

## Infrastructure Working Group July 17, 2013 – Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Stephanie Katsouleas 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair (El Segundo); Frank Bigdeli (Gardena); Crystal Killian (LADOT); Hon. Jim Goodhart (Palos Verdes Estates); Wisam Altowaji & John Mate (Redondo Beach); Craig Bilezerian & Ted Semaan (Torrance); Bassam Al-Beitawi, Lance Grindle & Andres Narvaez (LA County DWP); Isidro Panuco (Metro); Marcy Hiratzka & Steve Lantz (SBCCOG); Mel Barosay (Epic Land Solutions); Delbara Dorsey (Everfield Consulting); Fong-Ping Lee (FPL & Assoc.); Beverly Voran (Hard Hat Communications); Alan Clelland & Alek Hovsepian (Iteris, Inc.); Tracy Bartlett & Greg Fasiano (Nichols Consulting Engineers); Sam Ekrami (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Anissa Voyiatzes (Psmoas)

Vice Chair Katsouleas called IWG meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of June 19 Minutes** – Minutes were approved as presented.

II. **Agencies & Other Reports:**

- **SBCCOG** – Program update - Steve Lantz announced that the SBCCOG: has a new website, was awarded a grant from Southern California Edison for both water and energy conservation via leak detection, adopted and introduced the Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) Program to the South Bay, and will be given a presentation on Metro's ExpressLanes pilot program in August. Four event flyers were also distributed: MS4 Permit Reissuance presentation from the City of Torrance on July 25 at the SBCCOG Board Meeting, Local-Use Vehicle Pilot Program Demonstration presentation on July 29 at the SBCCOG theater. Metro/ARB green construction equipment awareness training on August 21 at the Redondo Beach Blue Water Grill, and Congressional Tri-COG meet and greet with Union Pacific Railroad on August 27 at Rio Hondo College.
- **South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County Dept. of PW- Status-** Andres Narvaez distributed the July 2013 South Bay Traffic Forum Status Report. He reported that the cities of Manhattan Beach, Hawthorne, and Redondo Beach are not interested in participating in the wide-scale deployment of the Advanced Traveler Information System being implemented by the County. The County is seeking other cities that are willing to deploy. Stephanie Katsouleas announced that Blue Commute needs a minimum of 600 users in order to qualify for federal funding to develop a smart phone application. EL Segundo, Iteris, and the County continue to promote this program. Steve Lantz suggested that the SBCCOG promote this program on its new website.
- **Caltrans** – Update - not present.
- **Metro** – Isidro Panuco announced that lead agencies continue to experience technical issues with Metro's PSRA system and still have to submit manual reports, and that the SBCCOG Strategic Transportation Element is being presented to Metro's Planning & Programming Committee today. Steve Lantz reported on the Metro Board's actions regarding Measure R Acceleration. The SBCCOG will also try to have its official boundaries revised by Metro administratively to conform the Metro boundary description with the adopted SBCCOG South Bay boundaries.
- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee** – Update –Ted Semaan reported said that the TAC did not meet on July 3 but is meeting on July 24 to discuss Metro's 2013 Call for Projects rainbow report (the appeals process will follow shortly thereafter.) Steve Lantz requested that lead agencies alert the SBCCOG if they plan to appeal the 2013 CFP recommendations. John Mate, on behalf of Elaine Jeng, announced that Robert Boardman from the Redondo Beach Public Works department is Ms. Jeng's alternate while she is on maternity leave. Mr. Mate said that no actions were taken at the Streets and Freeway Subcommittee meeting on June 20. The TAC plans to create a position for a bike/pedestrian coordinator.

III. **Measure R Updates** – Steve Lantz made the following remarks:

- **Three-Month Look Ahead** (Attachment B)- Highlights from this attachment include: the awarding of SBHP technical bench contracts to proposing firms in August, creating and ratifying the potential sales tax project list for the South Bay, and considering SBHP project reallocation recommendations in September.
- **SBHP Annual Update Calendar** (Attachment C)- Steve Lantz said that the next step is for lead agencies to execute their FY13-14 funding agreements with Metro by the end of September.
- **SBCCOG SBHP Consultant Bench RFP Status Report-** Steve Lantz recapped that the SBCCOG issued a Request for Proposals on May 24, 2013 to procure a qualified list of consultants that would each be awarded direct as-needed contracts. The current consultants were grandfathered onto the bench as long as they submitted proposals that meet the requirements of the RFP. Work will be awarded on a task order basis as needed. The SBCCOG held a pre-proposal meeting on June 11, 2013 that was attended

by 53 representatives of potential proposers. Thirty-eight proposals were received by the June 28, 2013 deadline. The Selection Committee completed its proposal evaluations and has prepared its recommendations for consideration by the Measure R Oversight Committee. The recommendations will be distributed and posted on the SBCCOG website on August 5.

- **SBHP Project Progress Reporting / Gantt chart** (Attachment D) – Alan Clelland explained that this report will list more than 40 active projects next month since the new fiscal year has begun.
- **SBHP FY 14-15 Metro Budget Request Process-** Steve Lantz announced that Marcy Hiratzka will be contacting lead agencies to set up appointments for their annual Measure R budget request meetings. At these meetings, lead agencies will discuss with the SBCCOG and Metro which projects they want to add, remove, or make changes in schedule, scope or budget so that the SBCCOG can prepare the appropriate annual budget request that must be submitted in December for Metro's approval. If approved, the changes would be effective July 1, 2014.

IV. **Metro Board Funding Actions on June 27, 2013 – (Attachment E)-** Steve Lantz reported that on June 27, the Metro Board of Directors approved five key items with provisions that will benefit the South Bay. The South Bay cities and chambers worked with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and its key Metro Board members to achieve significant changes in the initial Metro staff proposals through a combination of resolutions, letters, media stories, and Board Motions. The Metro Board Acted to:

- **Award the Crenshaw / LAX Transit Corridor Design-Build Contract**
- **Use Unobligated funds to cover regional project funding shortfalls** – Rather than cannibalize funding from Sub-Regional Equity projects, including more than \$94 million from the South Bay Highway Program and LAX-Metro Connector projects to help fund a \$160 million budget shortfall on the Crenshaw project, the Board approved using \$381 million in unobligated Proposition C 25% funds and authorized, if necessary, issuing bonds secured by these funds to cover the shortfall for the Crenshaw project and several other current Metro projects around the county with shortfalls.
- **Accelerate Key Measure R Projects** – The Metro Board approved an Amendment to the Measure R Ordinance and Expenditure Plan to advance “Funds Available Beginning” dates for transit corridor projects to potentially construct the Green Line South extension to South Bay Galleria by 2020 rather than 2035 and to construct the LAX-Metro Connector project by 2020 rather than 2027. The approval of the Amendment is only the first step of a complex plan that requires federal grants and loans before the countywide acceleration of Measure R, Proposition A and Proposition C funding will be committed.
- **Allow Highway Projects to “Opt Out” of Acceleration** – South Bay cities expressed strong concern over their ability to deliver 30 years of highway projects by 2023. The Metro Board action protects the \$1.5 billion commitment to South Bay Ramp and Interchange Improvements made by the Board to the South Bay following voter approval of Measure R in 2008. The original \$906 million Measure R commitment (in 2008 dollars) is projected to escalate to \$1.512 billion over the 30-year-life of Measure R.
- **Retain Contingency Funding in the Measure R Highway Program** – The Board also approved retaining the Highway Subfund contingency line item balance. The South Bay Highway Program could claim up to 17% share of the Highway Program Contingency line item, if needed.
- **Allow Contingency to be included in Subfund Transfers** – Measure R allows funds to be transferred between the Highway and Transit Subfunds once a decade beginning in 2019. This would allow the South Bay to use its highway funds on transit projects, and vice versa. If a transfer is approved, the proportionate share of Subfund Contingency funding would also be transferred.
- **Protect Sub-Regions from Future Proposition C 25% Funding and Borrowing** – The Board approved the following provision that provides protection for the South Bay Highway Program's Proposition C 25% funding - “Proposition C 25% funding or borrowing (shall) be planned in a manner that does not impact the schedule and scope of work funded in the LRTP in... the South Bay.”

V. **Preliminary Results of Metro Congestion Mitigation Fee Deliberations and CFP Applications** (Attachment F) – Steve Lantz reported that the Metro Board Planning Committee agenda item of congestion mitigation fee was withdrawn from consideration of the Board and will likely be rescheduled. Members of the business community have expressed their opposition to the Congestion Mitigation Fee and claimed that the CMP is outdated in light of changes in land use practice and in relation to state greenhouse gas legislation. Metro staff will track any recommendations by the business community proposing CMP legislative reform and will report to the Board on any legislation that is introduced. Metro will proceed in working with jurisdictions on fee implementation responsibilities, including developing implementation guidelines, finalizing local transportation project lists, and updating sub-regional nexus studies. Metro will work with the business community to address their concerns, including considering CMP statutory change as appropriate. Cities that have feedback should contact Mr. Lantz directly.

Mr. Lantz noted that Attachment F summarized the results of the 2013 Metro Call for Projects recommendations related to South Bay applications for which the SBCCOG committed Measure R SBHP funds to provide the minimum required local match.

- VI. **South Bay Proposals for Potential 2014 or 2016 Sales Tax Measure-** (Attachment G)- Steve Lantz reported that Supervisor Antonovich has requested that the COGs in LA County prioritize the types of projects that they would like to propose in regards to a new sales tax in 2014 or 2016. Supervisor Antonovich envisions a different approach to the Measure J ballot measure that would not be an extension of Measure R, but a new and separate sales tax. Letters are due to Metro by September 4, 2013. The SBCCOG is currently preparing a draft of this list and SBCCOG concerns and will be seeking comments from member agencies.
- VII. **Project Spotlight – El Segundo Maple Ave. Project – Project Spotlight – El Segundo Maple Ave. Project –** Stephanie Katsouleas announced that the City of El Segundo broke ground on this project on August 8 and construction is projected to end in September 2013. The project limits are on Maple Avenue from Sepulveda Boulevard to Nash Street. This project includes intersection improvements, street widening, traffic-calming elements, and improved signage on the roadway to improve access between SR-1 and I-105 with an alternative to Imperial Blvd for accessing the I-105 freeway. Parking will continue on Maple Ave until it needs to be restricted.
- VIII. **Other Business –** None
- IX. **Adjournment —** Vice Chair Katsouleas adjourned the meeting at 12:42pm until August 21, 2013.