



**Measure R South Bay Highway
Program Oversight Committee Meeting Notes-
January 8, 2014**

Attendees: Jim Goodhart (Chair, PVE); Jim Dear (Carson); Dan Medina (Gardena); Tom Brewer (Torrance); Stephanie Katsouleas (El Segundo); Rob Beste (Torrance); Tony Olmos (Manhattan Beach); Ken Husting (LADOT); Lance Grindle & Mario Rodriguez (LA County DPW); Yunus Ghausi & Sameer Hadaddeen (Caltrans); Lan Saadatnejadi (MTA); Jacki Bacharach & Jenn Alderete (SBCCOG); Steve Lantz (SBCCOG transportation consultant); Percy Pinkney (Senator Feinstein); Beth George (Converse Consulting) Alek Hovespian (Iteris); Sherif Morcos (Morcos Group); Claudette Moody & Annie Dear (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Ty Carter (Siemens)

- I. **CALL TO ORDER / Introductions-** Chair Goodhart began the meeting at 3:07 pm.
- II. **REPORT OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA** – Received and filed
- III. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – None
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR-** Motion to **APPROVE** Consent Calendar made by Mayor Dear, seconded by Councilman Brewer.
 - A. **Minutes of the November 6, 2013 meeting** (Attachment A) – **Approved**
 - B. **FY 2014-2020 Metro Measure R SBHP Funding Request Amendment** (Attachment B) – **Approved**

SBHP ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT COST POLICY (Attachment C) – Steve Lantz stated that this item would not go to the SBCCOG Board until March. Chair Goodhart asked for clarification on “nothing to exceed 10%.” Mr. Lantz clarified that each city must recognize that spending beyond 10% is the responsibility of the city to pay. Chair Goodhart asked how the amount of \$500,000 was decided upon. (for projects that cost below \$500,000, the Committee recommends that city staff not be reimbursed for their time on Measure R projects, and the city will have to absorb those costs.) Lan Saadatnejadi stated that within Metro, there is not a specific definition of large and small projects and Metro is comfortable with a 10% cap. This draft recommendation will be presented to the SBCCOG’s Infrastructure Working Group.

- VI. **METRO UPDATES – Metro staff**
 - A. **Next Steps for potential Metro sales tax** – Received and filed
Ms. Saadatnejadi stated that Metro is looking at a new sales tax potentially for November 2016.
 - B. **SCAG I-405 Master Plan (OC to North SFV)** – Received and filed
Ms. Saadatnejadi stated that SCAG is working on a procurement proposal to improve the I-405 corridor between the I-105 and I-5 in Santa Clarita; SCAG will be looking at the larger picture, with Metro and OCTA’s involvement; a draft scope is being vetted. SCAG intends to carry out comprehensive stakeholder outreach, including to the SBCCOG. The Scope of Work may be ready in the next few months. The SBCCOG will receive items for review from SCAG.
 - C. **SBCCOG/Metro I-405 – I-105 Operational Improvements Plan (I-110 to LAX)** – Received and filed
This is part of the work being done under the South Bay Highway Plan. Steve Lantz has been working on a task order with Metro to address this. He requested from Metro a hard date on which this will move forward.

Ms. Saadatnejadi also expressed Metro’s concern that Metro is not using the Measure R Highway funds quickly enough. Because the money is not being drawn down, Metro is concerned that it will be difficult to ask taxpayers to support a new sales tax.. Rob Beste clarified that the public perception issue is not actually negative, and that the Council Members should be concerned that Metro will want

to take the money. Chair Goodhart stated that Metro should be giving information to all of the member cities concerning timely use of funds and a possible new sales tax. Bestead Mr. Lantz noted that the projects under our program that have started have been completed on schedule, regardless of how much money is left to be drawn down. Mr. Lantz reiterated how important these meetings are, because Metro would like to make use of the unused money, until the SBHP needs it and we need to remind them that the money is not available. The concern is that once those funds are used, the money will not be given back to the South Bay.

VIII. Project Spotlight – Del Amo Blvd. Feasibility Study – Received and filed

Mario Rodriguez gave a presentation on the preliminary scoping for the feasibility study of the construction of a major highway that will provide a continuous route on Del Amo Blvd. between Normandie Ave. and Vermont Ave. Concerns about this study include: the acquisition of contaminated property, agitation of adjacent remedial processes related to the Superfund Sites, excavation into/disposal of contaminated materials, construction of grade-separated crossing at a railroad facility, the impact that air quality may have on the proposed users of the bicycle facility due to proximity of the Superfund Site, and compliance with the 2012 LA County Bicycle Master Plan & LA City 2010 Bicycle Plan. RBF Consulting was selected to prepare the preliminary scoping report, and the funding agreement with Metro will be signed this month. Because the project limits include sections in LA County and LA City, the City has been allocated its own funding to conduct oversight of the LA County-led Del Amo Blvd study.

IX. SBHP PROJECT STATUS – Steve Lantz Steve reported the following:.

A. SBHP December 2013 Project Progress Report (Attachment D) – Received and filed.

Alek Hovsepien gave Iteris' last report, as the firm's oversight contract ended in December 2013. The City of Gardena is almost done with construction and El Segundo completed a project in December. The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the El Segundo project will take place on January 16. FY13-14 Funding Agreements with Metro need to be processed.

B. SBHP December 2013 Project Risk Report (Attachment E) – No report this month.

C. SBHP Simplified Project Monitoring Process / Funding Agreements Amendments

(Attachment F) – Received and filed – Steve Lantz reported that there is a new reporting approach that will be shared with the IWG. The new process will be brought back to the Measure R Oversight Committee for approval after the IWG has heard it. Jacki Bacharach stated that Metro does not require monthly reports, and only require quarterly reports. If cities so choose, they may request Metro to amend their funding agreements to say that monthly reports are no longer required, but the amendments must take place in order for that requirement to cease. Stephanie Katsouleas stated that future funding agreements should not include the monthly reporting requirement. Staff was asked to share the report with the IWG and return with recommendations at the March meeting.

D. Status of SBHP Bench Contracts / Task Orders – Received and filed.

X. 3-MONTH LOOK AHEAD (Attachment G) – Received and filed

XI. SBHP IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE CALENDAR (Attachment H) – Received and Filed

XII. ADJOURN- Chair Goodhart adjourned the meeting at 4:36 pm until March 5, 2014.