

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – May 12, 2021 (Held via Zoom)**

Attendees: Ted Semaan, IWG Chair (Redondo Beach); Gilbert Marquez (Carson); Lifan Xu (El Segundo); Alan Rigg & Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Julian Lee (Lawndale); Erik Zandvliet (Manhattan Beach); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz, Wally Siembab, Aaron Baum & David Leger (SBCCOG); Gloria Roberts, Roger Yoh, Cuong Trinh, Jimmy Shih, Kelly Lamare & Sergio Carvajal (Caltrans); Asia Powell (CPUC); Jeff Pletyak, Andres Narvaez & Andrew Ross (LACDPW); Mark Dierking (Metro); Anissa Voyiatzes (Arduzza); Steven Anderson (DEA); Shawn Arainnia (GeoAdvantec); Vigen Davidian (Iteris); Paul Martin (Mark Thomas); Marc Violett (Michael Baker); Janna McKhann (NexTechSystems); Jeff Cooper (NV5); Diego Cadena (WKE)

- I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of April 14, 2021 IWG Meeting Notes** – Mr. Semaan called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. The April 14, 2021 meeting notes were approved without objection.

- II. **Agency & Other Update Reports**
 - A. SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach reported that the Steering Committee has recommended Don Szerlip, Rochelle Macabee, and Manhattan Beach Councilmember Richard Montgomery be appointed to the Metro South Bay Service Council; SBCCOG staff will be working to test a hybrid virtual/in-person meeting for the June Steering Committee meeting, with the June Board Meeting potentially open to some in-person attendance; the next SBFN Working Group meeting will focus on the County’s “Delete the Digital Divide” program; SBCCOG staff will be presenting on the Local Travel Network Implementation/Next Steps at the May Board meeting; The SBCCOG will be receiving approximately \$1.9M for housing/services from the County’s Measure H innovation funds. The call for projects for the County funding will be issued in the next few months with scopes for the projects due in September most likely, and funding beginning January 1, 2022.

 - B. South Bay Traffic Forum (LACDPW): Mr. Narvaez began by introducing Mr. Pletyak who has taken over for Jane White. Mr. Narvaez 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-%20May%202021.pdf

 - C. LA Metro
 - 1) LA Metro Board Actions
Mr. Lantz reported that Metro will be approving its new budget which currently is facing a \$1.6B shortfall over three years. Metro staff is not too concerned at this point due to their outstanding debt capacity and ability to borrow against the sales tax measures.

Mr. Dierking announced that Metro is setting up meetings with representatives of C (Green) Line extension cities (Redondo Beach, Lawndale, and Torrance. Metro staff is currently reviewing the public comments received during the scoping period.

 - 2) Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways
Mr. Marquez reported that at the TAC meeting, there were updates presented on the State ATP grant awards and an additional \$1.5B in funding from general fund surplus revenues for the unsuccessful projects from Cycle 5.

Mr. Zandvliet reported that the Streets & Freeway subcommittee received a presentation on the fareless system initiative and the fare capping policy.

 - 3) Crenshaw North Extension Scoping Period
Mr. Lantz announced that the scoping period is currently underway for the extension of the Crenshaw/LAX line from the current terminus at the Exposition Line north to Hollywood (and potentially, the Hollywood Bowl). Although Metro has scheduled the project to be constructed in the 2040s, the project is being environmentally cleared now to strategically position it for acceleration should additional funding become available.

 - 4) Traffic Reduction / Congestion Pricing Study Update
Mr. Dierking announced the consultant team is working on four potential project areas and working on different modeling scenarios. Legislation would be needed at the state level to implement a program.

- 5) **Metro Fare Policy Changes: Fare Capping / Fareless System Initiative**
Mr. Lantz reported that the Metro Board approved a fare capping strategy but it won't be implemented for 9-12 months due to the software changes needed as part of the TAP system.

D. Caltrans District 7

- 1) **Ambassador Program Quarterly update**

Ms. Roberts and Mr. Yoh presented a quarterly update on Caltrans' Ambassador program. Ms. Roberts touched on the state's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) that provides a holistic framework for aligning State infrastructure investments with State climate, health, and social equity goals built on the foundation of "fix-it-first" approach established in SB1. She also touched on maintenance processes and how to submit customer service requests. Mr. Yoh then presented updates on several Caltrans projects underway in the South Bay. The full presentation is available online here:

https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_Ambassador%20Quarterly%20Update%20PPT%205-12-2021%20SBCCOG.pdf

III. **Spotlight Presentation: District 7 Caltrans Active Transportation Plan**

Mr. Trinh provided a brief presentation on Caltrans' Active Transportation Plans. The 2017 State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan instructed Caltrans to develop district-level plans to identify bicycle and pedestrian needs and priority projects on or parallel to and across the state highway system. District 7 is currently looking for input from public agencies and the general public on specific needs and deficiencies. Mr. Trinh demonstrated the catplan.org website and the interactive map that allows a user to place a pin on a map to identify location-based needs. For more information, the presentation is available online here:

https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_CAT%20Plans%20intro.pdf

IV. **Coordinating SBCCOG LTN with Caltrans Active Transportation Plan**

Mr. Baum began by providing a brief overview of the SBCCOG's Local Travel Network, the planned implementation over the next few years, and potential collaboration with Caltrans CAT Plan. Mr. Baum explained that one of the major issues is the intersection crossings with state highways due to the speed differences. In a meeting with Caltrans, 6 intersections were identified on Western Ave, PCH, and Hawthorne Blvd where smart signal upgrades might be valuable investments and could provide traffic counts and volumes for alternative modes such as bicycles, skateboards, local use vehicles, and more.

V. **Update on Measure R and Measure M Metro Budget Request** – no update given

VI. **COVID-19 Roundtable Discussion** – no update given

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

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

IX. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Mr. Lantz announced that the IWG will be dark in the month of June. Mr. Semaan adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m. until July 14th, 2021 agency-only meeting). To propose an item for the agenda, please email David Leger (DavidL@southbaycities.org) by July 5, 2021.