

## AGENDA

### City/County Manager's Technical Advisory Committee

**Thursday, March 7, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**LOCATION:**

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

**TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS:**

Needles City Administration & Utility Office  
817 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Needles, CA 92363

**Call to Order**

**Attendance**

**Council of Governments**

**1. Legislative Update – Jason Rhine, League of California Cities**

Receive a general legislative update.

**2. CONFIRE Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Awarded Contract by the County of San Bernardino - Monique Arellano, SBCOG**

Presentation and status report on CONFIRE's EMS execution of the contract that the County of San Bernardino awarded.

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**3. Update on Activities of the Planning and Regional Programs Department – Steve Smith, SBCTA**

Receive an update on the activities of the Planning and Regional Programs Department, providing services under both the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and San Bernardino Associated Governments.

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**4. Fund Administration Update – Andrea Zureick, SBCTA**

Receive a Fund Administration Update.

**5. SBCOG Member Agencies' Adoption of Amendment No. 4 and the Member Dues Increase – Monique Arellano, SBCOG**

Receive a status update on the SBCOG member agencies' adoption of Amendment No. 4 and the member dues increase.

**Public Comment**

Brief Comments from the General Public

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City/County Manager's Technical Advisory Committee will be cancelled for May 2, 2024 due to conflict with SCAG General Assembly and will be Dark on July 4, 2024. The next meeting of the City/County Manager's Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled for September 5, 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.

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**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 copies to the Clerk of the Board for distribution. 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.

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Your cooperation is appreciated!

Attachment No. 1 to Agenda Item No. 2  
CONFIRE Emergency Medical Services  
(PowerPoint)



City/County Managers' Technical Advisory Committee  
March 7, 2024

## *PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES*

- 1** Provide a brief overview of why CONFIRE EMS was established and what services will be provided.
- 2** Give an update on implementation and our ongoing engagement with stakeholders.
- 3** Discuss our commitment to partner and what resources are available to local jurisdictions as we plan for implementation.



## WHY WAS CONFIRE EMS DIVISION ESTABLISHED

CONFIRE EMS was established to provide a holistic approach to emergency medicine to include emergency medical ground ambulance transportation, 9-1-1, interfacility, and critical care transportation.



1

Improve  
service  
delivery



2

Establish a  
more efficient  
system



3

Invest back  
into the  
system



## WHY A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MATTERS



**CONFIRE**

As a trusted public agency, the agencies that comprise CONFIRE's highly skilled workforce have been protecting our communities for the past 100 years.



**PRIORITY**  
AMBULANCE®

The nation's second largest ambulance provider, serving communities in 13 states nationwide.



**PUBLIC-PRIVATE  
ADVANTAGE**

CONFIRE's commitment to excellence in service and stewardship has led us to a public-private partnership. This partnership ensures that we combine our commitment to serve the community with the efficiency of private business practices.



## WHAT SERVICES WILL CONFIRE EMS PROVIDE



## WHERE ARE WE WITH IMPLEMENTATION

We have transitioned from the RFP process with the establishment of an ambulance contract implementation team and the hiring of key personnel.

- The CONFIRE Team has been working on the implementation in coordination with our private partner, Priority Ambulance.*
- Art Andres has been named Director of EMS Operations for CONFIRE EMS. Bonnie Cote is serving as our Project Manager.*

Continued engagement with key partners is underway to ensure a successful transition.

- The Implementation Team is meeting with ICEMA, local hospitals, labor organizations, community colleges, representatives from workforce development, and other regional stakeholders.



## *WHAT ARE OUR IMPLEMENTATION GOALS*



September 1: CONFIRE EMS and Mobile health logistically ready



September 24: Fully developed and operational (1 week prior to contracted go-live date)



October 1: Go-live



## *WHAT IS OUR COMMITMENT AND WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE*

Commitment from the Team to keep you informed.

Ongoing coordination with your respected fire chief continues.

A Public Affairs Team was created to assist with a coordinated message and serve as a resource for local jurisdictions.







## ***Minute Action***

### AGENDA ITEM: 9

***Date: February 14, 2024***

***Subject:***

Update on Activities of the Planning and Regional Programs Department

***Recommendation:***

Receive an update on the activities of the Planning and Regional Programs Department, providing services under both the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and San Bernardino Associated Governments.

***Background:***

The Planning and Regional Programs Department encompasses three core activities:

- Regional and subregional transportation planning and sustainability programs (under the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) umbrella)
- Air Quality and Mobility Programs (AQMP) (under the SBCTA umbrella, with a focus on Freeway Service Patrol, Call-box Operations, and Traveler Services/511 operations)
- Council of Governments (COG) programs (under the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SBCOG) umbrella)

One of the rather unique features of SBCTA/SBCOG is that the transportation authority and COG functions are housed under the same countywide operation, though SBCTA and SBCOG are separate legal entities. This offers a number of efficiencies in operation in terms of flexibility with staff assignments, coordinating technical work, and administrative management. The only other entity in Southern California where this is the case is the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) and this occurred only in 2020 as some of the COG functions were brought into the ICTC operation under Assembly Bill (AB) 335.

The AQMP and COG programs were folded into the Planning and Regional Programs Department beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/2023. A listing of some of the activities for each of these three core areas is provided below. The staff report will highlight a few of the key activities occurring in the current FY. The intent is to bring an update to the General Policy Committee at approximately six-month intervals.

### **Regional and Subregional Transportation Planning and Sustainability Programs (under SBCTA)**

Generally, the “regional” programs focus on planning activities associated with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), as well as inter-county collaboration on a variety of topics. The “subregional” programs are focused on planning functions, sustainability activities, grant applications, etc. that are either countywide or cover a subarea of the county. Some of the more significant and recent activities under these programs include:

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

**Regional**

1. Provided technical input and comments to SCAG regarding the Draft 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS – “Connect SoCal”). The RTP/SCS is scheduled for approval in spring 2024. SBCTA staff has provided substantial information to SCAG on growth forecasts and project listings for the RTP/SCS over the last three years.
2. SBCTA staff provided comments on a variety of statewide and regional plans and guidelines, including: Caltrans System Investment Strategy (CSIS) and Guidelines for Senate Bill (SB) 1 grant programs from the California Transportation Commission.
3. Collaboration with SCAG on a variety of regional studies. An example is our collaboration with other counties, ports, and private sector on the SCAG Zero Emission Truck Infrastructure (ZETI) Study.
4. State Route SR-18 (SR-18) Project Study Report/Project Development Report (PSR/PDS) with Los Angeles Metro and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Districts 7 and 8.
5. Participation in the bi-monthly SCAG/County Transportation Commission Planning Directors coordination meetings.
6. Maintenance of the Inland Empire Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan with Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) (required for project eligibility on the SB1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP)).
7. Pursuing implementation of the bi-county (San Bernardino/Riverside) climate adaptation effort termed “Resilient IE.”
8. Carrying out the follow-up study to Resilient IE – the bi-county Emergency Evacuation Route Study, funded by a Caltrans planning grant.
9. Providing input to the next South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) AQMP. Staff is also represented on the Technical Advisory Committee for the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee, and monitors activities of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District as well.

**Subregional**

1. Collaborating with transit agencies, local jurisdictions, and other stakeholders in development of the Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan (LRMTP), which began in FY 2022/2023 and was funded through a Caltrans planning grant.
2. Working with SCAG and local jurisdictions to maintain and apply the San Bernardino Transportation Analysis Model (SBTAM). SBTAM is the forecasting tool used to support traffic and environmental studies for all of SBCTA’s primary transportation projects. The model is used for local jurisdiction highway and development projects as well.
3. Providing guidance and technical support for local jurisdictions in the mitigation of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) impacts for various transportation and development projects. The intent is to also develop and implement a VMT Mitigation Bank, subject to SBCTA Board of Directors approval.
4. Preparing applications for Federal and State infrastructure and planning grants, including Federal discretionary grants, SB1, and the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), to secure funding for major transportation projects, supporting partnerships with Caltrans, SCAG, and other regional agencies. Actively pursue grant applications

across multiple sectors, to include planning, freight, transit, and active transportation. A key focus of the Planning Department has now become assistance, both internally and externally, with positioning projects to be competitive in grant funding programs and preparing the associated funding applications.

5. Supporting both the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) and the Planning and Development Technical Forum (PDTF), consisting of staff from local jurisdictions providing input on transportation and local government planning issues.
6. Supporting SBCTA project development efforts with traffic analyses and impact assessments.
7. Maintaining the policies in the Measure I 2010-2040 Strategic Plan and update the Strategic Plan narrative as necessary, together with the Fund Administration Department.
8. Preparing a priority list for Active Transportation, to assist in positioning San Bernardino County jurisdictions for competitive grant applications. A digital version of the Countywide Active Transportation Plan is hosted on the SBCTA website and mapping application.
9. Managing the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements program. Funding was awarded this FY under a call-for-projects. The next cycle of awards is expected to occur in FY 2025/2026.
10. Participating in subregional planning efforts led by local jurisdictions, SCAG, transit agencies or other agencies.
11. As needed, providing assistance to local jurisdictions to access and manage planning and project data disseminated by SBCTA through our Data Management Office (DMO).
12. Overseeing the Safe Routes to School Phase IV project and coordinating with Project Delivery on design and construction of the bicycle/pedestrian improvements awarded in the Caltrans Active Transportation Project cycles.
13. Completed the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) prepared under AB 2087. The RCIS was submitted and approved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in fall 2023.

### **Air Quality and Mobility Program (under SBCTA)**

The AQMP activities are set up to manage three specific traveler services, as described below. Each of the services requires constant attention to ensure that the travelers (our “customers”) can travel in a safe and convenient manner, especially when problems occur on their trip. Collaboration on these services takes place primarily with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and Caltrans. Refinements to these programs can occur on a year-to-year basis, so as to be most cost-effective. One of the future challenges faced in the management of these services will be dealing with the significant increase in costs, particularly regarding the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP). This has already required the merger of two FSP beats and could require more consolidation in the future.

1. **Freeway Service Patrol** – The purpose of the FSP program is to fund, implement, and maintain a program to assist stranded motorists traveling on designated highways of San Bernardino County. The FSP Program is a partnership between SBCTA, CHP, and Caltrans. An important goal of this partnership and of the FSP Program is to keep the freeways moving and reduce the chance of secondary accidents. San Bernardino FSP

began full-time operations in January of 2006. The FSP Program operates a total of eight Beats along 98.38 centerline miles of highway in the Valley and portions of the Cajon Pass area, and assisted more than 77,000 motorists last fiscal year.

2. **Call Box System** – Another purpose of the AQMP is to maintain and operate a countywide motorist aid call box system responsive to the needs of motorists in San Bernardino County. The current system consists of approximately 777 call boxes along 1,800 centerline highway miles. As the Valley has urbanized, fewer call boxes have been needed, given the prevalence of mobile phones and good cell signals. Cell signal coverage in outlying areas is spotty, and is where most of the call boxes are now being located.
3. **SoCal 511** – SBCTA participates in the operation of the Southern California 511 (SoCal 511) traveler information phone service and GO511.com traveler information website. In the current fiscal year we have continued the transition to a regional 511 system merger with four other county commissions. The goal is to provide seamless regional traveler information through the SoCal 511 system for all commuters in the Southern California region.

### **Council of Governments (under SBCOG)**

The function of the COG is to promote and encourage regional collaboration among agencies in San Bernardino County and to conduct specific projects focused on local government services, sustainability, technology, equity, and quality of life that are of benefit to the member agencies. SBCOG actively participates in state and local sustainability and clean energy initiatives, thereby building stronger, more resilient, and prosperous communities.

The Board approved the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) amendment language and dues increase on January 3, 2024, and a separate update on the COG is provided elsewhere on this agenda. The participating jurisdictions are in the process of approving this amendment. The COG agenda item provides additional information on the status of the COG, but the following are listed as some of the key engagements of the COG in the current fiscal year:

1. Operation of the Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) in conjunction with Western Riverside COG and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments.
2. Preparation of the Early Action Plan as part of the Smart County Master Plan, funded by a contribution from the County of San Bernardino.
3. Planning and coordination of local agencies to plan and implement the Small Business component of the annual Business to Business event.
4. Planning and coordination of non-profit vendors to implement the Outdoor Equity Program.
5. Planning and coordination for the annual City/County Conference in conjunction with the Public Affairs Department.
6. Planning and coordination between SBCTA/SBCOG and local agencies to develop and implement an Equity Framework.
7. Participation in selected elements of the Countywide Vision implementation.
8. Hosting grant writing seminars for SBCOG member agencies.

9. Preparing grant applications that are of countywide interest and benefit. An example is the federal Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program, a program of nearly \$5 billion managed by the Environmental Protection Agency. SBCOG is lead on the bi-county CPRG effort to bring funding for electric vehicle charging stations and building decarbonization to the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario Metropolitan Statistical Area. The state's Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) 2.0 grant program is another example of a countywide grant-funded effort. SBCOG also provided assistance to many of our local jurisdictions on preparation of their Housing Elements through REAP 1.0 funding.
10. Much of the local coordination for SBCOG occurs through the City/County Managers Technical Advisory Committee and the PDTF, designed for information-exchange among local planning departments in the county.

***Financial Impact:***

This item has no financial impact on the adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

***Reviewed By:***

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

***Responsible Staff:***

Steve Smith, Director of Planning & Regional Programs

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Approved  
General Policy Committee  
Date: February 14, 2024

Witnessed By: