

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – March 10, 2021 (Held via Zoom)**

**Attendees:** Eliza Jane Whitman & Gilbert Marquez (Carson); Marnell Gibson & Lucho Rodriguez (Hermosa Beach); Julian Lee (Lawndale); Prem Kumar & Erik Zandvliet (Manhattan Beach); Art Reyes & Joey Garcia (Torrance); Luke Klipp (Supervisor Hahn); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz, Wally Siembab, Aaron Baum, Jon Rodman & David Leger (SBCCOG); Jimmy Shih & Sergio Carvajal (Caltrans); William Johnson & John Ickis (LACDPW); Mark Dierking (Metro); Steven Anderson (DEA); Dominique De Gracia (Destination Enterprises); Rawad Hani (Gentec Solutions); Richard Galvin (GPA); Frank Provenzano & Viggen Davidian (Iteris); Myriam Fruasto & Jonai Johnson (Mark Thomas); Marc Violett (Michael Baker); Michael Ip (MNS Engineers); Diego Cadena (WKE); Claudette Moody (WSP); Holly Osborne & Angel Lira (Public)

- I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of February 10, 2021 IWG Meeting Notes** – Mr. Lantz called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. The February 10, 2021 meeting notes were approved without objection.
  
- II. **Agency & Other Update Reports**
  - A. SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach reported that SBCCOG was awarded a Crown Communities Award from American City and County magazine for the South Bay Fiber Network. She also announced that the SBCCOG now has funding for client aid for homeless individuals and if a city needs such aid, they should contact the SBCCOG for more information. Finally, Ms. Bacharach reminded the group that the 2021 General Assembly will be taking place virtually on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
  
  - 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-%20March%202021%20%20Final.pdf](https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_ITS%20%26%20TSSP%20status%20-%20March%202021%20%20Final.pdf)
  
  - C. Caltrans District 7: Mr. Shih announced that the I-405/I-110 project is expected to complete construction by the end of 2021. The PCH CAP M project is moving forward, but has a new project manager named Allen Shin. The I-405/Crenshaw Blvd project is expected to be awarded in April. Mr. Shih also updated progress on the SR-47/Harbor Blvd project near the Port of LA that was discussed at the SBCCOG Transportation Committee meeting. The project must do some re-design work due to the discovery of unexpected soft soil. Mr. Shih explained that this is a POLA project and that the extra design costs are being absorbed into the project and no additional funding is needed from other funding partners at this time.
  
  - D. LA Metro
    - 1) LA Metro Board: Mr. Dierking reported that the C (Green) Line scoping comment period was extended to March 29<sup>th</sup>.
    - 2) Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee: No report for the Metro TAC. Mr. Zandvliet reported that the Streets and Freeways subcommittee was presented updates on the ATP grant application period, noting that the CTC is expected to approve the staff recommended projects for funding in March. There were almost 500 applications, with the scoring eligibility cut-off being 92 points. All recommended projects are in Disadvantaged Communities throughout the state, nine of which are in LA County. After these projects are awarded, projects that did not receive CTC funding are eligible for local ATP funding opportunities.
    - 3) C (Green) Line to Torrance EIR Update & Draft SBCCOG Comment Letter: Mr. Lantz reiterated the comment period was extended to March 29<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to get all written comments on the scope of the EIR submitted prior to that date. The draft EIR is expected to be released in Spring 2022.
  
- III. **Update on Measure R and Measure M Metro Budget Requests**

Mr. Lantz reported that the SBCCOG Board approved the two budget requests in February and they were subsequently transmitted to Metro staff for review and inclusion in the FY 2021-22 Metro Budget.
  
- IV. **SCAG Smart Cities Innovation Grants – Parking Management** - <https://scag.ca.gov/post/smart-cities-mobility-innovations>. This item was informational only, no discussion.
  
- V. **Spotlight Presentation: SBCCOG Local Travel Network**

Mr. Lantz introduced Wally Siembab, Aaron Baum, and Jon Rodman who make up the SBCCOG’s Local Travel Network (LTN) team. Mr. Siembab began by briefly explaining the SBCCOG’s prior research on South Bay travel patterns and the determination that micro-mobility devices are often ideal for the type of close-to-home travel common in the

South Bay. Coupled with RHNA allocations that would add tens of thousands of vehicles to the road, micro-mobility could reduce congestion, GHG emissions, and more by “right-sizing” the vehicle for the trip being taken.

Mr. Baum reviewed the Caltrans Sustainability Planning Grant that has funded the LTN route refinement study, what that process was like, and the proposed 240+ mile Local Travel Network. He explained that the LTN team looked at where people live and where they travel, and then utilized slow-speed-vehicle-friendly routes to connect neighborhoods and destinations.

Mr. Rodman then presented the LTN Story Map that was created and discussed the truncated public outreach process that was implemented as a result of COVID-19 restrictions. This Story Map explains the project and gives viewers an opportunity to learn more about the project and explore what the LTN proposed routes are in their neighborhood and even how they might use it. The Story Map is available online here:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/157cffcbae244fa39eb5b22c9575e563>

Mr. Baum concluded the presentation by touching on next steps which include the development of wayfinding/sharrows markings and signage; adoption of Neighborhood Electric Vehicle plans; and planning/design and ultimately implementation of the actual network.

For more detail, the presentation is available online here:

[https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION\\_Local%20Travel%20Network.pdf](https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_Local%20Travel%20Network.pdf)

VI. **COVID-19 Roundtable Discussion** – no discussion on this topic.

VII. **March 2021 SBCCOG Transportation Update** – Received and filed.

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

Mr. Lantz noted that there will be more discussion on SBFN planning, including transportation application development moving forward. Ms. Bacharach added that there is a SBFN Working Group meeting taking place on Monday., March 15th

IX. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Mr. Lantz adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m. until April 14th, 2021 (public meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz ([lantzsh10@gmail.com](mailto:lantzsh10@gmail.com)) by April 6, 2021.