

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2012
SBESC THEATER
20285 S. WESTERN AVE, TORRANCE, CA 90501

Chair Franklin called the South Bay Cities Council of Governments to order at 6:00 p.m.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

FLAG SALUTE - LED BY CHAIR RALPH FRANKLIN

Julie Ruiz-Raber, Carson
Suzanne Fuentes, El Segundo
Dan Medina, Gardena
Jeff Duclos, Hermosa Beach
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood
Jim Osborne, Lawndale
Jim Gazeley, Lomita

David Lesser, Manhattan Beach
Ellen Perkins, Palos Verdes Estates
Jim Knight, Rancho Palos Verdes
Pat Aust, Redondo Beach
Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates
Susan Rhilinger, Torrance

Other Elected Officials

Jim Goodhart, Palos Verdes Estates
Mike Gin, Redondo Beach
Matt Kilroy, Redondo Beach

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Jeffrey Kiernan, League of CA Cities
Michael Rock, Lomita
Jacob Haik, Los Angeles
Bonnie Shrewsbury, Manhattan Beach
Pam O'Connor, MTA
Mike Bohlke, MTA Director O'Connor
Kristin Eberhard, NRDC
Claudette Moody, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Sabrina Bornstein, SBCCOG

Suzanne Charles, SBCCOG
Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG
Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
David Magarian, SBCCOG
Lisa Rodriguez, SBCCOG
Catherine Showalter, SBCCOG
Wally Siembab, SBCCOG Consultant
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Transp. Consultant
John Parsons, SBWIB
Matt Horton, SCAG

CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – Chair Franklin added a special-need item to the agenda, and asked Suzanne Charles, SBCCOG Bookkeeper, to brief the Board about it. She announced that the SBCCOG released an RFP for auditing services, and received one proposal. It was brought to the Board for approval.

MOTION by Board Members Aust, seconded by Board Member Ruiz-Raber, to **add** this item to the agenda. Chair Franklin titled this item Section 9 Item E11, SBCCOG RFP for Audit Services. **Ayes: 13; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.** So ordered.

Chair Franklin stated that the SBCCOG GIS Working Group created a poster which was awarded 3rd prize at the ESRI User Conference in the Category of Best Community Map Product- the City of Manhattan Beach took the lead, using data from the cities of Carson, El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, and Torrance. He directed

members to look at the poster which was displayed at the side of the room and he congratulated Bonnie Shrewsbury from Manhattan Beach and member of the group for their excellent work.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. July Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approve**
- B. Task Order 1.1 – Siembab Corporation Master Agreement (attachment) – Approve**
- C. West Basin Municipal Water District Contract for 2012-2013 (attachment) – Approve**
- D. LUV Vehicle Project Demobilization Plan (attachment) – Approve**
- E. South Bay PEV Readiness Contract with SCAG (attachment) – Approve**
- F. BEV Contract with AQMD (attachment) – Approve**
- G. Legislation of Interest (attachment) – Receive and file**
- H. City of Inglewood’s letters with Metro re: Crenshaw Corridor Design Alternatives (attachments) – Receive and file**

PRESENTATIONS

What City Officials Should Know About AB 32 and Cap and Trade

Kristin Eberhard, Legal Director of the Western Energy and Climate Projects Division of the National Resources Defense Council, presented information about AB32 and CARB’s Emission Reduction Strategies. AB32 was a Statewide Bill passed in 2006, requiring California to get its GHG emission levels back to 1990 levels by 2020. Climate change will have a drastic effect on our economy. . CARB came up with the strategy in 2008 and will update it next year. 3 transportation strategies: Maintain cleaner vehicles, low carbon fuel standard, and smart growth or land use planning. Electrifying all passenger vehicles is the long-term goal. CARB is imposing a limit of an absolute cap on emissions; with fewer allowances each year. All of the State’s emissions have to fit within that limit. In California, there is not likely to be much trading because of the State’s quarterly auction of pollution permits (allowances) at the best market rate. The first 3 years of the program began in 2012, and most of the allowances are being given away for free to complying industrial and utility entities. In 2015, the transportation sector will be included in the auction. The auction will double when this happens. Currently, there are several different bills regarding auction revenue uses: SB1572 (Pavley) says the money should go to land use and transportation, among other pieces of pie (versus the state general fund). AB1186 (Skinner) suggests energy efficiency projects in schools. AB1532 (Perez) has a list of criteria and potential uses. SB535 (de Leon) says the most disadvantaged communities should get the money. Board Member Goodhart asked if there is a debate about who controls the money and Ms. Eberhard said that AB32 has money going into a special fund controlled by CARB but it has to be appropriated by the Legislature. Board Member Knight asked how this affects the other AQMDs across the state. Ms. Eberhard replied that this does not override the existing Clean Air Act. Cities are not regulated, so they cannot get credit individually. Jacki Bacharach asked if the money could be borrowed for the general fund and budget deficit and Ms. Eberhard said that there is increasing momentum to implement these projects but there is always a risk that the state will borrow the money and pay it back later. The public needs to make clear that borrowing would be unacceptable.. Jacki Bacharach also mentioned that Darryl Steinberg wrote some bills, and wondered if they are tied to this. Ms. Eberhard said that the Steinberg bills are not directly related. Ms. Bacharach distributed a flyer about Assemblymembers Hall and Bonilla holding a forum, featuring California Air Resources Board (CARB) Chair Mary Nichols to discuss the impact of AB 32 (Chapter 488, 2006) and CARB’s Cap-and-Trade program on businesses, utilities, public universities and local governments throughout the state on Friday, August 24, 2012 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at CSU Dominguez Hills.

TRANSPORTATION REPORTS**A. Metro Report**

Board Member Pam O'Connor reported that MTA is dark this month. She did mention that TIFIA (Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act) a previous transportation bill provided \$122 million dollars for loan contract authority for each Fiscal Year from 2005-2009, and MAP-21 (the current 2-year bill) provides for a greatly expanded TIFIA program- authorizing \$750 million of budget authority for FY2013 and \$1 billion for FY2014. This broadens the eligibility of the master credit agreement (MCA.) Measure J-and a motion made by Director Fasana amending Measure R was approved this month by the MTA Board. The SBCCOG will have to consider taking a position soon. ONLY the sub region can request this, and to pass, it requires 2/3 of MTA Board vote. In October, the TIFIA loan process will be brought to MTA Board. This TIFIA program will be a national issue and the SBCCOG needs to be prepared to speak on it since other regions will be competing for the funds. Agencies who want to be considered need to act now because it will be difficult to be included later. Jacki Bacharach added that the money can go both ways. Steve Lantz has been assisting her in creating a schedule of a transfer of funds (Green Line Extension to Redondo Beach and Torrance.) Next month, the SBCCOG Board will look at ballot propositions and consider its position for each of them.

B. Service Council Report

Chair Franklin listed items of concern that were discussed at the last service council meeting: the retirement of long-time Metro secretary, Susan Handler; anticipation of congestion at Expo lines due to USC football and pedestrians trying to cross the tracks; Art Leahy made it a priority to remove rust at rail and bus stations; Harbor Gateway Transit Center restrooms are being imported from New Zealand; AAA members can get a 20% discount on transponders for the ExpressLanes on 110.

C. Measure R Oversight Committee Report

Board Member Goodhart reported the following:

- The Measure R Oversight Committee is measuring the progress of each South Bay Measure R project (schedule and cost). The new candidate list of projects was released after cities met individually with the SBCCOG and MTA.
- Metro's new database (PMIS) is almost ready and by next month, lead agencies will be expected to use it. Metro will work with the SBCCOG to provide training to lead agencies.
- The SBCCOG has also arranged for a 5-session course on Project Management to be taught at its offices in Torrance; all cities are encouraged to participate. There will be a registration fee.
- The City of Torrance held its ribbon-cutting ceremony for its 12 year-long Del Amo BI Extension project, bridging a large gap over a rail line, and accomplishing a reduction of traffic, delays, and emergency response time. Chair Franklin asked Board Member Rhilinger to speak about Del Amo BI Extension ribbon-cutting ceremony. She relayed that the City Council and Commissioners were driven in antique vehicles over the bridge. Pedestrians and bicycles aren't allowed on the bridge, as it goes though ExxonMobil property. Jacki Bacharach mentioned another Measure R project to complete the Del Amo BI Extension through LA City and County. A joint study is needed to determine how this project can be implemented. Jacob Haik from LA City Councilman Buscaino's office agreed to set up the meeting. Measure R funds will be used to the study.
- The MTA is deciding how much Measure R funds can be used as the local match. A Call for Projects workshop will be held for lead agency staff on Oct 24 in Redondo Beach at 10am, at the Blue Water Grill.

D. SBCCOG Report

Steve Lantz reported that rail projects need to have a Record of Decision from the Federal Level. This is often not done and somehow not noticed, but is nevertheless required.

SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES

Catherine Showalter thanked the Board for approving the new West Basin MWD contract with the SBESC. She also announced a new job announcement that opens tomorrow for "Environmental Services Analyst of Transportation Programs." The position will deal with the outreach of vanpooling and Metro's ExpressLanes pilot program. Ms. Showalter also announced that the SBESC will be hosting a composting class on Sept 20 at its office in Torrance.

SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. South Bay Sustainable Strategy**

1. LUV, BEV and other EV issues- Jacki Bacharach announced that the Board just voted to approve progress on these issues on the consent calendar (Items D-F). For the LUV Program, the final report is being drafted, and the last focus group will be held in December. For the BEV project, the SBCCOG will hopefully have the vehicles in the fall, but does not have the final contract yet (but does have the scope of work.) Test drivers will use GPS devices in their regular vehicles for two weeks before they receive the BEV so that the difference of using the BEV can be tracked. The PEV contract with SCAG focuses on electric charging station infrastructure. SBCCOG staff is also working with car2go to implement a car-sharing project which would cover most of the South Bay. This is an exciting opportunity since car sharing has only operated in individual cities in the past and this company is will to come into the South Bay with the SBCCOG facilitating the city contacts and agreements.

2. Economic Development activities- Jacki Bacharach reported that today marked the new group's third meeting. LAEDC's business-friendly city program contained a survey with great questions to pose to all the South Bay Cities (about their business practices.) The committee is developing a matrix of the responses to the survey which will be used for future discussion and possibly action. Carson has an exhibit space at the International Shopping Center Conference in San Diego and they have made their space for any South Bay city to display their information. The SBCCOG will assist with purchasing a banner and tablecloth for the booth with all of the city logos on it. The group is asking cities for a voluntary \$1000 to help the SBCCOG and Carson cover their costs. The committee considered their work program for the next 6 months. They identified ten major issues worth exploring and decided that they would focus on BRAC sequestration, and tourism.

B. Policy for terms for SBCCOG representatives on outside boards (*attachment*) – Approve

Jacki Bacharach specified that the League of CA Cities and SCAG are the organizations whose SBCCOG representatives have no defined term limit.. (MTA Service Council and the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission have term limits.) The Steering Committee is recommending making the League and SCAG SBCCOG representatives' terms 2 years each starting in January 2013 with nominations opening in October 2012. Current representatives can re-apply.

MOTION by Board Member Perkins, seconded by Board Member Gazeley, to **appoint** SBCCOG representatives on outside boards with no current term limits for **2-year terms. Ayes: 13; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.** So ordered.

C. Metro Congestion Pricing Project Assistance (*attachment*) – Approve

Jacki reported that negotiations between Metro and the SBCCOG on Scope of Work for outreach of the ExpressLanes pilot program is underway. Since the Steering Committee saw and approved this item, \$15,000 dollars has been deducted from the contract amount. That money was going to go toward ensuring that the SBCCOG could get a specific number of vanpools formed. Since the SBCCOG cannot guarantee vanpool formation, this is not a realistic goal for the scope of work, so it was deducted. Chair Franklin reminded everyone that the SBCCOG is not taking ownership of this Metro program; the SBCCOG is only supporting it. Board Member Fuentes announced that she ordered a transponder and brought it to El Segundo's City Council to share.

MOTION by Board Member Knight, seconded by Board Member Aust, to **adopt** the amended scope of work from Metro for the outreach of its Express Lanes pilot program and enter into a contract subject to review by legal counsel. **Ayes: 13; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.** So ordered.

D. Other items of interest

Jacki Bacharach mentioned that at the SBCCOG's Infrastructure Working Group meeting on August 22, there was a presentation from a representative of the Coalition for Affordable Street Lights. The presentation gave an overview on the recent rate case and settlement between Edison and the Coalition. The City of Torrance is one of the member cities in this Coalition, and Ms. Bacharach encouraged other South Bay Cities who were interested in acquiring their streetlights to get involved with this movement, as the coalition is looking for more members.

E. ITEM ADDED- Suzanne Charles reported that the auditing firm that the SBCCOG had previously used raised its fees to \$10,000, and the SBCCOG's budget for this is only \$5,500, so the SBCCOG had to bid

out for services it could afford. The response to the Auditing Services RFP was distributed at the last minute, when this meeting started, and this item was added to the agenda.

MOTION by Board Member Ruiz-Raber, seconded by Board Member Gazeley, to **engage** Moss, Levy & Hartzheim for this audit of FY 2011-2012 and the two following years. **Ayes: 13; Nays: 13; Abstain: 0.** So ordered.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Aust- September 21-23 is Redondo Beach's Annual Lobster Fest
- Fuentes- El Segundo is hosting a car show on Main St to support the Police Station on Aug 25; new beach facilities will be dedicated in September, not in August as originally intended
- Goodhart- On September 22, PVE is hosting a disaster preparedness fair near city hall
- Rhilinger- On September 16, Torrance is having a parade, dedicating centennial plaza & time capsule.
- Ruiz-Raber- Carson offers excursions to different events (ballgames, ballets, rose parade.)
- Mitchell- On September 7-9, RHE will hold the 55th Annual National Portuguese Bend Horse Show.
- Knight- The PVP Land Conservancy recently became a conservation excellence award nominee (for landscaping and energy efforts)
- Medina- On August 24, Gardena will celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Normandie Casino 7pm
- Franklin- Inglewood is clearing trees for the space shuttle Endeavour. It will travel 12 miles, from LAX to the California Space Center.
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AGENCY REPORTS

A. League of California Cities

Board Member Goodhart reported that the League's LA Division did not meet this month. Jeff Kiernan announced that the League's Annual Conference will be held in San Diego on September 5-7. **South Coast Air Quality Management District-** Board Member Mitchell had nothing to report. Jacob Haik's name will replace Sergio Carrillo's on these agendas from now on.

B. SCAG & Committees

Matt Horton announced SCAG's new member orientation on September 11 (for Regional Council and Policy Committees.) Hasan Ikhata will make rounds at City Manager Association meetings regarding subregional information on the RTP and other local concerns. Jacki Bacharach said that she met with Hasan to discuss why the subcommittees were being created. He is now planning to have quarterly meetings with COG Executive Directors.

There was nothing to report from the SCAG committee or Regional Council meetings.

C. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission-

Mayor Gin distributed guidelines about \$20 million in funding. Low-impact development projects are a big focus for this organization. Steve Lantz mentioned that the county water quality ordinance was discussed at the IWG where they had a presentation on this issue. Board Member Knight asked if the City of Rancho Palos Verdes can get a unique-situation exception, since the city has a landslide issue

D. South Bay Cities City Managers' Association nothing to report.

E. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce-

Susan Rhilinger reported that this month's meeting was devoted to propositions that will be on ballot in November.

F. South Bay Workforce Investment Board-

John Parsons distributed the SBWIB's Q4 Annual Report.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacki Bacharach announced that the SBCCOG Legal Counsel has cancelled the September Brow Bag Seminar on Municipal Government until further notice. Please send topic suggestions to Jacki.

SEPTEMBER SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Franklin at 8:15 pm until Sept. 27, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Hiratzka, Recording Secretary