

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – June 21, 2017**

Attendees: Chair Stephanie Katsouleas (Manhattan Beach); Vice Chair Rob Beste (Torrance); Akbar Farokhi & Alan Leung (Hawthorne); Louis Atwell (Inglewood); Frank Senteno & Miguel Alvarez (Lawndale); Prem Kumar (Manhattan Beach); Ted Semaan & Didar Khandker (Redondo Beach); Craig Bilezerian (Torrance); Josie Gutierrez, Robert Torres & Andres Narvaez (LA County DPW); Isidro Panuco, Roya Falahati & Mark Dierking (Metro); Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); Frank Fuchs (West Basin Municipal Water District) Wally Siembab, Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG); Marie Marston (Civil Works Engineers); Danielle Buzas & Jeanne Ogar (GPA Consulting); Lynn Capouya (Lynn Capouya Architects); Lan Saadatnejadi (LRS Program Delivery); Wayne Richardson (MARRS Corp); Greg Jaquez (MNS Engineers) Michael Bruz (Michael Baker International); Juanita Martinez (NCE); Anissa Voyiatzes (Psomas); Linda Hunter (Rincon Consultants); Bill Stracker (SC Consulting); Rawad Hani (TranspoGroup); Tom Sardo (Jacobs); Steve Henderson (AECOM)

Chair Stephanie Katsouleas called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.

I. Self-Introductions and Approval of May 17, 2017 Meeting Notes

Motion by Rob Beste, seconded by Ted Semaan to APPROVE May 17th meeting notes. No objection. So ordered.

II. Agency & Other Reports

- **SBCCOG:** Steve Lantz gave the following update on behalf of Jacki Bacharach:
 - **Broadband:** The final report and executive summary is available on the SBCCOG website (www.southbaycities.org). Efforts are proceeding on three fronts over the summer (education, fundraising, understanding city requirements). SBCCOG is sponsoring brownbag seminars – the next one taking place 7/13 at 11:30am on Wireless, Small Cells, and SB 649. Assembly Member Muratsuchi and Supervisor Hahn have indicated they might be able to help the SBCCOG fund part of the network and applications development. SBCCOG will be verifying existing services and costs, and confirming both public and private locations that should be considered for connections to a regional network
 - **Homeless Services:** The Board of Supervisors will be voting on a renewal of the augmented services contract with PATH for services to the homeless in the South Bay. Redondo Beach City Manager Joe Hoefgen has represented the SBCCOG on the Measure H Revenue Planning Committee. Two major recommendations that the SBCCOG and other COGs were advocating were approved by the Board of Supervisors: funding for COGs for coordinating services in their areas and funding for local police departments. The next SBCCOG Homeless Services Task Force meeting will be July 12 at 3pm at the SBCCOG Office.
 - The next SBCCOG Legislative Briefing will take place July 13th at 8 a. m.
 - At the next SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting, there will be a presentation by LA County Sustainability Officer Gary Gero. The election of officers will take place, as well as the adoption of the scheduled dues increase and the annual budget.
- **South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW:** Robert Torres gave an update on the status of the County's ITS projects, which include the South Bay CCTV & Fiber Project, Centracs System for Cities of Carson and Hawthorne, and IEN for Cities of Torrance and Redondo Beach. For details on specific projects and project statuses, the full report can be found on the SBCCOG website at:
http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_June%20South%20Bay%20Traffic%20Forum%20Report.pdf
- **Caltrans:** Jimmy Shih updated the group on the status of Caltrans projects. Project #MR312.11 (DCCM) is expected to complete construction by the end of June 2017. Project #MR312.24 (405/110 interchange) is being advertised and should be awarded in November 2017. Caltrans is initiating a Funding Agreement with Metro for Project #MR312.25 (405/182nd Street). Project #MR312.29 (PCH ITS) was awarded on May 17th and is expected to have the contract approved by the end of June.
- **L. A. Metro Updates**
 - **L.A. Metro Board** – Isidro Panuco reported that the Metro Board will be voting on a \$30M contract with consultants to help with the delivery of some highway projects. At the same meeting, the Metro Board will be voting on Measure M guidelines, with the administrative guidelines being developed after the Board's approval.
 - **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee** – Rob Beste reported that the Metro TAC meeting included a presentation on the updated Measure M guidelines as well as a presentation on the West Santa Ana Branch and LAX Airport Connector projects.

III. Transportation Committee Update

- **SBHP Project Progress – Financial Risk Report** – Received and filed.

The current Financial Risk Report was handed out at the meeting. The report can be viewed online at: http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_April%20Risk%20Report.pdf

- **SBCCOG Letter to Metro Re.: Revised Measure M Guideline Concerns**

Mr. Lantz explained that the Transportation Committee authorized transmittal of the letter after review of the revised Measure M Guidelines. Mr. Lantz noted that Metro had addressed many of the issues brought up in the first letter sent by the SBCCOG. Two outstanding issues are the 1-mile from a state highway limitation for Measure M Highway Operational Improvement Program projects, and the Local Return minimum allocation “floor” for cities with employment population higher than their resident population. Mr. Lantz reported that Metro Board Members Hahn, Butts, and Garcia introduced a motion to remove the 1-mile limitation and allow local jurisdictions to apply for projects through the sub-regional programs to help augment funding not received through Local Return.

Mr. Panuco added that the motion regarding the 1-mile limitation was amended to broaden the eligible use of funds on a case-by-case basis. Although the 1-mile limit would still exist, there would be consideration of exceptions on a case-by-case basis when a project has regional significance.

- **Playa del Rey Traffic Calming Projects Update**

Mr. Lantz provided an overview of the issue and the SBCCOG’s role in the ongoing discussions. Mr. Lantz explained that the City of Los Angeles/Councilman Bonin’s Office has narrowed Vista del Mar, Pershing Drive, Jefferson Boulevard, and Culver Boulevard to one lane in each direction as part of a “road diet” aimed at calming traffic and reducing the use of those streets as a thoroughfare between the South Bay and West Los Angeles/Santa Monica. Mr. Lantz noted that the Vista del Mar project was being handled in response to a settlement from a lawsuit over a pedestrian related traffic fatality. According to Councilman Bonin’s office, the projects on all streets except Vista del Mar are considered “pilot” projects and will be revisited periodically over the next several months. Mr. Lantz mentioned that the SBCCOG is concerned with the process through which these projects were carried out, noting that there was no public comment/outreach. The cities of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and El Segundo and a community coalition may take further actions, separate from the SBCCOG.

IV. Measure R SBHP Reporting / Oversight Changes

- **Annual Program Evaluation Worksheet Template**

Steve Lantz gave a brief overview of the new milestone worksheet templates that are being drafted for use in SBHP projects as part of the Annual Performance Evaluation. Mr. Lantz reviewed the two variations of the worksheet, a simpler version and a more intricate version. Mr. Lantz explained that after several one-on-one meetings with cities, it was determined that the simpler version would be the first worksheet used. If any project is severely behind schedule or if the simpler worksheet proves to be ineffective, the more complex worksheet will be implemented. The two draft worksheets can be viewed at:

[http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_Measure%20R%20SBHP%20Reporting.p
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V. Spotlight Presentation

- **South Bay Broadband Feasibility Study Update**

Wally Siembab, SBCCOG Research Director presented an update on the South Bay Broadband Feasibility Study. Mr. Siembab reviewed the study’s findings, noting that the South Bay’s current broadband infrastructure is like a “dirt road” where it should be a “six lane arterial”. The study recommended the development of a backbone network that will aggregate demand so cities can buy service collectively at wholesale prices. Mr. Siembab reviewed the SBCCOG’s next steps in finding short term funding to support the planning, education, and technical assistance to develop the network, search out longer-term funding for cities to help offset capital expenses, obtain support letters from cities, and issue an RFP to implement the South Bay fiber optic backbone network. Mr. Siembab explained why the broadband network is important, future uses, and why cities should act now and not wait. Mr. Siembab’s full presentation can be viewed online at:

[http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_South%20Bay%20Broadband%20Stud
y.pdf](http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_South%20Bay%20Broadband%20Study.pdf)

VI. **Three-Month Look Ahead** – Received and filed.

VII. **California Financing Coordinating Council Funding Fair Flyer** - Received

VIII. Announcements & Adjournment

Chair Katsouleas adjourned the meeting at 1:14 pm until July 19, 2017 (agency only meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz (lantzsh10@gmail.com) by July 7, 2017.