

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2011
PALOS VERDES GOLF CLUB
3301 VIA CAMPESINA, PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CA 90274

CALL TO ORDER - INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Perkins called the South Bay Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:00pm.

In attendance were the following voting members:

Julie Ruiz-Raber, Carson
Dan Medina, Gardena
Jeff Duclos, Hermosa Beach
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood
Ken Blackwood, Lomita
David Lesser, Manhattan Beach

Ellen Perkins, Palos Verdes Estates
Anthony Misetich, Rancho Palos Verdes
Pat Aust, Redondo Beach
Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates
Susan Rhilinger, Torrance
Dan Rosenfeld, Supervisorial District 2

Other Elected Officials:

Bill Brand, Redondo Beach
Mike Gin, Redondo Beach
Matt Kilroy, Redondo Beach
Susan Seamans, Rolling Hills Estates
Tom Brewer, Torrance

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Jeff Kiernan, California League of Cities
David MacEachern, Green Technology
Michael Huls, Green Technology
Patrick Lantz, Kindel Gagan
Mike Bohlke, Deputy to Metro Director O'Connor
Roderick Diaz, Metro
Pam O'Connor, Metro
Alan Patashnick, Metro
Lan Saadatnejadi, Metro
Bronwen Trice, Metro

Judy Smith, Palos Verdes Estates
Diane Robinson, Palos Verdes Library Trustee
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG
Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG consultant
Marilyn Lyon, SBESC
John Parsons, SBWIB
Matt Horton, SCAG

FLAG SALUTE - LED BY CHAIR 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 – Mayor Gin's action item/presentation was moved to immediately follow the consent calendar, as he needed to make an early departure.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **August Board Meeting Minutes** (*attachment*) – Approve
- B. **Contract Amendment with AESC for Technical Services for the EEMIS Project** (*attachment*) - Approve
- C. **Legislative Status & Support** (*attachment*) - Approve

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

PRESENTATION

Metro Green Line Extension into LAX International Airport – Presentation by Roderick Diaz, Metro Director of Systemwide Planning/Transit Corridors

Mr. Diaz introduced himself, Bronwen Trice, and Patrick Lantz of the consultant team handling outreach for this project. He reported that on September 22, the MTA Board certified the environmental document for the Crenshaw LAX Transit Corridor, which establishes the northern end of a north/south corridor that will include the South Bay extension. Service will become available from the Expo Line to Redondo Beach as a unified line with the Crenshaw LAX corridor. With that as a foundation, Metro can now focus on the Green Line to LAX. The presentation explained Metro's approach of looking at different airport connection types and how the process will move forward. The goal is to create a high-quality experience for passengers traveling between airport terminals and the regional transit system. Primary modes being considered include bus rapid transit, a people mover, and light rail. Mr. Diaz distributed project overview fact sheets about the Green Line to LAX and the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor, as well as an LAX user questionnaire/pre-scoping comment form.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

A. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Overview & Delegate Selection - Approve

Redondo Beach Mayor Mike Gin is also the South Bay Commission Delegate for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. He gave an overview to familiarize the SBCCOG with the commission. An MOU was provided in the Board packet. The commission would like the surrounding COGs to be more engaged and play a larger role in its future activities. There is a proposed change to the commission's bylaws, which would, if passed, call for the SBCCOG to nominate and appoint the South Bay delegate and alternate to the Commission. The South Bay Cities representative is elected by members representing El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance. One oversight that will soon be amended in the bylaws is the addition of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, which did not originally have authority to select delegates. These issues will be addressed at the commission's meeting in November. Mayor Gin concluded by referencing the commission's website for further information (www.santamonibay.org) and stating that if the SBCCOG Board approves of this concept, a letter of support to the commission would be welcomed. Jacki Bacharach pointed out that the passing of this amendment to the commission's bylaws would only affect nine of the fifteen South Bay Cities, assuming that Rancho Palos Verdes is included in electing members. Chair Perkins announced that this would be brought before the SBCCOG Steering Committee on October 10 for further discussion, and again to the Board on October 27 as an action item.

B. Measure R Agreement with Metro – Approve proposed relationship in concept

Jacki Bacharach gave a report on the Measure R South Bay Highway Program, which focused on how our Measure R projects will be managed by the SBCCOG. This is a 30 year program encompassing approximately 300 projects. Thirteen of the fifteen South Bay Cities will receive direct funding (\$906 million dollar program). Each city that has a project will sign a funding agreement directly with Metro (congratulations to Gardena for completing the first one!). The SBCCOG submitted an early action plan with technical consulting by Iteris and administrative consulting by Steve Lanz. It has been approved by the Metro Board. There are 2 different management models being considered that Metro has used - the Call for Projects model and Gold Line Authority model (the latter requires the SBCCOG to oversee all project implementation under Metro.) Jacki explained that a cooperative agreement/hybrid management model is being developed, which presents both pros and cons, but replaces a series of grant agreements with one partnership between the SBCCOG and Metro. Jacki's presentation concluded with a request for the authorization for the SBCCOG to work with Metro to develop this cooperative agreement under the direction of the SBCCOG's Measure R Oversight Committee. In addition, the SBCCOG also requested the authorization to amend the SBCCOG's existing agreement with Metro to release the retention immediately. Lan Saadatnejadi of Metro said that Metro is open to the idea and will release the retention, but that the legal formalities will take time

to resolve. The Metro Board needs to first approve the amending of the SBCCOG's existing agreement with Metro.

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Rosenfeld, to **approve** the recommended actions as submitted for Metro Board consideration. No objection. So ordered.

C. Only You Can Save Energy Program – Approve letter of agreement subject to legal counsel review

Jacki Bacharach introduced non-profit organization, Green Technology, and its public outreach initiative called Only You Can Save Energy. The City of Gardena piloted this campaign in August of 2011, by mailing an informational CD video magazine (not a DVD) to every single resident in the city and hosting a ceremony with Green Technology at City Hall. Michael Huls and David MacEachern gave a presentation to the Board; Green Technology is interested in tailoring a CD video magazine to each South Bay city for the purpose of educating the public about energy efficiency and changing the public's behavior. Mr. Huls concluded by stating that viewership is trackable through CD media and the CD will maintain current live links and not become obsolete over time. Jacki Bacharach then explained the SBCCOG's possible future involvement with Green Technology. 350,000 CDs would go out to South Bay households, costing \$1.50 each. Cities would be able to use their AB939 funds, as this is an approved use of these funds but the SBCCOG is not asking for any city funding. Jacki explained that General Assembly funding will be partly derived from funds raised from this (and the SBCCOG would receive 10% of the funds for COG admin expenses.) Any sponsor who participates in the distribution of a CD for its residents will have the opportunity to become a General Assembly sponsor. There is a clause in the agreement between Green Technology and the SBCCOG that allows the SBCCOG to keep the money that is collected for the General Assembly if the \$1.50 is not raised to distribute the CD. If any Board member knows of a South Bay company who may be interested, the can contact Jacki Bacharach (jacki@southbaycities.org). Legal counsel to the SBCCOG, Mike Jenkins, will review the final agreement

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Medina, to **approve** the SBCCOG's agreement with Green Technology subject to review by Mike Jenkins. No objection. So ordered.

TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report by Board member Pam O'Connor

At the MTA Board meeting on September 22, one of the items on the agenda was the Caltrans Park and Ride Facilities Transfer to Metro. Director O'Connor, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, and Supervisor Knabe made an amendment that gave the Artesia Transit Center (soon to be known as the Harbor Gateway Transit Center) priority for completing its transfer to Metro ownership by the end of 2011. The expediting of this transfer will greatly affect Metro's Congestion Reduction Demonstration Project. Director O'Connor also mentioned Supervisor Ridley-Thomas and Knabe's motion to suspend the cancellation of bus line 442, which runs from Downtown LA to Hawthorne. Metro is conducting an analysis and is gathering public input and will vote on this at a later date. She reported that the South Bay Service Council has recommended the line's discontinuation.

B. Service Council report by Ralph Franklin, Chair

Board Member Franklin thanked those who advocate for the South Bay Service Council since bus line 442 has not been considered cost-effective for many years and will possibly be cancelled. The Council received a report on new bus stop signage in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. ADA compliance will be the presentation topic at the next meeting. Precautionary measures will be taken in order to curb accidents at the stations. Board Member Franklin also mentioned that the Service Council discussed the major challenges that TAP cards have been creating. The September meeting adjourned in memory of John Meyers of the Palos Verdes Transit Authority.

C. SBCCOG report by Steve Lantz, Transportation Consultant

Mr. Lantz also commented that Metro's Crenshaw/LAX project was environmentally cleared. The proposal will be submitted to the design-build team and if money can be saved in the proposals, more scope can be added to the project.

SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES**A. Update on current programs and activities**

Marilyn Lyon handed out invitations to West Basin Municipal Water District's 13th Annual Water Harvest and VIP breakfast. She mentioned that there will be an upcoming facility dedication in honor of West Basin Director, Donald Dear, on October 21. A list of the SBESC's upcoming events was also distributed.

B. Status of stimulus projects, Energy Leader program & Energy Upgrade Ca., LA County program

Marilyn reported that the SBESC may exceed this year's project goals by December of 2011. She mentioned the Demand Response workshop that the SBESC and Edison will be hosting for city staff on October 13. Ms. Lyon also mentioned the newly increased Energy Upgrade California rebate amount of \$8000 for qualifying homeowners. She announced that EUC "block party events" are available to South Bay neighborhoods, and spoke of the one that was recently held in Hermosa Beach. Finally, Ms. Lyon reported that the Public Goods Charge was not renewed in legislature and therefore will sunset at the end of 2011. This affects the future funding of SBCCOG/SBESC programs. California Public Utilities Commissioners will meet with local government partnerships such as ours on October 5 in Downtown Los Angeles from 11am-2pm. Marilyn and Jacki would like to carpool with any Board member interested in attending and rallying support for the Public Goods Charge as well as addressing other issues of the partnerships.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jeff Duclos thanked the South Bay Environmental Services Center for assisting with the EUC block party in Hermosa Beach on September 15.
- Julie Ruiz-Raber announced "Unity in a Drug Free Community: A Fun Night full of Entertainment, Inspiration, Motivation, and Education!" on Wed. October. 19, 2011 at the South Bay Pavilion from 4-6PM. She also mentioned that City Clerk, Helen Kawaoge, suffered a stroke, and is recovering in the hospital. No visitors at this time, please. Finally, she announced the new City Manager, David Biggs.
- Dan Medina announced that on October 1 at 1130am, he will be performing in a concert at Gardena City Hall. Also, on October 8, Board Member Medina will be the DJ for West Basin's Water Harvest.
- Judy Mitchell said that on October 1, the Local First Extravaganza. The event is part of the PVP Chamber's campaign to encourage Peninsula residents to shop and support local businesses and show that consumers can get exactly what they need right in their neighborhood. October 1, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Free admission 550 Deep Valley Dr, Rolling Hills Estates
- Ralph Franklin announced the City of Inglewood District 4 Town Hall Meeting on October 1 from 10am-12pm at the Hollywood Park Casino, which will include an EUC presentation from the SBESC.
- Dan Rosenfeld talked about Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' vote regarding the County Redistricting Plan on September 27. The Supervisor decided to vote for the plan that will require small adjustments but mostly maintain status quo. The vote was 4 to 1, with Supervisor Molina voting for a different plan that would have created a second Latino majority district.

SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. LUV update**

Jacki Bacharach reported that, with the help of Board Member Mitchell, the SBCCOG's LUV program was extended for another year. This will keep the vehicles from having to be demobilized at the end of October. There is also the prospect of a South Bay dealership selling these vehicles. Jacki also reported that SCAG applied for a California Energy Commission grant of \$200,000 and was successful. The grant is for developing a plan for locating electric vehicle charging stations. SBCCOG is one of two targeted areas to participate. Board Member Aust commented that he had contacted the California Fuel Cell Partnership (from the last Board meeting when they gave a presentation) and procured a fuel-cell vehicle for the 8th Annual Rods, Rides & Relics Classic Car Show on the pier that ten thousand people attended.

B. General Assembly update

Jacki reported that the topic for 2012 is "planning for recovery." Confirmed speakers include Dr. Lucy Jones from the U.S. Geological Survey. **AGENCY REPORTS**

A. League of California Cities (Jeffrey Kiernan)

Mr. Kiernan reported that Governor Brown has until October 9, 2011 to sign or veto the bills on his desk. The League filed a lawsuit regarding the vehicle license fee of \$3.50 and SB89, which was passed late in the legislative session without public review and will result in the loss of vital city general fund monies. Mr. Kiernan also reported on the League's Annual Conference during the previous week in San Francisco. Senator Wright was awarded "Legislator of the Year" award. Regarding LA County's Water Quality Funding Initiative, public comment will close on October 18, 2011. It will be on an all-mail ballot in 2012. The League has not yet taken a position on this initiative. Steve Lantz commented that the County presented this to the SBCCOG's Infrastructure Working Group and the group did not take a position.

B. South Coast Air Quality Management District (Judy Mitchell)

Judy Mitchell announced the Alt Car Expo on October 1 in Santa Monica. She also provided a written update regarding South Coast AQMD Activities and issues of interest.

C. SCAG & Committees (Matt Horton)

Mr. Horton brought flyers on the aforementioned Alt Car Expo in Santa Monica. He also reported that the Regional City Managers luncheon took place on September 28, 2011.

D. Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Report (Mary Ann Lutz)

Ms. Lutz submitted a written report on the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board in the Board packet.

E. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (John Parsons)

Mr. Parsons thanked the Board for opposing SB776, (State and local workforce investment boards: funding). This bill failed but SB734 is the new vehicle for County-opposed SB776 and is now on Governor Brown's desk for consideration by October 9, 2011.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (8:00 pm)

- Chair Perkins announced that on October 12, the SBCCOG will host another Legislative Briefing & Breakfast for District Staff in Redondo Beach.
- Jacki announced that on November 17, the SBESC will hold its 4th Annual Volunteer Recognition Reception. She reminded everyone that, in observance of Thanksgiving, the November SBCCOG Board meeting will occur a week earlier, on November 17. The volunteer reception will begin at 4:30pm at the Palos Verdes Golf Club, prior to the Board meeting. Jacki will send out a list of which volunteers reside in which South Bay city, should elected officials wish to recognize them in their own cities as well.
- Pam O'Connor announced a SCAG Direct Policy meeting on October 6, and special meetings on October 20 and November 3, regarding the release of the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan & Sustainable Communities Strategy.

OCTOBER 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 at 8:30pm until October 27, 2011 by Chair Perkins.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Hiratzka