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SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2015 - 2016

City	Nov - 15	Jan - 16	March - 16	April - 16	May - 16	June - 16	July - 16
Carson		Davis-Holmes	Davis-Holmes	Davis-Holmes		Davis-Holmes	
El Segundo			Fuentes	Fuentes	Fuentes	Fuentes	
Gardena	Terauchi	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	
Hawthorne	Valentine		Valentine	Awad	Valentine		
Hermosa Beach	Fangary	Fangary	Fangary	Fangary	Fangary	Fangary	
Inglewood	Franklin	Butts		Franklin	Franklin	Butts	
Lawndale	Osborne Pullen-Miles	Osborne	Osborne	Osborne	Suarez	Osborne Pullen-Miles Suarez	
Lomita	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley Sanchez	
Los Angeles				X	X	X	
Manhattan Beach		Howorth		Lesser	Lesser	Howorth	
Palos Verdes Estates				Goodhart		Goodhart	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Knight Emdee	Misetich	Horvath	Misetich Horvath	Misteich Horvath	Misetich Horvath	
Redondo Beach		Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer	Dieringer Mirsch	
Rolling Hills	Huff	Huff	Huff Mitchell	Huff	Huff	Huff Mitchell	
Rolling Hills Estates							
Torrance	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	
County of Los Angeles		Riccitiello				Napolitano	

Number of Active Agencies	17	17	17	16	16	16	16
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9						
Number of Agencies Attending	9	14	11	14	13	15	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2016
SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THEATER
20285 S. WESTERN AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, TORRANCE, CA 90501**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gazeley called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:02pm.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Lula Davis-Holmes, Carson	Jim Goodhart, Palos Verdes Estates
Suzanne Fuentes, El Segundo	Anthony Misetich, Rancho Palos Verdes
Dan Medina, Gardena	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Hany Fangary, Hermosa Beach	Leah Mirsch, Rolling Hills
James Butts, Inglewood	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Jim Osborne, Lawndale	Kurt Weideman, Torrance
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	Steve Napolitano, County of Los Angeles
Amy Howorth, Manhattan Beach	

Other Elected Officials in Attendance

Robert Pullen-Miles, Lawndale	Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	Henry Sanchez, Lomita
Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills	

Also in attendance were the following persons

John Addleman, Metro So. Bay Service Council	David Leger, SBCCOG
Hamilton Cloud, Office of Rep. Maxine Waters	Chandler Shields, SBCCOG
Tom Brewer, Office of Asm. David Hadley	Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Sarah Patterson, Office of Asm. Patrick O'Donnell	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Sara Zarate, Office of Asm. Patrick O'Donnell	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
James LaFourche, Office of Sen. Isadore Hall	Chris Cagle, SBWIB
Ken Farfing, City of Carson	Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities
Anton Dahlerbruch, City of Palos Verdes Estates	Nathan Holmes, LA Councilmember Buscaino
Kevin Gilhooley, SCAG	Danielle Valentine, Metro
Karen Heit, Gateway COG	Mike Bohlke, Metro
Cierra Washington, SBCCOG	Alan Clelland, Iteris
Suzanne Charles, SBCCOG	Norman Emerson, Emerson & Associates
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG	Gina Harden, public

III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – Jacki Bacharach announced that there is one change to the agenda, adding a time critical Measure R item to the Measure R report (Item 10c). This item involves expiring funding agreements for current South Bay Highway Program projects.

Motion by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Goodhart, to **ADD** this change to item X.c. of the Agenda. So ordered.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was received.

During this time, Chair Gazeley presented Suzanne Charles with a Certificate of Recognition from the SBCCOG thanking her for her service to the SBCCOG as the Administrative Officer. Ms. Bacharach added that the SBCCOG has been so successful in a large part due to Ms. Charles' excellent book keeping ability. Ms. Charles thanked the SBCCOG.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. May Board Meeting Minutes** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- B. 2016-2017 Operating Budget Adoption** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- C. No Cost Contract Extension for Iteris, Inc. & System Metrics Group, Inc. – Ratification of Steering Committee approval** – **Approved**
- D. Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- E. Temporary Assistance for Human Resources and Accounting Services** (*attachment*) – **Received and filed**
- F. Monthly Reports – Received and Filed**
 - 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (*attachment*)
 - 2. Transportation Report (*attachment*)

MOTION by Board Member Osborne, seconded by Board Member Weideman, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. South Bay Workforce Investment Board

Chris Cagle presented on the South Bay Broadband Feasibility Study. The SBWIB has secured Magellan Advisers, a contractor, to carry out the Broadband Study. The SBWIB has taken on this task because it is important for South Bay businesses to stay competitive and a high speed, high quality broadband network is an important component of this in this time of the growing use of technology in the workplace. Mr. Cagle reported that the SBWIB has heard from several businesses in the area that lack of connectivity was a high-ranking potential reason to move their business elsewhere.

Over the next five months, Magellan will visit each of the cities in the SBCCOG and do an evaluation of the city. The kickoff meeting will be held at the SBCCOG on July 11th at 9:30am. This will refine the scope of work and ensure that they are addressing individual needs of the cities. Outreach will not only include city government, but businesses, organizations, and public safety departments. A report will be generated after the study concludes which will help guide the conversation with service providers and indicate where infrastructure may be needed in the future. The SBCCOG will help facilitate many of the meetings throughout this study.

Mr. Cagle then reported on the SBWIB's efforts at the Los Angeles Air Force Base to provide transition assistance to separating airmen and their spouses. By offering these services, the SBWIB hopes to help these service members find quality civilian employment in the area and help retain the experience, talent, and knowledge they have in the South Bay. Historically, most service members return to their home state after finishing their service at the LA Air Force Base. The SBWIB will have office hours on the Base at least one day each week for the service members and their spouses to stop by and receive assistance.

B. Travel Pal Project Presentation

Kim Fuentes of the SBCCOG presented the status of the Metro-funded Travel Pal Project. Ms. Fuentes explained the platform and how it is a tool for South Bay residents to find the best way for them to get around the area. Users can find information such as directions, time, cost savings, calories burned, and carbon footprint for various means of transportation including: walking, biking, public transit, solo-driving, and carpools. She added that this program also helps users create and/or find carpools to events and places throughout the South Bay.

Ms. Fuentes reported that the SBCCOG has been working with South Bay employers such as the LA Air Force Base and Terranea Resort to get their employees to help reduce congestion at their sites. The SBCCOG has also worked with individual cities and local groups to include upcoming events on the Travel Pal website and to include Travel Pal information on the event websites.

Ms. Fuentes gave the Board some statistics on the program so far, including: 183 registered users, 580 individual site visits, and 337 individuals have planned at least one trip. Also, SBCCOG is integrating this program with other SBCCOG programs, such as the Green Building Challenge.

Ms. Bacharach added that she hopes the Cities include info for their events to help encourage ridesharing to these events.

Board Member Fangary asked what this service does that something such as Google does not do. Ms. Fuentes responded that it provides users opportunities to carpool, reduce congestion, and reduce their carbon footprint in addition to simply providing directions like Google Maps does.

VIII. SBCCOG ACTION ITEMS – Jacki Bacharach

A. Election of Officers (*attachment*) - Approved

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for the fiscal year 2016-2017, starting July 1st 2016, ending June 30th, 2017. They nominated Board Member Osborne for Chairman, Board Member Weideman for 1st Vice Chair, and Board Member Huff for 2nd Vice Chair. They also nominated four at-large members of the Steering Committee, including: Board Members Valentine, Fangary, Horvath, and Howorth.

Motion by Board Member Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Goodhart, to **APPROVE** the new slate of officers and at-large Steering Committee members as presented by the Nominating Committee. No objection, so ordered.

Board Members and representatives from legislative offices then presented Chair Gazeley with Certificates of Recognition from their respective cities and offices, thanking him for his service as Chair of the SBCCOG. Chair Gazeley said a few words about his year as chair as well.

B. SBCCOG Position on Metro Proposed Sales Tax Measure

Steve Lantz gave a presentation on Metro's proposed sales tax measure, as approved by the Metro Board on June 23rd. The full presentation can be viewed on the SBCCOG website at:

http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_6-30-16%20SBCCOG%20Sales%20Tax%20Measure%20.pdf

Mr. Lantz reported that at their June 23rd Board meeting, Metro adopted a resolution requesting the LA County Board of Supervisors to place the measure on the November 8, 2016 general election ballot, as well as rejected an amendment by Board Members Butts, Knabe, and Dubois that would have required completion of Measure R projects before starting new projects under the proposed new sales tax.

Mr. Lantz explained the current transportation sales taxes in LA County, totaling 2% should the proposed tax be approved by voters. He also added that if it does not get approved, Metro would have to consider significantly increasing fares and/or restructuring its transit operations, maintenance, and rehabilitation programs.

Mr. Lantz detailed the key expenditure plan/revenue allocations in the proposed sales tax measure as well as the South Bay Subregion's major regional projects/programs. He then explained that the South Bay will receive less than 7% of countywide funding, although it represents over 10% of the countywide population, meaning a shortfall of approximately \$1.885 billion. Mr. Lantz continued by updating the Board on the SBCCOG's concerns surrounding the 3% local contribution to rail projects, the local return percentage and funding formula, and the fact that the proposed sales tax will not fully fund the promised projects as scheduled.

Metro's next steps, as explained by Mr. Lantz, include the LA County Board of Supervisors passing a resolution by August 12th to include the measure on the ballot, the formation of an independent campaign committee to fund and manage the campaign, Metro staff developing the implementation guidelines, and an update to Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan in Spring 2017.

Mr. Lantz then asked the Board if the SBCCOG should support, oppose, stay neutral/take no position, on the measure or deferring and possibly taking a position after the Board of Supervisors officially places it on the November ballot.

Prior to opening the discussion to the Board, Ms. Bacharach added that Metro also included the addition of an oversight committee in the new measure that would allow Metro to unilaterally reorganize the programs in the new measure every 10 years. Discussion was then opened up to the audience and Board Members.

Board Member Goodhart asked Board Member Butts, also a Metro Board member, if there were any plans to accelerate already planned projects. Board Member Butts explained that he introduced an amendment at the Metro Board meeting, to ensure that Measure R commitments were kept before starting new projects under the new measure. He continued, stating that this amendment was supported by two others, but was voted down by the rest of the Metro Board. Board Member Butts further added that in his opinion, it makes no sense to oppose the measure because the Metro system will run out of money around 2019 if the measure does not pass. In his view, this measure passing will allow us to “live to fight another day”.

Board Member Napolitano added that Supervisor Knabe did not support the measure at the Metro Board meeting because his cities expressed a lot of concern about geographic equity and he felt it was his duty to represent his cities.

Karen Heit representing the Gateway COG explained that they have voted to oppose the measure. They feel that they have been ignored and that Metro has made no efforts to address their concerns.

Ken Farfing representing the City of Carson explained that since 1980, there have been numerous cities who have been “donors” due to the per capita based funding formula used by Metro. He continued that efforts were made to have Metro change the funding formula to make it more equitable only to be ignored by Metro. He added that he is working with other City Managers to discuss next steps.

Board Member Weideman shared that his colleagues in Torrance voted unanimously to oppose the sales tax measure and instructed him to bring this information to the SBCCOG Board.

Board Member Osborne added that he has to vote with his city and shared his reasons for opposing the measure.

Board Member Horvath told the Board that he was dismayed that the SBCCOG has essentially been ignored and has many significant concerns about what this measure would mean for his city. Although his city hasn’t taken a position on it yet, he believes it would be hard to support it with the 3% rail station contribution, low local return, and the financial solvency issue Metro faces.

Board Member Howorth added that she is not speaking on behalf of her colleagues on the City Council either, but asked if there were any options remaining to help change the measure before the Board of Supervisors places it on the ballot. Board Member Butts said that there are no other options. She added that although there are many valid concerns, if this measure fails, who else would be able to do the large infrastructure projects that the County needs?

Board Member Goodhart shared that in the past, after Measure J failed, Metro came back with a new ballot measure proposal two years later and he proposed the possibility Metro doing the same thing in 2018 or 2020. He voiced his opinion that the SBCCOG’s job is to implement regional programs and should remain neutral, allowing individual cities the option to take a support/oppose position.

Board Member Fangary shared that he doesn’t believe Metro did outreach to the South Bay and that the SBCCOG can’t remain neutral.

Board Member Fuentes explained that El Segundo is already getting shorted on return in current sales taxes and believes Metro isn’t representing the South Bay.

Board Member Misetich stated that although his City Council hasn’t taken a position on it yet, he is confident that they will oppose the measure.

Chair Gazeley and Board Members Howorth, Horvath, and Mitchell informed the Board that they will be abstaining because they do not feel comfortable taking a position without discussing it with their City Councils first.

Board Member Medina added that when the SBCCOG took a position on Measure J, Metro listened to us. He believes that the Board should take action and send a message to Metro.

Motion by Board Member Misetich, seconded by Board Member Osborne, to **OPPOSE** Metro's proposed sales tax measure. Board Members Davis-Holmes, Fuentes, Medina, Fangary, Osborne, Goodhart, Misetich, Mirsch, and Weideman voted to support the motion and OPPOSE the measure. There were no votes to oppose the motion and support the measure. Board Members Butts, Gazeley, Howorth, Horvath, Huff, and Napolitano abstained. The motion carried, so ordered.

IX. SBCCOG PROGRAM REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Green Building Challenge

Jacki Bacharach reported that there are 157 businesses participating in the program and that the SBCCOG is speaking with the utility companies about the prospects of keeping the program going for a second year with some minor changes. There will be an awards breakfast on September 28th at the Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo.

B. Homeless Initiative

Jacki Bacharach reported that the next meeting will be July 13th and asked for any comments from Board Members about how PATH has been doing in their cities.

C. Senior Transportation Services

Jacki Bacharach reported that this committee did not meet and there is no report.

D. Special events

1. Workshop on Broadband at the Redondo Beach Library on July 21st at 10am.
2. Tour of Long Beach Container Terminal to be held on August 10th.

E. Other

X. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report by Board member James Butts/Mike Bohlke

No report given.

B. Service Council report by Ralph Franklin, Chair

John Addlemen, Vice Chair of the Service Council reported on behalf of Chair Franklin. Mr. Addleman reported that they looked at a universal student pass, and discussed the problem of fare evasion. The Service Council also received a six month performance report on the Silver Line. Mr. Addleman added that although the South Bay accounts for approximately 33% of ridership, it only receives about 11% of funding per Metro accounts.

C. South Bay Measure R Highway Program Steve Lantz

Steve Lantz reported that six projects face expiring funding agreements and that the SBCCOG is bringing this plan to the Board tonight on an urgency basis. Metro has asked the SBCCOG Board to take a position before they begin action on them. The SBCCOG Board's actions will be communicated to Metro the next day.

Board Member Goodhart wanted to clarify that no new scope is being added to any of these projects as well as no increases in the programmed budgets. Mr. Lantz affirmed this.

Motion by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Weideman, to **APPROVE** the recommended amendments. No objections, so ordered.

XI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Misetich (Rancho Palos Verdes) announced that the city is having its annual 4th of July Fair on Monday at 11am.
- Horvath (Redondo Beach) announced that there will be a fireworks display at Seaside Lagoon on Monday.

- Fuentes (El Segundo) announced that El Segundo also has a fireworks display scheduled for 9pm on Monday. She also reported on the passing of TRW founder, Dr. Simon Ramo, who had an enormous impact on her city and the whole region.
- Weideman (Torrance) announced the return of the fireworks display at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

XII. AGENCY REPORTS

A. League of California Cities

1. Jeff Kiernan reported that today is the last day for bills to leave their policy committees before being considered “dead”. The legislature will be on summer recess during the month of July, and will have until August 31st to get bills approved. Mr. Kiernan added that the Governor signed the main Budget bill this week and that the “No Place Like Home” initiative also passed out of the Budget Committee. Mr. Kiernan reported that AB 2788 (Gotto) was pulled from committee and has died for this term, AB 2586 (Gotto) is still on the floor, AB 2501 (Bloom) is being amended and should allow the League to go neutral, AB 45 also died in committee, and SB 522 (Metro Board expansion) is now calling for the Metro Board to consist of 24 members. In regards to the Governor’s “by right” housing proposal, Mr. Kiernan reported that it was removed from the budget process and will be reviewed by the Legislature in August.

Mr. Kiernan also added that the upcoming Installation of the LA County Division Board will take place on August 4th in Burbank. This is the League’s best attended event of the year. Also, flyers for the Annual Conference were left on the sign-in table. Also reported was the retirement of the League’s Executive Director and the plan for a new Executive Director search.

B. South Coast Air Quality Management District

Judy Mitchell reported that the SCAQMD released the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan earlier in the day and it is out for public comment now. She reported that there was more collaboration with the California Air Resources Board which regulates mobile sources of pollution (such as vehicles) this time. She reported that they are seeking more funding for their many incentive programs.

Board Member Weideman asked if there was an update on the Hydrofluoric Acid Study. Ms. Mitchell informed him that due to staff changes at the SCAQMD, she does not have any knowledge of the status of that report.

C. SCAG & Committees

1. Energy and Environment

Judy Mitchell reported that there was a presentation on the Clean Cities Coalition.

2. Transportation- No report given.

3. Community, Economic, & Human Development- No report given.

4. Regional Council

Judy Mitchell reported that there were discussions over the unequal distributions of Cap and Trade money for Livable Communities (more going to Northern California than Southern California) due to the fact that Southern California doesn’t have the high-density residential near transit centers like the North has. This is distribution is ultimately controlled by the Strategic Growth Council.

Ms. Mitchell also reported that the SCAG gives out scholarships and that she will be reporting on that process once it begins again.

NO REPORTS:

D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

E. LA County Community Choice Aggregation Task Force

F. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce

G. Stormwater Funding Options Committee

XIII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – No report given.

XIII. MAY SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

Consult website for specific times and places for other meetings – www.southbaycities.org

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gazeley adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm to Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

David Leger
Assistant Board Secretary