

Attachment A

South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – July 15, 2015

Attendees: Rob Beste (Torrance); Stephanie Katsouleas (El Segundo); Maria Slaughter (Carson); Lifan Xu (El Segundo); Akbar Farokhi & Alan Leung (Hawthorne); Louis Atwell (Inglewood); Joe Parco (Manhattan Beach); Diana Reznik (Rancho Palos Verdes); Wisam Altowaji, Didar Khandker & Brad Lindahl (Redondo Beach); Ted Semaan (Torrance); Pat Smith (LA County DPW); Isidro Panuco (Metro); Marcy Hiratzka & Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)

Chair Beste called the meeting to order at 12:11 pm.

- I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of June 17, 2015 Meeting Notes** (Attachment A) – Meeting Notes were approved as presented.
- II. **Agency & Other Reports**
 - **SBCCOG** – Steve Lantz gave Jacki Bacharach’s report, which included:
 - The inaugural launch of the Green Building Challenge in Southern California is being implemented first in the South Bay in September 2015. Through friendly competition among local buildings and businesses, this program is designed to drive measurable sustainability improvements, help the business community achieve profitable sustainability, improve the quality of living, help SCE & SCG meet CPUC mandated energy savings goals, and enhance partner program delivery (energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation, waste reduction, transportation, etc.)
 - In partnership with the UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation, the SBCCOG is working on research funded by the California Energy Commission regarding electric charging in multi-family dwellings throughout the South Bay.
 - Howard Choy, General Manager County Office of Sustainability, and Phil Washington, CEO of Metro, will make presentations at upcoming SBCCOG Board meetings.
 - **South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW** – Pat Smith reported that the Notice to Proceed was issued on June 29 for the City of Gardena’s Traffic Management Center. Construction is scheduled to be completed by September 2015. Two of the Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Projects affecting nine South Bay cities have finished PS & E but advertising has been pushed back to September.
 - **Caltrans** – Isidro Panuco reported that the environmental document for MR312.24 (PAED I-110 Aux lane from SR-91 to Torrance Blvd Aux lane & 405/110 Connector) should be finalized this month.
 - **L. A. Metro**
 - **Board** – Mr. Panuco reported that the 2015 Call for Projects Rainbow Report was released and full Metro Board adoption of this list is scheduled for September. The Metro Board will address the issue of possible restructuring of future CFP funding processes after Metro staff collects supplemental sub-regional feedback.
 - **TAC & Streets and Freeways Subcommittee** – Wisam Altowaji reported that the Streets & Freeways Subcommittee elected a new Vice Chair, Allan Abramson, from LA County DPW. He also reported that the Subcommittee discussed the future Call for Projects (CFP) process, and how Metro staff’s first round of 1,000 surveys of agencies and jurisdictions yielded only 34 responses, and insufficient consensus for change. The Subcommittee also discussed managing federal funding related to the CFP. Chair Beste reported that the TAC is exploring adjustments and considering applicant appeals that might be made to the CFP Rainbow Report before full adoption by the Board. Steve Lantz pointed out that of the ten 2015 CFP applications that were funded with Measure R SBHP funds, only one was recommended, and for less than the total that was requested. Mr. Lantz said that the reason for the lack of CFP awarding to the South Bay needs to be analyzed so that the SBCCOG may give better guidance to agencies before they apply to future CFPs so that time and funds spent applying are not wasted. Chair Beste noted there is no connection to rail in the South Bay presently, which may count against the South Bay in the CFP awarding.
- III. **Measure R Updates**
 - **SBHP Implementation Plan Update Policy Issues** (Attachment B) – Steve Lantz said that in September, the IWG will be presented with a list of policy issues that need to be addressed in the 2015 SBHP Implementation Plan Update. The update will be policy-oriented and the list of issues will take the entire meeting to review.
 - **SBHP IP Update Consultant Recommendation** – Steve Lantz announced that two proposals were submitted to the SBCCOG in response to the RFP that the SBCCOG released regarding the task of updating the 2015 SBHP Implementation Plan. On July 23rd, the SBCCOG Board will consider the approval of a contract with Iteris, Inc. (to include sub consultant - System Metrics Group) for the SBCCOG SBHP task order of providing technical assistance in the preparation of the 2015 SBHP IP

Update. The draft 2015 SBHP Implementation Plan, along with the FY 2016-2022 South Bay Metro Budget Request, should be finalized in November.

- **SBHP Preliminary Metro Budget Request New Projects List** (Attachment C & Exhibit 1) – Steve Lantz said that the eligibility of Complete Streets measures has become controversial in the South Bay because there is no consistent policy regarding the use of SBHP funds for such measures. (Complete Streets describes an integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, public transit riders and operators, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, seniors, children, motorists, users of green modes, and movers of commercial goods.) Metro staff is no longer allowing the use of Measure R funds for feasibility studies for Complete Streets projects. An alternative may be to fund Complete Streets projects within the potential new sales tax. Mr. Lantz gave examples of upcoming projects with Complete Street elements on state routes whose eligibility for Measure R funds is being explored (in Hermosa Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Lomita, the City of LA, and Torrance.) Isidro Panuco stated that ideal Measure R projects will have a mobility improvement component and will have an operational improvement nexus to South Bay freeways and state highways.
 - **SBHP Project Progress – Financial Risk Report** (Attachment D) – Steve Lantz announced that at the August SBCCOG Steering Committee meeting, late SBHP project reports will be itemized on the agenda, as is done on a quarterly basis.
- IV. **Project Spotlight - Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)** – Chair Beste reported that the Greater LA County Region’s Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is currently in its fourth grant cycle. Staff is discussing future development of the program. He announced that in the previous grant cycle, nine applications were submitted from the South Bay sub-region, and only three were selected. Future rounds are expected to not only focus on water supply, but also on clean water projects, habitat restoration, and storm water quality/flood control (MS4 permit compliance) issues.
- V. **Three-Month Look Ahead** (Attachment E) – Steve Lantz noted that at the August IWG meeting, Metro will give a presentation on its Complete Streets policy and active transportation strategic planning. He also emphasized the importance of agency staff’s attendance at the August 10 Workshop and September IWG meeting to review in detail the list of policy changes to address in the 2015 SBHP Implementation Plan Update.
- VI. **Adjournment** – Chair Beste adjourned the meeting at 12:58pm until August 15, 2015. To include an item on the agenda, please email Marcy Hiratzka (marcy@southbaycities.org) by August 7 2015.