

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012
SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER THEATER
20285 S. WESTERN AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, TORRANCE, CA 90501

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

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

In attendance were the following voting members:

Julie Ruiz-Raber, Carson	Ellen Perkins, Palos Verdes Estates
Suzanne Fuentes, El Segundo	Jim Knight, Rancho Palos Verdes
Dan Medina, Gardena	Pat Aust, Redondo Beach
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood	Susan Rhilinger, Torrance
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	Dan Rosenfeld, LA County SD2
David Lesser, Manhattan Beach	

Other Elected Officials:

Matt Kilroy, Redondo Beach
Susan Seamans, Rolling Hills Estates

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Stan Miles, AQMD	Sabrina Bornstein, SBCCOG
David Biggs, Carson	Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG
Walter Rosenkranz, Daimler	Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Ann Garten, El Camino College	Lisa Rodriguez, SBCCOG
Mike Bohlke, MTA Director O'Connor	Catherine Showalter, SBCCOG
Alan Patashnick, Metro	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Consultant
Lan Saadatnejadi, Metro	John Parsons, SBWIB
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	

CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – Addition of Item # D to Consent Calendar

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **August Board Meeting Minutes** (*attachment*) – Approve
- B. **Resolution 2012-2 Urging Congress and the President to take action to avoid the Consequences of Sequestration** (*attachment*) – Approve
- C. **MOU for Sub-Metering with El Segundo and Gardena** (*attachments*) – Approve
- D. **Task Order #2 – Siembab Corporation Master Agreement** (*attachment*) – Approve

E. **4th Quarter Financial Report** (*attachment*) – **Receive and file**

F. **Legislation of Interest** (*attachment*) – **Receive and file**

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

PRESENTATIONS

Car2go in the South Bay

Walter Rosenkranz of Daimler introduced the automotive company's innovative personal mobility service program called Car2go. Daimler has Car2go programs all over the world and United States, and is considering the implementation of a car-sharing pilot program in the South Bay. For further information see www.car2go.com

In specific regards to the South Bay, primary and secondary research indicates a potential home area of approx. 40 square miles – not PVP or initially Carson or Inglewood. They would place approximately 300 vehicles here at the start of the program. Benefits include: ease parking pressure by facilitating public transit, alleviates concerns associated with the “last mile” of a commute, increased mobility may increase revenues to local businesses, reduction of carbon footprint. Board Member Aust asked who pays metered parking, the customer, or Car2go? Mr. Rosenkranz answered that members do not have to feed meters if the city has an agreement with Car2go (the program will reimburse the city.) Board Member Valentine asked what the general response from the South Bay was thus far. Jacki Bacharach said that Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Hawthorne, Gardena, El Segundo, Torrance, Lawndale, Lomita, and Redondo Beach have met with her to discuss this. Everyone sees the possibilities so now we just need to coordinate. The SBCCOG also was met with its legal counsel to work out a generic agreement for participating cities to sign with car2go. The South Bay Sustainable Strategy and the strategy's transportation component targets the secondary vehicles in each household. This program could advance those goals. Board Member Lesser asked how long the vehicles are usually parked in metered areas and Mr. Rosenkranz said that metered parking has proven to be high turn-over areas. Users do not seem to stay parked there for long periods of time. Board Member Lesser also asked if Car2go can guarantee that a member will NOT be stranded, should they take public transportation and need a car waiting for them upon arrival at a station. Mr. Rosenkranz said that there is no guarantee that a car will be available. After using the system a few times, members learn where to park and find a car. Chair Franklin asked if the vehicles must stay on a main street instead of a residential street and Mr. Rosenkranz said that members ending their trips do not have to necessarily park the vehicles on main streets for other members. There are several ways to find an available vehicle: use the Car2go phone system application, book your reservation online so the vehicle is yours for a 15 minute grace period, call the call center to find where the available vehicles are since they all have GPS devices in them. Parked vehicles that are already reserved will have signage displaying that they are not for use by another. Board Member Fuentes asked about ending a trip and parking in private lots. Mr. Rosenkranz said that members must not park in private lots. Vehicles must be parked in a public right-of-way or in designated business lots that Car2go has an agreement with. Members who do this are subject to a fee, should the vehicle need to be relocated by Car2go. Board Member Lesser remarked that he anticipates pushback from Manhattan Beach constituents, since the city has so few parking spaces, not to mention the street-sweeping schedule. He also asked what the sustainable case is that Car2go can make. Mr. Rosenkranz said that the vehicles are less than 9 feet long, and gave an example from the program in Washington DC. He said that turnover is so great in DC and many of the residents there are members, so this problem does not exist there. The more people that use the system, the more people give up their personal cars. Members must park in any legal street space, but not loading areas. If drivers get a ticket, the driver is accountable. Chair Franklin asked if people can steal the vehicles and Mr. Rosenkranz said a thief may break into the vehicle, but will not be able to start the engine without a pin number. Once a member reports a stolen vehicle, Car2go will deactivate it remotely. Board Member Valentine asked how Car2go staff conveys the program's rules to their members. Mr. Rosenkranz said that when a person registers, they are required to read the rules before completing registration, there is a laminated sheet of rules in each vehicle, and Car2go sends a monthly e-newsletter to its members. Board Member Mitchell commented that San Diego's program is an all-electric fleet and wondered if that would be possible for the South Bay. Mr. Rosenkranz said that it comes down to the charging infrastructure, and if the region can support it. Jacki Bacharach concluded by announcing next steps: Councilmembers need to talk to their city staff about this. The SBCCOG cannot enter into a partnership with Car2go; each city must do that on its own and the SBCCOG will help facilitate. Cities who wish to participate in the pilot will have to talk about uniform

practices. If South Bay cities adopt resolutions by the end of January 2013, the SBCCOG will announce this at its General Assembly in February, and have a vehicle there! If the South Bay shows other car sharing companies that the South Bay cities can do this as a unit, we can attract more interesting program opportunities for our constituents.

Climate Action Planning in the South Bay

Sabrina Bornstein, Environmental Program Analyst at the SBCCOG, presented the status of the work plan and timeline of Climate Action Plans for all the SBCCOG member cities. The SBCCOG has already completed each city's GHG inventories from 2009-11 (municipal operations and community-wide emissions). And now, cities are being encouraged to set targets for reducing GHG emissions as we work with them to develop their individual Climate Action Plans. These plans will address as appropriate: Extreme weather patterns, increased temperatures, coastal erosion, rise of sea level, and local economics are all impacts on the South Bay as a result of GHG emissions. CAP benefits: local control, reducing severity of impacts and improving resiliency, emergency preparedness, cost-effective and efficient, econ development, leveraging resources and sharing best practices. There are grant opportunities for cities with CAPs in place. The SBCCOG is following ICLEI's 5-milestone process. Ms. Bornstein will be sending the CAP identified staff in each city a workbook, or "menu," of strategies. Water issues will be incorporated into the strategies. Next steps: schedule meetings to set GHG emission targets for each city; city staff need to review their strategies for existing practices and possible future direction. Board Member Knight commented that Rancho Palos Verdes has been promoting energy efficiency to save taxpayers' money, and asked if the city should redirect/redefine the work to encompass climate change? As a practical matter, Board Member Knight finds that constituents are more open to implementing municipal energy efficiency measures when they are told it will save taxpayers' dollars rather than being told it will help prevent climate change. Ms. Bornstein suggested using the energy efficient rebates to start a dialogue between the city and its residents. She suggested adding another component to the energy efficiency improvements, as opposed to changing the motives behind the improvements.

Review of Ballot Measures (attachment) – APPROVE

Jacki Bacharach reported that the SBCCOG Steering Committee recommended to NOT adopt any position except on Measure E El Camino Collegel Bond Measure (support). Ann Garten, Community Relations Director at El Camino College, addressed the Board in support of Measure E. She announced that the Board of Trustees of the El Camino Community College District recently approved Measure E, a \$350 million facilities bond extension, to be placed on the November 2012 ballot. Measure E is an extension of El Camino College's first-ever facilities bond, approved by voters in 2002. Much progress has been made in the past 10 years, but a bond extension is needed to complete the facilities upgrades needed at the 65-year-old Torrance-area campus. This bond will help El Camino College make safety, technology, and energy-saving improvements to its campus. Supporting this Measure will also allow local students early enrollment.

MOTION by Board Member Mitchell, seconded by Board Member Perkins, to **approve** the recommendation of not taking a position, except to **support** Item E. Ayes: 13; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0. So ordered.

TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

Metro Report by Board member Pam O'Connor

Mike Bohlke, Deputy to Director O'Connor, reported the following:

At the Sept 27 MTA Board Meeting, a motion was approved by Supervisor Knabe to:

1. Instruct the CEO to report back during the next MTA Board meeting cycle in October 2012 on what it would take to "accelerate" completion of the Green Line to LAX/Airport Metro Connector Project, with or without Measure J, for construction completed and in revenue service by 2018, on a timeline that complements both the Crenshaw Corridor Light Rail Project and the South Bay Green Line Extension Project, which are connected to and share the Green Line Corridor;
2. Identify and recommend a strategic implementation framework and action plan that includes project and funding alternatives, and options for working with LAWA, as well as local, state, and federal partners, to fund and implement the Green Line to LAX/Airport Metro Connector Project on an accelerated schedule;
3. Identify and recommend advocacy efforts with relevant federal agencies (FTA, FAA, etc) to better coordinate and streamline the federal review process, including resolving any road blocks to project funding, implementation and acceleration;
4. Report back on any relevant comments that may be submitted to LAWA by Metro in response to the LAX SPAS DEIR public review process; and
5. Return to the Board in the October 2012 Board Meeting cycle to present the report and recommendations

for consideration and discussion by the full Board.

On Sept 26, the SBCCOG sent a letter to the MTA Board Office and Board Members (cc: Art Leahy), supporting this. Supervisor Knabe is trying to get the City of LA and LAWA to respond quicker, and appreciated the support of the SBCCOG. Construction will perhaps begin in 2018. Other updates from Mr. Bohlke included: Relinquishment of Park and Ride lots from Caltrans to MTA- Caltrans expects MTA to take responsibility for hazardous property (past and present issues) that MTA will inherit once MTA owns the lots. Jacki Bacharach asked MTA to prepare a fact sheet for the SBCCOG's Legislative Briefing on Oct 11. This is an historic problem with Caltrans; they make MTA address the problem before they officially relinquish the property, in order to be free and clear of liability caused by hazardous materials. This affects the Harbor Gateway Transit Center, as MTA is in the process of acquiring it from Caltrans. This is delaying the relinquishment process.

Service Council report by Ralph Franklin, Chair

Chair Franklin reported that the South Bay Service Council is concerned about certain station name changes (i.e.: Willowbrook/Rosa Parks). He announced that the Metro EZ transit pass, a monthly pass good for local travel on 24 different public transit carriers throughout the Greater Los Angeles region, is planning to go paperless as it leaps onto the TAP (Transit Access Pass), L.A. County's new fare payment system. The EZ pass will be loaded onto the durable plastic card contain a smart chip that enables riders to buy and electronically load Metro passes, participating regional and local transit line passes, electronic cash, or any combination of the three. Chair Franklin also reported that on Aug 30, the service council had a meeting with Art Leahy. MTA is taking no position on Measure J on the November ballot. If the voters approve it, MTA will move forward on full funding. Chair Franklin also stated that the heightened increase of suicidal issues (in front of buses and trains) has caused MTA to take specific precautions to abate this. He also said that 600 new buses will be added to MTA's fleet, with a life expectancy of 12 years.

Measure R Oversight Committee Report

Jacki Bacharach said that if Measure J passes and the South Bay cities want to accelerate a rail project, we can borrow against our highway funds, and vice versa. MTA is asking for a TIFIA loan and the South Bay is mentioned in there, and she wanted to make it publicly known that the SBCCOG did not make that request; MTA did. If Measure J passes, the SBCCOG decide if we do want to be included in January 2013.

1. **Policy on Matching SBHP Funds for Metro Call for Projects (attachment) – APPROVE** Jacki Bacharach reported the recommendation from the SBCCOG's Measure R Oversight Committee:

South Bay Measure R Subfunds will provide up to 100% of the minimum local match required in each modal category of the 2013 Call for Projects Application Package for South Bay applications that meet the eligibility requirements of the CFP and Measure R Subfund. Lead agencies are strongly encouraged to apply for Call for Projects funding for any candidate project that has a total cost of \$1 million for a Regional Surface Transportation Improvement or Goods Movement Improvement project or that has a total project cost of \$500,000 for any project in another category. The SBCCOG will place a first priority on use of the Measure R Subfunds available each year to provide the "local" match for approved Call projects. Projects that are not awarded Call for Projects funding will be considered for Measure R Subfunds in the biannual update of the SBCCOG SBHP Implementation Plan once Call for Projects funding commitments have been met. Lead agencies are strongly encouraged to define the limits and scope their project to be able to fully fund their anticipated costs using the Subfund local match, Call for Projects match and any additional available funding.

MOTION by Board Member Perkins, seconded by Board Member Ruiz-Raber, to **approve** the Measure R Oversight Committee's recommendation of using as described. Ayes: 13; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0. So ordered.

2. **Selection of the SB Call Project candidate projects (attachment) –** Steve Lantz said that projects not awarded in the call are secondary candidates. The policies leverage South Bay Measure R funding 35% subfunds and 65% call funds.
3. **Policy on Delegation of Authority (attachment) – APPROVE** Jacki Bacharach reported that this policy as described in the attachment will help clarify delegation of authority more specifically and guide committee deliberations and public understanding of the decision making process for South Bay Measure R matters.

MOTION by Board Member Perkins, seconded by Board Member Ruiz-Raber, to **approve** the Measure R Oversight Committee's Recommended SBHP Delegation of Authority Policy as submitted. Ayes: 13; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0. So ordered.

SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES

Catherine Showalter reported that Southern California Edison has allowed the SBESC to hold a holiday light exchange out of its office in Torrance in November. She also reported that the SBESC will be holding 2 solar thermal workshops with the Southern California Gas Company in the future. There will be rebate check presentation to the City of Lawndale for recent energy efficiency efforts. Interviews for the SBESC's Transportation Environmental Services Analyst position will take place next week.

SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. South Bay Sustainable Strategy Jacki Bacharach announced that the SBCCOG's Local Use Vehicle pilot program was selected as an AQMD Clean Air Award Winner for 2012 in the category of Innovative Transportation Projects.

1. **LUV, BEV and other EV issues** Jacki said the BEV contract process is taking longer than originally anticipated and the SBCCOG is waiting for the AQMD legal department to sign the contract. She also said that Wally Siembab is working with cities on their charging infrastructure, and so far, Manhattan Beach has shared its staff report which she encouraged. Jacki remarked that SBCCOG staff will be attending upcoming SCAG committee meetings .
2. **Economic Development activities** Jacki said that the group decided that tourism would be their first focus. The next meeting for the Economic Development committee will be on Oct 25.
 - a. **Mission, Goals & Strategy (attachment) – APPROVE.**

MOTION by Board Member Ruiz-Raber, seconded by Board Member Valentine, to **approve** the formation of the South Bay Economic Development Directors' Roundtable and their mission, goals, and strategy as presented. Ayes: 13; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0. So ordered.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board Member Ruiz-Raber: Saturday, September 29 is the dedication of Carson's international sculpture garden.
- Board Member Knight: Terranea Resort won a 2012 SoCal Environmental Excellence Development SEED Award for landscaping
- Board Member Rhilinger: Torrance is finally closing its centennial year on Oct 28 at 10am-5pm. 40 food trucks will be at this event, and there will be a dove release at 4:30 at Wilson park.
- Board Member Medina: On Oct 6 Gardena will hold its Heritage Festival and Street Fair at city hall.
- Chair Franklin asked Steve Lantz to speak about the Project Management c5-session course that is being offered to City Staff. Mr. Lantz reported that there are 40 participants and that they course is in its 3rd of 5 sessions.
- Chair Franklin had a town hall meeting last weekend, at which, Grace Farwell of the SBESC promoted Energy Upgrade California. Metro was also there to educate/sell the new transponders that are required for the 10 and 110 freeways' carpool lane access.
- Local newspapers from Gardena and Inglewood were distributed at this board meeting which featured articles about the SBCCOG and SBESC.
- Chair Franklin: On Oct 12-13, the space shuttle Endeavor will be passing through Inglewood. Special seating is reserved for all SBCCOG Board Members at 9am on Oct 13th at the Forum. Board Members need to let Chair Franklin know if they wish to keep or relinquish their seats ASAP.

AGENCY REPORTS

A. League of California Cities- Jacki Bacharach read Jeff Kiernan's report, as Mr. Kiernan was ill: SB 965 (Wright), which was supported by the League, was signed by Governor Brown. SB 965 clarifies that there is no prohibition on ex parte communications between members of the State Water Resources Control Board or the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards and the regulated

community in connection with specific permit proceedings, including those involving the issuance or modification of general storm water permits/. The legislation will help cities communicate with water boards as permits are in development. The League has also filed a lawsuit to overturn several provisions in AB 1484, the Redevelopment Budget Trailer Bill. In particular, the League is going after the expansion of powers to the Department of Finance and the clawback provisions (where the DOF can withhold a city's sales tax revenue in retaliation for what they consider to be inappropriate actions by a successor agency.) Still awaiting action by the Governor, SB 214 (Wolk), eliminates the 2/3rds vote threshold, which was in place for establishing an Infrastructure Financing District and for bonding against a city's sales tax in that district. This would give cities addition flexibility to build sewage treatment, watershed lands, flood management, libraries, child care facilities, recreation facilities, and facilities for the transfer and disposal of solid waste.

- B. South Coast Air Quality Management District-** Board Member Mitchell congratulated the SBCCOG on its Clean Air Award. Jacki Bacharach asked those who are interested in attending the awards ceremony at the Biltmore Hotel on October 12 to let her know. Board Member Mitchell submitted a written report, containing updates of SCAQMD activities.
- C. SCAG & Committees- Matt Horton** was not present
 - 1. Energy and Environment-** Board Member Mitchell mentioned the 2-year transportation bill that passed Congress in July. Under the agreement, federal transportation funding will continue at roughly \$54 billion a year, but this does not include the goods movement. Board Member Mitchell reported that this can be lobbied after November. She also said that SCAG is concerned about what may happen to the region with sequestration. Their General Assembly is scheduled for May 2-3, 2013, and they are co-hosting an economic summit at Bonaventure Hotel on December 6, 2012. Board Member Mitchell commented that this may be a good opportunity for the newly formed South Bay Economic Development Director's group to attend. Finally, Board Member Mitchell announced that the SBCCOG will be the first COG to receive video tele-conferencing capabilities.
 - 2. Transportation-** Board Member Medina reported that he was elected appointed to the Public Health RTP subcommittee
 - 3. Community, Economic, & Human Development-** no September meeting
 - 4. Regional Council-** Board Member Gazeley reported that the members of the Regional Council were at the League Conference that day, and there was no quorum for the meeting present
- E. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission-** No September meeting
- F. South Bay Cities City Managers' Association-** David Biggs reported that he is the new chair and he just completed his first year with the City of Carson. He said that pension reform and redevelopment are the main topics at these meetings. On October 9 there will be workshops on disillusion of redevelopment at the Carson Community Center. Mr. Biggs also spoke about the LA City and County Del Amo BI Measure R project- he would like to see that completed.

Board Member Mitchell distributed information about an upcoming event at USC that is being run by RHE Councilman Zerunyan. On October 12-13 2012, the Price School of Public Policy will hold its Local Leaders Program, bridging the gap between theoretical learning and real-life experience. Key topics will include Cost Management and Control, Global Supply and Demand, Housing Policy in the wake of Redevelopment, and the turnaround in California demographics. City Managers are specifically invited to attend this event.

- G. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce-** Board Member Rhilinger reported that the South Bay Business Hall of Fame Luncheon will take place on November 2 at the Ayres Hotel in Hawthorne.
- H. South Bay Workforce Investment Board-** John Parsons discussed SB1402 (Lieu) Economic Development: California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program. He said that the SBWIB is watching this bill closely as it moves forward. He also talked about the National Emergency Grant that the SBWIB was awarded (\$40 million) and how the SBWIB is also asking the State for additional funds for this same cause. This program has already served 40% of its enrollees (people who were laid off from specific firms during a specific time period.)

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jacki Bacharach announced the SBCCOG's quarterly Legislative Briefing/breakfast on October 11 at 8am in the SBESC Theater in Torrance. Anyone with issues they'd like to see on the agenda should let Jacki know. Board Member Fuentes requested that the issue of sequestration be brought up with Senator Feinstein's office at the Legislative Briefing, as her office has not taken a position on that yet.
- Jacki Bacharach announced that the CPUC Commissioners will be holding meetings in Irvine on Oct 24 and she would like to know which City Councilmembers are interested in attending to raise awareness about issues in the South Bay. In response to Jacki's request, Board Member Mitchell requested that the issue of electric vehicle overnight charging rates be discussed. Board Member Lesser also commented that the City of Manhattan Beach has been neglected regarding charging infrastructure, and he plans to be there.
- Jacki Bacharach announced that on November 15, the SBESC's 5th Annual Volunteer Recognition Reception will commence at 4:30. Please RSVP to Martha@sbesc.com

OCTOBER SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

Consult web site for specific times and places – www.southbaycities.org

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Franklin adjourned the meeting in memory of former State Senator and Former Mayor of Inglewood, Edward Vincent, at 8:17 p.m. to Thursday, October 25, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Hiratzka
Recording Secretary