


**DATE:** March 1, 2012

**TO:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC), 

**FROM:** Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director, [ikhrata@scag.ca.gov](mailto:ikhrata@scag.ca.gov), (213) 236-1800

**SUBJECT:** SCAG Board Representative Invitation to Participate in Rail Tour Delegation to Japan and China

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve offer for SCAG President Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, and Councilmember Bruce Barrows, Cerritos, District 23, to participate as members of a Southern California delegation traveling to Japan and China from March 24-30, 2012, to visit a number of rail sites, and authorize an expenditure of up to \$5,000 per person from the General Fund to pay for related expenses.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*A delegation of Southern California officials will be visiting a variety of rail sites in Japan and China from March 24 – 30, 2012. The purpose of the trip is three-fold: 1) View implementations of currently available rail technology; 2) view examples of transit-oriented development; and 3) examine private investment opportunities.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies, Objective a) Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

**BACKGROUND:**

A delegation of Southern California officials will be visiting a variety of rail sites in Japan and China from March 24 – 30, 2012. The delegation is slated to visit a number of rail sites that implement the following types of rail technology: high-speed rail, medium-speed rail, low-medium, and high-speed maglev.

The delegation tentatively includes representatives from the following:

- SCAG
  - President Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41
  - Councilmember Bruce Barrows, Cerritos, District 23
- Orangeline Development Authority
  - President Frank Quintero, Glendale
  - Board Member Tony Lima, Artesia
  - Mike Kodama, Executive Director
- City of Cerritos
  - Mayor Carol Chen
  - Art Gallucci, City Manager
  - Rosalinda Law, Economic Development Commissioner

- Port of Los Angeles
  - Norman Arikawa, International Trade Development Manager
- Business Entities
  - Wing Lung Bank (Branch Office in China)
  - Twin Eagle BBQ
  - EcoWorld LED and Solar Panel

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The proposed expenditure of up to \$5,000 per person will be allocated from SCAG's FY 2011/2012 General Fund.

**ATTACHMENT:**

None.