

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012
SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER THEATER
20285 S. WESTERN AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, TORRANCE, CA 90501

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Franklin called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:00pm.

In attendance were the following voting members:

Daniel Juarez, Hawthorne	Amy Howorth, Manhattan Beach
Jeff Duclos, Hermosa Beach	Ellen Perkins, Palos Verdes Estates
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood	Pat Aust, Redondo Beach
Jim Osborne, Lawndale	Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	Tom Brewer, Torrance

Other Elected Officials:

Matt Kilroy, Redondo Beach
Susan Seamans, Rolling Hills Estates

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Stan Miles, AQMD	Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Mark Henderson, Gardena	Lisa Rodriguez, SBCCOG
Yvonne Mallory, Gardena	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Consultant
Ken Robertson, Hermosa Beach	Wally Siembab, SBCCOG Consultant
Mike Bohlke, MTA Director O'Connor	Joseph Jaramillo, SBCCOG A/V Support
Alan Patashnick, Metro	Matt Wisniewski, SBCCOG Coro Fellow
Andrew Rein, Rolling Hills Estates	Matt Horton, SCAG
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	Scott Gobble, SCE
Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG	

CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was revised with the addition of Item IX. C-3, City of Hawthorne's Request for additional Measure R funding for Marine Avenue Project –**Approve**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Gobble of Southern California Edison announced that Edison is currently making rounds in the community to speak about electric safety, power delivery, and safety during windstorms. He distributed a PowerPoint presentation on Electrical Safety for CERT, as well as promotional materials and DVDs about Electrical Safety for First Responders. Mr. Gobble emphasized that this effort is "resident friendly," but not necessarily "public friendly," as some of the DVD material is very graphic. Target groups include Homeowners Associations, CERT volunteers, and police and fire department employees.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **October Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approve**
- B. **Website Redesign Contract with Civic Resource Group for Phase 1 (attachments) – Approve per review by legal counsel**
- C. **Pump Efficiency Workshop consultant services contract (attachments) – Approve**
- D. **First Quarter Financial Report (attachment) – Receive and file**

MOTION by Board Member Juarez, seconded by Board Member Aust, to **approve** the Consent Calendar as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

PRESENTATIONS

South Bay Sustainable Strategy

Wally Siembab, Special Projects Consultant to the SBCCOG, gave a presentation on the SBCCOG's past and future efforts concerning the South Bay Sustainable Strategy, which was formally adopted in October 2010. This strategy integrates land-use and transportation to reduce GHG emissions, gasoline consumption, congestion, and cost/side-effects of mobility. The development and research of this strategy will help identify what is unsustainable, encourage policy change and climate adaptation, and give local governments more options and opportunities for grant applications. This is the basis for the 2012 and 2016 Sustainable Communities Strategy in SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Siembab described several characteristics of the South Bay, including poor public transit, the largest retail floor plates in the County, the frequency of mixed-use neighborhoods, the lack of a central city, and the lack of walkable destinations in neighborhoods. Research findings indicate that most non-work trips are less than 3 miles – established by surveys and verified by GPS – therefore, there is a strong market for slow speed, short-range personal mobility. People living in neighborhoods with more business establishments per acre tend to conduct more of their travel in their neighborhood and are more likely to travel by walking. Several neighborhood models were discussed, as were underperforming retail corridors and commercial compaction. The strategy's mobility vision includes fewer vehicles per household, more trips taken by walking and in slow, short-range vehicles including all kinds of cycles, and vehicles become more electric/efficient. The SBCCOG's upcoming initiatives include a demonstration of how a market for slow speed, short-range vehicles exists, a battery electric vehicle testing for residents in lower-income areas, a field test of Caltrans' Smart Mobility Framework, a Plug-In Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan, Car2go sharing, economic feasibility analyses of neighborhood development, and Class 2 combination lanes. Mr. Siembab showed several different types and models of slow speed, short-range vehicles: Gem e4, Renault Twizy, Toyota's HaMo/Winglet/i-Real, GM-ENV, GoCycle, Mitka, Kangaroo, and the Honda U3X. Board Member Mitchell asked if implementing a neighborhood center minimizes residents' choices to stay within that area. Mr. Siembab said yes, but inter-neighborhood trade is essential to any community. No neighborhood can support its own center entirely by itself. Board Member Brewer advocated that malls are places in which people walk around, and Mr. Siembab agreed, adding that while short trips may exist, compact centers will provide more walking opportunities (walking to and from without having to drive there first.) Board Member Seamans mentioned that she recently purchased a Chevrolet Volt. She wondered if it would be possible to find out from the dealers who sell electric vehicles who is purchasing them so their trips may be tracked for research. Mr. Siembab said that this technology already exists, and many drivers do not even know they are being monitored.

TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report by Board Member Pam O'Connor – Mike Bohlke made the following updates on behalf of Director O'Connor:

- Drivers' use of Metro's ExpressLanes has exceeded Metro's expectation.
- Metro staff recommended that the Metro Board close out the transfer of those park and ride lots from Caltrans that have no hazardous waste, making the lots that need to be mitigated a second priority which includes HGTC. The Board decided that Metro is willing to assume the present and future liability, but not past liability, of those lots that contain hazardous waste, and will be sending a letter to that effect to Caltrans.
- The Crenshaw Light Rail project was awarded a TIFIA loan and there is a cost savings of \$14 million earmarked for administrative fees attached to that loan. Metro wishes to roll that into a life-of-project budget. Metro staff recommended the \$14 million be put in the contingency reserve. When Metro is ready to award the construction contract, in the spring of 2013, the Metro Board can use that money to restore elements that had to be removed from the project. One of the first elements to be restored would be the bus plaza at the Aviation Station (\$10 million). (This element was value-engineered out of the LAX project.) Since Measure J did not pass, the LAX project cannot be accelerated, but if this plaza is restored, it will serve as an interim direct access feeding into LAX from Aviation Station.

- Wally Siembab provided a letter of comments regarding Metro's Sustainability Policy (which the MTA Board is adopting this month.) Mr. Siembab noticed that some parts of Metro's Sustainability Policy were in conflict with the South Bay Sustainable Strategy, and as a result, Metro staff is trying to better integrate and compliment the vision of the South Bay into their policy. Staff included additional policy language to advance vehicle efficiency measures, focus on zero and near zero-emission vehicles, all supportive of green modes. The additional language also includes Metro's focus to reduce the per capita vehicle miles traveled and the need to move toward more efficient vehicles. Regarding accessibility clusters, while Metro recognizes the South Bay's concern using census tract level data, as opposed to neighborhood level approach, the intent of the Metro accessibility clusters was to provide a framework to address transportation planning that acknowledges that a one-size-fits-all approach does not work for LA County. Regarding performance metrics, Mr. Siembab had recommended adding additional metrics and Metro staff will be in correspondence with the SBCCOG for these suggestions as the policy is updated.
- B. Service Council report by Ralph Franklin-** Chair Franklin reported that the council has not met for two months, but all 5 Metro Service Councils will meet with Art Leahy on November 29. At this meeting, Chair Franklin plans to discuss grade separation and congestion caused by USC games, which are both issues that affect the South Bay.
- C. Measure R Oversight Committee Report**
- 1. Metro Budget Request for 2013-2019 (attachments) – Approve**
Mr. Lantz said that MTA requires the SBCCOG to request (each December) funds for the following year. This budget request reflects a change in the way the SBCCOG is managing the Measure R program. The administrative pieces of what was under the technical contract will be converted to administrative work to be completed in-house. Steve Lantz and Marcy Hiratzka will be increasing that their time on Measure R to 75% of their hours. This will result in overall cost savings, and the consultants will be able to focus solely on technical assistance for the lead agencies. If both the SBCCOG and MTA Boards approve the budget request, the funding agreement that goes with the next Cooperative Agreement will be executed. This would happen after January 2013.

MOTION by Board Member Aust, seconded by Board Member Juarez to **approve** the Metro Budget Request for 2013-2019 as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

2. FY 13 Metro Call for Projects Applications (attachments) – Approve

Steve Lantz announced that Gardena, Inglewood, and Torrance are submitting projects to Metro's 2013 Call. MTA needs to approve the eligibility of South Bay Measure R matching funds before the Call Draft Application can be evaluated. In January, the Metro Board will vote on whether or not these projects are eligible.

MOTION by Board Member Juarez, seconded by Board Member Aust, to **approve** the SBCCOG's list of projects for Metro's 2013 Call for Projects as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

3. ITEM ADDED TO THE AGENDA

City of Hawthorne's Request for Additional Measure R Funds for Marine Ave- Approve

On behalf of the City, Steve Lantz explained that this project's scope has expanded, thus the cost has expanded, which is why the City is requesting additional Measure R funds/amending the project's funding plan. The City has agreed to contribute \$1 million and Measure R will hopefully contribute \$2,100,000 (once the SBCCOG Board votes approves). The Marine Ave. / Aviation Blvd. Project will mitigate congestion and improve traffic circulation through this intersection. The city is proposing to widen Marine Avenue to increase intersection capacity at Aviation Boulevard. This will require 23' of dedication from FAA right-of-way on the north side of Marine Avenue to accommodate a second westbound left-turn lane (resulting in double left-turn lanes), a 3rd westbound through lane and a dedicated westbound right-turn pocket. The project will relocate any conflicting utilities in the widening area such as the three Southern California Edison transmission poles and two West Basin water district water valves. This project will improve several different modes of transportation, improve traffic flow, increase pedestrian safety, and minimize flooding. The FAA is willing to give the City the right-of-way and is negotiating construction easement if the City takes care of the

landscaping (gates and sprinklers). There will be no acquisition costs, since the City is doing these improvements for the FAA. Edison, Northrop Grumman, West Basin, and the Cities of El Segundo and Manhattan Beach are also in the loop, as they are also affected. The project design will be completed at the end of 2014, and the City anticipates 6 months of construction. Mr. Lantz acknowledged the City of Hawthorne for putting together such a thorough and exemplary funding request, as this is the first South Bay city to do so. The SBCCOG has a provision in Measure R that can offer a project additional funding if the Measure R Oversight Committee and SBCCOG Board approve it (as a quorum was not met at the Measure R Oversight Committee, it was brought straight to the SBCCOG Board.) Board Member Osborne asked for clarification on the project running east, and stopping at the Edison generating station. Mr. Lantz confirmed that this is true, and added that the City must relocate a driveway entrance into the FAA site as well.

MOTION by Board Member Perkins, seconded by Board Member Osborne, to **approve** the City of Hawthorne's Request for Additional Measure R Funds for the Marine Avenue Project as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES

Catherine Showalter gave the following updates:

- Southern California Edison customers may exchange up to 2 strands of old (working) holiday lights for 2 boxes of LED lights at the SBESC Holiday Light Exchange, which will be held out of the SBESC office in Torrance from November 13-16.
- The CPUC released its final decision on 2013-2014 partnerships and the SBESC is now planning for the transition period before the next program cycle.
- The SBCCOG's contract with the LA County Sanitation Districts will soon be renewed.
- Melissa Hebert was hired as the SBESC's new Environmental Services Analyst for Metro Expresslanes and Vanpool.
- Regarding videoconferencing capabilities, the SCAG equipment will arrive by February 1.
- Marilyn Lyon has been visiting school districts and distributing SBESC promotional light switch stickers, which teachers have been using. Stickers are available for those who request them.
- Sabrina Bornstein has been hosting the **NOAA** workshop on climate adaptation. The workshop ends tomorrow. Among those attending are several SBCCOG member cities.
- Thank you to those who attended the SBESC's 5th Annual Volunteer Reception, which preceded this meeting. Thanks to those companies and agencies that donated gifts.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Seamans: The City of Rolling Hills Estates' Holiday Parade is scheduled for December 1, and the City's Tree Lighting Ceremony is this weekend. Several big box retailers are downsizing, and this may help the Promenade on the Peninsula economically.
- Franklin: The City of Inglewood held a Climate Action Planning meeting this week. Thanks to Sabrina Bornstein for attending. Some Inglewood City Staff who did not know of the SBCCOG/SBESC before were able to learn about its efforts and success at this meeting.

SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jacki Bacharach made the following announcements:

- She introduced Matt Wisniewski, a Coro Fellow. Matt will be shadowing Jacki for three weeks during his government placement in Coro's nine-month program.
- With the closing of the LUV (Local Use Vehicle) program, the SBCCOG is beginning its Battery Electric Vehicle Program. This month, letters will be sent to the first 4 participants so that the SBCCOG may begin monitoring their trips in their regular vehicles, comparing the same trips in the BEV vehicles later.
- Several SB cities have expressed an interest in forming a PEV Readiness Group. The first meeting will be held on November 29 at the SBCCOG office in Torrance.
- The SBCCOG is requesting that more elected officials attend its Measure R Oversight Committee meetings. Only three elected officials regularly attend, and four are needed to ensure a quorum.

- The SBCCOG has selected Civic Resource Group to redesign the SBCCOG and SBESC websites and combine them into one. Phase 1 of the scope of work focuses on the SBESC website's elements, and the SBCCOG's website will follow in Phase 2.
- The Steering Committee voted to endorse Judy Mitchell for consideration of the CARB seat that is dedicated to an AQMD Board Member. Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge who has been serving in this role did not seek reelection, so Board Member Mitchell was nominated by the AQMD Board. Board Member Seamans asked if there are other candidates being considered and Board Member Mitchell replied that other members on the AQMD Board may be considered. The AQMD board will put forth its first choice and if the Governor so chooses, he may select another AQMD Board Member instead.
- Four Cities have had Car2go presentations at their City Council meetings, and Lomita will soon have one as well. Three more cities will have this presentation in December. The reception has been rather good. Car2go will move vehicles from in front of homes or businesses who do not want them in front of their properties. Some of the SBCCOG member cities have asked about that. Car2go will also move vehicles from where they are unlikely to be noticed and move them to locations where they will be more likely to be used. There is a rental sales tax which will be paid to the city where the rental is initiated so this can increase the cities' revenue.

AGENCY REPORTS

- A. South Coast Air Quality Management District – Stan Myles announced that AQMD is holding a public hearing on December 7 at its offices, regarding the 2012 Air Quality Management Plan. A leaf blower exchange will be held for gardening professionals and cities in various locations from Nov 20-Dec 6. Participants will be charged \$200 for a BR 500 Backpack Blower. The suggested retail price is \$469.95. Operable trade-in available. Board Member Osborne asked if the lawnmower exchange will return, and if so, if it will return to the South Bay. Mr. Myles answered that it will return in the Spring., locations to be announced.
- B. SCAG & Committees - Matt Horton reminded everyone that SCAG's Economic Summit will take place on December 6 at the Bonaventure Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles.
 1. Energy and Environment – Board Member Mitchell announced that the committee had presentations on the following topics: Oil Supply and Energy Myths, Climate Change Adaptation Study for LA County Update, and Proposal for Additional Funding Under Contract with the CEC to Support National Public Campaign Regarding Plug-In Electric Vehicles.
 2. Community, Economic, & Human Development – Board Member Gazeley said that the Committee sent a response to the California Department of Housing and Community Development on the eligibility of jurisdictions to take regional housing needs assessment credit (for cities that had a housing element certified in the last cycle.)
 3. Regional Council – Board Member Mitchell reported that cap and trade revenues were discussed, since everyone wants to collect them. On December 12, there will be a special meeting at SCAG to discuss a screening tool for giving a percentage of cap and trade money to disadvantaged communities. SB 535 (De Leon) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: GHG Reduction Fund was passed last year. This bill requires the California EPA to identify disadvantaged communities for investment opportunities. The cities do not mind the identification, so long as they receive funds. Jacki Bacharach added that many of these cities are disadvantaged because they are located next to polluted sources, and that these areas in the South Bay should be identified.
- C. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission – Board Member Perkins reported that there has been no meeting since the October meeting.
- D. South Bay Cities City Managers' Association – Jacki Bacharach announced that at the recent CPUC meetings in Irvine, Board Members Knight and Goodhart met a consultant who offered to assist the SBCCOG in selecting/evaluating the most appropriate language and techniques of framing the SBCCOG's issues so that Edison would could easily understand what the South Bay's needs are. He has been invited to speak about this at the SB City Managers' Association in January 2013, and the City Managers will then decide if this is something they'd like to pursue.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jacki Bacharach emphasized that the South Bay contains a larger number of legislators after the recent redistricting. She will compile the updated list and send it to the Board Members shortly. This is important, as the SBCCOG will hold its next Legislative Briefing on January 10, 2013.

- Board Member Howorth announced that the City of Manhattan Beach will have its Annual Holiday Fireworks Display on Sunday, December 9 off of the pier.
- Chair Franklin announced that the Salvation Army has identified up to 1,000 low-income families and on November 20, they will be invited to the Forum to collect the food that is being prepared for them. He will be there from 9am-3pm as a volunteer, as he believes in participating in labors of love. Chair Franklin also announced that he was asked to identify 4 elementary schools in his district. From these schools, the principals will select several children whose families will be the recipients of gifts from various benefactors. The presentations will be held on Dec 6-7.

DECEMBER & JANUARY SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

Consult web site for specific times and places – www.southbaycities.org

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Franklin adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m. to Thursday, January 24, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Hiratzka
Recording Secretary