

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING GROUP (IWG) LUNCH MEETING**

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

LOCATION: Blue Water Grill, 665 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach 90277

IWG SOCIAL & ORDER LUNCH - 11:30 A. M. to Noon

IWG MEETING – 12:00 P. M. to 1:30 P. M.

IWG meetings rotate between agency staff only meetings and public meetings.

Meetings open to the Public

February 13, 2019

April 10, 2019

June 12, 2019

Agency Staff Only Meetings

March 13, 2019

May 8, 2019

July 10, 2019

Lunch, including beverage and tip, is available at a cost of **\$30.00** per person and must be paid in cash. **No credit cards**. Payment will be collected during the meeting. To ensure adequate food and seating for everyone, please RSVP your attendance and whether you will be purchasing lunch by close of business, Friday, February 9, 2019 to David Leger at: DavidL@southbaycities.org

12:00 p. m. Self-Introductions & Approval of the January 9, 2019 IWG Meeting Notes (Attachment A)

12:05 p. m. Agency & Other Update Reports

- **SBCCOG** – Program update – Jacki Bacharach
- **SOUTH BAY TRAFFIC FORUM, LA County DPW** – Update
- **Caltrans** – Update
- **L. A. Metro** - Updates
 - **L. A. Metro Board Actions** - Update
 - **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee Actions**

12:10 p. m. Measure R SBHP

- **Annual Program Evaluation Summary Table** (Attachment B – to be distributed at meeting)
- **Initial Tier 1 Measure M Subregional Program Project List** (Attachment C – to be distributed at meeting)

12:20 p. m. UPDATES

- **Metro’ “Reimagining L. A. County: Mobility, Equity, and the Environment” (formerly 28 by 2028 Update)** (Attachment D)
- **Metro ExpressLanes Update**
- **Goods Movement Update**

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12:40 p. m. Spotlight Presentation: Metro Microtransit Project

1:25 p. m. Three-Month Look Ahead (Attachment E)

1:30 p. m. Announcements / Adjournment

NOTE: The March 13, 2019 IWG meeting is open to agency staff only. To include an item on the March 13th agenda, e-mail to lantzsh10@gmail.com by March 4, 2019.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – January 9, 2019

Attendees: Chair Stephanie Katsouleas (Manhattan Beach); Lifan Xu (El Segundo); William Mendoza & Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Akbar Farokhi & Alan Leung (Hawthorne); Glen Kau (Hermosa Beach); Louis Atwell (Inglewood); Pamela Lee (LA City); Prem Kumar (Manhattan Beach); Ted Semaan, Didar Khandker & Andrew Winje (Redondo Beach); Rob Beste (Torrance); Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); Jane White, William Johnson & John Ickis (LA County DPW); Mark Dierking (Metro); Vic Nol (SCE); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG); Jeff Lau, Vanessa Munoz (Willdan) & Bob Brooks (Inglewood Presenter)

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of October 10, 2018 Meeting Notes** – Chair Stephanie Katsouleas called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. The October 10, 2018 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Reports**

SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach gave the following updates:

- **Broadband:** The SBCCOG is working with one proposer to organize site visits in each city to refine project costs.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Funding for energy efficiency work is being cut so there is a budget shortfall for the SBCCOG’s energy engineer. The SBCCOG Steering Committee is considering options, including a 5% fee on all incentives paid to cities by the SCE/SCG.
- **Adaptation:** The SBCCOG is hosting a CivicSpark fellow who is beginning work on climate adaptation strategies, the follow-up to the SBCCOG’s Climate Action Plan work.
- **Local Vehicle Network project:** The SBCCOG recently received a grant from Caltrans for the design of a local vehicle network (slow speed lane network) that would identify a network of roads that would allow for the safer use of the slower speed vehicles. The SBCCOG will be looking for a contact in each Public Works Department to help gather GIS and other data.
- **Workshops:** Cannabis regulations (January 24 & 31, February 7 & 14); Goods Movement “Battle for the Curb” (January 24 & 31, February 7)
- **General Assembly:** the 20th General Assembly is taking place Thursday, February 28th at the Carson Community Center from 9am-3pm. The theme of this year’s General Assembly is “Celebrating the past and shaping the future” and will include panels of local historians, experts on happiness, aging, and diversity, as well as a keynote address from the CEO of the LA Times, Patrick Soon-Shiong.
- **SBCCOG Office Space:** The SBCCOG lease is up in November 2019 and a relocation will be likely. If any attendees know of municipal building space available for rent, please contact Ms. Bacharach.

South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW: Jane White announced that Robert Torres is now working in a different division and future SBTF updates will be provided by Mr. John Ickis. Ms. White went on to provide brief updates on the County’s ITS and TSSP projects. For more details on these projects, the full report can be found on the SBCCOG website at: http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_January%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.

L. A. Metro Updates

- **L.A. Metro Board:** Mr. Dierking reported that there will be Green Line closures between the Hawthorne/Lennox Station and the Redondo Beach Station from until January 20th at 3am. Shuttles will be provided free of charge. The flier on the closures can be found online at: http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_GL%20Rider%20Alert.pdf
- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee:** Mr. Beste announced that he would like to give other city staff an opportunity to represent the South Bay on the TAC. Mr. Winje added that he would like to open up the opportunity for the Streets and Freeway Subcommittee as well.

III. **Measure R SBHP**

- **Annual Program Evaluation Tool and Summary Table**
Mr. Lantz reviewed the new APE report, explaining that the report starts over each July. If there are any errors noted, let David Leger know so the edits can be made. The report can be viewed online at: http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_December%202018%20APE.pdf

– **FY 19-20 SBHP Metro Budget Request Update**

Mr. Lantz reported that SBCCOG staff is working with project applicants to address Metro comments regarding eligibility of project applications for Measure R South Bay Highway Program funding. The SBCCOG Board will consider approving the project list for submission to Metro at its January 24th meeting.

IV. **Other Program Updates**

– **South Bay Sub-Regional Funding Options**

Mr. Lantz briefly reviewed the memo with the working group, explaining that there are large policy decisions that need to be considered for accelerating 8 of Metro’s major projects. The memo includes an overview of the funding options being considered by Metro staff and Board. Some of the improvements identified that are of particular interest to the South Bay include platform extensions for five current Green Line stations; traction power upgrades, and a grade-separation of the wye to ensure that all riders to and from the South Bay have a one seat ride to/from the Exposition Line and/or Norwalk. Mr. Lantz noted that the South Bay should begin considering if any of the improvements are worth funding through sub-regional Measure M programs, or if the sub-region should be advocating Metro pay for the improvements as part of the Green Line mid-life rebuild. Other major policy decisions to be considered are whether or not the South Bay should contribute 10% of the project cost to accelerate the Green Line and/or I-405 Operational Improvements for possible completion by the 2028 Olympics. Both projects are underfunded on Metro’s 28 by 2028 list.

– **Measure M MSP Development Program Status**

Mr. Lantz reported that the project application deadline for Measure M MSP projects is January 15th. The MSP Task Force will meet on January 16th. He briefly discussed the next steps for project selection.

Chair Katsouleas asked if a project that was not approved by Metro staff for Measure R funding could be submitted for funding in Measure M. Mr. Lantz explained that as long as it was an eligible project, it could be considered.

– **Metro ExpressLanes**

Ms. Bacharach reported that Metro staff is proposing to use surplus revenues from the I-110 ExpressLanes to fund the expansion of the ExpressLanes network throughout the county via a loan process. Metro would borrow up to 80% of the surplus I-110 toll revenues for network expansion and the remaining 20% would be available for projects within the I-110 corridor. The loan would be repaid over 25 years. The I-105 ExpressLane would be among the first projects to receive funding. Ms. Bacharach noted that this is not a Metro Board adopted policy, but is the current proposal by Metro Staff. Meetings with Metro Board Members Hahn, Butts, and Fasana as well as Metro Staff continue.

– **CITT/SBCCOG Goods Movement Class**

Mr. Lantz reported that the Center for International Trade and Transportation at the CSULB has partnered with the SBCCOG to hold a three-part series of goods movement classes in January and February to look at what’s needed to effectively move goods through an urban area, particularly considering the technological changes underway related to internet commerce. The workshops are for both consultants and city staff.

V. **Spotlight Presentation**

– **Inglewood Entertainment District Update**

Mr. Atwell briefly recapped the major projects currently underway in the Inglewood Entertainment District, including the new \$5 Billion NFL stadium. He then introduced Mr. Bob Brooks, an expert in transportation planning for sports/entertainment venues. Mr. Brooks was brought on by the City of Inglewood to help design a Transportation Management and Operations Plan (TMOP) that will identify the myriad of transportation strategies to minimize traffic impacts from special events in the Entertainment District.

Mr. Brooks went on to discuss the TMOP, explaining that it is a “living document” and is not intended to be a permanent/final answer to transportation management on special event days. Mr. Brooks identified challenges the City/Stadium face as well as potential remedies which include expanded bus service from LA Metro and municipal operators; traffic signal/ITS upgrades and strategies; park and ride initiatives; and coordinated parking lot and shuttle programs.

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

VII. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Chair Katsouleas adjourned the meeting at 1:38 pm until February 13, 2019 (public meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz (lantzsh10@gmail.com) by February 1, 2019.

February 13, 2018

TO: SBCCOG Infrastructure Working Group

FROM: Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Transportation Director

RE: Metro's "Re-Imagining L. A. County: Mobility, Equity, and the Environment" Funding / Financing White Paper

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal A: Environment, Transportation and Economic Development. Facilitate, implement and/or educate members and others about environmental, transportation and economic development programs that benefit the South Bay.

Background

The Metro Board of Directors has been considering a range of funding options to accelerate completion of twenty-eight projects by the 2028 Olympics. In December the Metro Board asked staff to provide a financial plan to close the \$26.2 billion funding gap in the \$42.9 billion initiative in which 8 of the 28 projects are underfunded.

In a presentation to the board on January 24th, Metro CEO Phil Washington described a new staff white paper that re-brands "28 by 2028" as "Re-Imagining L. A. County: Mobility, Equity, and the Environment". The new initiative evaluates potential strategies to close the acceleration funding / financing gap and challenges the Board to broaden the agency's vision beyond acceleration to dramatically improve equity through mobility, eradicate congestion, increase transit frequency and capacity, and reduce L. A. County's carbon footprint to combat climate change.

Washington's recommended funding toolkit includes pursuing the following funding sources for funding the 8 underfunded projects in the acceleration plan:

- Re-programing \$846.4 million of Multi-year Sub-regional Program funding and \$711 million of Local Return Program funding
- Increasing toll revenue from existing and expanded ExpressLanes network by \$300 -\$500 million
- Levying fees on shared devices (scooters, e-bikes, etc.) and transportation network companies to generate \$4.464 billion in new revenues
- Increasing advertising and corporate sponsorships to generate \$1 billion
- Increasing federal and state funding assumptions by \$3.6 billion
- Pursuing \$1 billion in Public-Private Partnership opportunities to reduce expenditures by \$5.1 billion over 10 years
- Increase Value Capture financing on MTA-owned real estate by \$370 million
- Pursuing three congestion pricing concepts (cordon, VMT, corridor) to generate an estimated \$9.6 to \$83 billion.

Washington's board presentation included a list of baseline assumptions and "sacred" priorities that should not be changed in order to accelerate the major projects. The "sacred" items include:

- Ensure funding for the following ancillary projects of systemwide importance:
 - Division 20 expansion for Purple Line subway cars - \$699 million
 - Combined new Rail / Bus Operations Center - \$190 million
 - New Maintenance & Material Management System - \$50 million
 - New train radio for existing subway system - \$75 million
 - Barrier Wall between Gold Line and I-210 freeway lanes - \$200 million
- Ensure funding to implement the NextGen bus service study
- Preserve annual State of Good Repair allocations at \$475 million per year
- Maintain current debt limits for Propositions A and C and protect Metro's debt covenants to ensure available operating subsidies are not reduced
- Convert to an all-electric Metro bus fleet by 2030
- Simplify and right-size fares rather than increasing fares
- Pursue creation of a White House Task Force for the 2028 Olympics to generate \$370 million in new revenue

The Board instructed staff that the proposed “Sacred Items” are subject to future Review and Revision if circumstances arise where the Board feels such Review and Revision is warranted.”

One alternative that generated little discussion was labeled by staff as “new mobility fees,” that might be imposed for ride hailing services like Uber and Lyft and for private shared e-mobility devices like e-scooters, e-bikes and bike sharing programs. Washington’s presentation noted that in California, TNCs are regulated by the state Public Utilities Commission, so for Metro to enact new TNC fees, it would likely require some kind of state approval, possibly in the form of enabling legislation. Fees on e-mobility services also would potentially compete with local jurisdictions that are considering whether to implement local fees as part of their regulatory programs.

Most of the discussion during the January 24th Board meeting surrounded Washington’s congestion pricing strategy that would convert all lanes on selected freeways to toll lanes. Metro staff has said the congestion pricing fees and other new funding sources under consideration could provide enough revenue to enable acceleration of eight projects and free fares on the L. A. County bus and train system.

Concerns were expressed by several board members about the ability of the transit system to accommodate those who would not be able to afford the new freeway tolls. Other board members pointed out that a transportation system in which many people feel compelled to drive comes with its own equity concerns.

Although consideration of the strategy and white paper was presented by staff as a Receive and File item, the Board carried over action on the report until February 2019. Instead, the Board approved a motion directing the CEO to:

- Develop an Equity Strategy that considers reinvesting congestion pricing revenue as a key source of funds to minimize economic impacts to low-income drivers
- In partnership with the Board of Directors, nominate subject matter experts in equity as members of the Advisory Council. The final number of subject matter experts would be dependent on the size of the Advisory Council and subject to approval of the Board
- Engage academia, community-based organizations, cities, subregions, and Los Angeles County during the development of the Equity Strategy and consider the effects of congestion pricing on drivers that rely on their vehicles for their livelihood

- Defer inclusion of congestion pricing revenue in any project acceleration financial plan until the completion of the congestion pricing feasibility study and Equity Strategy
- Report back on proposed components of the Equity Strategy at the February 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

The Board also directed Metro Staff to return to the Board with information pertaining to the Congestion Pricing Pilot Strategy scope, tasks to be performed in the next 12-24 months, budget and study timeline prior to conducting Feasibility Studies. They also asked staff to monitor the State's Road Charge Program for potential synergistic opportunities and monitor the City of San Francisco's Congestion Pricing projects for potential lessons learned.

Because the SBCCOG Board will not meet in February, it has delegated to the Steering Committee any needed actions. Staff will provide an update on any guidance from the Transportation Committee or action by the Steering Committee at their February 11, 2019 meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

The Infrastructure Working Group may receive and file this report.

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South Bay Measure R / Measure M Highway Programs

February 2019	March 2019	April 2019
<p>11. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review SBHP Project APE Report Recommend Tier 1 5-Year South Bay Measure M MSP Projects Metro Re-Imagining L. A. County <p>11. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Tier 1 5-Year South Bay Measure M MSP Projects <p>13. IWG Public Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBHP Project APE Report Goods Movement Update Spotlight: Metro Microtransit <p>19. Measure M Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Tier 1 and Recommend Tier 2 South Bay Measure M MSP Projects <p>28. Metro Board Meeting</p> <p>n/a SBCCOG Board Meeting No SBCCOG Board Meeting in February</p> <p>28. SBCCOG General Assembly – Celebrating the Past/Shaping the future</p>	<p>11. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBHP Project APE Report South Bay Measure M MSP Development Program Update Recommend Re-Imagining L. A. County Transportation Priorities for South Bay <p>11. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <p>13. IWG Agency Staff Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend Tier 2 5-Year South Bay Measure M MSP Projects SBHP Project APE Report Spotlight: Etherwan Technology Update <p>20. Measure M Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend Tier 2 South Bay Measure M MSP Projects <p>28. Metro Board Meeting</p> <p>28. SBCCOG Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Tier 2 South Bay Measure M MSP Projects Approve Re-Imagining L. A. County Transportation Priorities for South Bay 	<p>8. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBHP Project APE Report South Bay Measure M MSP Development Program Update <p>8. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <p>10. IWG Public Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBHP Project APE Report Spotlight: Caltrans Measure R Projects Update <p>17. Measure M Task Force</p> <p>25. Metro Board Meeting</p> <p>25. SBCCOG Board Meeting</p>

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