

## South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – July 10, 2019

**Attendees:** Chair Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach); Gilbert Marquez (Carson); Ken Berkman (El Segundo); William Mendoza & Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Erik Zandvliet (Manhattan Beach); Andy Winje (Redondo Beach); Craig Bilezerian & Steve Finton (Torrance); Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); Maryam Adhami & John Ickis (LA County DPW); Catherine Saint & Kali Fogel (Metro); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG)

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of June 12, 2019 Meeting Notes** – Chair Ted Semaan called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm. The June 12, 2019 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Reports**

**SBCCOG:** Ms. Bacharach reported the following:

- Measure M MSP Task Force is being disbanded now that the project selection criteria have been approved and the first 5-year list of projects has been submitted to Metro. This is similar to how the Measure R Task Force was disbanded after the SBHP was up and running. Any Measure M issues will be addressed at the IWG and Transportation Committee.
- Updated city-specific homelessness counts are expected on July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- General SBCCOG: The SBCCOG is moving office locations in December, likely to the Park Del Amo business park located at Crenshaw Blvd/Sepulveda Blvd in Torrance. The move will take place in December. The SBCCOG Board is no longer meeting at the SBCCOG offices due to the closure of the Board Room. This month's meeting will take place at the Redondo Beach Library. Future meetings will be held at the Katy Geissert/Torrance Main Library or Redondo Beach Library. The July Legislative Briefing is taking place tomorrow and will be the last meeting held in the SBCCOG Board Room.
- South Bay Fiber Network: the project is moving forward, and SBCCOG staff has requested written commitment of the sites to be connected from the cities. ADF is happy to meet with city staff to talk about any technical issues, etc. Please contact the SBCCOG to arrange such a meeting. The SBCCOG was also awarded \$1.2M in the State Budget for work on the SBFN. Exact details of that scope will be determined later in the summer, but the SBCCOG hopes to be able to develop apps on the network using the State funding.

**South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW:** John Ickis provided the South Bay Traffic Forum update. Details on all projects can be viewed in the entire report online at:

[http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT\\_July%202019%20South%20Bay%20Traffic%20Forum%20Report.pdf](http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_July%202019%20South%20Bay%20Traffic%20Forum%20Report.pdf)

**Caltrans:** Mr. Shih reported that Caltrans is considering adjusting the I-405/Crenshaw Blvd project schedule slightly so they can apply for Solutions for Congested Corridor funding. There will be a workshop on STIP funding on July 22<sup>nd</sup> (exact location TBD).

L. A. Metro Updates

- **L.A. Metro Board:** Ms. Saint reported that the Metro Board approved the Measure R SBHP project list at the June meeting. Ms. Saint also announced that this will be her last IWG meeting as she will be returning to school to complete a graduate degree.
- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways Sub-Committee:** Mr. Marquez reported that the TAC received presentations on Micromobility Vehicles; the LA-Glendale-Burbank rail service feasibility study; and the Antelope Valley Line study update. Mr. Zandvliet reported that the Streets & Freeways subcommittee learned about updates to the TAP program as Metro works to integrate the program with other Metro programs such as the bike share. Mr. Zandvliet also reported that the ATP Cycle 5 grant should begin Spring 2020.

III. **Measure R SBHP**

– **Annual Performance Evaluation Tool and Summary Table**

Mr. Leger reported on the Annual Performance Evaluation and noted that this is the final report for FY18-19. Beginning in July, the report is reset based off progress expected over FY19-20. Please submit updated

milestones so the FY19-20 baseline report can be generated. The report can be viewed online at:  
[http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT\\_June%202019%20APE%20Report.pdf](http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_June%202019%20APE%20Report.pdf)

– **SBHP Project Funding Agreement Extensions and Supplemental Funding**

Mr. Lantz reported on the list of projects needing funding agreement extensions to extend the availability of lapsing funds. The SBCCOG Steering Committee has requested that after three amendments, any future amendment requests must first go before the city’s Council. The funding agreement question has been resolved and the SBCCOG agreement with Metro continues.

– **SBHP Metro Budget Request**

The SBHP Budget Request was approved by Metro in June. Mr. Lantz reported that SBCCOG staff is starting to work on syncing up the Measure R SBHP and Measure M MSP project request cycles to form one joint request process. Mr. Lantz added that he had recently met with Isidro Panuco and Fanny Pan of Metro who are drafting an application form to help vet projects earlier in the process. Ms. Bacharach announced that the SBCCOG will be working with Metro to develop a revised calendar that coincides closer with city calendars if possible. The goal would be to shift the process so that draft funding agreements are ready to be executed on July 1<sup>st</sup> when the funding becomes available. Ms. Saint commented that coming to agreement on the scope of work often takes the most time. Ms. Bacharach noted that with the new schedule, the goal will be to have agreement on the scope of work prior to any list submissions to Metro.

**IV. Measure M MSPs**

– **MSP 5-Year Project Lists – Status Update**

Mr. Lantz reported that the Metro Board will be considering approval of the 5-year program of projects at the September meeting. This will give Metro staff additional time to get remaining projects with scope questions resolved. Mr. Lantz also noted that there was an important development that the SBCCOG recently learned about: Transit projects submitted for funding are ineligible due to the classification of the South Bay’s MSPs. Mr. Lantz explained that in the Measure M Ordinance, there is a list of the specific MSPs each of which are categorized as either an H (Highway) or T (Transit). The South Bay MSPs are “H” programs and therefore are unable to fund transit projects. Because this list was included in the ordinance, the only way to modify the categorization is through a vote of the public. Mr. Lantz explained that the SBCCOG will work with the Metro Board to come up with a workaround.

Mr. Lantz took this time to announce that he is working as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy to Mayor Butts during his time as Chair of the Metro Board.

– **Local Transportation Network – Status Update**

No report given.

**V. Spotlight Presentation**

– **Applications on the South Bay Fiber Network (SBFN) – Regional Integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems (RIITS)**

Mr. Fogel presented on the Regional Integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems (RIITS) program and its planned connection to the SBFN. Mr. Fogel explained that the RIITS vision is to deliver multimodal transportation information services through a flexible platform to achieve regional mobility, safety, and sustainability goals. It functions as the regional transportation data aggregator and clearing house and also operates regional interagency implementation of information technology. This system provides near real-time data using modern technologies. Mr. Fogel also touched on applications available to those connected to RIITS such as the WAZE Connected Citizens Program Community and the Southern California 511 system. Mr. Fogel also went over network architecture and the organization of RIITS. For Mr. Fogel’s presentation and contact information, the presentation is available online at:

[http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION\\_RIITS-SMARTnet.pdf](http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_RIITS-SMARTnet.pdf)

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

**VII. Announcements & Adjournment**

Chair Semaan asked if there were any volunteers for the IWG Vice-Chair position. Mr. Berkman said that he’d be happy to serve as Vice-Chair. Chair Semaan then adjourned the meeting at 1:29 pm until August 14, 2019 (public meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz ([lantzsh10@gmail.com](mailto:lantzsh10@gmail.com)) by July 31, 2019.