFCO Hearing Simchat Torah	<b>16</b> *Transit Committee *Metro Valley Study Session	<b>17</b> Mt/Desert Policy Committee	<b>18</b>
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# SBCTA / SBCOG 2025 Master Calendar

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<b>NOTES:</b> *This is a tentative date since we do not have any information on when the CSAC Annual Meeting will take place.						1
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends	3	4	5 Board	6 City/County Manager's TAC SCAG Regional Council	7	8
9	10	11 Veteran's Day Holiday	12 General Policy Committee Legislative Policy Committee	13 Transit Committee Metro Valley Study Session	14	15
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28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Holiday	<b>NOTES:</b> *This meeting will be held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday due to Holidays.		
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## *Minute Action*

AGENDA ITEM: 3

***Date:*** *November 13, 2024*

***Subject:***

2025-2026 Legislative Platforms

***Recommendation:***

That the Legislative Policy Committee recommend the Board, acting as the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and San Bernardino Council of Governments:

Adopt the 2025-2026 State and Federal Legislative Platforms.

***Background:***

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) and San Bernardino Council of Governments' (SBCOG) State and Federal Legislative Platforms serve as the foundation for understanding the perspective of the Board of Directors (Board) on key issues that are anticipated to be considered during the course of each legislative session. Once formally adopted, the legislative platforms will guide staff's analysis and recommendations on pending legislative and regulatory items in the upcoming session.

On April 1, 2020, the SBCTA/SBCOG Board authorized the creation of the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). The LPC is comprised of the Board President, Board Vice-President, Immediate Past Board President and four (4) Board members appointed by the Board President.

The LPC was established to review and provide input on the drafting of the State and Federal Legislative Platforms and take positions on legislation and regulations on behalf of the Board when that proposed position is consistent with the adopted legislative platforms. In developing the 2025-2026 platforms, staff conducted internal meetings and received input from transit partners within San Bernardino County and our State and Federal legislative advocates in preparation of the proposed documents.

The Proposed 2025-2026 Federal and State Legislative Platforms are included as Attachments A and B, respectively.

***Financial Impact:***

This item has no financial impact on the adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

***Reviewed By:***

This item is not scheduled for review by any other policy committee or technical advisory committee.

***Responsible Staff:***

Otis Greer, Director of Legislative and Public Affairs

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Approved  
Legislative Policy Committee  
Date: November 13, 2024

Witnessed By:

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*Entity: San Bernardino Council of Governments, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority*



## Attachment A

### San Bernardino County Transportation Authority / San Bernardino Council of Governments 2025 - 2026 Federal Legislative Platform

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) serves as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for the largest geographical county in the nation. Covering more than 20,000 sq. miles and serving approximately 2.2 million residents, the Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from San Bernardino County's 24 cities and five supervisorial districts. In addition to the cooperative regional planning and expansion of an efficient multi-modal transportation system countywide, SBCTA supports freeway construction projects, regional and local road improvements, train and bus transportation, railroad crossings, ridesharing, congestion management, and long-term planning studies. SBCTA administers Measure I funding for transportation planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance in San Bernardino County. The voter-approved measure distinguishes SBCTA as one of 25 self-help counties, contributing to the improvement of the regional and statewide transportation system.

This legislative platform serves as the basis to proactively engage in policy and legislative initiatives that will enable SBCTA and the San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG) to deliver projects and programs that meet the needs of our region. This document also guides staff recommendations to the Legislative Policy Committee and Board of Directors on federal legislative, regulatory, and administrative matters that are anticipated to be addressed in the upcoming congressional session.

SBCTA and SBCOG will continue to partner with public and private sector entities to support common objectives in Washington, DC and foster unity within San Bernardino County.

#### I. Funding

**Seek the highest level of federal transportation dollars to San Bernardino County for SBCTA projects and programs.**

##### *Support Efforts To:*

- Ensure that local agencies and jurisdictions, particularly communities that have been historically underserved and disadvantaged, have equal access to federal investment and that San Bernardino County receives our fair share of the urbanized area formula funding allocations.
- Ensure that authorized funding levels and advanced appropriations provided in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act are maintained in order to meet critical infrastructure needs throughout San Bernardino County.
- Encourage federal funding programs to include incentives that reward self-help counties.
- Ensure that planning and project selection for the Federal Transit Administration funds is done at the local level, based on local priorities.
- Restore formula funding of Federal Highway Administration funds to counties that are a part of large multi-county Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

- Increase overall funding of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program and increase the percentage of sub-allocation to urbanized areas.
- Increase funding for Transit Oriented Development opportunities.
- Increase funding for operations and maintenance at public transit agencies.
- Provide for more predictable federal funding streams through greater emphasis on formula programs rather than competitive discretionary programs.
- Simplify the existing competitive grant programs, with consideration of multi-year programming and less complex and expensive application requirements.
- Maintain SBCTA's input on the development of any Surface Transportation Authorization legislation that would impact transportation programs and funding in San Bernardino County.
- Protect funding sources for congestion relief and pollution reduction related to the transportation sector.
- Ensure that legislation and regulations do not impose unfunded mandates on local transportation agencies and control of project implementation remains at the local level.
- Increase investment in hydrogen and other zero-emission technologies to meet the growing need of new technologies in the transit and freight network.

**Maximize federal funding for interstate highways and transit capital/operations in order to help meet federal environmental goals and support intercity commuter rail; buses and bus facilities; goods movement; intelligent transportation systems and new technologies and fuel sources that maximize existing infrastructure; safety, maintenance, and operations funding for all modes; and regional airport ground access and development needs.**

*Support Efforts To:*

- Increase Congressional oversight of discretionary grant programs such as Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grants, Advanced Transportation Technologies and Innovative Mobility Deployment, Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (INFRA/Mega), Capital Investment Grants, Positive Train Control (PTC) and Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements to provide more transparency in the decision-making process.

*Oppose Efforts To:*

- Withhold federal transportation funding due to enforcement of federal air quality standards beyond the control of local jurisdictions and air quality management districts.

## II. Goods Movement

**SBCTA will continue to bring awareness to the relationship between the County's logistics sector and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, as well as the importance of San Bernardino County as a goods movement gateway to and from the United States.**

*Support Efforts To:*

- Increase federal investment in trade corridors, gateways, intermodal connectors and freight facilities in San Bernardino County.

- Effectively and strategically use goods movement investments to address the more critical freight bottlenecks that have profound impacts on the nation’s economy.
- Increase the proportion of freight funds that are allocated by formula and base the formula on relative impact to regions from national freight flows.
- Increase national dialogue on freight policy and its focus on improving the performance of the freight network and advocate for implementing Southern California’s freight strategy.
- Develop policies that allow for the improvement of strategic freight bottlenecks to accommodate the growing logistics industry in our region.
- Recognize the importance of inland ports to overall goods movement systems as part of any investment plan.
- Create federal incentives that promote the utilization of the cleanest commercially available and cost-effective truck technologies and charging infrastructure.

*Oppose Efforts To:*

- Increase the capacity or intensity of freight movement in San Bernardino County without appropriate mitigation of impacts or projects to ensure the continued efficient movement of goods.
- Reduce or redirect revenues generated by any fee that is levied on freight and specifically designated to fund projects that mitigate congestion, air quality, and community impacts directly associated with the movement of freight.

### III. Multi-Modal

**SBCTA’s expanding transit, rail, and active transportation programs strive to enhance sustainability for San Bernardino County communities and stakeholders. These mobility options focus on implementing a dynamic regional growth vision based on the principles of livability, prosperity, and sustainability.**

*Support Efforts To:*

- Develop reforms that accelerate project procurement, promote flexibility and innovation, and respect local control.
- Streamline federal reporting/monitoring requirements to reduce project delivery times without eliminating critical oversight mechanisms.
- Encourage the Federal Rail Administration to promote the use of hydrogen fuel cells and similar emerging technologies to power intercity and commuter rail vehicles.
- Develop policies that keep our rail systems safe and increase federal investment in intercity and commuter rail services.
- Increase incentives for transit agencies that utilize alternative fuels.
- Establish a technology-neutral position when promoting different fuel and vehicle types while considering local conditions and engaging with stakeholders to determine technology needs.
- Expand eligible uses for federal transit funds to provide maximum flexibility to local agencies for funding capital and operations needs.

- Advocate for investment in San Bernardino County, supported by SBCTA and local stakeholders, for a subsurface connection between the San Bernardino Metrolink commuter rail line and Ontario International Airport.
- Allow the acquisition of land for public transit operations and maintenance facilities prior to the approval of a National Environmental Protection Act document.
- Allow states to waive the “under the hood” requirement on the Commercial Driver’s License test for public transit agency bus drivers.
- Secure funds to facilitate the conversion of public sector fleets to alternative fuels to meet local, state, and federal fleet conversion mandates.
- Provide for the replacement of aging alternative fuel fleets and the necessary energy infrastructure to support the conversion mandates.
- Ensure flexibility in the application of the “spare ratio” requirement to zero-emission transit buses to address temporary reductions in transit service.

#### IV. Council of Governments

**SBCOG’s member agencies include all 24 cities and the County of San Bernardino and leads a number of regional matters important to the future of the residents of San Bernardino County, by working with our Congressional Delegation to strengthen the region’s advocacy on housing, homelessness, communications and technology, resiliency, energy, economic development, workforce development, and public safety.**

*SBCOG Supports Efforts to:*

- Encourage federal programs that support the advancement of equity within communities throughout San Bernardino County.

#### **Housing and Homelessness**

*SBCOG Supports Efforts to:*

- Increase the supply of housing at all affordability levels and expand housing choices.
- Plan for the growth of our communities.
- Increase programs and resources to implement housing near transportation and transit corridors in San Bernardino County.
- Increase programs and resources that provide more options for emergency, transitional and permanent supportive housing options to address the homelessness crisis.
- Stabilize the homeowner insurance industry.

#### **Communications/Technology**

*SBCOG Supports Efforts to:*

- Increase resources to coordinate efforts that would prioritize additional funding and resources for broadband infrastructure, particularly in low-income and rural communities, tribal lands, and community anchor institutions to bridge the digital divide.
- Expedite access to broadband infrastructure funding, streamline project permitting, and achieve economies of scale.
- Fund studies to determine broadband opportunity zones within San Bernardino County.

- Establish measures to protect our technology and communications systems against cyber threats.
- Increase funding for technology/communications projects and programs.
- Fund Smart Cities plans and initiatives.
- Support policies and plans that consider life-cycle analysis and prioritize proper battery reuse, recycling, and disposal with respect to alternative fuel technologies.
- Provide funding for electric and alternative fuel vehicle planning, permit streamlining, purchases, and charging/refueling infrastructure, with a focus on public investment in areas that would otherwise be neglected, such as multi-unit dwellings, rural areas, and low to middle-income neighborhoods.

### **Environment/Resiliency/Energy**

#### *SBCOG Supports Efforts to:*

- Increase the region's resiliency against climate related hazards.
- Promote the innovation of clean energy alternatives.
- Provide funding for Microgrid planning and implementation.
- Promote energy resilience policies that minimize the impact that electric vehicles have on the power grid, such as encouraging bi-directional charging, making on-site energy storage available, and using smart metering to maximize the use of renewable energy sources.
- Encourage the Environmental Protection Agency to continue to work with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) regarding enforcement of federal air quality standards and emission sources outside SCAQMD's authority.
- Implement an ultra-low nitrogen oxide (NOx) standard to reduce NOx emissions from heavy trucks and simplify air quality regulations and requirements.

### **Jobs/Economy**

#### *SBCOG Supports Efforts to:*

- Incentivize programs to attract, retain, and grow businesses and employment opportunities in San Bernardino County.
- Support programs in the alternative energy sector that create jobs and boost economic productivity.
- Collaborate with public and private sector stakeholders on policy and funding matters that enhance economic development and quality of life in the Inland Empire region.
- Support the expansion of federal Opportunity Zones to incentivize private investment in disadvantaged communities throughout San Bernardino County.

### **Public Safety**

#### *SBCOG Supports Efforts to:*

- Create resources for information sharing and education.
- Provide resources for local jurisdictions to update critical safety plans.
- Share information between federal and local public safety agencies, allowing local agencies to be apprised of possible threats that can impact County residents.

## Attachment B

### San Bernardino County Transportation Authority / San Bernardino Council of Governments 2025-2026 State Legislative Platform

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) serves as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for the largest geographical county in the nation. Covering more than 20,000 sq. miles and serving approximately 2.2 million residents, the Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from San Bernardino County's 24 cities and five supervisorial districts. In addition to the cooperative regional planning and expansion of an efficient multi-modal transportation system countywide, SBCTA supports freeway construction projects, regional and local road improvements, train and bus transportation, railroad crossings, freeway service patrol, ridesharing, congestion management, active transportation and long-term planning studies. SBCTA administers Measure I funding for transportation planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance in San Bernardino County. The voter-approved measure distinguishes SBCTA as one of 25 self-help counties, contributing to the improvement of the regional and statewide transportation system.

This legislative platform serves as the basis to proactively engage in policy and legislative initiatives that will enable SBCTA and the San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG) to deliver projects and programs that meet the needs of our region. This document also guides staff recommendations to the Legislative Policy Committee and Board of Directors on state legislative, regulatory, and administrative matters that are anticipated to be addressed in the legislative session.

SBCTA and SBCOG will continue to partner with public and private sector entities to support common objectives in Sacramento and foster unity within San Bernardino County.

#### I. Local Control

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority will advocate for local control over transportation projects within San Bernardino County to ensure that innovative financing and project delivery methods remain available for county transportation commissions to leverage local dollars, accelerate construction, and job creation, as well as provide increased mobility options for local residents.

##### *Support Efforts To:*

- Ensure SBCTA's decision-making authority over transportation projects that are planned, constructed and operated in San Bernardino County.
- Preserve local flexibility in the administration of programs and services.
- Promote strong collaborative partnerships with State agencies.
- Allow for innovative project delivery methods (e.g. design-build, construction manager/general contractor), for a broad variety of projects including highways, transit, and local streets and roads.



- Ensure projects are based on locally driven alternatives and do not require state approval when primarily funded and managed by local agencies.
- Revise the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to streamline the environmental review process, to improve timelines for project approvals and avoid costly duplicative steps while maintaining critical environmental protections.
- Protect toll operating agencies from lawsuits associated with the use of personal information for collecting toll fees and citations.
- Develop greater consistency for environmental mitigation requirements.

*Oppose Efforts To:*

- Threaten the timely delivery of the Measure I Expenditure Plan or administration of any Measure I programs and services.
- Change the Board composition, organization or decision-making authority of any agency without the express permission of the agency.
- Impose additional mandates beyond those already in existence on lead agencies using alternative project delivery mechanisms.
- Require additional CEQA review and process requirements that delay projects and increase costs.
- Allow specific vehicle classes to have unrestricted access to carpool or toll facilities.
- Place transit investments in San Bernardino County without direct involvement by SBCTA and/or appropriate local jurisdictions.
- Establish legislation that allow redirection of toll revenue from the operating agency to the State or any other agency.
- Impose a *de facto* prohibition of highway projects through infeasible state environmental mitigation requirements.
- Impose unfunded mandates on local governments.
- Divert local revenues for state purposes.

## II. Funding

**State funding for projects supported by local voter-approved transportation sales tax measures is critical to implementing innovative, intelligent/advanced transportation, goods movement, demand management, active transportation, and air quality programs which relieve congestion and improve air quality. SBCTA will advocate for state funding to support transportation projects in San Bernardino County.**

*Support Efforts To:*

- Ensure that planning and project selection for state formula funds is done at the local level, based on local priorities, and San Bernardino County receives its full share of funding allocations.
- Enact state policies that assure timely allocation of transportation revenue and allow for regions to advance projects with local funds as needed.
- Prioritize funding for projects supported by voter-approved transportation local sales tax measures.

- Recognize/reward the investment in the state’s transportation system made by self-help counties and incentivize counties without a voter-approved tax measure for transportation to become “self-help” counties.
- Incentivize public-private partnerships in the development of transportation improvements.
- Protect Assembly Bill 2766 funding and continue to encourage funding of programs and projects that reduce motor vehicle emissions.
- Ensure that legislation and regulations on Green House Gas (GHG) reduction and other environmental mandates are designed to be feasible and achievable for lower density environments like San Bernardino County and that funding is provided for assistance in achieving those goals.
- Develop guidelines for funding programs and project scoring criteria related to transportation and air quality/GHG reduction that recognize the importance of geographic equity and are tailored to account for the characteristics and limitations of lower density environments like San Bernardino County.
- Protect funding sources for congestion relief and pollution reduction related to the transportation sector.
- Continue practice of review and comment opportunities for criteria on competitive transportation grant programs by local jurisdictions and transportation agencies.
- Work with administration and legislative representatives to ensure that SBCTA projects and programs meet the spirit of Executive Order N-19-19 while maintaining local priorities and protecting local transportation funds and addressing the growing mobility demands of an increasing population and freight moving through our communities.
- Meet the challenges of confronting climate change while ensuring that reductions in programs such as SB 1 will be replaced with new equitable revenue streams.
- Promote transparency in all state agency directives by providing local agencies with comment periods and responses prior to the publication of such directives.

*Oppose Efforts To:*

- Adversely alter distribution percentages of state transportation formula funds or shift funds away from local agencies.
- Reduce SBCTA’s ability to efficiently and effectively contract for goods and services.
- Impose state requirements for the expenditure of locally raised revenues without the consent of the local agency.
- Divert transportation revenues for non-transportation purposes.
- Link existing transportation funding sources to the achievement of GHG reduction, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) or Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) goals.
- Unreasonably increase the administrative fees levied by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration for the collection and administration of county transportation sales tax measures.
- Pass any legislation to authorize a multi-county revenue measure for environmental programs.
- Require contributions from local agencies for state highway maintenance, with the possible exception of new toll facilities.



- Change the Bradley-Burns uniform local tax law or distribution of online sales tax revenue in any way that would adversely affect San Bernardino County jurisdictions or Measure I revenue.

### III. Goods Movement

**SBCTA will continue to raise awareness of the relationship between the County’s logistics sector and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, as well as the importance of San Bernardino County as a key goods movement gateway to the United States.**

#### *Support Efforts To:*

- Recognize the important role goods movement plays within San Bernardino County and transportation projects that help to move goods more efficiently, while also favoring development projects that do not exacerbate existing air quality, traffic or socioeconomic issues within disadvantaged communities.
- Advocate for equitable funding for trade corridors, gateways, intermodal connectors and freight facilities in San Bernardino County.
- Reduce freight-related impacts to San Bernardino County and ensure newly funded projects include necessary mitigation measures to protect impacted communities.
- Generate additional revenue streams to assist with freight movement investment so as to provide funding support commensurate with the local and regional impacts of national freight flows.

#### *Oppose Efforts To:*

- Locate any new intermodal freight facility that would have any negative environmental or socioeconomic impacts on existing disadvantaged communities in San Bernardino County without sufficient mitigation and economic benefit to the community.
- Include VMT reduction or mitigation requirements that restrict the ability to deliver goods movement enhancements, recognizing the important role San Bernardino County plays in goods movement to the rest of the nation.
- Increase the capacity or intensity of freight movement in San Bernardino County without appropriate mitigation of impacts or projects to ensure the continued efficient movement of goods.

### IV. Multi-Modal

**SBCTA’s growing transit, rail, shared-ride and active transportation programs strive to enhance sustainability for San Bernardino County communities and stakeholders. These mobility options focus on implementing a dynamic regional growth vision based on the principles of livability, prosperity, and sustainability.**

#### *Support Efforts To:*

- Protect the significant resources SBCTA and its Southern California Regional Rail Authority Partners have invested in the Metrolink system.
- Promote increased state transit operations and maintenance funding.
- Ensure appropriate funding for a growing rail and bus system in San Bernardino County.

- Secure funds to facilitate the conversion of public sector fleets to alternative fuels to meet local, state, and federal fleet conversion mandates.
- Provide for the replacement of aging alternative fuel fleets and the necessary energy infrastructure to support the conversion mandates.
- Promote transit-oriented development near rail and bus rapid transit stations.
- Ensure that SBCTA has a role in the planning of all transportation modes and routes serving San Bernardino County.
- Incentivize ridesharing and transit use through reimbursable employer-sponsored initiatives such as transit passes.
- Advocate for investment in San Bernardino County, supported by SBCTA and local stakeholders, for a subsurface connection between the San Bernardino Metrolink commuter rail line and Ontario International Airport.
- Create state incentives that promote Diesel-Electric or Near-Zero/Zero Emission Low-Floor Multiple Unit railcars.
- Encourage use of and incentivize innovative emerging technologies to provide increased regional connectivity and clean transit options.
- Increase investment in hydrogen and other zero-emission technologies to meet the growing need of new technologies in the transit and freight network.
- Establish a technology-neutral position when promoting different fuel and vehicle types while considering local conditions and engaging with stakeholders to determine technology needs.
- Maintain or increase flexibility of State Transit Assistance, State of Good Repair and Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funding for local public transit agencies.
- Expand number of programs funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) that support local public transit agencies and/or increase share of GGRF that supports local transit agencies.
- Increase the number of California Department of Motor Vehicles locations that can provide certifications for public transit agency bus drivers and maintenance workers.
- Expand criteria for Transportation Development Act funding beyond farebox recovery as sole metric.
- Pass legislation that increases operator and rider safety within public transit agencies.
- Ensure that regulations regarding labor issues are compatible with public transit labor agreements negotiated in good faith.
- Ensure that funding mandates for public transit agencies are supported by a consistent growth of state investment.
- Fund Freeway Service Patrol and ride-sharing programs, consistent with the level of growth and usage of the programs.

*Oppose Efforts To:*

- Require increased service levels unless they are agreed to by the transit operator and have appropriate funding.
- Mandate that SBCTA build, fund or operate specific transportation projects or programs in San Bernardino County.
- Increase zero emission transit mandates that would impose undue financial or operational burden on transit systems without corresponding increases in state funding.

## V. Council of Governments

**SBCOG’s member agencies include all 24 cities and the County of San Bernardino; SBCOG leads efforts to address a number of regional matters important to the future of the residents of San Bernardino County by working with our State Legislative Delegation to strengthen the region’s advocacy on housing, homelessness, communications and technology, resiliency, energy, economic development, workforce development, and public safety.**

*SBCOG Support Efforts To:*

- Promote programs that support the advancement of equity within communities throughout San Bernardino County.

### **Housing and Homelessness**

*SBCOG Supports Efforts to:*

- Increase the supply of housing at all affordability levels and expand housing choices
- Plan for the growth of our communities
- Increase funding levels for housing trusts and other local housing implementation programs, like the Regional Early Action Planning, Local Housing Trust Fund, and Permanent Local Housing Allocation program.
- Preserve the flexibility and control of a local jurisdiction's authority over housing developments, housing production, affordability and homelessness challenges.
- Develop solutions to address RHNA distribution and allocation methodologies, including process to trade RHNA allocation between jurisdictions.
- Develop housing near transportation and transit corridors in San Bernardino County.
- Provide equitable distribution of housing supply through the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing requirements.
- Preserve local authority to address housing production, affordability, and homelessness challenges.
- Provide local jurisdictions with necessary tools and funding to implement state mandates.
- Provide more options for emergency, transitional and permanent supportive housing options to address the homelessness crisis and oppose efforts to withhold these funds from local jurisdictions.
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform to expedite and streamline both project development and delivery for residential projects, especially those located in a transit-rich area, jobs-rich area, or urban infill site.
- Efforts to stabilize the homeowners insurance industry in the State of California.
- Revise the Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities guidelines to provide the opportunity for San Bernardino County to better compete for Cap and Trade funding.
- Ensure decision-making authority of local jurisdictions and agencies over land use and regional planning.

## **Communications/Technology**

### *SBCOG Supports Efforts to:*

- Provide resources that would prioritize additional funding and resources for broadband infrastructure, particularly in low-income and rural communities, tribal lands, and community anchor institutions to bridge the digital divide.
- Expedite access to broadband infrastructure funding, streamline project permitting, and achieve economies of scale.
- Fund studies to determine broadband opportunity zones within San Bernardino County.
- Establish measures to protect our technology and communications systems against cyber threats.
- Increase funding for technology/communications projects and programs.
- Fund Smart Cities plans and initiatives.
- Establish policies and plans that consider life-cycle analysis and prioritize proper battery reuse, recycling, and disposal with respect to alternative fuel technologies.
- Provide funding for electric and alternative fuel vehicle planning, permit streamlining, purchases, and charging/refueling infrastructure, with a focus on public investment in areas that would otherwise be neglected, such as multi-unit dwellings, rural areas, and low to middle-income neighborhoods.

## **Environment/Resiliency/Energy**

### *SBCOG Supports Efforts to:*

- Preserve and maintain energy efficiency programs and projects.
- Increase the region's resiliency against climate-related hazards.
- Promote the innovation of clean energy alternatives.
- Increase/ensure appropriate resources for jurisdictions to implement climate action plans.
- Ensure appropriate levels of funding for Microgrid planning and implementation.
- Promote energy resilience policies that minimize the impact that electric vehicles have on the power grid, such as encouraging bi-directional charging, making on-site energy storage available, and using smart metering to maximize the use of renewable energy sources.
- Encourage the California Public Utilities Commission to support legislation related to Transportation Network Companies, motorized scooters, and bike-share systems that ensure new regulations adequately protect users of all modes and support the ability of local jurisdictions to secure access to public interest data, including ridership data, for local and regional planning purposes, while maintaining anonymity and privacy of the individual user.
- Provide local jurisdictions with the resources needed for refueling/recharging infrastructure for alternative fuel or electric vehicles.

## **Jobs/Economy**

### *SBCOG Supports Efforts to:*

- Train and educate the workforce for high-demand jobs within San Bernardino County.
- Incentivize, attract, retain, and grow businesses as well as employment opportunities in San Bernardino County.
- Support programs in the alternative energy sector that create jobs and boost economic productivity.

- Collaborate with public and private sector stakeholders on policy and funding matters that enhance economic development and quality of life in the Inland Empire region.

### **Public Safety**

#### *SBCOG Supports Efforts to:*

- Create resources for information sharing and education.
- Provide resources for jurisdictions to update critical safety plans.
- Share information between state and local public safety agencies, allowing local agencies to be apprised of possible threats that can impact San Bernardino County residents.

## *Minute Action*

AGENDA ITEM: 4

***Date:*** *November 13, 2024*

***Subject:***

State Legislative Update

***Recommendation:***

Receive the November 2024 State Legislative Update and provide direction as to positions on bills as appropriate.

***Background:***

**End of 2024 Legislative Session**

September 30, 2024, was the last day for Governor Newsom to sign or veto all the legislation sent to him. This year Governor Newsom vetoed nearly 16% of all 1,100 bills passed by the Legislature, slightly higher than the 15% veto rate last year.

The Legislature remained in Sacramento for a special session following the close of regular session on August 31, 2024. The Assembly gaveled in the Special Session on the last night of regular session while the Senate leadership did not commit to the special session initially. On October 1, 2024, the Assembly approved ABX2-1 which authorizes the California Energy Commission to develop requirements for oil refiners to maintain resupply plans to cover production loss during maintenance events, and to maintain minimum levels of inventories. On October 7, 2024, the Senate gaveled in the special session and quickly held two committee hearings regarding the bill and held a floor vote on ABX2-1 before adjourning on October 11, 2024. Governor Newsom signed ABX2-1 on October 14, 2024.

Following the end of legislative session, the focus turned to the November 2024 election. All Assembly seats and half of Senate seats will be on the ballot, and more than 30 new members will join the Legislature due to term limits or retirements. The Legislature will reconvene after the election to swear in the newly elected legislators to the new two-year session on December 2, 2024.

***Financial Impact:***

This item has no financial impact on the adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

***Reviewed By:***

This item is not scheduled for review by any other policy committee or technical advisory committee.

***Responsible Staff:***

Louis Vidaure, Legislative Analyst

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Date: November 13, 2024

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## *Minute Action*

AGENDA ITEM: 5

***Date:*** *November 13, 2024*

***Subject:***

Federal Legislative Update

***Recommendation:***

Receive the November 2024 Federal Legislative Update and provide direction as appropriate.

***Background:***

**Congressional Session and Appropriations Process**

The House and Senate were in recess for the month of October 2024. They will gavel back into session after the general election on November 5, 2024, and resume negotiations to address the Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations bills prior to the expiration of the current Continuing Resolution on December 20, 2024.

**United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Announces Airport Grants**

On October 24, 2024, the USDOT announced \$970 million in funding for Airport grants across the country. The Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) round of funding will go towards projects to repair runways, air-traffic-control towers, and back-of-house infrastructure. It also includes funding for new baggage systems, larger security checkpoints, increasing gate capacity, and modernizing aging infrastructure throughout terminals and ground transportation.

San Bernardino County's Ontario International Airport (ONT) was one of the awardees of the USDOT grants. ONT was awarded \$7,072,000 to fund the construction of new secure area exit corridors and enlarged Americans with Disabilities Act compliant family restrooms in Terminals 2 and 4.

***Financial Impact:***

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**ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION**



**LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD – 2024**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
<b>Ray Marquez</b> City of Chino Hills		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
<b>Paul Cook</b> Board of Supervisors		X	X	X		X		X	X			
<b>Dawn Rowe</b> Board of Supervisors				X		X		X		X		
<b>Art Bishop</b> Town of Apple Valley		X	X	X	X	X		X	X			
<b>Larry McCallon</b> City of Highland		X	X	X		X		X	X	X		
<b>Alan Wapner</b> City of Ontario					X			X	X			
<b>Rick Denison</b> Town of Yucca Valley		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		

**Communication: Attendance (Additional Information)**

X = member attended meeting. \* = alternate member attended meeting Empty box = Did not attend meeting Crossed out box = not a Board Member at the time. Shaded box = No meeting

This list provides information on acronyms commonly used by transportation planning professionals. This information is provided in an effort to assist Board Members and partners as they participate in deliberations at Board meetings. While a complete list of all acronyms which may arise at any given time is not possible, this list attempts to provide the most commonly-used terms. Staff makes every effort to minimize use of acronyms to ensure good communication and understanding of complex transportation processes.

AB	Assembly Bill
ACE	Alameda Corridor East
ACT	Association for Commuter Transportation
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADT	Average Daily Traffic
APTA	American Public Transportation Association
AQMP	Air Quality Management Plan
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
ATMIS	Advanced Transportation Management Information Systems
BAT	Barstow Area Transit
CALACT	California Association for Coordination Transportation
CALCOG	California Association of Councils of Governments
CALSAFE	California Committee for Service Authorities for Freeway Emergencies
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CMIA	Corridor Mobility Improvement Account
CMP	Congestion Management Program
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
COG	Council of Governments
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CSAC	California State Association of Counties
CTA	California Transit Association
CTC	California Transportation Commission
CTC	County Transportation Commission
CTP	Comprehensive Transportation Plan
DBE	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
DEMO	Federal Demonstration Funds
DOT	Department of Transportation
EA	Environmental Assessment
E&D	Elderly and Disabled
E&H	Elderly and Handicapped
EIR	Environmental Impact Report (California)
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement (Federal)
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FSP	Freeway Service Patrol
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTIP	Federal Transportation Improvement Program
GFOA	Government Finance Officers Association
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
HOV	High-Occupancy Vehicle
ICTC	Interstate Clean Transportation Corridor
IIEP	Inland Empire Economic Partnership
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991
IIP/ITIP	Interregional Transportation Improvement Program
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
IVDA	Inland Valley Development Agency
JARC	Job Access Reverse Commute
LACMTA	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
LTF	Local Transportation Funds

**Acronym List**

MAGLEV	Magnetic Levitation
MARTA	Mountain Area Regional Transportation Authority
MBTA	Morongo Basin Transit Authority
MDAB	Mojave Desert Air Basin
MDAQMD	Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MSRC	Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
NAT	Needles Area Transit
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
OA	Obligation Authority
OCTA	Orange County Transportation Authority
PA&ED	Project Approval and Environmental Document
PASTACC	Public and Specialized Transportation Advisory and Coordinating Council
PDT	Project Development Team
PNRS	Projects of National and Regional Significance
PPM	Planning, Programming and Monitoring Funds
PSE	Plans, Specifications and Estimates
PSR	Project Study Report
PTA	Public Transportation Account
PTC	Positive Train Control
PTMISEA	Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account
RCTC	Riverside County Transportation Commission
RDA	Redevelopment Agency
RFP	Request for Proposal
RIP	Regional Improvement Program
RSTIS	Regionally Significant Transportation Investment Study
RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agencies
SB	Senate Bill
SAFE	Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
SAFETEA-LU	Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users
SCAB	South Coast Air Basin
SCAG	Southern California Association of Governments
SCAQMD	South Coast Air Quality Management District
SCRRA	Southern California Regional Rail Authority
SHA	State Highway Account
SHOPP	State Highway Operations and Protection Program
SOV	Single-Occupant Vehicle
S RTP	Short Range Transit Plan
STAF	State Transit Assistance Funds
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
STP	Surface Transportation Program
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TCIF	Trade Corridor Improvement Fund
TCM	Transportation Control Measure
TCRP	Traffic Congestion Relief Program
TDA	Transportation Development Act
TEA	Transportation Enhancement Activities
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
TMC	Transportation Management Center
TMEE	Traffic Management and Environmental Enhancement
TSM	Transportation Systems Management
TSSDRA	Transit System Safety, Security and Disaster Response Account
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
VCTC	Ventura County Transportation Commission
VVTA	Victor Valley Transit Authority
WRCOG	Western Riverside Council of Governments



## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to improve the quality of life and mobility in San Bernardino County. Safety is the cornerstone of all we do.

We achieve this by:

- Making all transportation modes as efficient, economical, and environmentally responsible as possible.
- Envisioning the future, embracing emerging technology, and innovating to ensure our transportation options are successful and sustainable.
- Promoting collaboration among all levels of government.
- Optimizing our impact in regional, state, and federal policy and funding decisions.
- Using all revenue sources in the most responsible and transparent way.

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