

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

## Infrastructure Working Group June 19, 2013 – Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Rob Beste, Chair (Torrance); Louis Atwell (Inglewood); Greg McPherron & Tom Shahbazi (Lomita); Hon. Jim Goodhart (Palos Verdes Estates); John Mate (Redondo Beach); Craig Bilezerian & Ted Semann (Torrance); Pamela Manning & Andres Narvaez (LA County DWP); Will Lamborn (Metro); Marcy Hiratzka & Steve Lantz (SBCCOG); Guangyu Wang (SMBRC); Tod Short (Base Architecture); Mel Barosay (Epic Land Solutions); Delbara Dorsey (Everfield Consulting); Danielle Buzas (GPA Consulting); Alek Hovsepian (Iteris, Inc.); Jim Hoyt & Frank Lara (Jacobs); Kamran Saber (JMD, Inc); Miranda Patton (MNS Engineers); Tracy Bartlett & Margot Yapp (Nichols Consulting Engineers); Sam Ekrami (Parsons Brinckerhoff); John Dreher (Rincon Consulting)

Chair Beste called IWG meeting to order at 12:10pm.

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of Minutes** – Minutes were approved as presented.

II. **Agencies & Other Reports:**

- **SBCCOG – Program update** - Steve Lantz had no report.
- **South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County Dept. of Public Works – Status** – Andres Narvaez announced that Paul Choy has transferred to a new department and will be replaced by Bassam Al-Beitawi. The County's DPW still needs signatures from half of the cities that were sent mylars for the South Bay Fiber Interconnect (part of the South Bay ITS project.) The installation of the second phase of the County's wireless communication system is continuing. 164 intersections have been equipped with wireless radios. Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Hawthorne are not interested in deploying the CommunityView-Cable TV service to promote this technology.
- **Caltrans – Update** – Not present
- **Metro** – PSRA Update, Board Update, Measure R Acceleration, SCA 4 (55% vote initiative), Congestion Mitigation Fee Pilot- Will Lamborn said that Metro is ready to process Funding Agreements with the lead agencies for FY14 as soon as possible. Steve Lantz added that the SBCCOG will be arranging meetings between the lead agencies, Metro, and the SBCCOG to discuss the Metro Budget Request for FY2014-15. Issues to be discussed will include any additional projects, projects to be rescheduled or removed from the list, providing the committed SBHP local match for successful Metro Call for Projects applications, and allocation of remaining funds between now and 2020. Metro is interested in knowing cash flow projections rather than programming amounts. The STE will go before the Metro Board in June or July. The PSRA software is still being fixed. In the meantime, cities that are experiencing technical difficulties are submitting their reports manually. Steve Lantz added that Metro's Congestion Mitigation Fee was removed as an item from the Metro Board Committee agendas before the agendas were posted due to opposition from the business community led by BIZFED.
- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee** –Update – Regarding deobligation for prior CFP projects, Ted Semaan said that all projects got recommended for Extension of 1 year except for Long Beach Transit. TAC will be dark in July. John Mate distributed Elaine Jeng's written report of the Streets & Freeway Subcommittee and announced that she will be taking maternity leave soon.
- **Southern California Edison Initiative** - Update – Chair Beste reported that the South Bay city managers were not very interested in pursuing this issue as a group. The cities need to decide if they want to individually do it. This item will no longer be included on IWG agendas.

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

- **Three-Month Look Ahead** (Attachment B) The SBCCOG would like to extend the Iteris team contracts through September 30, 2013 so that no technical oversight is compromised during the transition of selecting the technical bench. No additional contract cost will be added but line items will be reallocated. The SBCCOG is developing a new website for the SBCCOG and SBESC. Within the SBCCOG website there will be a Measure R microsite that will allow password-protected communications directly with the Metro data system. Content ideas are welcome.
- **SBHP Annual Update Calendar** (Attachment C) The new Update Calendar reflects the timeline for the 2015 Metro Budget Request. The SBCCOG and Metro will meet with lead agencies over the summer and take a preliminary list of projects to the SBCCOG Measure R Oversight Committee in September to begin discussion of cost and schedule updates and new projects.
- **SBCCOG SBHP Consultant Bench RFP Status Report** The SBCCOG held a well-attended pre-proposal conference on June 11. To clarify, only individual firms will be allowed to submit proposals; teams will be created for individual task orders by the SBCCOG, if necessary. The criterion for determining interviews has yet to be decided by the Selection Committee.

- **SBHP Project Progress Reporting / Gantt chart** (Attachment D) – Chair Beste reiterated that elected officials look at this report on a monthly basis and are paying attention to projects that are both ahead of and behind schedule.

- IV. **Metro Reallocation of SBHP Funding for Crenshaw-LAX Shortfall-** Chair Beste explained that last Friday the SBCCOG was informed that the Crenshaw/LAX line was experiencing a shortfall of \$160 million dollars and one proposed solution was to transfer SBHP funds to offset the shortage in rail funds. In addition, Metro is seeking Board authority to accelerate several major transit and highway projects including the SBHP using Propositions A and C as repayment sources for acceleration bonds. The SBCCOG is seeking to allow the South Bay to “opt out” of the highway acceleration program and thinks that every sub-region should be able to protect its own funds if it does not wish to participate. The goal is to protect the integrity of the SBHP because highway acceleration of sub-regional programs of small projects isn’t feasible, removes the local match in the second and third decades, and decreases the South Bay’s 30-year funding. An alternative motion to that effect is being drafted by Mike Bohlke and Steve Lantz for MTA Board Members Knabe and O’Connor. Language for resolutions and letters to Metro are being sent to city managers and elected officials, who are encouraged to join the SBCCOG in testifying at the June Metro Board meeting.
- V. **Presentation on Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Opportunity** (Attachment E) - Guangyu Wang, Ph.D, from the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, gave a presentation on sea level rise projections, climate change, and their potential impacts. Examples of proactive adaptation strategies were featured (LARC, USC, State Coastal Conservancy) and grant opportunities for local governments were discussed. Regional collaboration is imperative. It is best for cities and agencies to plan together against sea level rise. These grant opportunities are statewide, so other regions in the state may be applying for this money. He recommended that interested local agencies join the USC application. The grant applications were distributed to interested cities subsequent to the meeting.
- VI. **Project Spotlight – El Segundo Maple Ave. Project** – This presentation was postponed.
- VII. **Other Business-** Chair Beste reminded everyone of two upcoming events hosted by the SBCCOG:
- MS4 Permit Update Presentation- July 25 at 6pm (SBCCOG Board Meeting)
  - Green Construction Policy Presentation- August 21 at 9:30am at the Blue Water Grill in Redondo Beach
- Stephanie Katsouleas will chair the July 17 meeting, as Chair Beste will be out of town.
- VIII. Chair Beste adjourned the meeting at 1:15pm until July 17, 2013. To add an item to the agenda please e-mail [Marcy@southbaycities.org](mailto:Marcy@southbaycities.org) before Mon., July 7, 2013 the proposed topic and speaker contact information.