

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Services for Seniors Working Group

Tuesday, May 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes

By Grace Farwell

In Attendance: Melissa Andrizzi-Sobel, Beach Cities Health District; Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG; Aaron Baum, SBCCOG; Diane Brown, City of Hawthorne; Alexa Davis, City of Rolling Hills Estates; Ghislaine (Ges) Davis, City of Torrance Commission on Aging/South Bay Village; Grace Farwell, SBCCOG; Eric Haack, Access Services LA; Britt Huff, Chair, City of Rolling Hills Estates Council Member, H.E.L.P.; Steve Lantz, SBCCOG; Lao Moua, PATH; Rhonda Ozanian, Bluedot; Nital Patel, Assembly Member David Hadley's office; Isabel Rodriguez, City of Hermosa Beach Parks and Recreation Commission; Cindy Snodgrass, City of Torrance; Maheen Surani, City of Rolling Hills Estates; Bea Virobik, City of Torrance Commission on Aging/South Bay Village

1. Welcome and Self Introductions
2. Minutes from the March 22, 2016 meeting were approved. Motion made by Rhonda Ozanian and seconded by Diane T. Brown. Minutes received and filed.
3. Metro's Measure R2: The Next 50 Years of Los Angeles County Transit
SBCCOG Transportation Director, Steve Lantz and SBCCOG Executive Director, Jacki Bacharach, spoke about Metro's proposed ballot measure that would increase sales tax by ½%. Highlights included:
 - History of Metro's ballot propositions and measures
 - Prop A – passed in 1980
 - 25% of revenue for local return – gave cities opportunity to address transit within their city
 - 35% for rail development
 - 40% for discretionary purposed (fund Metro bus service and 16 other municipal bus operators)
 - Prop C – passed in 1990
 - Metro broadened definition of transit; could now fund streets heavily used by transit
 - 20% for local return
 - 40% for construction/operation of bus transit and rail system
 - 5% to expand rail and bus security
 - 10% for commuter rail, construction of transit centers, park & ride lots, freeway bus stops
 - 25% for transit-related improvements/repairs to freeways and state highways
 - Measure R – passed in 2008
 - Brooding controversy between transit operators and Public Works directors (wanted to fix streets)
 - Local return became a real focus
 - 15% local return
 - Metro still needed to do big projects

- Measure J – failed in 2012
- Metro’s measures are big initiatives for rail, etc. (including Access)
- South Bay has been overlooked
- Measure R2/X
 - Metro is trying to get the Measure defined in June; wording must be finished by end of July in order to qualify for November ballot
 - Sales tax is directed to future; many projects won’t happen until 2040-2050
 - Cities want 25% local return and no earmarks of how to spend funds; Metro is proposing 16%
 - Need for flexibility in projects whether it is sustainable streets and communities, active transportation, etc.
 - Currently funds for projects are based on population; SBCCOG is advocating for new formula: population, lane miles, sales tax revenue
 - Eric Haack with Access commented that 2% of the “pie” will go to transportation services for senior and disabled riders
 - Steve shared a letter, dated May 11, 2016, from the SBCCOG Board of Directors to Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chair of the Metro Board describing issues and concerns (see attached).

4. PATH Homeless Update

Lao Moua provided an update:

- Program has ramped up over the past 2 months
- Still in the process of finding and hiring a mental health specialist to complement the benefits specialist
- Lots of contacts with law enforcement
 - To identify “hot spots” and to keep PATH staff safe
- Homeless population increased by 5.7% from 2015 to 2016
- PATH stats from Feb-May 2016
 - 25-54 year olds – 32 contacts (34% of people contacted)
 - 60+ - 19 contacts (17% of people contacted)
 - Over 183 contacts; 63 were duplicates
 - Goal with contacts is permanent housing
 - Joint outreach efforts with faith-based organizations
 - Connected with Harbor UCLA
 - PATH will be notified as patients are discharged that have no place to go
 - Goal is to break the cycle of living on the street and return visits to ER

5. Uber, Lyft, GrandPad Update

Jacki Bacharach provided an update:

- SBCCOG staff has been trying to meet with cities to discuss Uber or Lyft as an option to dial-a-taxi but without much success.
- There have been no cities interested in pursuing GrandPad at this time.

6. Purposeful Aging Los Angeles Initiative

Laura Trejo, General Manager of the City of LA Department of Aging was invited to address the Working Group regarding the new age-friendly initiative. She was unable to attend the meeting. Grace Farwell provided a brief overview:

- Mission – Purposeful Aging Los Angeles: An Age-Friendly Initiative seeks to prepare the Los Angeles region for a rapidly aging population through an innovative, sustained initiative that united public and private leadership,

resources, ideas, and strategies. Purposeful Aging Los Angeles will improve the lives of older adults and Angelenos of all ages.

- Collaborative effort of County of Los Angeles Community and Senior Services, City of Los Angeles Department of Aging, AARP, The Milken Institute Center for the Future of Aging, USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, and UCLA Los Angeles Community Academic Partnership for Research in Aging
- Laura Trejo will be invited to an upcoming Working Group meeting to discuss the initiative and how the SBCCOG can become a stakeholder.

7. “Senior” Update from Assemblyman David Hadley’s Office

Nital Patel, Field Representative, Assembly Member David’s Hadley’s Office reported the following:

- Assembly Member Hadley plans to host an unclaimed property workshop for seniors
 - Nital shared a website to check for unclaimed property – claimit.ca.gov

8. Announcements and Follow-up Actions

- Jacki mentioned a couple of programs that offer free rides via electric vehicles:
 - Downtowner in Newport Beach
 - Santa Monica Free Ride (golf cart-style cabs)

9. Next meeting

- **Tuesday, July 26, 2016 @ 9:30 am**