

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director  
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SUBJECT: South Bay Cities Mobility Matrix Final Project List

## ADHERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

***Goal A: Environment, Transportation and Economic Development.*** Facilitate, implement and/or educate members and others about environmental, transportation and economic development programs that benefit the South Bay.

## BACKGROUND

L. A. Metro is preparing Sub-regional Mobility Matrices in all sub-regions of L. A. County as an initial step in preparing an update of the Metro Long Range Transportation Plan. The Mobility Matrix process and Preliminary South Bay Mobility Matrix project list was last presented to the SBCCOG Steering Committee and Board in November 2014. 4 The 155-page Sub-regional Mobility Matrix South Bay Cities Project Final Report includes an executive summary, an overview of the South Bay Sub-region, study goals and objectives, and a South Bay Mobility Matrix project list. The report also includes an interesting Mobility Matrix South Bay Cities Baseline Conditions Report (Appendix D) with background information on South Bay demographics, travel patterns, vehicle travel, transit travel, and active transportation programs. The Final Report is available at:

[http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/FINAL%20REPORT%20WITH%20APPENDIX%20D\\_4.pdf](http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/FINAL%20REPORT%20WITH%20APPENDIX%20D_4.pdf)

Metro staff and consultants have been working with the SBCCOG and South Bay local jurisdictions during the past six months to complete the South Bay Mobility Matrix Project List. The current version includes more than 420 projects, programs and strategies covering a broad spectrum of potential mobility improvements. The Metro Mobility Matrix is expected to incorporate sub-regional transportation projects and programs from throughout L. A. County and to provide a high-level evaluation of their performance. The projects are categorized by mode and by implementation timeframe (near, mid, and long term).

## PURPOSE OF MOBILITY MATRIX

This countywide Metro Mobility Matrix Project List is intended to provide a baseline resource for Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update and a potential source of projects to be considered for inclusion in a future countywide transportation sales tax measure. Metro staff is asking for each COG to adopt/accept its sub-regional mobility matrix list by the end of March 2015. Acceptance of the technical document would conclude the Mobility Matrix development process and would not imply any future SBCCOG position on the design of the next Metro Long Range Transportation Plan or sales tax measure.

Metro recognizes that the South Bay Mobility Matrix is a March 2015 snapshot and a living document which can be updated as local agencies, the SBCCOG, and neighboring sub-regions identify projects, programs and strategies that should be added, deleted or modified.

#### PROPOSED SALES TAX

On February 25, 2015, Metro sent a letter to all of the COGs requesting our project priorities for consideration as part of a potential ballot measure. Metro intends to use the sub-regional priorities along with input from all other stakeholders as well as other research and analysis to support the sizing of ballot measure funding categories and to identify individual transit and highway capital projects.

Metro has asked to receive the SBCCOG sub-regional priorities by April 20, 2015. The imminent deadline is necessary to meet the Metro Board's June 25, 2015 schedule for a draft expenditure plan related to a potential November 2016 ballot measure. Exhibit 1 is a draft letter that has been prepared for SBCCOG Board consideration in response to the Metro request. The letter calls for a different approach to the development of the potential ballot measure. It expresses our concern that it would be more prudent if Metro developed the LRTP first including two scenarios – one with what could be built with a sales tax and one with what would happen without a sales tax. With the knowledge that will be gained from the LRTP process, then a sales tax could be developed which would be a more accurate and achievable response to the region's needs.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The SBCCOG Steering Committee recommends that the SBCCOG Board of Directors accepts the final South Bay Mobility Matrix report and approves transmittal of the Exhibit 1 letter to the Metro Board of Directors.