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SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2019 - 2020

City	Jun - 19	Jul - 19	Aug - 19	Sept - 19	Oct - 19	Nov - 19	Jan - 20
Carson		Hicks	Hicks				X
El Segundo	Boyles				Pimentel	Boyles	
Gardena	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine Monteiro	Valentine	Monteiro	
Hermosa Beach		Massey	Massey		Massey		
Inglewood	Franklin				Franklin	Franklin Butts	
Lawndale	Suarez Osborne Pullen-Miles	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez Osborne	
Lomita	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley		Gazeley	
Los Angeles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Manhattan Beach	Hadley	Stern			Stern	Stern	
Palos Verdes Estates	Kao	Kao		Lozzi	Kao		
Rancho Palos Verdes	Alegria Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Alegria	Alegria		Alegria	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	
Rolling Hills		Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff Zuckerman	Huff	Huff	Huff Mitchell	Huff	Huff	
Torrance	Rizzo Herring	Rizzo		Rizzo	Rizzo	Rizzo	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District	Johnson		Johnson	Johnson		Johnson	
County of Los Angeles- 4th District	LaMarque		LaMarque		LaMarque	LaMarque	

Number of Active Agencies	17	17	17	17	15	17	16
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	9	9	9	8	9	9
Number of Agencies Attending	14	13	12	11	13	14	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019
KATY GEISSERT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
3301 TORRANCE BLVD, TORRANCE, CA 90503**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Horvath called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Drew Boyles, El Segundo	Eric Alegria, Rancho Palos Verdes
Dan Medina, Gardena	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Alex Monteiro, Hawthorne	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	Geoff Rizzo, Torrance
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	Lacey Johnson, SD-2 (6:44 arrival)
Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach	Jennifer LaMarque, SD-4 (7:22 arrival)

The following non-voting elected officials were in attendance”

James Butts, Inglewood (7:12 arrival)	Jim Osborne, Lawndale
Maria Del Carmen, Ecuador City Councilmember	

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Scott Mitnick, El Segundo	Dean Logan, LA County Reg. Recorder
Ken Berkman, El Segundo	Aaron Nevarez, LA County Reg. Recorder
Michael Ervin, SD-4	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Tunisia Johnson, Inglewood	Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Emory Ward, Inglewood	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Lisa Trifiletti, Inglewood	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Omar Pulido, Inglewood	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Mike Bohlke, Metro	David Leger, SBCCOG
Mark Dierking, Metro	Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
Ernie Crespo, GTrans	Jon Rodman, SBESC Volunteer
Kim Turner, Torrance Transit	Holly Osborne, Public
James Lee, Torrance Transit	

III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes to the agenda.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Holly Osborne, a Redondo Beach resident and retired engineer, addressed the Board to make them aware of data errors in SCAG’s RHNA calculations and to request assistance where possible to get in contact with SCAG to remedy the error. Ms. Osborne explained that SCAG calculated RHNA figures using two Metro stops that no longer exist (190th/Hawthorne and Inglewood/Manhattan Beach Blvd). She also noted that parks are exempt from calculations and suggested cemeteries be treated similarly.

Ms. Bacharach took this time to introduce Ms. Del Carmen, an elected official from Ecuador visiting the area.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. October Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approved**
- B. Chamber of Commerce Memberships (attachment) – Approved**
- C. I.T. Management Services (attachment) – Approved**
- D. Website Services (attachment) – Approved**

- E. **Actions of Steering Committee since last Board meeting** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- F. **Monthly Reports – Receive and Filed**
 - 1. **South Bay Environmental Services Center Report** (*attachment*)
 - 2. **Transportation Report** (*attachment*)

MOTION by Board Member Medina, seconded by Board Member Alegria, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Electric Car Charging – Improving Access for Apartment-Dwellers in Carson

Mr. Rodman, an SBESC volunteer, presented his findings on improving access to electric car charging for Carson residents who live in multi-unit dwellings (MUDs). Mr. Rodman began by explaining as a recently retired employee of Mattel Toys, he quickly realized that retirement was not intellectually stimulating enough and decided that he wanted to give back. He joined the SBESC/SBCCOG in 2018 as a volunteer and asked what skills the organization needed. When he discovered that there was a need for GIS work, Mr. Rodman enrolled in a GIS course at El Camino College and put his new skills to work. For his final project, he used GIS to determine ways to increase access to EVs by looking at the location of EV chargers as related to the location of MUDs. It became clear that the existing limited EV chargers that were available to the public were largely beyond ½ mile from most MUDs (a critical distance to be considered convenient). Mr. Rodman then used GIS to look at how access was changed if EV chargers were theoretically installed at three public locations such as City Hall/Community Center, City Pool, and Veterans Park. If EV chargers were installed at those locations, almost 100% of MUD residents would have access to a charger within ½ mile. Providing access to EV chargers is not enough in itself to dramatically increase EV adoption but remains a crucial barrier to adoption in addition to other things such as affordability.

B. Voting Solutions for All People: The Voting Experience of the Future

Dean Logan, Registrar-Recorder for Los Angeles County, gave a presentation on LA County's new voting system. The system replaces the older system which has been in place in largely the same format since the 1960's. The new system, mandated by State law, serves to increase accessibility and ease of use, while maintaining security. Mr. Logan explained that there will no longer be local polling locations and that vote centers will take their place. Vote centers will be located at convenient areas throughout the county for 11 days prior to the election. Voters will be able to visit any location in the county and receive their local ballot. Same day registration will also be facilitated through this new system. Voters will be able to fill out a sample ballot on their phone, scan a code at the vote center, and the computer will load your pre-selected positions. These choices can still be changed prior to casting your vote. The new systems will also allow for multiple languages and will be able to accommodate people with disabilities without requiring a special booth or assistance. Mr. Logan also noted that the system is separate from the tabulating system to ensure that hacking does not affect votes cast. Paper ballots are still produced by the new system which are then fed into a secure ballot box.

Board Member Franklin asked Mr. Logan how campaign staff will be able to check which supporters have already voted during elections without having a local polling location. Mr. Logan explained that campaigns will have access to this data via a website, essentially a virtual version of the existing system.

Chair Horvath asked Mr. Logan about staffers at the centers. Mr. Logan explained that the lead staffer will be a county employee or temporary employee, with the remaining staff likely being stipend-paid volunteers like now.

Mr. Logan's full presentation is available online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_LA%20County%20Voting%20Solutions%20for%20All%20People_11.2019-compressed.pdf

C. SCAG Connect SoCal Briefing

Mr. Chidsey presented on SCAG's new Long-Range Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy re-branded Connect SoCal. This new effort uses data and growth forecasts to maintain and better manage the transportation network we have for moving people/goods; expand mobility choices by locating housing, jobs, and transit closer together; and increase investment in transit and complete streets. The plan hopes to leverage and align new technologies with land use and transportation strategies; and close the gap

to meet increasingly aggressive GHG reduction goals. For more detail on the plan, the presentation is available here:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_SCAG%20Presentation.pdf

VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. South Bay Fiber Network

1. Work Order #1 for the Construction of the Ring (*attachment*) – Approved

Ms. Bacharach explained that the work order is included in the agenda packet and is the first stage in building the SBFN. Board Member Dieringer asked if there had been a technical analysis done by an independent consultant to verify the charges proposed. Chair Horvath explained that Magellan Advisors has been assisting in this aspect the entire time and that the costs will be paid for by the Measure M funding agreement. Board Member Gazeley noted that his city still has some outstanding legal issues with the project and therefore he is unable to vote for it tonight.

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Boyles, to **APPROVE** Work Order #1. Ayes: Boyles, Medina, Monteiro, Franklin, Suarez, Stern, Alegria, Horvath, Dieringer, Rizzo, Johnson, LaMarque Nays: Gazeley. So ordered.

B. Office Move

Ms. Bacharach reported that next week will be the last week in the SBCCOG's current office. She also informed the Board that the additional space approved by the Board in October will not be moving forward at this time due to a disagreement between the new owner and the current owner on who will pay for buildout costs. The topic will be re-approached with the new owner after the sale is finalized. Ms. Fuentes added some details about next steps, including the movers scheduled for 11/26 and the setup of the temporary space in San Pedro. Ms. Fuentes and Ms. Bacharach both thanked SBCCOG staff for their work during the move.

C. Senior Services

Board Member Huff reported that the 12/3 was cancelled. Ms. Farwell added that the January 28th meeting will be taking place in Gardena. Ms. Bacharach also added that work continues on a regional Age-Friendly designation.

D. Homeless Services

Ms. Bacharach announced that the County Supervisors have voted to provide funds to all COGs based on their last homeless count for the purposes of either increasing housing and/or focusing on enhancing LA County services. The SBCCOG will receive approximately \$735,000. The funding has to be used by June 2021, but likely won't be available until early 2020. A call for projects was issued and project applications are due by 12/16. The next Task Force meeting will be January 8th in Hawthorne.

E. Ad Hoc Finance Committee

Ms. Bacharach reported that the first meeting was held on 11/12 with attendance from most jurisdictions, although most were represented by staff. Requests for current population, operating budget, and square mileage were made of each city.

F. General Assembly

Ms. Bacharach noted that planning is underway.

G. Other

SBCCOG staff has been meeting with cities on the Local Travel Network project and hope to meet with regional destinations in cities such as Del Amo Mall, the Manhattan Village, etc.

IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report

Mayor Butts reported that the Executive Management Committee met and discussed the motion being considered by the SBCCOG Board tonight regarding the Measure R transfer of funds. There are efforts underway to identify pots of money to use to accelerate projects on the 28 by '28 list.

B. Service Council Report by Ralph Franklin

Board Member Franklin passed out his report which is available online here:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/HANDOUT_Metro%20Monthly%20Report%20for%20November%202019.pdf

C. SBCCOG Transportation Committee

1. Evaluation of Measure M & R Call for Projects & Sub-Fund Transfer Option (*attachments*)

Ms. Bacharach began by pointing the Board to the four Transportation Committee actions in the agenda packet (page 57). Item 1A was approved by the Steering Committee since it was time critical and being considered by Metro on November 20. It is here for information - a letter to Metro on Green Line improvements which should be included in the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan.

Item 2a recommends that the SBCCOG Board recommend the Metro Board use Measure M Sub-Regional Equity Program funding in the not to exceed amount of \$130M in order to ensure timely construction of the Centinela Grade Separation construction project.

Item 2b recommends that the SBCCOG Board recommend the Metro Board set for Public Hearing the approval of a total transfer of \$560M from the SBCCOG's Measure R Highway Capital Subfund (Measure R South Bay Highway Program) to the Measure R Transit Capital Subfund.

Item 2c recommends that the SBCCOG Board send a letter to Metro supporting the completion of the Park Place project in El Segundo which the SBCCOG continues to support as an eligible project which meets Measure R requirements.

Discussion focused on Item 2b. Ms. Bacharach explained that a list of project applications, included in the packet, include 48 projects (14 transit, 34 highway) received by the 10/31 deadline. \$410M in transit funding was requested in addition to \$972M in highway projects. Ms. Bacharach noted that the projects have not been vetted at this point. Ms. Bacharach highlighted that there is approximately \$560M in SBHP funding available through FY29 and that if all the available funding is transferred, costs to complete projects as well as new projects will all have to be funded through Measure M, meaning that there is not adequate funding for all those needs. Criteria will have to be developed to determine which projects the SBCCOG would recommend approving. The intent of the motion is to return unused transit funds to highway.

Mayor Butts passed out a revised motion, available here:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/HANDOUT_Revised%20Butts%20Motion%20re%20Transfer%20of%20Funds.pdf

Mayor Butts stated that when funding is not used or is sitting dormant, others will try to “repurpose” those funds. Since the Measure R funds being discussed (available through FY29) have not been used thus far, he is urging they be transferred to a transit fund that would provide flexibility to the South Bay to fund **both** highway and transit projects, in essence creating a “South Bay Highway/Transit Program”. Board Member Stern asked Mayor Butts to explain when funding is considered “not being used”, attempting to determine when funding could be transferred back for highway needs. Mayor Butts re-emphasized that South Bay cities will be able to use the funds for both highway and transit needs at any time. Mayor Butts likened the issue to household accounts. Instead of having a savings account that can only be used for home repairs, this action would move those funds to an account that could fund both home repairs and college tuition.

Board Member Boyles added that the original intent of the motion was the same, that highway projects will have access to the funds at any time, a sentiment echoed by Mayor Butts.

Mayor Butts also added that the Metro Board must provide 30-day notice of the transfer and that the process of holding hearings can begin in January, after the December 5th issuance of the 30-day notice. The Metro Board must approve the transfer by a 2/3 majority.

Board Member LaMarque shared comments from Supervisor Hahn, noting that she hopes funding of the Green Line extension to Torrance will be considered as part of future discussions and that Supervisor Hahn supports the will of the cities.

Board Member Dieringer noted that she was unaware there were actions needed on this item as it was not specifically noted on the agenda and that therefore she's unable to vote on these recommendations tonight.

MOTION by Board Member Gazeley, seconded by Board Member Medina, to **RECOMMEND** that Metro use the South Bay Subregional Equity Funding Program in the not to exceed amount of \$130 million in order to ensure the timely construction of the Centinela Grade Separation construction project. No objection. Abstention by Board Member Dieringer. So ordered.

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Gazeley, to **RECOMMEND** the Metro Board set for Public Hearing as prescribed in Section 11 for the approval of a total transfer of \$560 million from the South Bay COG Measure R Highway Capital Subfund as noted in his handed-out motion. No objection. Abstention by Board Member Dieringer. So ordered.

MOTION by Board Member Boyles, seconded by Board Member Monteiro, to **RECOMMEND** the SBCCOG Board send a letter to Metro supporting the completion of the Park Place project in El Segundo which the SBCCOG continues to support as an eligible project which meets Measure R requirements. No objection. Abstention by Board Member Dieringer. So ordered.

X. AGENCY REPORTS

NOTE: Oral reports are only made to clarify or amplify written attachments. All reports that were submitted or handed out are available online here: <http://southbaycities.org/committees/board-directors/board-directors-meeting-57>

- A. South Coast Air Quality Management District** (*attachment*)
- B. SCAG & Committees** (*attachment*)
- C. South Bay Workforce Investment Board** (*attachment*)
- D. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee**
- E. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission** – No report given.
- F. Stormwater Funding**
 - 1. CCCA/LCC Stormwater Funding Options Committee – No report given.
- G. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce** – No report given.
- H. South Bay Aerospace Alliance** – No report given.
- I. KHHR (Hawthorne Airport) Committee re: Community Impacts** – No report given.
- J. California Association of Councils of Governments**

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 31: LCC/SBCCOG/SBACC Legislative Meet and Greet

Huff (Rolling Hills Estates): Peninsula Holiday Parade on December 7th

Medina (Gardena): There will be a holiday event with Santa Claus on December 7th.

Suarez (Lawndale): The annual Angel Tree Lighting will take place December 6th in conjunction with the city's 60th anniversary celebration.

Horvath (Redondo Beach): Holiday Boat Parade will take place December 14th.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm to Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Redondo Beach Main Library.

David Leger
Assistant Board Secretary