

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

March 27, 2014

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Dan Medina, Judy Mitchell & John Addleman
SUBJECT: Regional Council and Committee reports for February SCAG meetings

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – from John Addleman & Dan Medina

February meeting:

- SCAG/Imperial CTC sustainability joint work program approved unanimously
- Update on Imperial County transit planning efforts - very impressive. There are 25,000 border crossings daily and most need transit to ultimate destinations. There are three Imperial Valley transit centers; the Calexico Border is developing an Intermodal Transportation Center.
- Update on SCAG-METRO First Mile/Last Mile study plan. Outreach to sub regional agencies and Metro advisory committees has been done; final plan to Board for adoption Spring 2014.
- Update on the status of the Active Transportation Program including broadened eligibility to include treatments such as bike share and complete streets. On 3/21/14 the Call for Projects is due. Working on guidelines.
- The Federal Transit administration announced the availability of \$24.9 million for Low or No emission transit buses. For transit operators in the Los Angeles/ Long Beach SCAG would submit the application as lead applicant for this urbanized area. There is a 5 bus minimum.
- Lengthy discussion with SCAG staff concerning inclusion process in the Sustainability planning grants program, funded in the fall of 2013. 27 scopes of work with 5 having selected consultants so far. In September 12, 2013, the Regional Council approved 73 sustainability planning grant projects. The SBCCOG is listed under "Phase 3" (Pending additional funds). Under "Project" our project is "Neighborhood Oriented Development Graphics- Public outreach.
- Metro- to open new transportation stations by 2016. SCAG will follow up on whether Light Rail will continue onto Orange County and expand on informational items to the Public (Signage, Brochures and Consistent information: Cell Phone Apps.)

REGIONAL COUNCIL – Judy Mitchell

February meeting:

- SCAG's Draft Public Participation Plan was released for public review & comment between January 22 to March 7, 2014.
- SCAG Executive Director Hassan Ikhata reported on SCAG's Sustainable Strategy presentation @ CARB and commended Judy Mitchell for her comments.

- Economic Development - So. Cal. has highest rate of Poverty Levels in California. By 2020, region will have (Minus) 1500 Graduating Students in the Workforce.
- Federal Highway Administration - MAP 21 still strategizing. So. Cal. Regional Office in LA focused on Performance Metrics (Goods/Freight Movement).
- Salton Sea - 375 Sq. miles in Imperial & Riverside Counties - Environmental Ghetto – an issue that Sacramento needs to address. A mitigation - the new energy project (Geothermal Energy Plant)...1,700 Megawatts can replace San Onofre.
- Approval of recommendations to provide 250 Million Career Trust from Global Land Use and Economic (GLUE) Council

No written reports for:

COMMUNITY, EDUC & HUMAN DEV COMMITTEE – Frank Zerunyan & Jim Gazeley

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – Judy Mitchell & Steve Sammarco