

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – September 8, 2021 (Held via Zoom)

Attendees: Chair Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach); Gilbert Marquez (Carson); Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Julian Lee (Lawndale); Erick Lee, Prem Kumar & Erik Zandvliet (Manhattan Beach); Ramzi Awwad (Rancho Palos Verdes); Brad Lindahl & Andrew Winje (Redondo Beach); Brenda Moun, Beth Overstreet & Art Reyes (Torrance); Jimmy Shih & Siew Mei Tan (Caltrans); John Ickis, Maggie Cheung (LACDPW); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz, Aaron Baum & David Leger (SBCCOG); Alan Clelland (DKS); Eimar Boesjes (Moonshadow)

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of July 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 SBCCOG has hired Ronson Chu as the Homeless Services Program Manager and Jonathan Pacheco Bell as a regional planner; The SBFN Phase 1 project is nearing completion and a determination will be made in the coming weeks about a final work order to complete the remaining laterals funded within the program; SBCCOG continues to meet virtually, but may have to return to in-person meetings if the Governor’s executive order ends at the end of the month.

B. South Bay Traffic Forum (LACDPW): Mr. Ickis reported on various County ITS and TSSP projects in the South Bay. The System Detection Analysis project design completion was delayed to Fall 2021. Design for the TSSP project on Prairie Ave has been completed and the bid package is being prepared. For the full list of detailed updates, the written report available here:

<https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/HANDOUT ITS-TSSP-status-September-2021-Final-1.pdf>

C. LA Metro

1) LA Metro Board Actions

Mr. Lantz reported that Metro Board is dark in August. Ms. Bacharach shared that the SBCCOG Board will be considering a comment letter on the I-405 Express Lanes study.

2) Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways Subcommittee

Mr. Marquez reported the following from the September 1st Metro TAC meeting: The CTC finalized its list of SB 1 Local Streets Program eligible cities and counties. All but 3 qualified; A new state grant program for beautification projects will hold a guidelines workshop in August with applications likely due in December; ATP Cycle 6 is coming up and is expected to have \$445M in funding available. Applications will be released in March 2022.

Mr. Zandvliet reported that the Metro Streets and Freeways Subcommittee met in July but did not have a quorum. Aaron Baum is being nominated as the Bicycle Coordinator alternate to the subcommittee which will hopefully be approved at the September meeting. Metro also presented on the I-405 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan.

D. Caltrans South Bay Projects

Mr. Shih provided an update on Caltrans projects taking place in the South Bay. His full report is available online here: <https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/HANDOUT Caltrans-Projects-Update-1.pdf>

Ms. Bacharach asked Mr. Shih to clarify what the Ready to List and Contract Acceptance columns meant. Mr. Shih explained that “Ready to List” indicates that the design package is complete, and the project is ready to be advertised for construction. “Contract Acceptance” is the expected construction completion date.

III. **Measure R and Measure M Updates**

– **Measure R South Bay Transit Investment Program approval**

Mr. Lantz shared that the Metro Board recently approved the Measure R Decennial Transfer and created the South Bay Transit Investment Program. At the same time, the City of Inglewood received approval for the Inglewood Transit Connector project. The remaining South Bay city projects requested within the South Bay Measure R Transit Investment Program are expected to be approved by the Metro Board in September.

- **Measure M MSP Financial Readiness Forms for newly approved projects**
Mr. Leger reminded lead agencies with new Measure M funding to return the completed Financial Readiness Forms for the newly approved MSP projects.
- **FY22-23 Measure R & Measure M South Bay Metro budget Request Process**
Mr. Lantz provided an update on the Measure R and Measure M annual process. Mr. Leger will be sending out requests for one-on-one meetings to review active project progress changes in schedules and revised cashflow needs. The Measure R funding is largely committed through 2039 as a result of the transit transfer. The remaining funding is being reserved for cost increases and costs to complete existing Measure R projects. New projects will be accepted in the Measure M programs.

IV. Update on Local Travel Network implementation and next steps

Mr. Baum shared that the SBCCOG is focused on creating one or two contiguous groups of cities to create a demonstration project. SBCCOG staff will be meeting with SBCCOG Board Members to further explain the project and gather support to continue implementing the project within their city. SBCCOG is currently working with Metro to amend the Measure M administrative funding agreement to include LTN planning and wayfinding/signage design project as eligible expenses. The SBCCOG is considering ways to lead the implementation of the project including the design of consistent subregional wayfinding/signage.

V. Spotlight Presentation: Improving Signal Performance Assessment Without Adding Equipment in the Street!

Mr. Clelland presented an innovative tool that allows cities to analyze connected vehicle travel data to identify synchronization issues in their signal networks in a cost effective, more thorough manner that does not require any infrastructure to be deployed. DKS and Moonshadow have developed a software tool that allows traffic engineers to be proactive and respond to issues to ensure efficient intersection and arterial operations. Mr. Clelland provided a demonstration of the tool and its potential uses using a real-world example in Orange County. The full presentation is available online here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/PRESENTATION_Connected-Vehicle-Data-and-Arterial-Insights_compressed-2.pdf

VI. September 2021 SBCCOG Transportation Update – Received and filed.

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

VIII. Announcements & Adjournment

Mr. Semaan adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m. until October 13th, 2021 (public meeting). To propose an item for the agenda, please email David Leger (DavidL@southbaycities.org) by October 4, 2021.