TRANSPORTATION & GOODS MOVEMENT COUNCIL MEETING
March 3, 2020
10-11:30 a.m.

1. **WELCOME & SELF-INTRODUCTIONS** – Hilary Norton

2. **Presentations**
   
   **Federal Transportation Landscape**
   
   - **Christina Lotspike**  
     *Executive Director Congressional & Public Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce*
     
     As the Executive Director of Congressional and Affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Christina Lotspike represents the business community to Congress and the administration. Lotspike will join us via conference call, for a primer on the federal transportation landscape ahead of our ACCESS Washington, D.C. trip next week.
     
     - Q&A

   **Southern California Delivers the Goods: SCAG Connect SoCal Goods Movement Element**
   
   - **Mike Jones**  
     *Senior Regional Planner, Southern California Association of Governments*
     
     Mike Jones is a Senior Regional Planner at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), which represents six counties and over 19 million residents. Jones will discuss the Goods Movement Element of SCAG’s Connect SoCal 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies. He will discuss the critical challenges, emerging policy issues, and strategies Connect SoCal addresses.
     
     - Q&A

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
   
   - **ACCESS DC: 3/9-3/11**
   - **Government & Fiscal Affairs: 3/17**
   - **Accenture’s Pancakes & Politics: 3/27**
   - **Women’s History Month: 3/31**

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Christina R. Lotspike, executive director in the Congressional and Public Affairs Division at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, represents the business community before Congress and the administration on transportation infrastructure and technology issues. Specifically, Lotspike’s portfolio includes surface transportation, aviation, and water infrastructure, as well as data privacy, automated vehicles, unmanned aircraft systems, artificial intelligence, and telecommunications. Lotspike serves as a regular speaker for state and local chambers of commerce, other trade associations, and companies to educate them on the Chamber’s policy priorities and initiatives and legislative outlook.

Before joining the Chamber in 2013, Lotspike worked for the Charles Koch Foundation in Arlington, Virginia. Earlier in her career, she was regional political director for Strickland for Congress 2012 and worked in the Communications War Room on the Romney for President 2012 campaign.

Lotspike received her bachelor’s degree in political science from Boston University and her master’s degree in public policy at George Mason University.
Mike Jones
Senior Regional Planner
Southern California Association of Governments

Mike Jones is a Senior Regional Planner for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in Los Angeles, the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization. Mr. Jones has worked as a professional planner for eight years, and in the goods movement industry for 15 years. During this time he has worked domestically and abroad in the supply for the world’s largest food company, Nestle S.A., and spent the past eight years in Southern California as a freight planner.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Jones has developed his expertise in regional transportation policy development and planning for large scale infrastructure projects. While at SCAG, his main area of focus has been on transportation infrastructure development, including a focus on aviation, goods movement and logistics. Most recently Mr. Jones has managed numerous regional project studies, including the recently completed Comprehensive Regional Goods Movement Planning and Implementation Study. He also served as the lead staff author for the goods movement portion for the SCAG 2008, 2012, and 2020 Regional Transportation Plans (RTP/SCS).

Mr. Jones is also currently a Board member for the Center for International Transportation and Trade (CITT). He completed his undergraduate degree in Transportation and Logistics at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and did his graduate coursework at California State Polytechnic University (Cal Poly) in Pomona.
Known as the nation’s “homeless capital,” the Los Angeles region is home to the largest homeless population in the country. California desperately needs an additional 1.4 million affordable housing units in order to meet the needs of our communities. The City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles have coordinated their efforts to combat the homelessness crisis and passed historic voter approved ballot measures that allocate approximately $715 million towards the creation of permanent supportive housing units, mental health services and prevention strategies, and everything in between. The State of California followed with a $1.5 billion investment in combating the housing and homelessness crisis through Governor Newsom’s budget.

California is still in desperate need of continued collaboration and additional resources in order to face this challenge.

- Our delegation encourages the federal government to continue programs that have proven successful and continue the dialogue with local municipalities to ensure highest effectiveness and efficiency in combating this humanitarian crisis.

**ENDING HOMELESSNESS ACT**

Programs such as Ending Homelessness Act of 2019 (H.R 1856), which provides 300,000 new housing vouchers nationwide, and programs aimed specifically towards incentivizing the construction of affordable housing are essential.

- To support affordable housing for low-income households, $24 billion is needed in FY 2020 in funding to maintain rental assistance and public housing programs. This includes providing 50,000 more housing vouchers for California, increasing the value of these vouchers to account for the high cost of rents in American cities, and to create a program based on best practices to incentivize landlords to work with voucher holders.

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**TRANSPORTATION & GOODS MOVEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE**

High-quality transportation and goods movement infrastructure is the hallmark of a thriving economy that is the 5th largest in the world. For years, the United States’ transportation network far exceeded that of any other nation. Today, our transportation system is rapidly aging, difficult to maintain and modernize.

- This delegation strongly urges the federal government and legislators to authorize a long-term surface transportation bill that promotes innovative transportation policy, while increasing funding opportunities for transit and highway mobility programs.

- We also urge our federal partners to play a stronger role supporting the nation’s goods movement system by providing funding for logistic programs and the development of a national freight strategic plan.

- Finally, investment in the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), as well as the United States Department of Transportation’s support and expedited approval for LAX’s $14 billion capital improvement program will support their planning and delivery timeline for Los Angeles to host international guests during the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic games.