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SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2013 - 2014

City	May - 14	June - 14	July - 14	Aug - 14	Sept - 14	Oct - 14
Carson		Dear	Dear		Dear	
El Segundo		Fuentes	Fuentes	Fuentes	Fuentes	
Gardena	Medina	Medina Terauchi				
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine		
Hermosa Beach		DiVirgilio	DiVirgilio	DiVirgilio	DiVirgilio	
Inglewood	Franklin		Franklin			
Lawndale	Osborne	Osborne Reid	Osborne	Osborne		
Lomita	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles				X	X	
Manhattan Beach		Burton			Lesser	
Palos Verdes Estates	Goodhart Perkins	Goodhart Perkins	Goodhart	Goodhart	Goodhart	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Knight	Knight	Knight	Duhovic	Knight	
Redondo Beach	Aust	Aust	Aust	Aust		
Rolling Hills	Dieringer		Dieringer	Dieringer		
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff		Huff	Huff	
Torrance		Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	
County of Los Angeles	Riccitiello		Riccitiello	Riccitiello Napolitano	Riccitiello	

Number of Active Agencies	17	17	17	16	16	
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	9	9	9	9	
Number of Agencies Attending	11	13	13	12	10	

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014
SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THEATER
20285 S. WESTERN AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, TORRANCE, CA 90501

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Goodhart called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance were the following voting members:

Jim Dear, Carson	Jim Goodhart, Palos Verdes Estates
Suzanne Fuentes, El Segundo	Jim Knight, Rancho Palos Verdes
Michael DiVirgilio, Hermosa Beach	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	Kurt Weideman, Torrance
David Lesser, Manhattan Beach	David Riccitiello, LA County SD2

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Stan Myles, AQMD	Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
Vijay Kopparam, Caltrans	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities	Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG
Tony Olmos, Manhattan Beach	Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Mike Bohlke, Metro Director O'Connor	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Kathleen McCune, Metro	Lena Luna, SBCCOG
Natalie Champion, SBCCOG	Chris Cagle, SBWIB
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	

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 - None

V. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. August Board Meeting Minutes (*attachment*) – Approved**
- B. Contract Amendment with GSE Solutions (*attachments*) – Approve**
- C. Legislation**
 - 1. Support for November Ballot Measure Proposition 1 – Water Bonds (*attachment*) – Approve**
 - 2. Status of Legislation that the SBCCOG has been monitoring (*attachment*) – Receive and file**
- D. Monthly Transportation Report (*attachment*) – Receive and file**
- E. SBCCOG Comments on Metro Draft Complete Streets Policy (*attachment*) – Receive and file**
- F. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (*attachment*) – Receive and file**
- G. July ARB Report from Judy Mitchell (*attachment*) – Receive and file**

MOTION by Board Member Dear, seconded by Board Member Gazeley, to **approve** the Consent Calendar as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Report on the SBCCOG EEMIS Project** – Jacki Bacharach introduced SBCCOG Senior Project Manager of Municipal Energy, Lena Luna. Ms. Luna said that the Enterprise Energy Management Information System (EEMIS) is a web-accessible program that was implemented in LA County in 2002 and is funded by Edison as part of the California Energy Commissions' Strategic Plan. Municipal energy usage (no gas accounts at this time) data streams through this program, reflecting real-time activity in Edison's service territory. Variable costs (vs fixed costs) can be identified through this program. The program acts as a bill manager that can: automate month-end bill data, supply timely and credible energy use and budget information, expedite energy project development, provide ongoing measurement and verification of energy projects, and identify opportunities for improved operation and maintenance practices. Ms. Luna acknowledged EEMIS' contribution to the Cities of Lawndale and Manhattan Beach achieving the Platinum tier of Edison's Energy Leader Program. Chair Goodhart asked if EEMIS measures kilowatt hours saved in addition to cost savings and Ms. Luna said that EEMIS measures both. Board Member Dear asked if Edison disputes or changes the billing if a city finds a discrepancy on a bill and has the EEMIS paperwork to prove it. Ms. Luna cited an example in Orange County, where a city identified a discrepancy based on the EEMIS findings. A letter was drafted and submitted by the Energy Project Manager to close the Edison service account based on the EEMIS findings.
- B. Metro ExpressLanes Updates & the South Bay Perspective** – Jacki Bacharach prefaced this presentation by stating that she would like discussion to follow the presentation, to get direction from the board, but not necessarily have the Board take action. Kathleen McCune from Metro gave an update on the future expansion of ExpressLanes throughout LA County. Governor Brown just signed SB 1298 (High-Occupancy Toll Lanes), and regarding MTA's authority to operate HOT lanes on SR 10 and 110. This bill deletes the authorizing statute and recasts it by making the following changes: Deleting the sunset date, thereby authorizing MTA to operate the HOT lanes indefinitely, deleting a prohibition against MTA issuing bonds for the demonstration program, deleting a requirement that MTA get the consent of Caltrans, authorizing MTA to change the vehicle occupancy requirement for access to the HOT lanes, and requiring agreements between MTA, Caltrans, and CHP to identify obligations, liabilities, and responsibilities of each party, and to explicitly provide reimbursement of state agencies for costs related to implementation and operation of the program and maintenance of the state highway system in connection with the program. Metro has no tolling (operational) authority for new ExpressLanes; new legislation is needed for that. The Secretary of Transportation is working on this and a bill will be introduced in the next legislative session. Meanwhile, Metro is studying the feasibility of Expresslanes on the I-105 from I-605 to LAX, extending the Expresslanes on the I-110 south to the I-405 (one or two-lane facility to be determined.) Caltrans Project Study Reports are moving forward through the end of the environmental processes. There is no funding to build anything; only study them. Board Member Lesser said relayed that Manhattan Beach residents would most likely not welcome more HOV/Express lanes. Ms. McCune said that even if some residents cannot afford to use the ExpressLanes, congestion should still be reduced throughout the corridor because those who use the Expresslanes will ideally free up capacity in the general purpose lanes. She said that it usually takes 2 to 3 years after a demonstration period to figure out which options will efficiently use capacity on the freeway, and Los Angeles is highly-congested to begin with. Two things that are certain are that transit use has increased and air quality has improved since the Expresslanes pilot began. Board Member Fuentes said that she used the I-110 ExpressLane from the I-105 entrance to Downtown LA and the toll was \$7. Ms. McCune said that that section of the I-110 Expresslane (northbound) experiences the most congestion. Southbound is not as congested. The tax dollars that were allocated to the Expresslanes are not keeping up with the ability to fund and improve the infrastructure, and gas taxes have no COLA so their revenue doesn't help much. Board Member Lesser added that he took the same trip on the same day and the traffic in the Expresslane was moving slower than in the general purpose lanes. He questioned the viability of the continuation of the Expresslanes as he has seen a continuing negative reaction in his community. Ms. McCune said that Metro has had more positive than negative feedback based on public outreach and surveys, and that it is impossible to please everyone. Board Member Dear was surprised at the negative reaction that South Bay residents may have and said that he does not see the downside of the Expresslanes, and that they should be extended wherever possible. Ms. McCune said that Metro has noticed a recent congestion increase in all lanes but does not yet know why. Chair Goodhart asked if the California Highway Patrol is receiving more funds for surveillance on the Expresslanes and Ms. McCune said that because Metro is continuing the use of the I-10 and I-110 Expresslanes beyond the demonstration, Metro is paying the CHP to enforce the laws on the Expresslanes from Metro's own gross revenues (Metro's work plan for operational and safety improvements.) Board Member Riccitiello asked if the Expresslane will be extended on the I-110 to Adams (north bound). Ms. McCune said that a study on a

flyover for that section of the I-110 is currently being conducted, but nothing more. Jacki Bacharach remarked that Metro should not use transponders sold as proof of satisfaction which they have done. In addition, she gave example of signage language that is confusing when the lane is full and suggested alternative messages that drivers could understand better. Ms. McCune said that she would take the feedback to Metro staff. Board Member Lesser requested that this issue be brought back to the Steering Committee and then the Board for further discussion, in the hope that the South Bay elected officials could do something that will have actual leverage. Board Member DiVirgilio said that he had been generally pleased with the Expresslanes but agreed that the signage language is a bit unclear. He said that users probably have unrealistic expectations (they do not always travel faster in the Expresslanes than the general purpose lanes but when people buy into the program, they think that the Expresslanes will be faster) so Metro needs to educate the public of this reality. McCune closed by saying that the higher the price of the toll, the slower the trip. Metro is trying to deter people from getting into the Expresslanes by increasing the price. People should not expect to travel faster in this case.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

- A. Metro Report by Board member Pam O'Connor** – Mike Bohlke gave Director O'Connor's report on her behalf: Due to Rosh Hashanah, the September Metro Board meeting will be held next Thursday. Major topics of interest on the Board agenda will be the LRTP and new ballot measure. He commented on the fact that many Metro Board Members from the "original 1993 Board" have left or will be leaving office, so the Board will be left with little institutional memory. Director O'Connor and Mayor Garcetti (the new Chairman of the Metro Board) discussed a "neighborhoods-up" approach that focuses on the issues that the smaller cities in the County face. Suburban transportation problems cannot be fixed with "mega projects". Director O'Connor and Mayor Garcetti also discussed the rebalancing of the funding for the subregions. In the past, the South Bay has been short-changed, which was also apparent in Measure J. Director O'Connor is worried about the ballot measure preceding the LRTP update and what would happen if attention is focused on a "shopping cart" of projects that are not related to the LRTP.
- B. South Bay Service Council Report** – Chair Goodhart said that the South Bay Service Council was given a presentation by Metro about the Rider Relief Transit Program, which provides assistance to the most economically vulnerable and transit-dependent riders in LA County.
- C. Measure R Oversight Committee Report** - Measure R SBHP Funding Request - City of Manhattan Beach for Sepulveda/Marine Project (#312.04) (*attachments*) – **Approved** (Pages 39-44) Steve Lantz announced that there the September 3rd Measure R Oversight Committee meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum and therefore this item has come straight to the Board for approval. He described Manhattan Beach's Measure R project on Sepulveda BI where westbound dual left-turn lanes are to be added at Marine Avenue. The cost of the project has risen since the original 2010 estimate from \$335,000 to \$520,000. The City is requesting that the SBCCOG increase its Measure R SBHP funding share of the project costs by \$129,500, from \$235,000 to \$364,500. The City has committed to increase its original share proportionally from \$100,000 to \$155,500. Steve Lantz also mentioned that the SBHP Annual Metro Budget Request is under preparation with a budget extending to FY20-21. Cities with new or revised projects need to let him know as soon as possible so that their projects are included in the budget request.

MOTION by Board Member Fuentes, seconded by Board Member DiVirgilio, to **approve** the amendment to the Manhattan Beach Sepulveda / Marine project (MR 312.04) Metro funding agreement that will increase SBHP Measure R funding for the project by \$129,500 from its original share of \$235,000 for a total SBHP Measure R funding commitment of \$364,500 with the condition that the City of Manhattan Beach increases its commitment from the original \$100,000 to \$155,500 and timely amends its funding agreement with Metro as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

IX. SBCCOG ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS & UPDATES – Jacki Bacharach announced the following:

- A. Status of Homeless Proposal** – The SBCCOG recently invited People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) and the Gateway Cities COG to attend the last Steering Committee meeting and explain the PATH proposal for homelessness issues in the South Bay and Gateway's experience in their area. The 1st and 2nd Supervisorial Districts have the highest homeless populations in LA County. The Gateway Cities COG formed a partnership with PATH already (currently in its third year of their program) funded by the county. The SBCCOG is waiting for its member cities to discuss their interest in these services for their city. Board Member Lesser said that he did not think there were funds at the county to address this issue and Chair Goodhart wanted to make sure that if such funds exist, that they are protected and reserved for this purpose.

- B. Status of Pending Grants and Partnerships** – Regarding the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area Group partnership, in which the DCWMAG would pay the SBCCOG for contract administration services, the SBCCOG was selected and will begin a five-year agreement period. The SBCCOG’s legal counsel, Mike Jenkins, will be paid hourly for any services provided in relation to this project. Regarding the SBCCOG’s application for the Geothermal Energy Grant from the California Energy Commission’s Local Government Geothermal Resources Revolving Subaccount, the SBCCOG was not awarded the grant. The reason was because of a technical miscalculation and the CEC’s legal counsel will not make any exceptions at this time; this unfair disqualification has happened to other parties that have applied for this grant. SBCCOG sent a letter asking them to clarify their requirements. The SBCCOG is looking for other geothermal opportunities. The CEC has a grant opportunity for BEV charging station barriers in multi-family dwellings and the SBCCOG is working with UCLA to apply for this first come, first served grant.
- C. SCE Infrastructure Reliability Update** – The SBCCOG was informed by Edison that street light poles will be increasing in height, which could be an adverse impact in oceanfront communities. Board Member Lesser said that this is a regional issue, and should not be a concern only to beach cities. He thanked the SBCCOG for its efforts in improving energy utility reliability, as he has seen an improvement in communication and service.
- D. HERO Progress Report (attachment)** - 228 applications were approved in the SB since the Home Energy Renovation Opportunity program was implemented in the South Bay. This will contribute to the South Bay’s residential gas and energy savings.
- E. Other-**
- Thanks to those who supported Rolling Hills Estates Councilmember Judy Mitchell, who was reappointed to the SCAQMD governing board, receiving an overwhelming majority of votes from the City Selection Committee in her Western Los Angeles District.
 - Danny Santana with the City of Torrance thanked the SBCCOG for providing the recent green building training course. 100% of the attendees that attended the two-day training passed the test and are now green building professionals. A quote from Santana was shown on screen.
 - The SBCCOG is continuing its Annual Holiday Light Exchange (Nov 13 and 14). The SBCCOG is getting sponsors this year for this event and will restrict the exchange to one box per household in order to serve more households. Additional sponsors are needed!
 - The SBCCOG’s Senior Services Working Group met this week and had a speaker from the City of Los Angeles’ Department of Aging present on grant writing. A representative from Metro also presented on a program called “Seniors on the Move”. A Los Angeles County representative also came to talk about an RFP that will be released December that will focus on transportation opportunities for seniors.
 - The SBCCOG’s Social Media Working Group also met this week and had a great exchange of information. A member of the Torrance library staff taught the group how to track trends and viewings on Facebook and the Public Information Act in relation to social media posts was discussed as well.

X. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Gazeley:** The City of Lomita supports the federal bill that directs the FAA to reduce helicopter noise in Los Angeles. He asked that this be on a future Board meeting agenda for discussion.
- **Huff:** The City of Rolling Hills Estates held a ground-breaking ceremony for the Peter Weber Equestrian Center Improvement Project this morning and celebrated its 57th Anniversary last week.
- **Knight:** The California Competes Tax Credit is an income tax credit available to businesses that want to come to California or stay and grow in California. Tax credit agreements will be negotiated by GO-Biz and approved by a statutorily created “California Competes Tax Credit Committee.” For fiscal year 2014-15, GO-Biz will accept applications for the California Competes Tax Credit during the following periods: September 29, 2014, through October 27, 2014 (\$45 million available); January 5, 2015, through February 2, 2015 (\$75 million available); March 09, 2015, through April 6, 2015 (\$31.1 million available plus any unallocated amounts from the previous application periods)
- **Fuentes:** The El Segundo Chamber of Commerce will be holding its Salute to the Military event on Oct 8.
- **Dear:** Carson’s Veterans Job Fair will be held on Oct 3 at the StubHub from 9am to 2pm
- **Goodhart:** The City of Palos Verdes Estates is holding its 75th Diamond Jubilee Celebration at PV Golf Club on October 18. The City will also be holding Autumn Forums on various topics as a way for residents to get to know their city.
- **DiVirgilio:** The City of Hermosa Beach has a “This is My City” summer program that offers middle school students a chance to see and learn all the aspects of living in a city (from local government, school

districts, local media, and small business development). Bacharach commented that she hear the presentation and it is an impressive program.

- **Dear:** Regarding the SBESC's list of community events, he asked to have staff check with him before posting any Carson events to ensure accuracy for his city.

XI. AGENCY REPORTS

- A. League of California Cities** – Chair Goodhart reported that the LA Division met this week and the Legislative Committee discussed Proposition P. The LA Division of the League supports it. LA County voters approved the Safe Neighborhood Parks Measure in 1992, which generates about \$54 million a year for neighborhood and regional parks and recreation. The previous measure is about to expire and Measure P would continue funding \$54 million a year through an annual \$23 per parcel special tax for 30 years. Every property in the County would pay the tax. Measure P allocates funds across the County, with increased emphasis on projects that enhance water quality in the LA River, San Gabriel River, creeks, lakes and beaches; projects that protect water supply sources; projects in park-poor areas; and projects that employ local youth. Chair Goodhart also announced that the Los Angeles All Cities Holidays event will be held on December 4 in Long Beach. Jeff Kiernan reported that the League opposed AB 2188 (solar permitting) but it was passed. Board Member Knight asked Mr. Kiernan if it would be possible to help walk city staff through the solar bill details, specifically cities permitting office staff. Mr. Kiernan distributed the League's 2014 November Ballot Measures Review, listing the League's position on four of the six ballot measures on the November general election ballot. Regarding SB 743, which amends CEQA guidelines to provide an alternative to Level of Service for evaluating transportation impacts, Jacki Bacharach suggested that Mr. Kiernan attend a workshop that Fehr & Peers will hold at the SBCCOG office to talk about anything that happened during this previous legislative session that changes city procedures.
- B. South Coast Air Quality Management District** - Stan Myles distributed event fliers for the Annual Clean Air Awards and mentioned several previous Clean Air Award recipients from the South Bay.
- C. SCAG & Committees** – none present
- D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission** – Board Member Knight reported that the Commission did not meet in September
- E. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce** - Not Present
- F. South Bay Workforce Investment Board** - Chris Cagle said that the SBCCOG should consider involving the SBWIB in its efforts to help the homeless, as the SBWIB can assist the homeless with finding jobs. The Cities of Torrance and Lomita have voted to become member cities of the SBWIB, expanding the SBWIB's territory to 11 cities. The SBWIB will need to modify the Joint Power Authority agreements of all SBWIB member cities and receive approval from the State of California WIB and Governor. The SBWIB is trying to rally support of stakeholders and would like the SBCCOG to send a letter supporting this merger.

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 13 & 14	Annual Holiday Light Exchange (<i>attachment</i>)
November 20	Annual Thank You Reception for Volunteers (<i>attachment</i>)

XIII. OCTOBER SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

Consult website for specific times and places for other meetings – www.southbaycities.org

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Goodhart adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm to Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Hiratzka
Recording Secretary