

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – October 11, 2017**

Attendees: Chair Stephanie Katsouleas (Manhattan Beach); Vice Chair Rob Beste (Torrance); Luchie Magante (Carson); William Mendoza (Gardena); Glen Kau (Hermosa Beach); Louis Atwell (Inglewood); Mondher Saied (Lomita); Ted Semaan, Didar Khandker & Andy Winje (Redondo Beach); Craig Bilezerian & Dietter Aragon (Torrance); Lance Grindle, Robert Torres & William Johnson (LA County DPW); Sergio Carvajal (Metro); Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); Brian Calvert (ICF); Dina Saleh (Iteris); Lan Saadatnejadi (LRS Program Delivery); Steven Anderson (MARRS); Janna McKhann (NexTech Systems); Anissa Voyiatzes (Psomas); Frank Provenzano (TrafficCast); Jane Beesley (LA County Regional Park and Open Spaces District); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz, & David Leger (SBCCOG)

Chair Stephanie Katsouleas called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

I. Self-Introductions and Approval of September 13, 2017 Meeting Notes

Motion by Craig Bilezerian, seconded by Ted Semaan, to APPROVE the September 13th meeting notes. No objection, so ordered.

II. Agency & Other Reports

- **SBCCOG:** Jacki Bacharach gave the following updates:
 - Upcoming events/meetings: LA BioMed President will be speaking at the 10/19 Economic Development Directors meeting; Annual SBCCOG/SBESC Volunteer Appreciation Reception is taking place on November 16th; Annual Holiday Light Exchange is taking place November 30th and December 1st in the SBCCOG office, with events in West Athens (partnering with Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' office) and LA CD-15 (partnering with Councilman Buscaino's office); the regional CAP event is taking place on December 13th at the Nakano Theater in Torrance; Tour of the new Gerald Desmond Bridge on January 18th; and the annual General Assembly takes place February 23rd (*"The Evolution of Retail and Its Challenges for Cities"*).
 - Cities are encouraged to complete energy efficiency projects by the end of December to help achieve a SoCal Edison goal.
 - Broadband: October 23rd meeting of a new Broadband Sub-committee that is made up of two councilmembers and city IT staff. They will assist in writing the RFP and review responses. The RFP should be released in March.
 - Regional Coyote Management: after the drought lessened, the sightings have gone down, so the SBCCOG Board is taking a "wait and see" approach for the coming months. If coyotes are observed in your city, please let the SBCCOG know.
 - The SBCCOG is applying for two grants: 1) Caltrans Planning Grant to look into a Slow Speed Network connecting Redondo Beach and the Dominguez Channel; 2) Special South Bay pilot program to incentivize slow speed EV, funded through the CEC.
- **South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW:** Robert Torres provided an update on the status of the County's ITS projects, which include the South Bay CCTV & Fiber Project (completed), Centracs System for Cities of Carson and Hawthorne, and IEN for Cities of Torrance and Redondo Beach. Mr. Torres also provided updates on the Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Projects. For details on the status of specific projects, the full report can be found on the SBCCOG website at:
http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_South%20Bay%20Traffic%20Forum%20October%202017.pdf
- **Caltrans:** Jimmy Shih updated the status of Caltrans projects. Project #MR312.11 (DCCM) is complete, with construction finished at the end June 2017. Construction for project #MR312.24 (405/110 interchange) should be advertised in November 2017 and will be funded through SHOPP. Caltrans is initiating a Funding Agreement with Metro for Project #MR312.25 (405/182nd Street). Project #MR312.29 (PCH ITS) is in construction and is estimated to be completed in December 2018. Mr. Shih also reminded the group that applications for SB 1 Local Streets and Roads funding are due to the CTC by October 16th.
- **L. A. Metro Updates**
 - **L.A. Metro Board** – Sergio Carbajal reported that the Metro Board will be considering approval of the requested time extensions, de-obligations, and funding increases for SBHP projects at its October 26th meeting.

Steve Lantz announced that Metro is hosting a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Financial Baseline Workshop that will lay out the assumptions for the LRTP update. The tentative date is October 18, 2017. (Subsequent to the IWG Meeting, the date was changed to November 7) The handout is available at:

- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee** – Rob Beste reported that the TAC received updates on the LRTP and bike/bus interfaces. Andy Winje reported that the Streets and Freeway Subcommittee received updates on two projects and a presentation on bike/bus interfaces.

III. **Measure R SBHP Reporting / Oversight**

- **FY 2018-19 Measure R SBHP Metro Budget Request**

Steve Lantz announced that SBCCOG staff will be meeting with each city to review their current projects and review requests for new projects. The Metro Budget Request will be submitted to Metro in January.

- **Annual Program Evaluation Tool and Summary Table** – Received and Filed

IV. **Measure M Updates**

- **Measure M Policy Advisory Committee Update**

Steve Lantz reviewed the following agenda attachments:

- Multi-Year Sub-Regional Program (MSP) Administrative Procedures
- MSP Community Engagement Requirements
- MSP 5-year Program / Project Development funding estimates
- MSP Performance Approach Options
- MSP 5-year Plan Development Process Outline
- Schedule for Measure M Administrative Guidelines

There were no comments or questions.

- **Measure M Major Capital Acceleration/Deceleration**

Jacki Bacharach reported that the Consumers group from the Metro PAC has been advocating a consistent and mandatory county-wide set of performance measures. The COGs have been advocating for the ability of each sub-region to set their own performance measures from a pre-approved countywide list and to assign weights specific to each sub-regional program. She noted that each COG is different and what works for one category of projects may not work for another. Ms. Bacharach noted that Metro is not pushing for a single county-wide and seems to understand where the COGs are coming from. The Consumers group is also advocating for the COGs to hold the community engagement events with stakeholders both during the development of the sub-regional programs and for each project within the programs. The COGs have argued that since a city is the lead agency on a project, they should be the ones doing the most community outreach. Also discussed was the need for the financial forecast. The COGs will be limited to programming .5% of the sub-regional funds over the first five years for administration which comes to approximately \$700k over that time for the SBCCOG.

Mr. Lantz added that the SBCCOG will need to develop a project selection process for the initial five-year program of projects, which will include the evaluation criteria specific to each of the four SBCCOG's South Bay sub-regional programs.

Mr. Lantz briefly reviewed the proposed Measure M acceleration/deceleration policy and pointed out the concerns that the SBCCOG had with the policy. One of the major concerns has to do with a requirement that 75% of the area within two-miles of a rail station have a transit-oriented community housing policy. This would mean that the entire city of Lawndale and vast portions of the cities of Redondo Beach and Torrance would have to adopt this policy for the Green Line Extension to be considered for acceleration. Another major concern is the requirement that the local jurisdictions would have to come up with an additional 25% of the project cost to have it eligible for acceleration.

V. **FY 2017-18 Federal / SB1 Funding Guidelines / Application Schedule**

Mr. Lantz briefly reviewed the information with the group, highlighting the funding schedules and what types of projects would be eligible for what funding sources from SB 1.

VI. **Spotlight Presentation**

- **Measure A Parks Grant Program**

Jane Beesley, District Administrator of the LA County Regional Park and Open Spaces District presented on the Measure A parcel tax that funds park and open spaces projects. Measure A is expected to bring in approximately \$96 million annually and will be broken up between formula allocations to "Study Areas" and competitive grants. For more detail, Ms. Beesley's full presentation can be viewed online at:

http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_Measure%20A%20LA%20County%20Regional%20Park%20and%20Open%20Space%20District.pdf

Ms. Beesley's handouts can be viewed at:

http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_Measure%20A.pdf

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

VIII. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Chair Katsouleas adjourned the meeting at 1:01 pm until November 8, 2017 (agency-only meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz (lantzsh10@gmail.com) by October 27, 2017.