

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011
PALOS VERDES COUNTRY CLUB
3301 VIA CAMPESINA, PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CA 90274

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Perkins called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:10pm. She gave a brief history of the Palos Verdes Country Club, the Board's new meeting location for the duration of her term as Chair.

In attendance were the following voting members:

Amy Howorth, Manhattan Beach
Anthony Misetich, Rancho Palos Verdes
Dan Medina, Gardena
Dan Rosenfeld, LA County SD2
Daniel Juarez, Hawthorne
Ellen Perkins, Palos Verdes Estates

Matt Kilroy, Redondo Beach
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood
Susan Rhilinger, Torrance
Susan Seamans, Rolling Hills Estates
Suzanne Fuentes, El Segundo

Other Elected Officials:

Jim Goodhart, PVE
Tom Brewer, Torrance

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Alan Clelland, Iteris
Alan Patashnick, Metro
Alexa Davis, PVE
Darrel Mitchell, Energy Services & Technologies, Inc
Ed Caprielian, Resident of Manhattan Beach
Greg Stevens, Alternative Energy Systems Consulting
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities
Jerry Ramirez, LA County CEO
Judy Smith, PVE
Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG
Margaret Ramirez, Engage 360
Martin Zimmerman, LA County CEO

Matt Horton, SCAG
Mike Bohlke, Metro
Nicki Coronado, SBCCOG
Patricia Watts, FCI Management Consulting
Paul Martin, RBF Consulting
Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Sameer Saddiqi, SBCCOG
Sheila Reed, FCI Management Consulting
Stephanie Wiggins, Metro
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG consultant
Suzanne Charles, SBCCOG
Viggen Davidian, Iteris

FLAG SALUTE - LED BY CHAIR ELLEN PERKINS

CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Palos Verdes Estates.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Two changes were made to the agenda:

- A. Jacki Bacharach announced that a ceremonial matter would follow the approval of the Consent Calendar.
- B. Jacki Bacharach announced that one of the bills listed under Item C of the Consent Calendar, Support for SB 209 & Oppose SB 776 & HR 1002 and Legislative status, has been passed into law and may be removed from the agenda. This bill that was passed is SB 209 by Ellen Corbett (San Leandro) – Common interest developments: electric vehicle charging stations. This bill extends the

same protection to installation of electric vehicle charging stations in common areas that is afforded to the installation of solar panels, low-water requiring plants and other items under current law.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Manhattan Beach resident, Ed Caprielian, continued speaking about his concern of the high density of alcohol related harms in the South Bay (from last month's Board meeting.) He brought a report released by LA County's Public Health Department to validate this and said that the report was dismissed by the City of Manhattan Beach City Council. Mr. Caprielian brought hardcopies of the report for distribution to the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. June Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approve**
- B. Contract Extension with West Basin Municipal Water District (attachment) – Approve scope of work and contract subject to legal counsel approval**
- C. Support for SB 209 & Oppose SB 776 & HR 1002 and Legislative status (attachment) – Approve**
- D. Measure R Fund Allocation Changes (attachment) – Approve**
- E. Measure R Task Order to Iteris previous approved by Executive Director per delegated authority (attachment) – Ratify**

MOTION by Board Member Howorth, seconded by Board Member Franklin, to **approve** the Consent Calendar as submitted (including amendment change mentioned above). No objection. So ordered.

At this time, Chair Perkins recognized Ryan Hardy and Sameer Saddiqi for their contributions as summer interns for the South Bay Environmental Services Center. Both high school graduates were placed as interns through the South Bay Workforce Investment Board and have assisted in tasks such as: green realtor training promotion, writing newsletter articles, researching commercial recycling services, and Homeowners Association outreach for Energy Upgrade California. Mr. Saddiqi was present, announced that he will be attending the University of California at Riverside as a Civil Engineer Major in the fall, and thanked Jacki and Marilyn for this opportunity.

PRESENTATIONS

A. I-110 Congestion Reduction Project Update

Stephanie Wiggins, Metro Executive Officer in charge of this initiative, gave a presentation on the ExpressLanes Demonstration Program and its subsequent impacts on the South Bay. This is a one-year long pilot program during which, existing carpool lanes on the I-10 (between Alameda St and I-605) and I-110 (between Adams Bl and Artesia Transit Center) will be converted to high occupancy toll lanes (Metro ExpressLanes.) These lanes are scheduled to open in 2012. This program is primarily funded with a \$210 million congestion reduction demo grant from the USDOT. The goal of this demonstration program is to provide ALL commuters with new and better travel options along two of LA County's most congested corridors. The program will test strategies to alleviate congestion, fund additional transit alternatives, maximize freeway capacity usage, increase travel time savings, improve trip reliability, and reduce air pollutants and GHG emissions. Ms. Wiggins distributed detailed packets which contained maps illustrating different improvements and toll entry/exit locations, as well as fact sheets to educate the public on program benefits, public outreach strategies, and key performance measures. Ms. Wiggins noted that this is part of a national demonstration program; Miami, Seattle, Atlanta, Minneapolis, and San Francisco are also doing this.

2 elements of fairness: **SOCIAL EQUITY:** LA Metro is the first agency in the state to require an assessment on how low-income commuters will be affected. Ms. Wiggins stated that it will be beneficial to examine equity before EIRs are released. Metro Board approved this study and now can offer a \$25 toll credit to qualifying low income commuters, as well as waive maintenance fees for qualified riders. **DOUBLE TAXATION:** People feel that they have already paid for the freeways. Ms.

Wiggins said that education of how taxes are allocated for transit has been lacking for the public, and that Metro plans to improve their outreach strategies. Gas taxes do not begin to cover the cost of maintenance. She commended Jacki Bacharach and the SBCCOG for their efforts to maximize underutilized investments in the South Bay, such as the Artesia Transit Center. Board Member Medina praised Metro for the efficiency of the Silver Line. Board Member Goodhart asked how Metro plans to deter drivers from violating HOV lane regulations. Ms. Wiggins said that the California Highway Patrol will have a detection system that will take pictures of license plates. Board Member Franklin added that the single-occupant vehicles option to move to carpool lanes is only available if the flow of traffic is 45 mph or greater. He also added that drivers traveling eastbound on the 105 can only enter the hot lanes at the last entrance before going northbound on the 110.

B. County Redistricting Update

Martin Zimmerman and Jerry Ramirez from the LA County CEO's Office gave a presentation on the County Redistricting process that occurs every ten years. Mr. Zimmerman reported that there are approximately 9.8 million people in LA County (most likely an undercount after the 2010 census), 88 incorporated cities, and 140 unincorporated communities. Requirements come from multiple levels of government: Constitution, federal statutes, state statutes, county charter, and court decisions. The 14th Amendment of the Constitution requires equal treatment in an effort to avoid gerrymandering and non-wholesome redistricting objectives. Mr. Zimmerman stated the following:

- The County Charter requires a super majority of the board to change the boundaries. 2 Public hearings are required to adopt a final plan. The Boundary Review Committee (BRC) must submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) by July 31, 2011, and the ordinance implementing the new boundaries must be effective by Oct 31, 2011. A 4/5 vote is required by BOS and if they cannot do that, a special commission will decide by December 31, 2011.
- The County contracted with a vendor for free redistricting software for the public (free online training is offered, as well as the recommended plans.) June 10 was the deadline for the public to submit suggestions. The BRC holds 15 meetings where the public has the opportunity to provide input.
- 19 plans were submitted: 17 were received in depth analysis, 1 was not reviewed due to having 16 suggested districts, and 1 was rescinded by its author. Most plans showed substantial changes, and a few plans imposed only minor changes.
- The BRC recommended two plans to the BOS: A2 Benchmark plan (only Santa Fe Springs and West Covina are affected and 150,000 residents would change districts.) Revised S1 is the other plan brought to the BOS, but it has a dislocating impact (moving 3.5 million people, splitting communities of interest and long standing relationships, and compromising historical identification.)
- BRC vote: 6/4 vote to not approve Revised S1 Plan, but instead, to recommend the benchmark plan (A2) to the BOS. Supervisorial Districts 3, 4, and 5 voted for A2, while Districts 1 and 2 voted for S1. The BOS will be considering recommendation of A2 at public hearings on August 9, 2011 and September 6, 2011.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

Chair Perkins asked when the SBCCOG Board needed to act by, to take a position on the plans and recommend one to the BOS. Mr. Zimmerman of the LA County CEO's Office said that important actions will be considered in early August and that the SBCCOG should recommend their decision to the Board before the A2 Plan's first public hearing on August 9, 2011. Chair Perkins stated that since this was not on the July 28, 2011 agenda for action; it must be added as an emergency action item (as the date of the public hearing for this plan would not allow time for the Board to address this at the August Board meeting.) With no attorney present, the Board had to decide which action to take. During discussion, Board Member Seamans urged the Board to support the A2 plan and discouraged supporting the S1 plan, as it would remove coastal South Bay cities from Supervisor Knabe's jurisdiction. Upon approval by Chair Perkins and the Board, this emergency item was added to the agenda.

MOTION by Board Member Seamans, seconded by Board Member Juraez, to **add** this item to the Consent Calendar on the agenda of July 28, 2011. No objections. So ordered.

MOTION by Board Member Seamans, seconded by Board Member Kilroy, to **recommend** the A2 Redistricting Plan to the LA County Board of Supervisors. No objections. So ordered.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Measure R South Bay Highway Program Implementation Plan & Delegation of Authority to Measure R Oversight Sub-Committee (attachments) – Approve

Steve Lantz presented a summary of the Implementation Plan. He emphasized that the plan is not about the jurisdictions, but about the highway network. The plan's goal is to improve operations on the freeways and the state highways in the South Bay. Mr. Lantz said that these are large long-term projects that Measure R funds will not cover alone and will take longer than 5 years to complete. These projects include: freeway ramps, direct connectors, etc. Mr. Lantz said that Caltrans is responsible for the early planning of these identified projects and the SBCCOG will strategically position the projects in order to seek funding when it becomes available. The SBCCOG also had to capture projects that were previously funded that may need more funds in the future (as the economy changes.) Mr. Lantz explained that this is not the regular call for projects process. Metro wants the SBCCOG to manage this program on their behalf and Iteris is assisting the SBCCOG in doing this. Mr. Lantz went on to explain the one-year process that will be executed in August for the next five years: policies are recommended to the Board, look at new projects and put together a cross-adjustment. The status of funding agreements is submitted to the SBCCOG's Oversight Committee every 2 weeks.

MOTION by Board Member Howorth, seconded by Board Member Franklin, to **adopt** the Measure R South Bay Highway Program Implementation Plan. No objections. So ordered.

B. Re-Naming Artesia Transit Center (attachment)

Jacki Bacharach explained that, in an effort to eliminate future confusion between the name of *Artesia Transit Center* with the city of Artesia, Metro is asking for suggestions of alternative names for the station. This transit center is not technically in Gardena according to its history, but in the Harbor Gateway area of LA City (with a Gardena zip code.) Ms. Bacharach discouraged the selection of a jurisdictional name, and listed possible names on pages 35 and 36 of the meeting's supplemental packet. Ms. Bacharach said that the Board must submit its name choice to Metro before improvements are made there (including signage.)

During discussion, Board Member Medina commented that the Gardena Police Department responds to that area quicker than the Los Angeles Police Department, and that *Gardena Valley Transit Center* was an appropriate suggestion. Board Member Rhilinger said that the new name should not include the word *Gardena*, to alleviate Gardena PD from being overrun with calls when the location is not even within their jurisdiction. She and Board Member Franklin favored the name of *Harbor Gateway Transit Center*. Board Member Franklin said that, although the station has a Gardena zip code, multiple agencies can respond to this area, and one city (Gardena) should not have a claim on the name of the station.

MOTION by Board Member Medina, seconded by Board Member Juarez, to **recommend** the name of *Gardena Valley Transit Center*.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 5, Abstain: 2 (Do you need names? I didn't catch who voted for what and Ellen did not list the names of the voters, just the totals.)

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Rhilinger, to **recommend** the name of *Harbor Gateway Transit Center*.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 3, Abstain: 0

C. **Amendments to the SBCCOG JPA Agreement & Bylaws** (*attachments*)

Jacki Bacharach explained how several issues have recently arisen about membership, quorums, and who is eligible to be an officer for SBCCOG Board meetings. The SBCCOG Steering Committee reviewed the SBCCOG's existing JPA agreement and bylaws and recommends that both documents be changed to make them consistent with current practice and to resolve and/or clarify the issues that have recently arisen. Mike Jenkins, SBCCOG legal counsel, has reviewed and approved the proposed changes, which include:

JPA agreement:

Section 1 – Recitals updated

Section 7

- a. Voting and Participation - Clarifies that the county is one member but has two votes –1 for District 2 & 1 for District 4 which is consistent with the SBCCOG agreement with LA County when they became members of the SBCCOG.
- b. Quorum – Re-wording to clarify that inactive or suspended members are not included in the quorum count. (50% +1 of the active members makes a quorum.)
- e. Actions – Clarifies the sentence and makes no change to the meaning.

Section 10 – Allows changes to the Board meeting date and time by resolution instead of through a bylaws amendment

Section 11 – Establishes that if an officer is from an agency that becomes inactive or is suspended, their position is declared vacant and an election must be called to replace them.

Bylaws:

Changes throughout to change 'member city' to 'member agency' to reflect the county's membership

Article III. B.2. - Allows changes to the Board meeting date and time by resolution instead of through a bylaws amendment

Article VII

- A.3. – Allows the county's designated alternates to serve on committees which were restricted to elected officials
- B.1. – Allows county participation on Steering Committee and clarifies their two votes. Establishes that representatives from suspended or inactive agencies may attend but cannot officially serve or vote at the Steering Committee

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Seamans, to **approve** this amendment as an action item for adoption at the August Board meeting. No objections. So ordered.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

A. Metro Board member report by Pam O'Connor

Mike Bohlke gave the update on behalf of Director O'Connor. He suggested that Board send letters to Director O'Connor, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, and Supervisor Knabe to rally support for renaming the Artesia Transit Center and initiate this issue on the Board level. Dan Rosenfeld added that there may be some renaming opportunities on the September Board agenda as well. Mr. Bohlke talked about the Green Construction Policy, which is a salient feature of zero emission vehicles. He reported that outreach programs/workshops with the cities will catalogue the array of funding available. Metro will work with the cities to identify the scope of threshold of projects that are applicable. He said that some city projects will not be applicable for this policy. Mr. Bohlke also said that he would like to meet with the SBCCOG's Infrastructure Working Group in September, to rehearse bringing the outreach workshop program progress to the Metro Board in October. Ms. Bohlke also stated that Metro will adopt a Renewable Energy Policy, and that this issue will come to the Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee in September. This will involve retrofitting existing and new construction with energy saving projects. To conclude, Mr. Bohlke mentioned a motion introduced to Supervisor Yaroslovsky, involving a possible launch pilot bike share program on parts of the rail system.

B. MTA South Bay Service Council Report

Ralph Franklin pointed out that the Metro Board renamed the “governance councils” and they are now to be known as “service councils.” He reported that July 8, 2011 the South Bay Service Council had their first meeting in a new location: Inglewood City Hall (Metro can be accessed better than from Carson.) He said there was a large turnout and also thanked Ms. Wiggins from Metro (for giving the same presentation that she gave to the Board.) Board Member Franklin said that at that meeting, a safety presentation was given for riders by Lt. Obenberger, and Jack Gabig from the Gardena Transit Authority announced that 3 of the 5 routes from Gardena will now go to the Artesia Transit Center, instead of currently only one. Metro CEO, Art Leahy, was also in attendance for a meet and greet. Board Member Franklin commended Metro for outstanding outreach to the public regarding the 405 closure in July, and also said that the Expo line will now open in December of 2011 instead of in September, for various reasons.

SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES**A. Update on current programs and activities – Review of Water Outreach Activities**

Jacki Bacharach revisited Item B of the Consent Calendar: Contract Extension with West Basin Municipal Water District. She played a presentation that will be given to extend the SBESC’s contract with West Basin Municipal Water District, outlining the goals of the partnership, and documenting educational programs, appliance exchanges, incentivized commercial upgrades, and water facility tours.

B. Energy Leader Project Update

Greg Stevens, an engineer contracted with the SBESC, gave an Energy Leader Projects update. He works with the SBESC, Southern California Edison, The Southern California Gas Company, and the 15 South Bay cities to identify municipal projects that can qualify for incentives for therm and kWh savings. He showed chart of 2010 project, as well as projects in the pipeline. The 3-year goal of this contract is to save 6 million kWh. The forecasted savings for the end of 2011 is 3 million kWh. Mr. Stevens reported that the Energy Leader Team needs to ID projects for 2012 and that cities need to generate interest and encourage city staff and residents to monitor their energy use. 2012 goals are very aggressive so more municipal projects must be targeted soon. Ms. Bacharach also mentioned Title 24 training dates for building inspectors and Plans Examiners that the SBCCOG is co-hosting in September. (CORRECTION: the fliers distributed listed an incorrect date. The first class will be held on September 8th, NOT September 6th.)

C. Energy Upgrade California

Ms. Bacharach thanked the Cities of Hawthorne and Gardena for being especially proactive for EUC. The SBESC reserved the large marquee in Lawndale that can be seen off of the 405 for EUC advertising. There will be a Hermosa Beach block party for EUC and the City announced that they will deduct 50% of permit fees for homeowners who participate in EUC. Ms. Bacharach added that the SBESC is looking for speaking engagements in the South Bay. She also promoted the event, Flip the Switch, which will be held at Gardena City Hall on August 9.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board Member Seamans: The City of Rolling Hills Estates will host its 30th Annual Hills are Alive cross country race on August 13 at 8am in Ernie Howlett Park.
- Board Member Franklin: Southern California Edison will be hosting a lamp exchange at the Forum in Inglewood on August 27-28 from 8a-1pm. SCE customers only. Jacki Bacharach distributed fliers. Board member Franklin also announced Inglewood’s new City Manager, Arnie Fields.
- Board Member Medina wanted to clarify that when he attended one of the County’s Redistricting Hearings and spoke, he was speaking on behalf of the City of Gardena (and not on behalf of the COG.) He explained that he was advocating for the preservation of communities: Carson, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, and Lawndale, and how he is against the disruption of the many South Bay agencies and organizations that would be caused by the implementation of the Revised S1 Plan.

SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. SB 375 status**

Jacki Bacharach showed the award that the SBCCOG received from the American Planning Association for Planning Excellence in Implementation (of the Strategic Vision for a Sustainable South Bay.) Wally Siembab accepted on behalf of the SBCCOG.

B. LUV update

Ms. Bacharach stated that the LUV Preliminary Report is available for distribution. She will have a meeting with AQMD on July 29 to discuss extending the LUV program.

AGENCY REPORTS**A. League of California Cities (Jeffrey Kiernan)**

Mr. Kiernan distributed a fact sheet containing information on 13 Anti-Local Control Bills that the League is opposing. Mr. Kiernan added that this year's session ends on Sept 9 and that cities are encouraged to take immediate action and oppose these bills. One of the bills mentioned was AB455 (Campos) Removes Authority to Appoint Members to Merit Commissions. The League's position is that this bill interferes with constitutionally protected municipal affairs related to employee matters by eliminating local government authority to appoint all of the members to the personnel commissions. The Governor vetoed it. Mr. Kiernan reported that the lawsuit against government for abolishing Redevelopment Agencies is progressing. If the Supreme Court acts in a timely manner to have a ruling on the stay by August 15, there is a good chance of saving these agencies. He also reported that the League's Installation of Officers will occur on August 4th in Cerritos, and that the League's Economic Development Conference will be held on August 24 in Long Beach.

B. SCAG & Committees (Matt Horton)

Mr. Horton reported stated that Regional Council is dark in August. SCAG will be hosting a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) at the Carson Civic Center on August 23 from 1-4pm. This public outreach workshop will cover SCAG's vision of transportation investments (the RTP is redeveloped every 4 years) and will also cover the SCS, which is a newly require element of the 2012 RTP, providing a plan for meeting emission reduction targets set forth by the CA Air Resources Board. Public input is encouraged, and transportation can be provided for persons who require a modification of accommodation in order to participate. Matt passed out brochures about this.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- August 23 - SCAG Public Workshop on Regional Transportation Plan in Carson (Perkins)
- August 25 - Opportunity to Test Drive Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle (Perkins)
- Developer Randall Lewis is going to be at Livable Communities meeting on August 17 at the SBESC office (Bacharach)
- Successful Legislation Breakfast on July 14: Senator Feinstein, Senator Boxer, and Congresswoman Waters were represented and good conversations occurred. The SBCCOG plans to do this quarterly, instead of having an active Legislative Committee. The next will be in October. (Perkins)
- September 22 regular board meeting date was changed to September 29, due to League Economic Development Conference (Bacharach)

Next meeting - Thursday, August 25, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was ordered adjourned by Chair Perkins at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Hiratzka