

South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – August 14, 2019

Attendees: Chair Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach); Orlando Rodriguez (El Segundo); William Mendoza & Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Akbar Farokhi & Alan Leung (Hawthorne); Lucho Rodriguez (Hermosa Beach); Erik Zandvliet (Manhattan Beach); Ken Rukavina (Palos Verdes Estates); Andy Winje & Brad Lindahl (Redondo Beach); Craig Bilezerian (Torrance); Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); William Johnson & Patrick Smith (LA County DPW); Mark Dierking (Metro); Lauren Nakano (Beach Cities Health District); David Grethen (Hermosa Beach PW Commission); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG); Anissa Voyiatzes (Arduzza); Delbara Dorsey (Everfield); Natasha DeBenon (Ghirardelli); Danielle Thayer, Jeanne Ogar & Jen Johnson (GPA); Wayne Richardson (HDR); Alan Clelland (Intelight); Marlo Maynigo, Vigen Davidian & Alek Hovsepian (Iteris); Lynn Capouya (Lynn Capouya Landscape); Naven Meas & Adrian Cortez (Mark Thomas); Monica Kilen (MNS); Aaron Edwards (NexTech); Scott Robinson (TrafficCast); Alejandro Huerta (Enterprise Community Partners)

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of July 10, 2019 Meeting Notes** – Chair Ted Semaan called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. The July 10, 2019 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Reports**

SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach reported the following:

- The SBCCOG formed a Finance Committee to look into the SBCCOG’s dues structure and general finances. The committee will consider making recommendations to the Steering Committee and Board of Directors.
- There will be a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) workshop prior to the September Board of Directors meeting (at the Torrance Library).
- The SBCCOG is moving office locations in December to the Park Del Amo business park located at Crenshaw Blvd/Sepulveda Blvd in Torrance. The SBCCOG Board is no longer meeting at the SBCCOG offices due to the closure of the Board Room. Future meetings will be held at the Katy Geissert/Torrance Main Library or Redondo Beach Library.
- The SBCCOG Board will consider adopting the Sub-regional Adaptation Plan at their September Board meeting.
- South Bay Fiber Network: the project is moving forward, and SBCCOG staff has requested written commitment of the sites to be connected from the cities. American Dark Fiber, the SBCCOG’s consultant, is available to meet with city staff to talk about any technical issues, etc. Please contact the SBCCOG to arrange such a meeting. The SBCCOG was also awarded \$1.2M in the State Budget for work on the SBFN. Exact details of that scope will be determined later in the summer, but the SBCCOG hopes to be able to develop applications on the network using the State funding.

South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW: Mr. Smith provided the South Bay Traffic Forum update. A detailed report on all projects can be viewed at:

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

Caltrans: Mr. Shih reported that Caltrans will make a presentation in October to the IWG on the SHOPP projects in the South Bay, including an update on the PCH projects.

L. A. Metro Updates

- **L.A. Metro Board:** no report given.

- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways Sub-Committee:** Mr. Zandvliet reported that the Streets & Freeways subcommittee approved Call for Projects (CFP) time extensions; Future CFPs are on hold; 2020 STIP funds are lower than expected due to lower than expected gas tax revenues; and the new ATP cycle is expected in Spring 2020. No report from the TAC was given.

III. **Measure R SBHP**

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

Mr. Leger reported on the Annual Performance Evaluation and noted that the report has been reset for FY19-20 based on updated milestones provided by city staff. If there are any incorrect milestones, please let Mr.

Leger know. The report can be viewed online at:

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

– **SBHP Metro Budget Request**

Mr. Lantz briefly reviewed the items discussed at the SBHP/MSP Call for Projects workshop held prior to the IWG meeting. Mr. Lantz explained that the goal is to combine the project request processes into one master annual Call for Projects, that includes an eligibility “pre-screening” of project applications by SBCCOG and Metro during one-on-one meetings that will be scheduled for September. City staff will provide a high-level schedule/scope/budget for a potential project and gather feedback from SBCCOG/Metro prior to submitting a full application in October. If the schedule is implemented as planned, projects will be reviewed by Metro/SBCCOG staff through the holidays, with SBCCOG Board approval in January-February; Metro Board approval in March-April; and funding agreements drafted for work to begin on July 1. The workshop handouts are available online: <http://southbaycities.org/committees/infrastructure/iwg-mtg-august-14-public>

IV. **Measure M MSPs**

– **Local Transportation Network – Status Update**

Ms. Bacharach reported that Fehr and Peers is drawing up a potential route map that identifies safe streets and rights of way that could be used by slow speed/neighborhood vehicles. Next steps will include outreach to the cities to review the maps, outreach workshops in the Fall, and a vehicle expo sometime in Spring 2020.

V. **Presentations**

– **SB1 Update**

Mr. Shih provided a brief overview of SB 1 efforts underway in Caltrans District 7, and particularly in the SBCCOG area. Mr. Shih began by providing a review of the different SB 1 funding programs as well as planned / in-construction / completed projects totaling \$1.46B in Caltrans District 7. Mr. Shih also went over District 7’s funding programmed via SB 1 competitive programs, totaling close to \$2B. Mr. Shih highlighted some of the SB 1 projects taking place in the South Bay in Redondo Beach and Harbor City.

For more detail, the full presentation is online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_Caltrans%20D7%20SB1%20update.pdf

– **Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Grant Program**

Mr. Huerta presented on the AHSC competitive grant program funded through the California Strategic Growth Council that helps fund transit/transportation infrastructure/transit amenities (up to \$6M) and housing (up to \$13.5M) with a goal of creating housing conveniently located to encourage transit use, thereby reducing GHG emissions by getting residents out of their cars and on transit. The AHSC is comprised of a reimbursable grant that goes to both a public/transit agency (transportation) and loan to the developer (housing). Mr. Huerta reviewed examples of eligible transportation infrastructure as well as examples of projects that had been awarded funding. A project in West Carson (LA County) was on the cusp of being awarded funds, but just fell short. For more details on the program, the presentation is available here:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_Enterprise_AHSC.pdf

Ms. Bacharach asked Mr. Huerta if there was any data available on the GHG reduction results of projects that have been funded. Mr. Huerta explained that the first-round projects are just nearing completion, so the results of those projects have not been quantified yet. However, the State plans on doing these types of assessments.

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

VII. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Chair Semaan adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p. m. until September 11, 2019 (agency only meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz (lantzsh10@gmail.com) by August 31, 2019.