

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – February 10, 2021 (Held via Zoom)

Attendees: Chair Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach); Elias Sassoon (El Segundo); Julian Lee (Lawndale); Erik Zandvliet (Manhattan Beach); Andrew Winje, Jesse Reyes & Michael Klein (Redondo Beach); Steve Finton & Joey Garcia (Torrance); Daritza Gonzalez & Luke Klipp (Supervisor Hahn); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG); Sarah Horn (Caltrans); William Johnson & John Ickis (LACDPW); Maria Rosales & Will Chen (LACSD); Isidro Panuco & Mark Dierking (Metro); Carlos Ortiz (Advantec); Anissa Voyiatzes (Arduzza); Steven Anderson (DEA); Alan Clelland (DKS); Rawad Hani (Gentec Solutions); Wayne Richardson (HDR); Sri Chakravarthy (Kimley-Horn); Myriam Fruasto & Paul Martin (Mark Thomas); Monica Killen & Michael Ip (MNS Engineers); Diego Cadena (WKE)

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of January 13, 2021 IWG Meeting Notes** – Chair Ted Semaan called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. The January 13, 2021 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Update Reports**

A. SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach reported that SBCCOG is working with Supervisor Hahn’s office to study L. A. County Health Department and Service Planning Area (SPA) boundaries to determine if there are opportunities to provide local cities more autonomy and/or improve communications between the cities within a SPA. The SBCCOG is also preparing comments on the LAWA ATMP EIR that seek further analysis of traffic impacts and mitigations coming from the South, air traffic regionalization, and the timing of Terminal 9 opening. She also reported that the SBCCOG is finalizing education modules for city staff on homeless issues and resources, including “myth vs. fact” commentary on many common perceptions. At the February Board meeting, there will be presentations on the SBCCOG’s Local Travel Network report, the mid-year budget update, and the C (Green) Line extension to Torrance. The SBCCOG is also asking cities to provide a list of any other potential municipal sites for connection to the South Bay Fiber Network by February 28th. Finally, Ms. Bacharach announced that the 2021 General Assembly will be taking place virtually on March 18th.

B. South Bay Traffic Forum (LACDPW): Mr. Ickis reported updates on the various County ITS and TSSP projects taking place in the South Bay. The detailed updates are included in a written report available here:

https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_ITS%20%26%20TSSP%20status%20-%20February%202021%20Final.pdf

C. Caltrans District 7: no report given.

D. LA Metro

- 1) LA Metro Board: Mr. Dierking reported that the C (Green) Line is currently in the 45-day scoping period, with two virtual meetings scheduled for February 24th and 27th. Comments are due by March 15th. There will be an agency-only scoping meeting on February 23rd at 10 a. m.
- 2) Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee: No report for the Metro TAC. Mr. Semaan asked that others consider volunteering to serve as the TAC representative as Mr. Marquez must step away due to staffing shortages at Carson. If you are interested in serving, please contact David Leger. Mr. Zandvliet reported that the Streets and Freeways subcommittee was presented updates on the C (Green) Line, Metro’s Micro Transit pilot project, and the NextGen Bus Plan. Mr. Zandvliet noted that Metro reported high ratings from riders using the micro transit pilot.

III. **SBCCOG Measure M Metro Budget Request**

Mr. Lantz reported on the Measure R and M Metro Budget Requests, providing an overview of the work by SBCCOG over the last couple months. There are a handful of projects that requested additional funding, along with two requests for new projects. Mr. Lantz noted that the SBCCOG Transportation Committee has already recommended Board approval but asked the IWG to re-affirm the items in the packet. The requests will be considered by the SBCCOG Board on February 25, 2021.

MOTION by Mr. Semaan, seconded by Mr. Zandvliet, to REAFFIRM the Measure R and M Metro Budget Requests. No objection.

IV. **Future IWG Spotlight Presentation Topics Survey Results**

Mr. Leger reported that the highest responses were for project management best practices, roadway/infrastructure engineering topics, and additional subregional/multi-jurisdictional projects. The respondents also noted a desire for

occasional city/agency-only meetings. SBCCOG staff will leave the survey open to allow for more responses.

V. **Spotlight Presentation: SB 1383 Organic Waste Reduction Targets**

Ms. Rosales and Mr. Chen provided the group a presentation on LA County Sanitation Districts' organic waste treatment program that can help cities meet SB 1383 organic waste reduction targets by diverting food waste into the LACSD system. Through a complex process, LACSD converts food waste into natural gas that can be used to fuel CNG vehicles.

For more detail, the presentation is available online here:

https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_Food%20Waste%202020.pdf

VI. **February 2021 SBCCOG Transportation Update** – Received and filed.

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

Mr. Panuco reported that Metro is working on a sustainable transportation planning grant that will create a mitigation program to aid in the transition from Level of Service CEQA requirements to Vehicle Miles Travelled CEQA requirements. He requested letters of support. If Metro is awarded the grant, they would like to come back to present more information on the proposed VMT program metrics approach to project selection and evaluation.

VIII. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Chair Semaan adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m. until March 10th, 2021 (public meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz (lantzsh10@gmail.com) by March 2, 2021.