

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Valentine called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

II. VERIFY QUORUM

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Cedrick Hicks, Carson (6:06 arrival)
Drew Boyles, El Segundo
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne
Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach
James Butts, Inglewood (6:45 arrival)
Jim Gazeley, Lomita
Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach

John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills (7:20 arrival)
Steve Zuckerman, Rolling Hills Estates (6:32 arrival)
George Chen, Torrance
Sonia Lopez, LA County D-2
Jennifer LaMarque, LA County D-4

Other elected officials in attendance:

Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates (*Served as Delegate until Steve Zuckerman's arrival*)

Patrick Furey, Torrance

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Cac Le, Carson
Martha Guzman Hurtado, El Segundo
Jacob Haik, LA City CD-15
Aksel Palacios, LA City CD-15
Jayme Wilson, LA County D-4
Jill Crump, Torrance
Stephano Padilla, AQMD
Jeff Kiernan, Cal Cities
Lindsey Lastra LA County Public Health
Nancy Rodriguez, LA County Public Health
Mark Dierking, Metro
Sarah Patterson, SCAG
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Wally Siembab, SBCCOG

Aaron Baum, SBCCOG
Brooke Heri, SBCCOG
David Leger, SBCCOG
Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
Stephen Sawyer, Charter
Ray Aldridge, Public
Amy Errett, Public
Shawn Giaconi, Public
Jim Hannon, Public
Jason Law, Public
Joe Linton, Public
Grace Peng, Public
Dan Sturges, Public
Kathleen Maguire, Ratkovich Co.
Alan Johnson, Victory Group

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

No public comment was received.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. April Board Meeting Minutes (*attachments*) – Approved**
- B. SCAG Regional Early Action Program Memorandum of Understanding (*attachment*) – Approved**
- C. West Basin Municipal Water District Scope of Work for FY 21-22 (*attachment*) – Approved and directed staff to execute contract**
- D. South Bay Fiber Network Work Order #3 (*attachment*) – Approved**
 1. Change order to Work Order #3

E. JP Marketing No cost Contract Extension for Website Redesign (*attachment*) – **Approved**

F. Legislative Matrix with bills of interest (*attachment*) – **Approved**

1. Support – AB 1258

2. Oppose – AB 377

G. Monthly Reports – Received and Filed

1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (*attachment*)

2. Transportation Report (*attachment*)

3. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings (*attachment*)

4. Reports from Outside Agencies (*attachments for each at end of the agenda*)

a. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Bea Dieringer & Jeff Kiernan)

b. SCAG Committees

i. SCAG Regional Council (Drew Boyles, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)

ii. Community, Economic, & Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek)

iii. SCAG Energy and Environment Committee (Britt Huff)

c. California Association of Councils of Governments (Britt Huff)

d. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Olivia Valentine)

e. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)

MOTION by Board Member Armato, seconded by Board Member Horvath, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. Board Member Chen abstained from voting on the support position for AB 1258. So ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. West Harbor – A New LA Waterfront Destination

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Maguire presented on the redevelopment of Ports O' Call in San Pedro. The project will transform the 42-acre site into a new waterfront destination called West Harbor. The project is led by Ratkovitch Company, with Jerico Development, Studio One Eleven, and James Corner Field Operations, a landscape design architecture practice credited for developing Chicago's Navy Pier, Seattle's Central Waterfront and London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, serving as partners on the project. Potential tenants and attractions include numerous food venues, outdoor activities, waterfront activities, a beer garden, a 6,200-seat outdoor Amphitheater, and an observation tower bar. The project has evolved significantly since its 2009 conception, including recent redesigns based on COVID-19 societal impacts and is anticipated to open in 2022.

To watch the entire presentation, please visit this link: <https://youtu.be/pVI8jPetJow?t=207>

B. Service Planning Area 8 Update

Ms. Lastra provided a brief update to the Board on LA County responses to the Governor's June 15 economic reopening plans. The County will adopt the state's recommendations to ease capacity restrictions and distancing requirements as well as lifting travel restrictions. The County will also align itself with the CDC's recommendations for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Ms. Lastra also shared that the County is moving away from mass vaccination sites and towards targeted and mobile sites. To request a mobile vaccine clinic, visit <http://ph.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/vaccine/providerfinder/> Ms. Lastra also touched on DPH mental health efforts. She announced that she is working with the SBCCOG and BCHD to develop a SPA 8 working group to better facilitate communication between LACDPH, cities, and communities and better deliver services to those communities.

Ms. Lastra's presentation is available here:

https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_LA%20County%20Dept%20of%20Public%20Health%20Update.pdf

C. FY21-22 Work Program

Ms. Bacharach presented the proposed FY21-22 SBCCOG Work Program. She touched on the SBCCOG's accomplishments over the last year including the SBFN, Local Travel Network (LTN) design, new SBESC partnerships, and advocacy efforts. She then transitioned to FY21-22 program priority focus areas such as further development of the SBFN, implementation of the LTN, further homeless services efforts, and housing policy advocacy.

The full presentation is available on the SBCCOG website here:

https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_2021-2022%201st%20draft%20work%20program-2.pdf

Chair Valentine thanked Ms. Bacharach for the great work the SBCCOG staff has done and added that policing issues should be added to the program for the upcoming year as well.

MOTION by Chair Valentine, seconded by Board Member Huff, to **APPROVE** the work program.

Board Member Stern asked for an amendment to the motion to include reference to social welfare, equity, and access to the SBCCOG mission statement. Chair Valentine accepted that friendly amendment to her motion.

Board Member Boyles agreed with Chair Valentine about revisiting policing issues in the upcoming year. He also asked if approval tonight was critical to work efforts as he would like to see the SBCCOG hold a strategic planning session like what El Segundo does. Ms. Bacharach explained that facilitating that sort of meeting would be great and asked in what forum he envisioned this planning session taking place. Board Member Boyles noted that it could be during a Steering Committee meeting but deferred the decision to Chair Valentine. Chair Valentine withdrew her motion and proposed reagendizing the item to June. There was no objection from the Board.

D. 2021-2022 Draft Budget Review

Ms. Heri reviewed the draft FY21-22 SBCCOG budget and noted that although there was a deficit, the Steering Committee proposed balancing the budget with the funds available in the funding balance. The budget will be presented to the Board in June for adoption.

The presentation is available online here:

https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/7D_5.21%20draft%20budget.pdf

VIII. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report

Mr. Lantz reported the following items: 1) Metro approved its \$8 billion budget on the consent calendar; 2) Metro is hiring additional staff as part of their Better Bus program to help improve cleaning efforts, bus stops, etc.; 3) The Board merged two motions around the Fareless System Initiative that instructed staff to move forward with the proposal but required a completed funding plan that doesn't impact state of good repair budgets and simplifies the application process; 4) Metro approved a compromise motion that suspended further work on the I-710 to give more time to re-evaluate the project scope and impacts to residents.

Board Member Butts added that the Metro Board was split on the Fareless System Initiative because some wanted to go all in and eliminate all fares, but the majority felt that Metro cannot start a program like that if it won't continue after the pilot period. The majority is also opposed to relying only on future grants or project funding sources since those are not stable funding sources.

B. Transportation Committee report

Board Member Horvath announced that the committee heard a presentation by Metro on the Crenshaw/LAX Line extension north to Hollywood/Hollywood Bowl. The project is going to be environmentally cleared now in hopes that additional funding will be identified to help accelerate the construction which is currently scheduled to open in 2047.

IX. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Nomination Committee report (attachment) – Nominations opened

Chair Valentine reported that the Nominating Committee makes the following recommendations: Chair – Board Member Boyles, 1st Vice Chair – Board Member Cruikshank, 2nd Vice Chair – Board Member Hicks; At Large Steering Committee members – Board Members Stern, Tanaka, Butts, and Chen.

Board Member Boyles proposed adding a 5th At Large Steering Committee seat and nominating Board Member Armato for that seat. He explained that she has been an invaluable resource for the organization, particularly during the recent housing policy legislative visits and her overall involvement with housing issues at the Contract Cities Association. Board Members Chen and Butts offered to give up one of their nominations to the Steering Committee so Board Member Armato could be named. She thanked them for that gesture but

noted she did not want to take somebody else's seat but would happily serve if the Board elects to add a 5th seat.

Chair Valentine officially opened nominations and requested Ms. Bacharach agendaize the addition of a 5th At Large Steering Committee seat for the June Steering Committee meeting.

B. Legislative Visits

Ms. Bacharach reported that the SBCCOG recently met with Executive Branch agency staff about housing policies being proposed and the SBCCOG's concerns and proposed alternatives. She also shared that SB9 passed the Senate, but that Senators Kamlager and Allen abstained. Board Member Horvath added that the meetings are going well, but the experience has highlighted the need to hold these meetings much more regularly and the need to coordinate with outside groups throughout the state and their constituencies so a more coordinated approach could be made.

C. Local Travel Network – Resolution 2021-01: Resolution of Support to implement a Local Travel Network by South Bay Cities to encourage and facilitate safe travel of zero-emission slow-speed vehicles

Ms. Bacharach, Mr. Siembab, and Mr. Baum provided a brief presentation on the next steps to implement the SBCCOG's Local Travel Network project, which includes the adoption of a resolution to support the implementation of the network. The presentation is available online here: https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_5.21%20LTN%20resolution%20presentation%20to%20Board%20v2.pdf

The following public comment was made:

- Ray Aldridge: As President of the Carson Bicycle Coalition, he strongly supports the resolution and the development of the network. It would connect areas of the South Bay for non-auto modes such as a bike ride from Carson to Redondo Beach.
- Jim Hannon: The South Bay Bicycle Coalition has been advocating for bikeway networks for over a decade and Mr. Hannon expressed his excitement in seeing this project. This project would encourage people to use bicycles and other active modes which would not only have environmental benefits, but health benefits as well. He strongly encourages the Board to move forward with the project. He thanked the Board and staff for the work they do and noted how he enjoys participating in the meetings and how informational they are.
- Amy Errett: She and her husband own a dealership that sells neighborhood electric vehicles. She noted that although it may be easy to travel between Redondo Beach and Manhattan Beach, it is not simple to get to Torrance, El Segundo, Carson, or many other areas of the South Bay. This project is a fantastic initiative that would help connect the South Bay.
- Shawn Giaconi: As a Manhattan Beach resident and golf cart driver, she strongly supports the project. She shared that she uses a golf cart to travel throughout the city, including to bring her kids to school. It's fun, enjoyable, and makes her feel good to know she's able to leave her big SUV at home. She shared that she has also seen other families adopting the use of similar vehicles too.
- Dan Sturges: As the creator of the GEM electric vehicle, the first neighborhood electric vehicle in the US in 1988 (in Torrance), he shared his experience that inventing the GEM was like inventing airplanes with no airports. Without a place to drive them, the NEV's would never take off. He explained his support for the project and that in his view, the issue is about right sizing the vehicle to the trip. He used a harbor as an example, noting that when you want to cross an ocean, you use an ocean liner. However, when you want to cross a small lake, you would never use an ocean liner and would elect to use a small boat instead.

Board Member Chen announced that he met with his staff who expressed some concern about the language in the resolution. He explained that although participation is voluntary, Torrance does not have interest in implementing the project and would like the resolution changed to clarify that only "interested cities" would participate.

Torrance's proposed revision is available here: https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/HANDOUT_Torrance%20propose%20LTN%20Resolution%20Revision%20-%20not%20approved.pdf

Chair Valentine noted that although she understands Board Member Chen's point, everything the SBCCOG does is voluntary, and the organization only encourages participation.

Board Member Boyles thanked Mr. Sturges for his contributions to the NEV market, adding that as a GEM owner, he would love to see the entire South Bay connected via the LTN.

Mr. Hannon added that the reason previous network implementations have failed was because cities would not implement a portion into their communities. He related it to using a road in a car. A driver would not get on a road that has a break in it or would find a mode of travel with a complete network.

Chair Valentine moved to approve the resolution in its original form, as included in the agenda packet. Board Member Hicks seconded the motion.

Board Member Chen made a **substitute motion** to **approve** the resolution as proposed by Torrance staff. Board Member Dieringer seconded the motion.

Ayes: Dieringer, Zuckerman, Chen

Nays: Hicks, Boyles, Tanaka, Valentine, Armato, Butts, Gazeley, Cruikshank, Horvath, Lopez

Abstentions: LaMarque

Substitute motion DID NOT PASS.

MOTION by Chair Valentine, seconded by Board Member Hicks, to **APPROVE** the resolution in its original format as presented in the agenda.

Ayes: Hicks, Boyles, Tanaka, Valentine, Armato, Butts, Gazeley, Stern, Cruikshank, Horvath, Dieringer, Zuckerman, Lopez, LaMarque

Nays: Chen

Motion PASSES.

D. South Bay Fiber Network

Ms. Bacharach shared that the SBCCOG has commemorative shovels for each city for their participation in the network. She asked that each city reach out to SBCCOG staff to coordinate delivery.

E. Senior Services

Ms. Farwell reported that the working group met earlier in the week and heard a presentation from Neighborhood Housing Services that works with local governments to repair/rehab homes. This would be a valuable service for participants in the HomeShare South Bay program since it could help ensure their homes are ready to share.

F. Homeless Services

Ms. Farwell reported that Measure H funding recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at an upcoming meeting. There will be \$15 million distributed to the COGs, of which about \$1.9 million will be for the South Bay for projects looking at interim/permanent housing projects and strategies to deliver those housing projects, development of homelessness plans, and other types of pilot programs. The SBCCOG will issue a call for projects to SBCCOG cities in July re: use of these funds. Ms. Farwell also announced that LA CD-15's Tiny Home Village at Harbor College will be opening on June 9th with a portion reserved for students and the remaining for individuals from local encampments. The Homeless Services Task Force will also hear a presentation from Safe Huts, a company similar to Pallet Shelters.

G. Telework Workshop

Ms. Bacharach announced that LA County Human Resources Department will be presenting to the Board in June about the County's work in teleworking.

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: <https://www.southbaycities.org/committees/board-directors/board-directors-meeting-71>

A. SCAG Transportation Committee (James Gazeley) – no oral report

B. Air Quality Management District (Joe Buscaino & Stephano Padilla) – no oral report

C. https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/HANDOUT_Metro%20South%20Bay%20Service%20Council%20Monthly%20Meeting%20Review%20for%20May%2014%2C%202021.pdf (Don Szerlip) -

https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/HANDOUT_Metro%20South%20Bay%20Service%20Council%20Monthly%20Meeting%20Review%20for%20May%2014%2C%202021.pdf

- D. **KHHR (Hawthorne Airport) Communities Network Committee** (Olivia Valentine) – no oral report
- E. **Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission** (Bill Brand/vacant) – no oral report
- F. **South Bay Aerospace Alliance** (Olivia Valentine/Rodney Tanaka) – no oral report

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Bacharach reported that Board member was able to get a SCAG Presidential Appointment to serve on the SCAG Transportation Committee with assistance from the SBCCOG and SCAG Regional Council member Drew Boyles.

Board Member Boyles shared that OCCOG filed a complaint against HCD regarding the RHNA number allocations. He asked that they provide the info to the SBCCOG for review.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Valentine adjourned the meeting at 8:54 pm to Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 6:00 pm. SBCCOG staff will be working to facilitate a hybrid virtual/in-person meeting.

David Leger, Assistant Board Secretary



X: Inactive (missed last 3 meetings in a row)
Inactive Membership is automatically re-instated by attending a meeting

SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2020 - 2021

City	Oct – 20	Nov-20	Jan - 21	Feb - 21	Apr - 21	May - 21	Jun - 21
Carson	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Dear	Hicks	Hicks	
El Segundo	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles Pimentel	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	
Gardena		Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	
Inglewood	Franklin	Franklin		Butts	Faulk	Butts	
Lawndale	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez		
Lomita	Gazeley		Gazeley Waite	Gazeley Waite	Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles			X	Buscaino			
Manhattan Beach	Stern	Stern	Stern		Stern	Stern	
Palos Verdes Estates	Kao	Kao	Roos	Roos	Roos		
Rancho Palos Verdes	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	
Rolling Hills		Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff Mitchell	Zuckerman Huff	Zuckerman Huff	Zuckerman Huff	Zuckerman Huff	
Torrance	Chen	Chen	Chen Furey	Chen	Chen	Chen Furey	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District	X	X	Mitchell Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	
County of Los Angeles- 4th District	LaMarque		LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	

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