

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – June 10, 2020 (Held via Zoom)

Attendees: Chair Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach); William Mendoza (Gardena); Stephanie Katsouleas (Manhattan Beach); Nasser Razepoor (Rancho Palos Verdes); Art Reyes (Torrance); Jimmy Shih & Sergio Carvajal (Caltrans); John Ickis, Andres Narvaez, William Johnson & Samantha Miller (LA County DPW); Mike Bohlke, Isidro Panuco, Ed Alegre, Craig Hoshijima, Fanny Pan & Mark Dierking (Metro); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG); Anissa Voyiatzes (Arduzza); Marie Martson (Civil Works Engineers); Rawad Hani (Gentex Solutions); Natasha DeBenon (Ghirardelli); Wayne Richardson (HDR); Mahrokh Arefi (IBI Group); Sarah Baker (ICF); Vigen Davidian (Iteris); Jonai Johnson & Myriam Frausto (MarkThomas); Sarmad Farjo (Michael Baker); Jeff Cooper (NV5); Diego Cadena (WKE)

- I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of May 13, 2020 IWG Meeting Notes** – Chair Ted Semaan called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. The May 13, 2020 meeting notes were approved without objection.

- II. **Agency & Other Update Reports**
 - A. SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach reported that SBCCOG staff continues to work from home but hopes to be working in the new office space as soon as it's safe. The recent Telework Workshop hosted by the SBCCOG has been posted on the SBCCOG website. The SBCCOG Board recently decided to hold a Special Board Meeting on policing (the meeting was held August 20).

 - B. South Bay Traffic Forum (LACDPW): Mr. Ickis reported that the contract documents for the County's CENTRACS project are tentatively scheduled for Board approval in June 2020. Construction has been completed pending software setup for the Gardena/Carson Arterial Performance Measurement Project. The South Bay Arterial ITS Congestion Relief Project (Cities of Hawthorne, Gardena, and Torrance) is in design and expected to be constructed in late summer 2020. This project would provide advanced video detection as well as pedestrian mobile applications for the designated intersections. The System Detection Analysis project is in design and the County will be reaching out to cities to collaborate on the project. Minor changes were made to the County's TSSP projects. All updates are available on the report here:
https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_South%20Bay%20Traffic%20Forum%20Report-June%202020%20.pdf

 - C. Caltrans District 7: Mr. Shih reported that the I-405/I-110 project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2021. Caltrans is currently working with Metro on funding agreements for local projects identified as part of the PCH Corridor project. The I-405/Crenshaw Blvd project is ready to advertise for construction around June 2020.

 - D. LA Metro
 - 1) SBCCOG Metro Budget Request Update: Mr. Panuco reported that the Measure R budget request is going before the Metro Board this month and will include \$175M in additional funding. It will include capital funding for the I-405/Crenshaw Blvd project, design funds for the Park Place project in El Segundo, will fund the local PCH projects, and help fund advancement of I-405 curve projects. The Measure M budget request will be considered in August as Metro and SBCCOG staff work with applicants to finalize documentation needed by Metro.
 - 2) LA Metro Board: Mr. Panuco reported that the Metro Board approved a draft Long-Range Transportation Plan which is currently in the 45-day comment period. Mr. Lantz inquired about the impacts of reduced sales tax revenue on programs at Metro. Mr. Panuco explained that staff continues to analyze exactly what impacts there will be but that projected losses currently stand at over \$1 billion.
 - 3) Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee: No updates provided.

- III. **Metro COVID-19 Mobility and Affordability Recovery Plan**

Mr. Lantz explained that as a result of COVID-19 and its effects on ridership, farebox revenues, and sales tax revenues, Metro has extended their current budget through September. The modified FY21 budget will be heard in September. Metro plans to roll out a recovery plan in multiple ways as detailed in the attachment. Some ridership has started to return but continues to be approximately 1/3 of pre-pandemic levels. Metro also plans on looking at fare restructuring which could impact non-Metro fares (such as the integration with municipal operators).

- IV. **SBCCOG Appointments to Metro Technical Advisory Committee**

Mr. Lantz reported that there has been a request by Carson representatives to identify new South Bay

representatives to Metro's TAC. Interested individuals should contact Mr. Leger.

V. **Measure R Decennial Transfer Policy Update**

Mr. Lantz provided a brief update on the county-wide decennial Measure R Transfer Policy and the SBHP Transfer Policy. The Metro Board is expected to vote on the policy by June. It was also recently learned that Metro must provide LA County legislative representatives a one-year notice of their intention to amend the measure which means that the amendment would officially happen after July 2021. Mr. Lantz introduced Craig Hoshijima, of Metro, who shared the potential impacts of the transit transfer on existing Measure R SBHP projects. If the \$400M transfer from the Measure R highway subfund to the Measure R transit subfund is approved, it would reduce funding available to complete a handful of highway projects in the South Bay Highway Program. Metro estimates about \$412M in funding is needed to complete current projects through construction which is higher than the remaining funding after the transfer. If construction funding is not identified in the short term, it could lead to design and environmental work needing to be redone in the future. Mr. Lantz and Ms. Bacharach reiterated that the SBCCOG Board was committed to working with Metro and Caltrans to lobby for state funding to help construct the major freeway projects along the I-405. Mr. Lantz noted that it is also possible that Measure M MSP funds could help pay for construction of projects if available.

VI. **Quarterly Annual Performance Evaluation Report**

Mr. Leger announced that a quarterly update of the Annual Performance Evaluation was posted to the SBCCOG website. There will be a final report provided at the next meeting which will cover progress throughout FY20. Meetings will be scheduled with city staff to set new milestones for FY 2020-21 (the meetings will be held in the fall after Metro updates its budget to reflect fiscal impacts of COVID-19). The report is available online here: https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_May%202020%20SBHP%20APE%20report.pdf

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

VIII. **June SBCCOG Transportation Update** – Received and filed.

IX. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Chair Semaan announced that there will not be a July IWG meeting unless otherwise called. He then adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m. until August 12, 2020 (public meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz (lantzsh10@gmail.com) by July 31, 2020.