

## South Bay Cities Council of Governments

### Infrastructure Working Group May 23, 2012 – Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Rob Beste, Chair (Torrance); Massoud Ghiam (Carson); Stephanie Katsouleas (El Segundo); Frank Bigdeli & John Felix (Gardena); Chad Sweet (Inglewood); Glen Kau (Lawndale); Ken Husting (LADOT); Jim Goodhart (Palos Verdes Estates); Steve Huang & Mike Witzansky (Redondo Beach); Ted Semaan (Torrance); Andres Narvaez (LA County DWP); Fulgene Asuncion (Metro); Mike Bohlke (Representing Metro Director, Pam O'Connor); Marcy Hiratzka & Steve Lantz (SBCCOG); Natasha DeBenon (Arcadis, U.S., Inc.); Alex Geyer (Breen Engineering); Mel Barosay (Epic Land Solutions); Lonnie Mitchell & Glenda Newell (The G Crew); Robert Delgado (Ghirardelli Associates); Richard Mahoney (Group Delta Consultants); Alan Clelland & Alek Hovsepian (Iteris, Inc.); Polly Ann Walton (Overland Pacific & Culter, Inc.); Claudette Moody (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Ken Berkman (Psomas); Leighanne Kirk (West Basin Municipal Water District)

Chair Beste called IWG meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

- I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of Minutes** – Minutes were approved as presented.
- II. **Green Construction Update**- Chair Beste announced that there was nothing new to report and recommended removal of the standing item on future agendas.
- III. **PUC Regulations on Street Lighting Update**- Chair Beste reported that the coalition is nearing settlement with SCE. Costs will be substantially less than what was initially requested by SCE. The coalition is still looking for support as the coalition will continue to work toward settlement of the rate case and on other SCE issues. At the next meeting, Chair Beste will be able to report in more detail.
- IV. **Agencies & Other Reports:**
  - **SBCCOG**- Steve Lantz announced the “Electric Charging Stations for Municipal Fleets” workshop on May 24 at the SBESC theater. He also announced that Marcy Hiratzka will be on vacation leading up to the next IWG meeting so RSVPs will go to Steve, and Rosemary Lackow will send out the meeting notice in Marcy’s absence.
  - **South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County of PW**- Andres Narvaez distributed his May 2012 Status Report. His report included 8 Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Projects, the El Segundo Area ITS Project, and the South Bay ITS Project. Mr. Narvaez mentioned that final ITS comments are needed before the plans are finalized.
  - **Metro**- Fulgene Asuncion provided a PMIS update: Database is 90% complete, pilot test will be held next month with deployment and training in August. The new PMIS automates SBHP project reporting and includes monthly progress reports and quarterly financial reports. It will replace the paper process currently used for submittal of monthly and quarterly reports required in funding agreements. Marcy Hiratzka will send an email with the three documents used in the recent project management training session.
  - **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee** – Steve Huang reported that application guidelines are being revised for the 2013 Metro Call for Projects. Some TAC members are suggesting that the bonus points be eliminated in response to the MTA board motion which allows extra points for local matching funds beyond the minimum required. Steve Lantz noted that the board policy allows use of Measure R sub-regional funds as one source of local match. So, while reducing the extra points obtained for overmatching may help cities who are struggling to provide the minimum match, this does not help the South Bay in general, because there are SBHP matching funds that the COG could assign for overmatch.
  - **CALTRANS**- No report.
- V. **South Bay Measure R Updates**
  - **Measure R Extension Potential Ballot Measure** – Steve Lantz presented a slide show that Metro is using to generate support for a proposed extension of Measure R to allow bonding of future revenues and acceleration of projects in the Measure R program. Jim Goodhart asked questions about accelerating the Green Line extension to the Galleria and potentially to Torrance. Mike Bohlke clarified that the proposal is to accelerate current project’s current funding availability. It doesn’t change the limits of projects in the program, or increase the amount of funding assigned to any future projects. Steve Lantz noted that the SBCCOG will be sending a letter to Assemblymember Feuer supporting AB 1446, which authorizes Metro to place a measure on the ballot to extend Measure R, and to Metro Chair Antonio Villaraigosa, expressing conditional support for the ballot measure. Marcy will send the two letters to the IWG mailing list.
  - **Project Cost adjustments / New project request form (see Attachment B)**- Steve Lantz noted the window is closing for agencies to propose new projects as well as current project updates. Iteris and Steve are meeting with

agencies to clarify their requests and project status. He recommended that meetings be scheduled as soon as possible to allow the Implementation Plan to be updated and submitted to Metro in December.

- **Measure R SBHP Strategic Transportation Element Update-** Steve Lantz reported that Iteris and Metro are developing the Strategic Transportation Element of the Implementation Plan update. The SBCCOG has recently held workshops covering: ITS, project management, and risk management. An upcoming workshop (best practices) will focus on how we will monitor and evaluate of the performance of SBHP projects. Steve noted that the consultants are trying to define the method to monitor and evaluate projects within existing regional highway and freeway network to comply with requirements of Measure R.

- VI. **Measure R Project Spotlight-** Massoud Ghiam of the City of Carson reported on the City's project at Wilmington and I-110. The project was previously fully funded without Measure R funding using \$9 million in redevelopment funds and other funding. Design was initiated in 1986. With the creation of a Successor agency to the dissolved Carson Redevelopment Agency, the redevelopment money has not been granted from the successor agency yet. If redevelopment funding is no longer available, the city hopes to use Measure R SBHP funds instead. Plans and specs are ready; the project is ready to start advertising. Steve Lantz thanked the city for attempting to protect the RDA money since SBHP policy only allows substitution of SBHP funding if the other funds are lost through no fault of the lead agency. The City has tried so hard to retain funds for this project, and it was through no fault of their own that the funding was lost. Massoud asked, if the MR extension would be approved by voters, would road projects (versus rail projects) be accelerated? Steve Lantz said the current proposal is to extend all elements of the Measure R program, not just the rail element.
- VII. **Greater L. A. County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update –** Leighanne Kirk of West Basin Municipal Water District presented the Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). She is the Alternate South Bay Chair, and Rob Beste is the South Bay Vice-Chair. After explaining the basics of this organization (sub-regional map, statistics, history, member agencies, organizational structure, plan objectives), Ms. Kirk explained the plan's current challenges and announced South Bay projects that were awarded grants. She also showed website snapshots of how to navigate the new project database, and talked about how existing projects can be transferred into the new system. Some momentum has been lost since the conception of this organization, due to the bond freeze and lack of state funds. There will be two more rounds of funding opportunities for cities from the California Department of Water Resources. In July, West Basin will have a new Call for Projects. A workshop is being considered in July or August for South Bay city staff. Projects need to be shovel-ready. Applicants have to be a member of IRWMP. Steve Lantz asked whether projects can be on State highways and freeways. Ms. Kirk answered that, as long as the projects meet the water resource objectives, Caltrans can apply right alongside cities. Storm drain projects related to street projects also can count.
- VIII. **Other Business-** Chair Beste noted that there is finally some movement regarding the County Flood Control Ordinance. County Staff will be invited back for an update at one of the next IWG meetings.
- IX. Chair Beste adjourned the meeting at 1:09pm until June 27, 2012. If you would like to add an item to the agenda, please email Steve Lantz before Monday, June 18, 2012.