

South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group February 18, 2015 – Meeting Notes

Attendees: Tony Olmos (Manhattan Beach); Gilbert Marquez (Carson); Floriza Rivera (El Segundo); Homayoun Benboodi (Hermosa Beach); Nasser Abbaszadeh & Miguel Alvarez (Lawndale); Esther Amaya & Rebecca Liu (Los Angeles); Wisam Altowaji & Elaine Jeng (Redondo Beach); Ted Semaan (Torrance); Nancy Pe (Caltrans); Andres Narvaez (LA County DPW); Reinland Jones & Isidro Panuco (Metro); Marcy Hiratzka & Steve Lantz (SBCCOG); Natasha DeBenon (Arcadis); Danielle Buzas (GPA Consulting); Alan Clelland, Alek Hovsepian & Alicia Yang (Iteris); John Cruikshank (JMC2); Scott Simpson (MARRS); Sam Ekrami (Parson Brinckerhoff); Jeff Cooper (Penco Engineering); Tim Buresh (PrimeSource Project Management); Brendan Dugan (RBF); Shannon Carmack (Rincon Consulting); Carlos Pineda (VA Consulting)

Tony Olmos called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

- I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of January 21, 2015 Minutes** (Attachment A) – Minutes were approved as presented.
- II. **Agencies & Other Reports-**
 - **SBCCOG** – Program update – Steve Lantz made the following announcements:
 - South Bay Cities have begun to support Community Choice Aggregation, a state policy that enables local governments to aggregate electricity demand within their jurisdictions in order to procure alternative energy supplies while maintaining the existing electricity provider for transmission and distribution services.
 - The SBCCOG has partnered with PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) to connect homeless individuals with services within the South Bay, paid for by the County and at no cost to the cities. Internal discussions at the city-level are being held first, as Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Knabe wanted to make sure the cities want to do this, and not have this be an independent SBCCOG initiative.
 - The SBCCOG is supporting the efforts for both the LA Air Force Base and Southern California Regional Occupation Center to prevent closure of their facilities.
 - **SOUTH BAY TRAFFIC FORUM, LA County DPW** – Andres Narvaez distributed the South Bay Traffic Forum Status Report for February 2015. Highlights included: Construction on the Gardena Traffic Management Center should commence by the end of March.
 - **Caltrans** – Nancy Pe and Isidro Panuco reported the following:
 - MR312.11 - **DCCM: I-405, I-110, I-105, SR-91 at freeways ramp/arterial signalized intersections** – A PAED was completed in Sept. Currently in PSE, RTL upcoming. Steve Lantz added that Caltrans asked for MOUs to be signed in the Cities of Carson and Gardena because Caltrans will need shared control of the signal systems and data will need to be integrated. The MOUs will address which agency controls which signals and how the different systems function. Ted Semaan added that RBF Consulting has been hired by Caltrans for this outreach.
 - MR312.24 - **PAED I-110 Aux lane from SR-91 to Torrance Blvd Aux lane & 405/110 Connector** – The draft environmental documents are due in March for circulation.
 - MR312.25 - **PAED I-405 at 182nd St./Crenshaw Boulevard** – This project is on schedule; draft environmental documents are due in March.
 - **Metro** - Updates
 - **MTA Board Update** – Isidro reported that the updated Measure R Highway Subregional Program Project list (including the proposed 2015 Call for Projects local match) was approved by the Metro Board on January 29. In April, the Board will consider the budget request that the SBCCOG submitted to Metro staff in November 2014.
 - Steve Lantz provided an update on Inglewood Mayor Butts' selection as the new Southwest Corridor Sector Metro Board member.
 - **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee** – Elaine Jeng provided an update to supplement her Streets & Freeway Subcommittee report from last month, regarding SB1706 (transit bus axle weight.) Last month, she had said that all transit buses purchased before 2013 are exempt from California's 20,500 pound single axle weight limit, but from 2013-2015, all transit agencies must adhere to specific requirements for purchasing new transit buses, including those that might exceed 20,500 pounds. State requirements increase the weight of transit buses, which makes it difficult for buses to comply. Ms. Jeng reported that these procurement provisions expire in January 2016 and

previous bus axle weight state law (i.e., limiting axle weight to 20,500 pounds) will be reinstated (unless state law is changed again before then). The California Transportation Commission will form a task force to recommend how overweight transit bus fees will be collected.

III. **Measure R Updates** – Steve Lantz made the following reports:

- **Revised 2015 Metro CFP Measure R Matching Funds Requested** (Attachment C) – This chart captures (to the best of the SBCCOG’s knowledge) all of the South Bay cities’ 2015 Metro Call for Applications, regardless of whether or not SBHP funds were being used to finance the technical support or local match commitments of these applications.
- **Draft Issues List for 2015 SBHP Implementation Plan Update & Mandatory Workshop on April 30, 2015** (Attachment D, & Exhibit 1) - Agencies are welcome to contribute to the issues list or comment on the items on this list, for discussion at the SBHP April 30 Implementation Plan workshop.
- **SBHP Project Progress Risk Report** (Attachment E) – It has been 6 months since the SBCCOG considered deobligating Measure R projects that were either not submitting required reports on time or were not making any progress. Due to a recurring lack of timely monthly and quarterly reports, the SBCCOG is going to seek Steering Committee approval to begin diligently enforcing the reporting regulations in accordance with the language in Metro Measure R Funding Agreements. Each month, the SBCCOG Steering Committee will be shown a list of projects that are delinquent in reporting. The project progress report will now be split into two reports: one tracking project progress by phase and expenses, and one tracking submitted reports. At the same time, the SBCCOG will create a process with MTA on what the consequence of failing to submit reports will be. Isidro Panuco suggested that agencies build reporting into the scope of work if they are using consultants for project delivery. It is important to look at how project reports apply to the “bigger picture over time”, and not view them as a chore that is easy to neglect. If the SBCCOG and Metro do not see regular reports, there is no way to measure progress, and agencies may be tying up SBHP funds that can be used elsewhere (for a project that is ready to commence.)

IV. **Metro Mobility Matrix List Update (Attachment G)** – Steve Lantz reported that the South Bay Mobility Matrix PDT had its sixth meeting that morning and the next step, since the list has been finalized, is to transition from the technical work to advocacy work regarding use of the lists in the development of Metro’s Long-Range Transportation Plan and a potential new sales tax ballot measure.

V. **Project Spotlight: Metro Countywide ITS Data Collection Project** - Reinland Jones from Metro has contracted with Iteris to collect data throughout the County’s 5 sub-regions, in Metro’s efforts to establish an arterial ITS inventory and baseline of countywide ITS technology. The goals of the countywide integrated ITS effort include: safely improve throughput, reduce delays, and provide commuters with real-time travel information on mode options. Information can only be shared with agency staff and consultants who are given permission from their cities. The inventory can be summarized and sorted by agency jurisdiction and arterial corridor. This effort is not meant to replace cities’ existing ITS systems, but to maximize their effectiveness. The South Bay is the first sub-region to be oriented. Iteris will begin by populating the information, but eventually each city will have individual access and populating capabilities. The target date of completion of the collection is the end of the 2015 calendar year. Iteris distributed data collection surveys to all agency staff present and announced that the cost of effort is reimbursable from an existing Metro Call for Projects agreement if your city has an active CFP ITS grant.

VI. **Announcements / Adjournment** –

- Scott Simpson from MARRS brought event flyers for the American Public Works Association 16th Annual Complete Streets & Technology Conference which will be held on April 22 at 8 am at the Carson Community Center.
- Steve Lantz thanked the consultants for adhering to the new IWG meeting format, which includes consultants every other month.
- Elaine Jeng gave a status report on the Herondo Street/Harbor Drive Gateway Improvement Project. Construction for this project (in front of the Blue Water Grill Restaurant) will continue throughout May.

Mr. Olmos adjourned the meeting at 12:52 pm until March 18, 2015. *Those who wish to include an item on the agenda must send an e-mail to: Marcy@southbaycities.org by March 4, 2015.*