

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – April 10, 2019**

Attendees: Chair Stephanie Katsouleas (Manhattan Beach); Vice-Chair Rob Beste (Torrance); Lifan Xu (El Segundo); Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Lucho Rodriguez (Hermosa Beach); Louis Atwell (Inglewood); Carla Dillon (Lomita); Ted Semaan & Didar Khandker (Redondo Beach); Greg Grammer & David Wahba (Rolling Hills Estates); Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); William Johnson & Patrick Smith (LA County DPW); Catherine Saint (Metro); Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG); David Grethen (Hermosa Beach PW Commission); Vicky Jodoin (Dewberry); Jei Mercado (EtherWAN); Irene Lee Wyatt (FPL); Rawad Hani (General Technology Solutions); Jeanne Ogar, Glenn LaJoie & Jen Johnson (GPA); Eric Spangler (Michael Baker); Mary Santamaria (Multiplicity); Aaron Edwards (NexTech);

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of March 13, 2019 Meeting Notes** – Chair Stephanie Katsouleas called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. The March 13, 2019 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Reports**

SBCCOG: No report given. Mr. Lantz noted that Jacki Bacharach was speaking at the San Gabriel Valley COG General Assembly on the SBCCOG's Smart-Net project.

South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW: Patrick Smith reported the following: The Centrac System project is scheduled for Board of Supervisors' approval in August 2019; Bid package is under development for the Arterial Performance Measurement Project with advertising expected in June 2019; System Detection Analysis project is about to enter design. For more details on these and other TSSP projects, the entire report can be viewed online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_April%202019%20South%20Bay%20Traffic%20Forum%20Report.pdf

Caltrans: Mr. Shih reported that the 405/Crenshaw project is still on schedule and is expected to be listed for construction in March 2020. Work also continues on the 405/110 interchange project. Mr. Shih also reported that applications for the SB1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program are due March 2020 and applications for the SB1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program are due January 2020. Mr. Shih noted that almost all of the South Bay projects were included in the PCH CAPM project.

L. A. Metro Updates

- **L.A. Metro Board:** Ms. Saint reported the following: the Metro Board approved \$15M for transit service on the 110/10 ExpressLanes (Torrance Transit and GTrans both received funding); the Board also approved free transit service on Earth Day; the Measure R SBHP budget request will be going to the Metro Board in May; The I-405 (El Segundo to Artesia) is in the environmental phase; a dual PSR/PAED will be done for the I-405 from Wilmington to the I-110; Measure M projects are still under review by Metro staff.

- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways Sub-Committee:** Mr. Semaan reported that there wasn't a significant agenda this month, with the Vermont Corridor project being the main presentation. Metro is looking at a BRT and light rail option, with BRT being the recommendation due to cost differences. No Streets and Freeways report.

- South Bay Representation on Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways Sub-Committee: One person volunteered to serve. Mr. Lantz asked for volunteers for TAC to contact him.

III. **Measure R SBHP**

- **Annual Program Evaluation Tool and Summary Table**

Mr. Leger reviewed the updated APE report and explained that projects *potentially* needing funding agreement amendment time extensions were highlighted in yellow. If the expiring funds have already been expended, no amendments are needed. If there are any errors noted, let Mr. Leger know so the edits can be made.

The report can be viewed online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_March%202019%20APE%20Report.pdf

IV. **Measure M MSPs**

- **MSP 5-Year Project Lists – Status Update**

Mr. Lantz reported that the initial project list was submitted to Metro on February 15th and the subsequent list of 5 projects was submitted on March 29th. Metro has 60 days to respond to the submissions. Mr. Lantz explained that Metro will likely have a list of projects they're ready to approve, projects that need modification, and projects they see as

ineligible. In the latter two situations, Metro will need to sit down with the project applicant to discuss the issue(s). Mr. Lantz added that after the list of projects is finalized, the Metro Board will take action to officially approve the initial 5-year program of projects. After that, the lead agency can enter into a funding agreement with Metro.

Ms. Saint indicated that it's likely that funding agreements will be executed late in 2019.

Mr. Lantz then discussed the SBCCOG's Broadband/SmartNet MSP application. Mr. Lantz explained that Metro staff has indicated it's ineligible because it does not have applications already identified and does not address delay on its own. Cities have begun sending letters of support to the Metro Board, urging them to include the project. The SBCCOG believes the project is eligible for MSP funding because it will enable the reduction of demand on the road network, thereby reducing delay, despite not physically improving the roadway such as with a traditional road project. Mr. Lantz noted that the SBCCOG is also looking into other sources of funding, including SB1 funds as well as surplus ExpressLanes revenue.

Chair Katsouleas added that it is crucial for cities to send it letters of support because it will show Metro that the cities are interested in this project and that it's not just a project being pushed by the SBCCOG.

V. Other Updates

– Caltrans South Bay Projects Update

Item was covered above under Agency and Other Reports.

– Metro's LA County Curbside Mobility Demand Discussion Forum

Mr. Lantz explained that there is a growing issue surrounding how cities manage the curb. The SBCCOG hosted a CITT Workshop Series that began looking into the issue. Metro has developed a working group to begin developing a master plan that would help discuss curbside issues as they relate to the over goods movement/freight issues. This will be particularly relevant as part of the SBCCOG's Local Travel Network project.

VI. Spotlight Presentation

– EtherWAN Technology Overview

Jei Mercado (EtherWAN) presented on the importance of networking signals across city boundaries and how it relates to ITS/traffic for cities. Mr. Mercado provided a brief background on EtherWAN which was started in 1996 by NASA Engineers with the ultimate goal of increasing public safety through communications. Mr. Mercado touched on how networking and ITS impact a city day to day; the need to create a secure and reliable communications system; and best practices for network design for scalability and ease of use. For more details, the presentation is available online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/Presentation_Etherwan%20Technologies_0.pdf

VII. Three-Month Look Ahead – Received and filed.

VIII. Announcements & Adjournment

Chair Katsouleas adjourned the meeting at 1:02 pm until May 8, 2019 (it will be staff-only meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz (lantzsh10@gmail.com) by April 30, 2019.