

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – June 15, 2016**

Attachment A

Attendees: Vice Chair Stephanie Katsouleas (El Segundo); Gilbert Marquez (Carson); Alan Leung (Hawthorne); Prem Kumar & Tony Olmos (Manhattan Beach); Ken Rukavina (Palos Verdes Estates); Ted Semaan, Brad Lindahl, Didar Khandker, Wisam Altowaiji & Joyce Rooney (Redondo Beach); Rafael Molina & Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); Josie Gutierrez & Patrick Smith (LA County DPW); Danielle Valentino (Metro); Bill Stracker (SC Consulting); Alek Hovsepian & Dina Saleh (Iteris); Lan Saadatnejadi (LRS Program Delivery, Inc); Juanita Martinez (Nichols Consulting Engineers); Rudy Salo (Nixon Peabody, LLP); Steve Henderson (Parsons); Shannon Carmack (Rincon Consulting); Scott Dellinger & Kamran Saber (Tetra Tech); Jane Cataldo & Bret Hanson (Lynn Capouya, Inc.); Polly Ann Walton (Stantec); Larry Kosmont (Kosmont Companies); Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG).

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

- I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of May 18, 2016 Minutes** – Motion made by Wisam Altowaiji, seconded by Joyce Rooney, to APPROVE the minutes of May 18, 2016. Minutes approved as submitted.
- II. **Agency & Other Reports**
 - **SBCCOG** – Steve Lantz made the following announcements on behalf of Jacki Bacharach:
 - **South Bay Broadband Network** - Magellan Advisers will lead a 9-month study starting July 1 for a South Bay Broadband Network. They will be determining where gaps are in the system and what we need to do to get complete and high capacity broadband service in the South Bay.
 - **New IT Working Group** – The SBCCOG is creating a new South Bay IT Working Group. Steve Lantz encouraged cities to have their IT Staff get involved with this working group.. They will discuss several issues, including the broadband network study.
 - **Slow Speed Network** - Over the years, the SBCCOG has been working on slow speed vehicles such as Neighborhood Electric Vehicles, that don't fit on sidewalks or in vehicle travel lanes on streets with speeds over 25mph. A network of slow speed lanes and amenities is being developed in the South Bay by Metro. Wally Siembab is the SBCCOG's project manager on this project.
 - **Green Building Challenge** - 147 businesses are participating as of now, with a recognition ceremony taking place in the Fall.
 - **Tour of Long Beach Container Terminal**, the tour is scheduled for August 10th; if anybody is interested, let Jacki Bacharach know.
 - **South Bay Highway Program Administrative Changes** - Steve Lantz reintroduced David Leger to the group and added that he has asked David to take a more in depth approach to oversight of the SBHP projects. Mr. Lantz also announced that it is the time to start the 2017-18 Metro Budget Request process. David Leger will be reaching out to cities to set up meetings. This process must be completed by November in order to get the request to Metro by December.
 - **South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW** – Patrick Smith distributed the South Bay Traffic Forum Status Report for June 2016. Mr. Smith announced the status of several Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (TSSP) Projects, including Lomita Blvd @ Vermont (construction began June 14); Crenshaw Blvd and Aviation Blvd (construction set to begin in July/August); design work has also began on several projects (Imperial Hwy and Avalon Blvd). More details can be found in the handout, located on the SBCCOG website at <http://www.southbaycities.org/committees/infrastructure/iwg-mtg-june-15-public>.
 - **Caltrans - Update:** Jimmy Shih announced that Caltrans held an ITS project workshop on June 8th with another workshop in the works for July. The consultant is collecting data for a report for the next meeting.
 - **L. A. Metro Updates**
 - **L.A. Metro Board** – Steve Lantz reported on behalf of Isidro Panuco. Mr. Lantz announced that the Metro Planning and Programming Committee will be receiving an information report on the poll results for the potential ballot measure at their meeting on June 16. They will also be discussing the 3% Active Transportation/First-Last Mile issue. Mr. Lantz also announced that the 2016-17 SBHP Metro Budget Request is on the Metro Board's June 23, 2016 consent calendar for approval. Danielle Valentino reported that the Airport Metro Connector project will have a public hearing, currently anticipated for July 13th. As soon as the NOA is filed (June 22nd), they will email the cities with details of the meeting.
 - **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee** – Ted Semaan reported that there was a lot of discussion on the Call For Projects (CFP) process. Metro will be coming out to the subregions to discuss what they would like to see and how to breakout these funds. Mr. Semaan reported that per Federal regulations, Metro cannot directly fund to local agencies, but that funding may be able to be funneled through the subregions (SBCCOG), similar to the SBHP. Metro wants the cities to

come up with ideas for the CFP. At the next IWG meeting (July 20), this issue will be discussed. Steve Lantz asked the Transit representatives to attend the next meeting as well. Wisam Altowaiji updated the group on the Streets and Freeway Subcommittee. Mr. Altowaiji reported that there was discussion of the potential sales tax ballot measure, with much of the discussion around the desire to change the Local Return funding formula.

III. **Measure R / Sales Tax Measure Updates**

– **Metro’s Sales Tax Measure: SBCCOG Concerns with Metro Staff Recommendation**

Steve Lantz passed out two handouts. The first handout contained the issues that have come up over the last month and how Metro Staff has responded to the concerns of the SBCCOG and Gateway COG. Metro has responded to the concerns to varying degrees, from incorporating some suggestions to ignoring others. This status report gives a background of the discussions that have been had. The second handout is a SBCCOG statement on the PBM, asking Metro to defer putting the measure on the November ballot. SBCCOG doesn’t think the measure is ready.

Mr. Lantz elaborated on the 3% local match requirement for rail projects going through cities. Metro has included a provision in the PBM that would force a city with a rail station in its jurisdiction to sign an agreement with Metro at the 30% Design stage to state what their 3% contribution is. If this agreement is not signed, under the current language, Metro can withhold 100% of a city’s Local Return funding from the new ballot measure until that 3% is contributed or for 15 years, whichever comes first.

A question was asked about Metro’s decision to not change the Local Return formula and why they decided to leave it solely based off population. Mr. Lantz answered that they essentially stated that they have always determined it based solely on population and were not inclined to change it to anything different.

- **SBHP Project Progress – Financial Risk Report** – Received and filed. Steve Lantz asked everyone to send reports to Metro and copy David Leger on the email.
- **Three-Month Look Ahead** (Attachment B) – Received and Filed. Steve Lantz told the group that in July, there will be another update/discussion on the Sales Tax Measure and the SBHP Implementation Plan Update Draft.

IV. **SBHP Implementation Plan Update (Iteris)**

- Steve Lantz announced that due to the Metro Sales Tax Measure, work on the Implementation Plan (IP) update has been slowed down and that there will be no presentation today. As soon as the IP is updated, it will be sent to the agencies for their review. A cover memo will be included that contains the key changes.

V. **Project Spotlight: Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs)**

Larry Kosmont, President & CEO of Kosmont Companies gave a presentation on Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) that can be a tool for economic development in cities. EIFDs are strategic financing and funding tools with broad uses that were developed after the State ended redevelopment agencies. An EIFD may fund improvements using the property tax increment of whichever taxing agencies choose to participate (cities, counties, and special districts, but not schools). EIFDs are also authorized to combine tax-increment funding with other permitted funding sources. EIFDs are geared to sustainability, infrastructure, and energy efficiency as an end goal. Cities that form EIFDs enter into cooperative partnerships with public/private companies.

There are currently 17 EIFDs throughout California with many more in the works. EIFDs can fund a variety of projects, including infrastructures, affordable/mixed use housing, wastewater/groundwater projects, light/ high speed rail, parks, open space, and even childcare facilities.

For more details, the full presentation can be viewed on the SBCCOG website at:

<http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION%20%20South%20Bay%20COG%20EIFD%20PP%20-%20Power%20of%20Partnerships%20-%2006-13-2016.pdf>

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