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RACIAL EQUITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTE

Thursday, October 20, 2022 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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- 1. Hon. Mark Henderson Chair, Gardena, RC District 28
- 2. Hon. Lorrie Brown Ventura, RC District 47
- 3. Hon. Darrell Dorris Lancaster, NCTC
- 4. Hon. Ray Hamada Bellflower, RC District 24
- 5. Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson Riverside, RC District 68
- 6. Hon. Andrew Masiel Tribal Govt Regl Planning Board Representative
- 7. Hon. Marisela Nava Perris, RC District 69
- 8. Hon. Kim Nguyen Garden Grove, RC District 18
- 9. Hon. Deborah Robertson Rialto, RC District 8
- **10.** Hon. Colleen Wallace Banning, WRCOG
- 11. Hon. Frank A. Yokoyama Cerritos, RC District 23



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The Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee may consider and act upon any of the items on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action items.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (The Honorable Mark Henderson, Chair)

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REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of the Meeting – September 15, 2022

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. Impacts and Outcomes of Systemic Racism in the SCAG Region20 Mins. PPG. 9(Elizabeth Carvajal, Manager of Housing and Economic Empowerment, SCAG)20 Mins. PPG. 9

3. Elevating the Community Perspective and Facilitated Discussion 80 Mins. (Charles T. Brown, Founder and CEO, Equitable Cities; Miriam Nieto, Co-Director, Just San Bernardino; Kristopher Fortin, Project Director, Santa Ana Active Streets; and Dorian Romero, Project Coordinator, Santa Ana Active Streets)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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AGENDA ITEM 1

REPORT

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RACIAL EQUITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE RACIAL EQUITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE (RERP). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <u>http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/</u>.

The Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee (RERP) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting virtually (telephonically and electronically), given the declared state of emergency (pursuant to State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020) and local public health directives imposing and recommending social distancing measures due to the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A). A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon. Mark Henderson, Chair	Gardena	District 28	
Hon. Lorrie Brown	Ventura	District 47	
Hon. Darrell Dorris	Lancaster	NCTC	
Hon. Ray Hamada	Bellflower	District 24	
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	Riverside	District 68	
Hon. Andrew Masiel	Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning		
Hon. Marisela Nava	Perris	District 69	
Hon. Kim Nguyen	Garden Grove	District 18	
Hon. Colleen Wallace, Vice Chair	Banning	WRCOG	
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	Cerritos	District 23	
Members Not Present			
Hon. Deborah Robertson	Rialto	District 8	

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Mark Henderson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked the Honorable Ray Hamada, City of Bellflower, District 24, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk confirmed a quorum was present.



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Henderson opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. He reminded the public to submit comments via email to <u>ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov</u>.

The Clerk acknowledged there were no written public comments for items not listed on the agenda.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Henderson closed the Public Comment Period.

Chair Henderson invited SCAG President Jan C. Harnik to provide remarks.

President Harnik thanked the Subcommittee members for their time and expertise towards the RERP effort and noted that their engagement would provide meaningful dialog for the community and to the region.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEM

There were no reprioritizations made.

ACTION ITEM

1. Selection of Vice Chair

A MOTION was made (Lock Dawson) to nominate Honorable Colleen Wallace, Banning, WRCOG, as Vice-Chair of the Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee. Motion was SECONDED (Wallace) and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Dorris, Hamada, Henderson, Lock Dawson, Masiel Sr., Nava, Nguyen, Wallace and Yokoyama (9)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

There were no public comments on this item.



INFORMATION ITEMS

2. Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee Overview

Chair Henderson provided a brief explanation and purpose of the RERP. He introduced Elizabeth Carvajal, SCAG staff, to present an overview of the Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee's (RERP) outlook and focus.

Ms. Carvajal's presentation included background information of the Connect SoCal 2024 process and an overview of the RERP lookahead, goals and planning process. She noted that the meeting, facilitated by Mr. Charles Brown Equitable Cities, would focus on the historic and contemporary impacts and outcomes of systemic racism on housing and transportation planning and policy in the United States.

Chair Henderson noted that the intent and goal of the RERP was to make comprehensive solutions and policy recommendations that can be implemented throughout the region in a timely manner.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation were included in the agenda packet.

There were no public comments received for this item.

3. The Historic and Contemporary Impacts of Systemic Racism if the United States

Chair Henderson introduced Mr. Charles Brown, Founder and CEO of Equitable Cities and Beth Osborne, Director of Transportation for America.

Mr. Brown provided brief remarks regarding the impacts of systemic and structural racism. He stated that the presentation titled, "Segregated by Design" was a short video that provided a historic overview of how systemic racism shaped housing policies and access to housing, homeownership opportunities for people of color, and racial segregation in the United States.

Mr. Brown noted that Beth Osborne would provide a follow-up presentation and discuss transportation inequities which resulted in decades of racism.

At the conclusion of both presentations, Chair Henderson asked for public comments and recognized Hon. Margaret Finlay, member of the public, who provided comments in support of the "Segregated by Design" video and the accessibility options for sharing the video with the public.

Facilitated discussions led by Mr. Brown and Ms. Osborne ensued. The panelists and SCAG staff responded to comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers, including observations that focused on highway impact reports for commuter cities, opportunities and infrastructure support for



walkable communities, affordable housing, transit-oriented development for segregated communities, and incentivizing COGs to help create local and regional transportation programs.

Ms. Osborne provided her contact information and asked the Committee to reach out for additional information on the services that Transportation for America can provide to their cities.

Chair Henderson reiterated the purpose and goals of the RERP and provided a brief roadmap of the scheduled topics. He noted that today's presentation and video were available to the membership.

The Committee thanked the panelist for the excellent presentation.

There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Henderson adjourned the Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Carmen Summers Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee Clerk

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AGENDA ITEM 2

REPORT

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То:	Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee (RERPC)	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL	
From:	Elizabeth Carvajal, Manager of Housing and Economic Empowerment (213) 236-1801, carvajal@scag.ca.gov	Kome	Ajise
	Impacts and Outcomes of Systemic Racism in the SCAG Region		0

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California's policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee meeting convened its first meeting on September 15th. The meeting focused on the historic and contemporary impacts of racism in housing and transportation planning and policy throughout the United States. The second meeting will shift to the SCAG region and the current day impacts and outcomes of systemic racism.

Meeting content will include a presentation on the updated Racial Equity: Baseline Conditions Report, presentations from community partners, and facilitated discussion from Mr. Charles T. Brown of Equitable Cities.

BACKGROUND:

The goals of the Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee are to *identify opportunities to advance racial equity through the policies and strategies in Connect SoCal and guide how planning and investments over the next 30 years can address and rectify the effects of racially discriminatory policies in the SCAG region.* The Subcommittee will meet a total of four times and each of the four meetings will build on the prior with the goal of bringing forth a White Paper in the last meeting, in January 2023.

The first meeting was held in September and provided a historic perspective of how systemic racism has influenced housing and transportation across the United States. The major themes that arose in



the discussion included many Subcommittee members demonstrating a strong desire to share the video *Segregated by Design* widely and a desire that the outcomes of the meeting resulted in action and implementation. In addition, many members reflected on the presentation content that was raised around segregation and the complexity of mobility systems, including public transportation and the highway system, and how these systems exist in their communities today.

RACIAL EQUITY IN THE SCAG REGION

The October 2022 meeting will focus on current day impacts and outcomes of systemic racism within the SCAG region. The meeting content will uplift multiple approaches that support an understanding of racial disparities and potential solutions. The approaches include utilization of quantified data, disaggregating data, ground truthing data, use of qualitative data that draws on lived experience, and intentional collaboration with trusted community partners such as Community Based Organizations.

To start, the staff presentation will highlight data from the updated Racial Equity: Baseline Conditions Report. This data includes demographic information and data on the economy, housing, mobility, and the environment. The data will be represented spatially on maps that will highlight communities across the region that are most impacted in these areas. The presentation will also include data that is disaggregated by race to highlight how people of color are impacted around these issues across the SCAG region.

Two community partners, Just San Bernardino (Just SB) and Santa Ana Active Streets (SAAS), have been invited to share their work to help further demonstrate the importance of ground-truthing data and engaging vulnerable and marginalized people and communities that have been historically excluded from planning processes in identifying community needs, assets, and solutions. Both Just SB and SAAS are recipients of SCAG grant funding through the REAP 1 Call for Collaboration Program and the Go Human Mini Grant Program, respectively. In addition, as in the first Subcommittee meeting, Mr. Charles T. Brown of Equitable Cities will facilitate discussion with Subcommittee members.

In November, the Subcommittee will hear about *Best Practices: Mitigating Impacts of Systemic Racism through Policy, Systems, and Environmental Changes at the Federal, State, and Local Level.*

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 22-23 Overall Work Program (310.4874.01: Connect SoCal Development).