

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – September 21, 2016

## Attachment A

**Attendees:** Chair Stephanie Katsouleas (El Segundo); Vice Chair Rob Beste (Torrance); Lifan Xu (El Segundo); John Felix & William Mendoza (Gardena); Akbar Farokhi & Alan Leung (Hawthorne); Louis Atwell (Inglewood); Frank Senteno & Miguel Alvarez (Lawndale); Prem Kumar (Manhattan Beach); Brad Lindahl & Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach); Craig Bilezerian (Torrance); Maryam Adhami, Josie Gutierrez & Andres Narvaez (LA County DPW); Isidro Panuco (Metro); Sean Daly & Dina Saleh (Iteris); Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG).

Chair Stephanie Katsouleas called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

### I. Self-Introductions and Approval of August 17, 2016 Minutes

Motion made by Rob Beste, seconded by Brad Lindahl, to APPROVE the minutes of August 17, 2016. Minutes approved as submitted.

### II. Agency & Other Reports

- **SBCCOG** – No report given.
- **South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW** – Andres Narvaez distributed the South Bay Traffic Forum Status Report for September 2016. Mr. Narvaez announced that the South Bay ITS project is nearing completion. Mr. Narvaez also reported that construction is underway on several Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Projects and that a lack of certain construction materials was causing a slight delay for others. More details can be found in the handout, located on the SBCCOG website at:  
<http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT%20South%20Bay%20Traffic%20Forum%20Status%20Report%20Sept.%202016.pdf>
- **Caltrans** – No report given.
- **L. A. Metro Updates**
- **L.A. Metro Board** – Isidro Panuco reported that the Metro Board will be acting upon the 3% local contribution Crenshaw-LAX Transit agreement with the City of Inglewood. Mr. Lantz proposed a spotlight presentation on the agreement because it could be used as a precedent going forward for other cities. Mr. Panuco will look into this. The Metro Board will also be approving a list of 2018 Open Streets Grant Program events. Additionally, the Metro Board will be executing an agreement with a firm to provide educational resources for the Expenditure Plan and Measure M. Mr. Panuco also reported that he will be reviewing new project submittals for the 2017 Metro Budget Request and will be getting back to the cities with comments shortly.
- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee** – Rob Beste reported that at the TAC meeting, there was a presentation on a \$320M LA River bike path. He noted that, if Measure M passes, this would be one of the first projects LA County would like to begin. Secondly, there is an additional \$50M bike path project in the City of Los Angeles that received a Tiger grant along with \$10M in Metro funding, the source of which has yet to be determined.

Mr. Lindahl reported that at the Streets and Freeway Subcommittee there was a presentation on the Northwest 138 Corridor project and why there isn't a bike path along that route. Mr. Panuco, who gave that presentation, elaborated that the Northwest 138 Corridor is a 36-mile corridor that is currently one-lane in each direction. He explained the safety issues this goods-movement corridor experiences. The draft EIR was recently released and work on a preferred alternative is beginning. Mr. Panuco explained some of the proposed improvements and why a bike path may not be viable in certain portions.

- **Metro Call for Projects Restructuring Deferral** – Mr. Lantz referred the group to Attachment B in the agenda packet which is a memo from Metro about the deferral of the Call for Projects (CFP) restructuring. Mr. Lantz explained that Metro will be waiting until the Long Range Transportation Plan is updated so there won't be a Call immediately coming up. Metro believes that they have enough projects in the queue that they won't be deferring any projects by not having a Call. Metro wants to look at the Call in context of the results of the Measure M proposal and how they might use that money differently than in a CFP process. Since Metro will be delaying the restructuring, there will be further opportunities for the IWG and SBCCOG to participate in the discussions surrounding the possible changes. Further action will most likely occur in spring 2017.
- Mr. Lantz announced that Mark Dierking is the new Community Relations Manager for the South Bay region. He replaces

Danielle Valentino, the previous Metro Community Relations Manager assigned to the South Bay, who has been transferred to a new position.

### III. Measure R

#### – Status of SBHP Project Recommendations for 2017-18 Metro Budget Request

Steve Lantz reported that the new project requests for this Metro Budget Request cycle are being reviewed later today and that he will be following up with more questions. Mr. Lantz added that different from past years, Metro will be engaged in the process from this point through final approval, in hopes of eliminating the issues experienced during the last Budget Request cycle in which projects were unknowingly deleted or deferred after approval by the SBCCOG Board.

#### – SBHP Project Progress – Financial Risk Report – Received and filed.

The Financial Risk Report was handed out at the meeting. The report can be viewed online at:

<http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT%209.21.16%20IWG%20Risk%20Report.pdf>

### IV. Three-Month Look Ahead – Received and filed.

### V. Metro's Sales Tax Measure Updates

#### – SBCCOG Measure M Oppose Position Reconsideration

Steve Lantz updated the IWG on the SBCCOG Board's actions regarding Measure M. Mr. Lantz reminded the group that the SBCCOG Board of Directors voted to oppose Measure M on June 30<sup>th</sup>, but did not approve any funding from SBCCOG related to the opposition campaign. Mr. Lantz reported that during the August Board Meeting, a Board Member asked to reconsider the oppose position. Due to meeting and organizational rules, that position could not be revisited. The Board at that point instructed the Steering Committee to determine whether or not to add a Measure M position item to the September Board Agenda. The Steering Committee voted to not include such an item on the September Board agenda and to maintain the oppose position. Mr. Lantz announced that Mayor Garcetti will be speaking to the Board of Directors at tomorrow night's Board meeting during the public comment period.

#### – SBCCOG Measure M Concerns

Mr. Lantz referred the IWG members to the SBCCOG document (Attachment D.2) that could be given to Council Members who wish to know why the SBCCOG is opposed to Measure M.

#### – Results of Lawsuit on Measure M language

Mr. Lantz briefly explained that several cities sued Metro over the ballot language of Measure M, claiming that it did not meet the detailed requirements for initiatives. A judge ruled that because the measure is not an initiative, the rules do not apply to Measure M and therefore rejected the plaintiff's arguments.

### VI. Project Management Training Sessions

Mr. Lantz encouraged City and Agency staff to sign up for the SBHP Project Management Training Sessions scheduled for Thursdays October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lantz announced that the workshops will be led by Alan Clelland of Iteris and will cost \$80 for the four sessions.

### VII. Spotlight Presentations

#### – South Bay Highway Program Implementation Plan Update

Steve Lantz made a presentation on the draft 2016 SBHP Implementation Plan (IP) update. Mr. Lantz discussed the key changes between the draft IP update and the 2013 IP, and why these changes are necessary. Changes made include: changes to project eligibility, definition of project components, the use of matching funds, the elimination of SBHP feasibility study funding, program allocation goals, a quarterly cash flow requirement, the Metro Budget Request description requirements, corridor-based performance metrics, and program acceleration. Mr. Lantz announced that the draft IP will be considered by the SBCCOG Board of Directors for approval at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting.

For more detailed information, the complete presentation can be viewed at:  
[http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION%20Draft%20Imp%20Plan%20Update%207-20-16%20IWG%20ppt%20final\\_0.pdf](http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION%20Draft%20Imp%20Plan%20Update%207-20-16%20IWG%20ppt%20final_0.pdf)

### VIII. Announcements & Adjournment – Chair Katsouleas adjourned the meeting at 1:08 pm until October 19, 2016 (public meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz ([lantzsh10@gmail.com](mailto:lantzsh10@gmail.com)) by October 7, 2016.