

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – January 9, 2019**

Attendees: Chair Stephanie Katsouleas (Manhattan Beach); Lifan Xu (El Segundo); William Mendoza & Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Akbar Farokhi & Alan Leung (Hawthorne); Glen Kau (Hermosa Beach); Louis Atwell (Inglewood); Pamela Lee (LA City); Prem Kumar (Manhattan Beach); Ted Semaan, Didar Khandker & Andrew Winje (Redondo Beach); Rob Beste (Torrance); Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); Jane White, William Johnson & John Ickis (LA County DPW); Mark Dierking (Metro); Vic Nol (SCE); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG); Jeff Lau, Vanessa Munoz (Willdan) & Bob Brooks (Inglewood Presenter)

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of October 10, 2018 Meeting Notes** – Chair Stephanie Katsouleas called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. The October 10, 2018 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Reports**

SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach gave the following updates:

- **Broadband:** The SBCCOG is working with one proposer to organize site visits in each city to refine project costs.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Funding for energy efficiency work is being cut so there is a budget shortfall for the SBCCOG’s energy engineer. The SBCCOG Steering Committee is considering options, including a 5% fee on all incentives paid to cities by the SCE/SCG.
- **Adaptation:** The SBCCOG is hosting a CivicSpark fellow who is beginning work on climate adaptation strategies, the follow-up to the SBCCOG’s Climate Action Plan work.
- **Local Vehicle Network project:** The SBCCOG recently received a grant from Caltrans for the design of a local vehicle network (slow speed lane network) that would identify a network of roads that would allow for the safer use of the slower speed vehicles. The SBCCOG will be looking for a contact in each Public Works Department to help gather GIS and other data.
- **Workshops:** Cannabis regulations (January 24 & 31, February 7 & 14); Goods Movement “Battle for the Curb” (January 24 & 31, February 7)
- **General Assembly:** the 20th General Assembly is taking place Thursday, February 28th at the Carson Community Center from 9am-3pm. The theme of this year’s General Assembly is “Celebrating the past and shaping the future” and will include panels of local historians, experts on happiness, aging, and diversity, as well as a keynote address from the CEO of the LA Times, Patrick Soon-Shiong.
- **SBCCOG Office Space:** The SBCCOG lease is up in November 2019 and a relocation will be likely. If any attendees know of municipal building space available for rent, please contact Ms. Bacharach.

South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW: Jane White announced that Robert Torres is now working in a different division and future SBTF updates will be provided by Mr. John Ickis. Ms. White went on to provide brief updates on the County’s ITS and TSSP projects. For more details on these projects, the full report can be found on the SBCCOG website at: http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_Januaruy%202019%20South%20Bay%20Traffic%20Forum%20Report.pdf

Caltrans: Mr. Shih reported that the 405/Crenshaw project is still on schedule and is expected to be listed for construction in March 2020. Work also continues on the 405/110 interchange project.

L. A. **Metro Updates**

- **L.A. Metro Board:** Mr. Dierking reported that there will be Green Line closures between the Hawthorne/Lennox Station and the Redondo Beach Station from until January 20th at 3am. Shuttles will be provided free of charge. The flier on the closures can be found online at: http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_GL%20Rider%20Alert.pdf
- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee:** Mr. Beste announced that he would like to give other city staff an opportunity to represent the South Bay on the TAC. Mr. Winje added that he would like to open up the opportunity for the Streets and Freeway Subcommittee as well.

III. **Measure R SBHP**

- **Annual Program Evaluation Tool and Summary Table**
Mr. Lantz reviewed the new APE report, explaining that the report starts over each July. If there are any errors noted, let David Leger know so the edits can be made. The report can be viewed online at: http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_December%202018%20APE.pdf

– **FY 19-20 SBHP Metro Budget Request Update**

Mr. Lantz reported that SBCCOG staff is working with project applicants to address Metro comments regarding eligibility of project applications for Measure R South Bay Highway Program funding. The SBCCOG Board will consider approving the project list for submission to Metro at its January 24th meeting.

IV. **Other Program Updates**

– **South Bay Sub-Regional Funding Options**

Mr. Lantz briefly reviewed the memo with the working group, explaining that there are large policy decisions that need to be considered for accelerating 8 of Metro’s major projects. The memo includes an overview of the funding options being considered by Metro staff and Board. Some of the improvements identified that are of particular interest to the South Bay include platform extensions for five current Green Line stations; traction power upgrades, and a grade-separation of the wye to ensure that all riders to and from the South Bay have a one seat ride to/from the Exposition Line and/or Norwalk. Mr. Lantz noted that the South Bay should begin considering if any of the improvements are worth funding through sub-regional Measure M programs, or if the sub-region should be advocating Metro pay for the improvements as part of the Green Line mid-life rebuild. Other major policy decisions to be considered are whether or not the South Bay should contribute 10% of the project cost to accelerate the Green Line and/or I-405 Operational Improvements for possible completion by the 2028 Olympics. Both projects are underfunded on Metro’s 28 by 2028 list.

– **Measure M MSP Development Program Status**

Mr. Lantz reported that the project application deadline for Measure M MSP projects is January 15th. The MSP Task Force will meet on January 16th. He briefly discussed the next steps for project selection.

Chair Katsouleas asked if a project that was not approved by Metro staff for Measure R funding could be submitted for funding in Measure M. Mr. Lantz explained that as long as it was an eligible project, it could be considered.

– **Metro ExpressLanes**

Ms. Bacharach reported that Metro staff is proposing to use surplus revenues from the I-110 ExpressLanes to fund the expansion of the ExpressLanes network throughout the county via a loan process. Metro would borrow up to 80% of the surplus I-110 toll revenues for network expansion and the remaining 20% would be available for projects within the I-110 corridor. The loan would be repaid over 25 years. The I-105 ExpressLane would be among the first projects to receive funding. Ms. Bacharach noted that this is not a Metro Board adopted policy, but is the current proposal by Metro Staff. Meetings with Metro Board Members Hahn, Butts, and Fasana as well as Metro Staff continue.

– **CITT/SBCCOG Goods Movement Class**

Mr. Lantz reported that the Center for International Trade and Transportation at the CSULB has partnered with the SBCCOG to hold a three-part series of goods movement classes in January and February to look at what’s needed to effectively move goods through an urban area, particularly considering the technological changes underway related to internet commerce. The workshops are for both consultants and city staff.

V. **Spotlight Presentation**

– **Inglewood Entertainment District Update**

Mr. Atwell briefly recapped the major projects currently underway in the Inglewood Entertainment District, including the new \$5 Billion NFL stadium. He then introduced Mr. Bob Brooks, an expert in transportation planning for sports/entertainment venues. Mr. Brooks was brought on by the City of Inglewood to help design a Transportation Management and Operations Plan (TMOP) that will identify the myriad of transportation strategies to minimize traffic impacts from special events in the Entertainment District.

Mr. Brooks went on to discuss the TMOP, explaining that it is a “living document” and is not intended to be a permanent/final answer to transportation management on special event days. Mr. Brooks identified challenges the City/Stadium face as well as potential remedies which include expanded bus service from LA Metro and municipal operators; traffic signal/ITS upgrades and strategies; park and ride initiatives; and coordinated parking lot and shuttle programs.

VI. **Three-Month Look Ahead** – Received and filed.

VII. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Chair Katsouleas adjourned the meeting at 1:38 pm until February 13, 2019 (public meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz (lantzsh10@gmail.com) by February 1, 2019.