

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

## Steering Committee

### Minutes

June 12, 2017

**Attendees:** Jim Osborne (Chair, Lawndale), Kurt Weideman (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Torrance), Britt Huff (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Rolling Hills Estates), Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne), Suzanne Fuentes (El Segundo), Christian Horvath (Redondo Beach), Bea Dieringer (Rolling Hills), Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Steve Lantz & Wally Siembab (SBCCOG), Mike Bohlke (Metro deputy), Saeed Ali (Senator Mendoza's office), Josie Gutierrez (LA County DPW)

**HISTORIC VIDEO RE: LAST DAY OF THE RAIL IN 1940'S - OSBORNE**

- I. INTRODUCTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
- II. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA
  - **ACTION:** Received and filed
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
- IV. REVIEW OF HANDOUTS
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT

**BECAUSE OF GUEST FROM SENATOR MENDOZA'S OFFICE, LEGISLATION WAS TAKEN FIRST**

Legislation

■ Matrix attached

■ **SB 268 - HEARD FROM SAEED ALI FROM SENATOR MENDOZA'S OFFICE. BILL RESPONDS TO COMMENTS MADE LAST YEAR. STATEWIDE AVERAGE OF BOARDS = CA. 22 MEMBERS. WORKED WITH OTHERS ON THE COMPOSITION – CONSTITUENT GROUPS OF THE BOARD. THIS BILL REPRESENTS THE CONSENSUS. NOW 13 TO 15. SUPERVISORS 5 TO 2 AND ONE DESIGNATED. LA 5 TO 6. CITIES 4 TO 7. NO OTHER CHANGES TO GOVERNANCE, ETC. 2 METRO OBJECTIONS – CURRENT BOARD IS A LOCAL CONSENSUS FROM 1991 AND PROPOSAL IS NOT A LOCAL CONSENSUS.**

**CHAIR OF MTA BOARD PARTICIPATED IN 5 MEETINGS BUT MISSED ONE. LA MAYOR PARTICIPATED. CITY OF LA REPS BASED ON REGIONS OF THE CITY.**

**POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE – 22 MEMBERS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL 5 SUPERVISORS – IF COUNTY DROPS OPPOSITION. WOULD INCLUDE 9 OR 10 FROM CITIES.**

**SENATOR'S KEY ISSUE IS FAIR REPRESENTATION FOR SMALL CITIES.**

■ **WEIDEMAN – TORRANCE WANTS MORE REPRESENTATION TO BE FAIR.**

■ **HORVATH – POLITICALLY WE SHOULDN'T TAKE A POSITION.**

■ **OSBORNE – WE SHOULD STAND UP FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE IN**

■ **S. FUENTES – SUPPORTS**

■ **WEIDEMAN – SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE VOTE WAS VERY FAVORABLE. SENATE FLOOR 22-9. BI-PARTISAN.**

■ **HORVATH – IF WE SUPPORT, CITIES COULD CONTACT ASSEMBLY MEMBERS NOW.**

■ **STAFF RECOMMENDS SUPPORT**

- **SB 231 - HORVATH – LCC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – STILL BEING MONITORED BUT TWO LEAGUE COMMITTEES AGREE TO SUPPORT. STORMWATER ADDED TO PROP 218. 100'S OF CITIES IN SUPPORT AND ONLY A FEW AGAINST. AND HE ENCOURAGED OPPOSITION OF CITIES TO SB 649 AND CONTACT ASSEMBLY MEMBERS. BEA REITERATED SB 649 OPPOSITION – MORE NEEDED.**

- **BEA – CONTRACT CITIES OPPOSES SB 231 – UNCONSTITUTIONAL BECAUSE IT CHANGES PROP 218 AND THAT REQUIRES A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE. OPENS THE DOOR FOR CHANGES IN INTERPRETATION. LA DIVISION AGAINST. ROLLING HILLS OPPOSED – PROCESS ISSUES. THIS IS A RETROACTIVE DECISION OF PROP 218.**
- **HORVATH – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RE: SB 231 – IMPORTANT BILL BECAUSE CAN'T FUND THE PROJECTS ANY OTHER WAY. CITIES ARE PERMITTEES AND ARE ON THE HOOK TO GET THINGS DONE.**
- **ACTION: RECOMMENDED SUPPORT AB 1572 – WEIDEMAN/HORVATH**
  - **WEIDEMAN/HUFF – RECOMMENDED SUPPORT SB 268**

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file - 12:05 pm WEIDEMAN/HORVATH**

A. Steering Committee – May 8, 2017 meeting minutes attached

- **ACTION: Approved**

- Metro ExpressLane Contract Extension - attached

- **ACTION: Recommended Board approval**

- **Contract with Jeremy Sidell for Facilitating Staff Retreat – TEAM BUILDING AND HOW THEY CAN BETTER MEET THE GOALS OF THE SBCCOG**

- Draft scope of work attached

- **ACTION: Approved contract for \$2000 for staff retreat on July 17 subject to legal review**

B. General Assembly Outstanding Sponsorships

- As of June 3, 2017 - \$7500 (SCG & Supervisor Ridley-Thomas)
- Total cash sponsorships = \$68,750

C. Special Initiatives

- **Coyote Management – June 7 – TORRANCE TO DISCUSS WITH CITY MANAGER WRITING A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING OR A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A SBCCOG SUBJECT EXPERT ON COYOTE MANAGEMENT TO SERVE ALL SOUTH BAY CITIES. – our regional approach may be the first in the United States!! – contacted Vukovic w/ Torr PD re: his discussions with Jackson – 6/13/17**

- Homeless Services – July 12

- Legislative Breakfast – July 13

- Brown Bag Seminars on Broadband & Applications – July 13

- Short Term Rental Task Force – August 30

D. Special Purpose Grants

- Currently funded

- Microgrid Project in Carson – CEC
- Renewable Outreach – HERO

- Proposals with applications submitted

- EV Resource Specialist for the South Bay – VW settlement funds
- Geothermal research with UC Davis – CEC
- Broadband initial implementation – DRAM settlement funds

- Proposals with applications under development

- Green Commuter EV rideshare/carshare
- MEASURE M

- Proposals not funded

- SBWIB environmental sustainability grant for Green Building Challenge

- Torrance Think Earth – AQMD – still exploring possibilities

E. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities Report – attached  
**TRAVEL PAL AD CIRCULATED**

F. Request to form SBCCOG Public Safety Committee – **12:40 pm**

- Memo attached from Bea Dieringer with proposed committee purpose
- Memo from staff attached
- **ACTION:** Deny the request for the Public Safety Committee and make a request to the South Bay Police Chiefs to use the SBCCOG to get the word out re: public safety tips or other issues as needed.

**BEA DOESN'T THINK THAT THIS WILL TAKE MONEY. NOT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF MEETINGS PER YEAR. AD HOC IS OK. WANT INFORMATION ON PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES. REACH OUT TO OTHER COGS RE: THE AFFECT OF PROPOSITIONS. INTERACT WITH OTHER COGS FOR COHESIVENESS FOR PROPOSITIONS, ETC. UNIFY AROUND PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES. INTERACT WITH CITIZENS' GROUPS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

**BEA FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT A CONNECTION TO PUBLIC SAFETY. SHOULDN'T COST MONEY. WHAT IS THE SOUTH BAY ASSOCIATION OF POLICE CHIEFS. HOW CAN WE KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING?**

- **ACTION: AT BOARD MEETING - INVITE POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION REP TO COME MAYBE QUARTERLY. WHAT DO CITY OFFICIALS NEED TO KNOW REGIONALLY.**

**ASK THEM TO INVITE BEA TO GO TO THE POLICE CHIEFS MEETING? SHE WOULD SERVE AS PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON- HOLD OFF ON THIS. AND BRING IT BACK FOR MORE DISCUSSION AT STEERING COMMITTEE. –**

*contacted Police Chief Papa re: info on Police Chiefs' Assn. 6/12/17*

**VII. ACTION ITEMS**

H. Draft 2017-2018 Budget with and without dues increase - **12:10 pm**

- Proposed 2017-2018 Operating Budgets attached
- Dues increase – **JENKINS CLARIFICATION ON VOTING EXPLAINED – THAT MEMBERS ARE 17 AND BOARD MEMBERSHIP IS 18 but dues still not approved**
- **ACTION:** Review and transmit to the Board for approval - **WEIDEMAN/VALENTINE TO RECOMMEND DUES INCREASE**

I. Dues invoices – **12:25 pm**

- Discussion of timing and value
- Sample invoice attached
- **ACTION: NEEDS TO BE STREAMLINED. ADDRESS TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL. SEND TO BOARD DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE**
- **BEA – HER COUNCILMEMBERS WANT TO KNOW WHY. PUT PROCESS BACK IN TIME SINCE DUES NOT APPROVED. SHOULD HIGHLIGHT THAT THIS IS A 5 YEAR PROGRAM. THESE DUES ARE FOR A DESIGNATED PURPOSE AND SHOULD BE SHOWN. CITIES NEED BETTER DOCUMENTATION OF WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING. SHE IS WITHDRAWING HER OBJECTION TO THE DUES INCREASE.**
- **CHRISTIAN – ESTIMATE OF INVOICE – BOLD THE ASTERICK.**
- **WEIDEMAN – DISCUSS THIS ON RETREAT AND HOW TO MAKE IT EASIER TO PRODUCE THE INVOICE**

J. Homeless Service Committee – 12:35 pm

- There has been an inability to get a quorum of 4 elected officials. This has been a very successful forum for cities, public safety personnel and homeless services providers to discuss programs and strategies for the South Bay.
- **ACTION: Changed** the name to Homeless Services Task Force with no quorum of elected officials required – **BOARD TO BE INFORMED**

K. Executive Briefings on Technology – Providing Lunch - 12:55 pm

- Memo attached
- **ACTION: DON'T AGREE** to have SmartGig Media supply the lunches for the Executive Briefings on Technology that the SBCCOG will be offering for our members and business community for at least through 2017. Jenkins - The value of the lunches would be a reportable gift once the value exceeds \$50. Under no circumstances can a Board member accept a cumulative total of \$470 in lunches in a calendar year. Aside from the reporting requirements, there is the perception issue. – *contacted Tim Downs 6/13/17*

L. Public Comment – 1:00 pm

- **At the last Steering Committee meeting it was agreed that the Public Comment Rules for SBCCOG meetings would be as follows: 1) Only for items not on the agenda; 2) 3 minute time limit; 3) Board members can only ask questions (through the chair) of the speaker for clarification; 4) No audio visual (ex. Powerpoint) will be allowed but handouts can be distributed.**
- **ACTION: Recommended** this policy to the Board for approval

M. Steering Committee Delegated Authority – 1:05 pm

- Memo attached
- **ADD ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES OF COMMITTEE COMPOSITION OR NAMES**
- **ADD SENTENCE THAT BOARD RETAINS AUTHORITY TO COUNTER THE CHANGES**
- **ACTION: Recommended** that the Board approve expanded policy on delegated authority of the Steering Committee. **HORVATH/HUFF**

N. Report from Transportation Committee – 1:10 pm

- Review of any action items for the Board – **letter to Metro – sent to Metro 6/12/17– sent to delegates, alternates & city managers asking that they send their own to Metro 6/13/17; Playa Vista issue**

O. Board Meeting agenda development - attached –1:15 pm

- June
  - i. Video re: LAST RUN OF ELECTRIC TRAIN THROUGH South Bay from the Chair
  - ii. **Dues Increase**, 2017-2018 budget adoption and election of officers
  - iii. Gary Gero, LA County Sustainability
  - iv. **ME ON VACATION**
- July
  - i. Judy Nelson, GLENDORA, SGVCOG re: COG Coalition on Stormwater
- August
  - i. President of El Camino College confirmed

R. Approval of Invoices – available at the meeting – 1:25 pm

- **ACTION: Approved** invoices for payment - **HORVATH/VALENTINE**

MI. INFORMATION ITEMS

G. CALCOG Report– Britt Huff - 1:30 pm

- Update on June 8 Board meeting –

- GREAT GROUP. EXCELLENT STATEWIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR REGIONAL COLLABORATION.
- PASSED OUT MATRIX FOR SB 1.
- AB 71 NO POSITION – ELIMINATING TAX DEDUCTION FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> HOMES. – ADD TO OUR MATRIX. HOWARD JARVIS GROUP AND LOCAL REALTORS LEADING OPPOSITION.
- OSBORNE – LOOK AT EXAMPLES OF WHERE CALCOG DIFFERS FROM THE LEAGUE – *contacted Bil Higgins 6/13/17 for response*
- HIGGINS WANTS CALCOG TO BE REGIONAL EXPERTS.
- CALCOG EXPANDING ITS FOCUS BEYOND TRANSPORTATION
- STEVE WILL FIND OUT HOW CITIES CAN GET DOLLARS FROM SB 1 – HOW MONEY WILL FLOW – NEXT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – *sent to Steve and David 6/13/17*

S. CCA Report – Christian Horvath – 1:40 pm

## **VII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

V. Other updates since agenda distribution – 1:45 pm

**NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, July 10, 2017 @ 12:00 pm**

**PLEASE CONSULT WEBSITE IF YOU ARE NOT SURE ABOUT THE MEETING SCHEDULES**