

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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:

Julie Ruiz-Raber, Carson
Suzanne Fuentes, El Segundo
Dan Medina, Gardena
Daniel Juarez, Hawthorne
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
Steve Napolitano, LA County SD4

Other Elected Officials:

Jim Goodhart, Palos Verdes Estates
Matt Kilroy, Redondo Beach
Tom Brewer, Torrance

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Stan Miles, AQMD
Jack Gabig, GMBL
Michael Doucette, LAWA
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities
Jacob Haik, Los Angeles
Mike Bohlke, MTA Director O'Connor
Alan Patashnick, Metro
Lan Saadatnejadi, Metro
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Suzanne Charles, SBCCOG
Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG

Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Lisa Rodriguez, SBCCOG
Catherine Showalter, SBCCOG
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Consultant
Greg Stevens, SBESC Engineering Consultant
John Parsons, SBWIB
Matt Horton, SCAG
Hal Conklin, SCE
Scott Gobble, SCE
Francisco Martinez, SCE

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

Chair Franklin announced the following changes to the agenda:

- Item # 6D2- **First Amendment to the 2010-2012 SBCCOG Strategic Plan Strategies Program Contract & Amended Statement of Work** (*attachments*) – **Approve pending sign-off by legal counsel** (revised the Effective Dates to “March 11, 2011: on pages 40 and 43 of Board packet)
- Item # 6F- **SCAG Facilities Agreement for Video Conferencing** (*attachment*) – **Approve** (revised principal contact information in “Section V. Notices” on page 61 of Board packet)
- Item # 10- **Report on October 24, 2012 Meetings with CPUC Commissioners in Irvine, CA** (addition to Section 10 of the agenda).

- Item 11C- **SBCCOG Website Redesign and Update** (*attachment*)- **Approve** authorization to negotiate (per addendum on page 95 of the Board packet)
- Chair Franklin announced that Items B1 and D2, which were pending the SBCCOG's legal counsel's approval, have been approved by the SBCCOG's legal counsel.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Battery Electric Vehicle Program**
 - 1. **Battery Electric Vehicle contract with AQMD** (*attachment*) – **Approve**
 - 2. **BMW loaner vehicle agreement with AQMD** (*attachment*) – **Approve**
- B. **Regional & South Bay PEV Readiness Planning - Task Order 1.3 – Siembab Corporation Master Agreement** (*attachment*) – **Approve**
- C. **Energy Efficiency Program**
 - 1. **Amendment to GSE Solutions contract** (*attachment*) – **Approve**
 - 2. **First Amendment to the 2010-2012 SBCCOG Strategic Plan Strategies Program Contract & Amended Statement of Work** (*attachments*) – **Approve**
- D. **SCAG Facilities Agreement for Video Conferencing** (*attachment*) – **Approve**
- E. **Measure R Quarterly Report** (*attachment*) – **Receive and file**
- F. **Legislation of Interest** (*attachment*) – **Receive and file**

MOTION by Board Member Aust, seconded by Board Member Lesser, to **approve** the Consent Calendar without Items A and E, which were removed for further discussion. No objection. So ordered.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- Item # 6A- **September Board Meeting Minutes** (*attachment*)- **Approve**
Board Member Knight requested that his comment on Section 6B from the SBCCOG September Board meeting minutes be revised to say, "As a practical matter, Board Member Knight finds that constituents are more open to implementing municipal energy efficient measures when they are told it will save taxpayers' dollars, rather than being told it will help prevent climate change." **This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar so that the Board Secretary could make these modifications. No objections to amendment; so ordered.**
- Item # 6E- **Resolution 2012-3 Endorsing Car2go Carsharing service in the South Bay** (*attachment*) – **Approve**
Board Member Lesser requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Calendar. He cautioned that the parking supply is precious in Downtown Manhattan Beach, and that he would like the city's merchants and residents to be informed before he can be comfortable with supporting this resolution. He proposed the an amendment to change "...*adopt* the permit required for Car2go to begin operations" to "...*consider by the end of December 2012* the permit required for Car2go to begin operations" in the last paragraph of the Car2go resolution on page 55 of the Board packet. As the second to the last paragraph of the resolution states that Car2go is prepared to begin operations by the middle of 2013, Board Member Lesser would like his constituents to have until the end of December 2012 to consider this program. Jacki Bacharach said that the SBCCOG would like to have member cities make a decision by January 2013 so the program may be announced at the SBCCOG General Assembly in February, if approved. Board Members Rhilinger and Perkins expressed their support for the resolution's original language.

MOTION by Board Member Perkins, seconded by Board Member Juarez, to approve the language of the Car2go Resolution as submitted, without the proposed amendment. Ayes: 14; Nays: 1 (Lesser); Abstain: 0

ITEM ADDED TO THE AGENDA

Report on October 24, 2012 Meetings with CPUC Commissioners in Irvine, CA

Chair Franklin requested that this topic be moved up in the agenda, so that the Board Members who needed to leave the meeting early would be able to hear it.

Jacki Bacharach made the following comments:

- The CPUC Commissioners met in Irvine to have informal meetings with stakeholders, elected officials, and private contractors in three subject groups (reliability, safety, energy efficiency and renewables). The Commissioners rotated to all three groups for 90 minutes each, addressing the concerns of the people in each group.
- SBCCOG attendees included: Chair Franklin, Board Members Knight, Goodhart, Perkins, Catherine Showalter, and Jacki Bacharach. This morning, the Commissioners had their formal meeting, and Board Members Lesser and Diels were in attendance.
- As an example of how cities and local government partnerships need more flexibility and innovation, the SBCCOG mentioned that it would like to be able to explain to South Bay constituents *why* the SBCCOG promotes and offers the programs and workshops that it does – explaining the load on the grid and other issues. As a result, the Commissioners expressed an interest in considering funding such an endeavor.
- Electric charging stations were another topic discussed and the Commissioners were pleased to hear that the SBCCOG is implementing its Battery Electric Vehicle program, which will bring these vehicles to lower-income areas of the South Bay.

Board Member Goodhart made the following comments:

- A list of talking points had been compiled (power outages and their impacts in the South Bay). All of the Commissioners were very receptive to the South Bay representatives' comments and CPUC President Peevey encouraged the SBCCOG to meet with President of SCE and discuss its concerns.
- Jacki had distributed the CPUC's proposal for the SCE rate case, it was noted that the proposal reduced SCE's maintenance and operations budget. This could adversely affect the South Bay and Board Member Goodhart suggested that the SBCCOG look at the proposal with the SCE's power grid as a context, and then address its concerns with SCE.
- SCE is required to pay for power outages and Governor-Appointed Technical Advisor to the CPUC, Dr. Bishu Chatterjee, asked for the South Bay's talking points and specific examples of power outage impacts.
- Sandy Windbigler of the CPUC's Business & Community Outreach Department is based in Los Angeles, and is also a good local resource.

Board Member Knight made the following comments:

- He spoke to a contractor attending the PUC meeting who had a new peak load technology that can help smooth out fluctuations in the grid. This will enable SCE to raise the current 15% cap on the number of solar systems located in any given substation area. We need to reach out to private companies who may have solutions to the roadblocks provided by the utility companies.
- Also, companies that are looking to relocate into areas that are dependent upon reliable electricity can obtain a list of areas to avoid (with low reliability.) This is an economic impact to these areas.

Chair Franklin made the following comments:

- He was in the energy efficiency and renewable energy group. He was surprised to see a large number of solar contractors in his group, and even more surprised to hear them report that installing panels on homes was not cost-effective. The solar contractors hoped the CPUC could increase residential rebates, and there was brief discussion about that.
- Another issue discussed was the branding and marketing of energy efficiency programs and making sure that customers understand the rules of the program before participating. Cities within SCE territory were not in agreement with SCE over whether or not city letterhead and envelopes should be used to promote the program instead of SCE letterhead and envelopes, as residents are more likely to open city mail than SCE mail. Cities are concerned about this micro-managing of items that they know how to do.
- Another issue discussed was aggregate data regarding the South Bay Cities' Climate Action Plans (CAPs). When the agencies request additional data from SCE for CAPs, privacy and confidentiality issues prevent the procurement of the data necessary to complete a CAP. The CPUC is already working with local governments, including SBCCOG, on a uniform data outreach to resolve this issue.
- In regards to utility poles, the State Energy Division Director requested examples of utility companies relocating their poles, thus, severing connections with telecom providers and adversely affecting their customers and local residents. Cities with photographs of such examples should send them to Jacki as soon as possible.

Board Member Lesser made the following comments:

- He attended the regular public meeting earlier this morning. He and Board Member Diels again thanked the Commissioners for giving everyone who attended the meetings yesterday the opportunity to voice their concerns for their communities and constituents.
- Degrading infrastructure is one of the impacts of power outages on coastal regions (like the South Bay) and people are concerned about the fact that SCE is not going to reinvest in the monitoring and maintenance of aging infrastructure.
- Board Member Lesser cited a Manhattan Beach power outage that lasted over 24 hours during which police officers were called away from their regular tasks in order to direct traffic. This illustrated another impact and cost to cities caused by power outages.
- Since there is less funding for infrastructure upgrades in the current proposed rate payer decision, elected officials in the meeting expressed their desire that the CPUC remain proactive and cognizant of the impacts power outages will have on municipalities.

Board Member Perkins and Catherine Showalter made the following comments:

- They thanked the Commissioners for their financial support that allows the SBESC to continue its educational outreach for the community.
- They also thanked the Commissioners for agreeing to monitor changes to requirements that SCE may request in the middle of executing a city's energy action plan development so that they can never be finished. The San Gabriel Valley COG and political officials from other sub-regions could also relate to this problem and were in agreement that the CPUC's involvement in this process would be welcomed.
- Board Member Perkins commented that the Commissioners recognized the South Bay representatives from last year's meeting, and it reinforces the value of the SBCCOG's participation and demonstrating how important these issues are to the South Bay.

PRESENTATIONS

LAX International Terminal Expansion Update

Michael Doucette, Chief Airport Planner for LAWA, made a presentation on the new Tom Bradley International Terminal at LAX. This project is 20 years in the making. He showed renderings of new gate positions, concourse demolition and construction, the new taxiway, and interior design of the departure concourse, lobby, arrival corridor, customs area, and great hall. There is a new passenger arrival route, consisting of an upper-level gateway to the customs area, with an aesthetically pleasing view of Los Angeles. Seating in the new terminal will all have electrical plug-ins and free wifi, and the concessions, first-class lounges, and waiting areas have all been moved past security. A new \$50 million dollar video system will showcase local attractions and entertainment for passengers in the great hall. The immigration processing area will be expanded to over double its current size, and the baggage claim will also be expanded. The Western portion of the terminal will be opened in 2013 Q2. This project has spurred a lot of other redevelopment projects at LAX.

Board Member Fuentes asked, if there is going to be double capacity for security (TSA), will there also be double the amount of immigration agents? Mr. Doucette said that Customs and Border Protection staff is harder to procure. The new terminal will have 16 self-service stations for US citizens who travel internationally frequently and wish to enroll in the program. Board Member Fuentes asked if the new terminal would include showers or playground and Mr. Doucette confirmed that a playground and pet relief area will be available. Board Member Knight asked how LAX plans to accommodate both the increase of air traffic and vehicle (street) traffic. Mr. Doucette said that there are improvements being made to some of the curb-fronts concerning the allocation of vehicles, and a separate group is conducting a study on the efficiency of the roads in airport, but as he is only in charge of the design and construction of the terminal, he was unable to comment further. Board Member Goodhart asked if this expansion is creating a demand for new flights. Mr. Doucette said that he has not seen any data indicating new flights being created, but he knows that some carriers are looking forward to relocating in the new facility, and LAX has not *lost* any flights. Chair Franklin also mentioned that LAX's flight path creates quality-of-life issues for residents living adjacent to LAX.

San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

Hal Conklin, Executive Director Local Public Affairs at Southern California Edison, upon having heard the Board Members' comments from their meetings with the CPUC Commissioners, revised his presentation in order to address some of their concerns. He spoke about the closure of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station at the beginning of 2012, due to a leak and subsequent inspection of Unit 3. Unit 2, which is also not functioning due to regular servicing, should be running in 2013, but in the meantime, the cost of managing all of these expenses has

yet to be allocated to Mitsubishi, Edison, and the rate payers. Over the summer, there was a large amount of energy conservation and they were able to upgrade some transmission lines (emergency power) into California, and temporarily put the Huntington Beach plant back online for 2012. But once the Huntington Beach plant becomes non-operational again, and if next summer is not mild, Edison customers would be working with a non-reliable operating system. Edison is extremely committed to safety and reliability while this plant is non-operational, and wants to make sure that the CPUC is not distracted by other issues that could claim the CPUC's money at the expense of Edison's reliability. Existing plants on the coast are getting old, are no longer owned by Edison, and many will be shut down. AQMD has restrictions on potential new plants (which would take 7-8 years to build). Changing public policy is going to take 5-10 years and we have to keep the system going in the meantime without it expiring. Mr. Conklin said that if renewable power is used in the system, Edison would have to switch to a base load demand (the amount of power required to meet minimum demands based on reasonable expectations of customer requirements.) To maintain voltage reliability 24/7, Edison has base load anchor points (2 major plants near Oxnard, hydro-systems near Fresno, and the San Onofre plant). If any of these base load anchor points are non-operational (San Onofre), renewable power cannot be generated throughout the SCE territory. Despite these obstacles, Mr. Conklin encouraged the SBCCOG and Elected Officials to keep promoting reliability and to keep in touch with the CPUC Commissioners (new commissioners may have a different perspective.) Board Member Gazeley asked if the Huntington Beach plant is being closed down and Mr. Conklin said that Edison does not own that plant. It was shut down due to air quality but the state allowed it to run an extra year to cover for the San Onofre failure. Board Member Goodhart asked if there are any options to buy power from outside of California. Mr. Conklin said that it is possible, but Edison's transmission is already at capacity. It would require building more underground lines, and no one wants them in their backyard. Chair Franklin acknowledged Marvin Jackmon from Edison for arranging the Edison staff that was present tonight.

MONTHLY TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

Metro Report by Board member Pam O'Connor

On behalf of Director O'Connor, Mike Bohlke reported that at today's MTA Board meeting, the Knabe Motion from September 27, 2012, directing staff to provide a report on accelerating the Airport Metro Connector project including a strategic implementation plan, recommended advocacy efforts and comments on Los Angeles World Airport's Specific Plan Amendment Study, was discussed again. A report responding to this motion was presented (also distributed by Bohlke at the SBCCOG Board meeting), by the Airport Metro Connector Project Executive Management Committee, describing schedule issues, strategic implementation framework, recommended advocacy efforts, and comments to the draft EIR. The MTA Board requested LAWA Executive Director, Gina Marie Lindsey, to speak about the project at their next meeting. This expansion will cost at least one billion dollars. LAWA is feeling the pressure; letter supporting the Knabe motion that the SBCCOG Board sent to the Metro Board helped. Board Member Knight asked about the probability of the project being built if LAWA does not contribute financially. Mr. Bohlke answered that Metro only has \$200 million dollars in Measure R money and this project is really LAWA's responsibility. MTA Chair Villaraigosa recognizes this and appreciates stakeholders' efforts to get this built. Board Member Knight also asked if there are any additional steps that the SBCCOG may take to support this project. Mr. Bohlke said that the SBCCOG will be able to become a stake holding interest and participant in the specific upcoming advocacy efforts mentioned in the presentation that he distributed.

Service Council report by Ralph Franklin, Chair

Chair Franklin reported that, due to the scheduling of the space shuttle, Endeavour, the South Bay Service Council did not meet in October. Jacki Bacharach said that at the SBCCOG's Legislative Breakfast on October 11, cities were asked to send letters to Caltrans regarding their relinquishment of the Harbor Gateway Transit Center to Metro. The Cities of Torrance and Inglewood, and Supervisor Knabe's office sent letters to Caltrans, and more are welcomed!

Jack Gabig, Transportation Director for Gardena Municipal Bus Lines (GMBL), made a brief presentation to the Board about Gardena's new bus line service plan, which begins October 28th. Service changes are available on their website.

Chair Franklin asked if GMBL is going to offer paperless or TAP card options for riders. Mr. Gabig said that GMBL introduced TAP cards at the beginning of 2012 (soft roll out has been successful) and 5% of riders are using them. New schedules are available at www.gardenabus.com

Measure R Oversight Committee Report (Jim Goodhart & Steve Lantz)

Board Member Goodhart gave an overview of the following:

- The South Bay Highway Program Quarterly Report that Steve Lantz prepared. The report contains the summary of activity from July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012, the financial summary of the Iteris/SBCCOG contract, and the Metro/SBCCOG funding agreement.
- Metro's new PMIS system (electronic reporting versus hand written reporting) has been rolled out and the participating South Bay cities and lead agencies have received training on this new program.
- The 5-session course on Project Management that the SBCCOG offered to the cities and County was completed with high participation.
- Next month, the Measure R Oversight Committee will be recommending the candidate for Metro's 2013 Call for Projects.

Schedule of decisions re: SB funds if Measure J passes (*attachment*)

Jacki Bacharach said that if this passes in November, the SBCCOG should consider whether to take advantage of 4 possible options: 1) accelerate South Bay Measure R Highway program projects through bonding and federal TIFIA loans, 2) transfer a portion of the South Bay Measure R Highway funds from the Highway program to rail to accelerate the Green Line construction with the option of completing the line to Torrance by bonding and executing TIFIA loans, 3) a combination of the first two options, or 4) do nothing. Should the measure pass, a schedule for considering these options was provided covering the period from November 7 through January 24, 2013.

SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES

Quarterly Report from SBESC Engineer Greg Stevens on City Projects (*attachment*)

Greg Stevens, the energy engineer for the SBESC/SBCCOG, gave a quarterly update on the South Bay Cities Energy Efficiency Program. This is the 3rd year of this program's 3-year cycle, and the next cycle will only be a 2-year program cycle. The South Bay partnership has exceeded Edison's Key Performance Indicator Goal by 40% and has almost met the 4,663,879 kWh partnership 3-year stretch goal. The partnership has also exceeded its stretch goal of 30,000 therms in gas savings, and was the only partnership in the Gas Company's territory to do so. This success means continued and possibly more financial support from Edison and the Gas Company for the next program cycle. Project activity for each city was explained, and cities lacking energy efficient municipal projects are being helped to identify cost-effective projects. Mr. Stevens is conducting comprehensive energy audits for Carson, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, and Torrance. The SBESC offers workshops for businesses and city staff, emphasizing municipal energy efficiency and water conservation procurement policy, and is also investigating procurement and upgrade options for utility-owned streetlights. Board Member Knight asked if a joint powers purchasing agreement was being considered for equipment in the procurement policy. Mr. Stevens said that the Southern California Regional Energy Network will help cities purchase equipment during the next program cycle at discounted costs. Steve Lantz asked if the partnership will give cities credit for using green construction *equipment* when building infrastructure, as this will soon be required by AQMD/CARB. Mr. Stevens said that use of energy-efficient equipment will not count as savings for the partnership.

Progress in Los Angeles County on Energy Upgrade program (*attachment*)

Catherine Showalter explained the Energy Upgrade California master report that was provided by the County. Slides included in the packet showed: the number of homes that were upgraded in each city within LA County (91 homes in the South Bay), the gas and energy savings that resulted in the retrofits, the frequency of installed measures/upgrades, and many other measureable aspects of the program.

Ms. Showalter distributed the SBESC's lists of community events and workshops. One important upcoming event will be the free holiday light exchange at the SBESC office (20285 S. Western Ave, #100, Torrance, CA 90501) from Nov. 13-16. This exchange is for Southern California Edison customers, and participants must bring an Edison bill or driver's license and may exchange up to 2 strands of lights.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rhilinger: The City of Torrance's Centennial Year will be closing with a birthday bash on Sunday Oct 28 at Wilson Park from 10am-5pm.
- Ruiz-Raber: October 27 is national "Make a Difference Day," and Carson has made it an annual holiday.
- Franklin: Torrance Transit inaugurated two new express bus routes this morning: Line 4 will provide an express service between the South Bay and downtown Los Angeles, while Line 3 Rapid bus will connect the South Bay Galleria in Redondo Beach with downtown Long Beach.
- Franklin: The opening of the 11 miles of Metro ExpressLanes on the Harbor (110) Freeway will take place at

12:01 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10.

SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

SBCCOG Boundary (*attachment*) – Approve

Jacki Bacharach recently discovered that the SBCCOG has no officially adopted boundaries. With the need to consider eligibility of infrastructure projects within the Measure R South Bay Highway Program, a question has arisen regarding SBCCOG boundaries in the City and County of Los Angeles. Steering Committee proposed the map that was included in the Board packet, and this map does not include the unincorporated community of West Athens (northeastern border ends at El Segundo Blvd). On October 23, a second option was created at the request of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' office. It could extend the City of LA's northern boundary as well. This second map was given to the Board members, separately from the packet, and includes West Athens (northeastern border ends at 105 freeway). Before the Board voted on the 2 maps, the following discussion ensued:

- Board Member Brewer remarked that Supervisor Ridley-Thomas and LA Councilman Buscaino do not attend the SBCCOG Board meetings, and really should, if they wish their areas to be included within the SBCCOG's official boundaries. It is not sufficient for them to send their field deputies.
- Jacob Haik from Councilman Buscaino's office stated that the Councilman has only been in office for 8 months. He also said that the strip of LA District 15 in question is so narrow, and that the benefit is not for LA City, but for the South Bay region. The Councilman is in favor of the second map, extending up the 105 freeway.
- Board Member Kilroy asked if the City of LA has its own Measure R discretionary fund. Steve Lantz said that under the Measure R Program, every city gets local return but the City of LA does not have a dedicated discretionary fund for this and cannot use sub-funds to fund its own projects.
- Board Member Kilroy asked if there are areas between the SBCCOG and the Gateway Cities COG that are not in either COG. Steve Lantz said that the strip area in the City of LA is not served by either COG at present and there may be other areas.
- Board Member Osborne asked for clarification on whether El Camino village is included in the proposed borders, as it was not listed with the other unincorporated areas that are included. Jacki Bacharach said it is included on the map under another name.
- Board Member Goodhart emphasized that the SBCCOG only has so much Measure R money. The funding will be diluted if the boundaries are expanded. In response, Steve Lantz said that the South Bay Measure R Sub-Fund Program is meant to improve operations on the 105, 110, 405, and state highways. The funds were not meant to be allocated within one geographical area; the SBCCOG may build outside of its boundaries as long as it can prove that the funds are going towards improvements that benefit the aforementioned freeways and highways.
- Board Member Perkins reiterated for clarification that as long as the SBCCOG can show a nexus to the 105, 110, 405, and state highways, the SBCCOG may still have projects in the City and County of LA without having to officially include those areas in its boundaries. There may not be a need to extend the SBCCOG's boundaries from what have historically been considered the boundaries.
- Board Member Gazeley favored the original map proposed by the Steering Committee.
- Chair Franklin favored the second map, which includes West Athens.
- Board Member Brewer wondered if it was critical that a motion be approved tonight, and thought it might be beneficial to research other COGs' boundaries. Jacki Bacharach said that she was hoping that the Board would come to a decision that evening so that they could proceed with helping cities apply for Metro's 2013 Call as soon as possible.

MOTION by Board Member Rhilinger, seconded by Board Member Perkins, to accept the Steering Committee's recommendation of the SBCCOG Boundaries as submitted. Ayes: 11; Nays: 3 (Franklin, Aust, Ruiz-Raber), Abstain: 0

South Bay Sustainable Strategy

- **LUV, BEV and other EV issues-** Jacki Bacharach said that the SBCCOG will receive the vehicles in November and train the first batch of drivers in December. To close out the Local Use Vehicle program, there will be a final focus group for test drivers on December 7. Car2go presentations have been scheduled at 9 city council meetings thus far.
- **Economic Development activities-** Jacki Bacharach reported that there was a meeting today, with low attendance due to a cancellation notice that was accidentally sent to the distribution list. Redondo Beach

Visitor's Bureau and Discover Torrance were both represented at this meeting, as the group wanted to focus on promoting tourism in the South Bay as one of its goals. Consideration was also given to setting up a special event calendar for the SBCCOG member cities (including trade shows).

Other items of interest

- **Website redesign and update** (*attachment*) – **Approve** authorization to negotiate. An addendum was given to Board members, separately from the Board packet, announcing the firm who was selected for the Board recommendation (Civic Resource Group). Phase 1 will consist of re-doing the SBESC portion of the new website and the SBCCOG portion should be completed by April 2013.

MOTION by Board Member Rhilinger, seconded by Board Member Aust, to **approve** the Limited Notice to Proceed for Phase 1 with Civic Resource Group for an amount to be approved by the Steering Committee motioned. No objection. So ordered.

Report on Legislative Breakfast- Jacki Bacharach reported that on Oct 11, Senators Lieu & Wright, Assemblymember Bradford, and Congresswoman Waters attended the SBCCOG's Legislative Briefing.

- Chair Franklin acknowledged the crystal award presented to the SBCCOG from AQMD for receiving an Innovative Transportation Project Award (LUV Demonstration project). He also thanked Senator Pavley's office for the congratulatory scroll the SBCCOG received from her.
- Jacki Bacharach said that nominations are still open for the SBCCOG representatives for the League of California Cities-LA Division, SCAG, and South Bay Association of Chambers. Nominations close Oct 31.

AGENCY REPORTS

League of California Cities

Board Member Goodhart reported that the next LA Division meeting is October 31. The New Mayors and Council Members Academy will occur on January 16-18 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento. The LA Division's Policy Committee is seeking new members. Steve Diels has 16 people to appoint. Jeff Kiernan distributed the League's Legislative score card, as well as a notice of a Legislative Briefing webinar on November 13. Mr. Kiernan spoke about sequestration at the Carson City Council meeting last week. The League has opposed sequestration and is encouraging cities to pass a similar resolution (he provided a template). Note: The SBCCOG has passed the resolution as well.

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Board Member Mitchell submitted a written report, which was included in the Board packet. She added that the Air Quality Management Plan will be heard at AQMD's December Board meeting.

1. **Local Government and Business Advisory Group-** Jacob Haik reported that there was no meeting, due to the Clean Air Awards on October 12.

SCAG & Committees

Matt Horton announced SCAG's Regional Economic Summit on December 6 at the Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles. Committees are dark that month as well.

1. **Energy and Environment-** Board Member Mitchell reported that the group was given an update on Metro's ExpressLanes pilot program, as well on an I-710 project (some people want underground connections). There is now a resolution stating that MTA and SCAG will work together to support the Sustainable Communities Strategy. California also has a new zero-emission vehicle program.
2. **Community, Economic, & Human Development-** Board Member Gazeley reported that Margaret Finlay was elected as new Vice Chair. The Committee recommended that the Regional Council adopt the final RHNA allocation plan following a public hearing.
3. **Regional Council-** Board Member Mitchell reported that many representatives from law enforcement attended to discuss AB 109 and the affect it will have on County and State employees.

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Report – written report in packet

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

Board Member Perkins congratulated the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy for being awarded a grant for \$68,000 for cove and habitat restoration. There was a tabled resolution to support the restriction of commercial lobstering. Action will be taken in December. Tsunami awareness preparedness is a hot topic right now and

Japanese debris could be washing onto our shores soon. So far there has been none in the South Bay, but people may report what they think is from Japan.

South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce

Susan Rhilinger announced that the SBACC is presenting its inaugural class of the Business Hall of Fame at a luncheon at the Ayres Hotel on November 2 at 11:30am.

South Bay Workforce Investment Board

John Parsons reported that the SBWIB held an awards breakfast this morning, honoring those who were homeless or had criminal records and now have jobs. It's a touching experience.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Franklin announced that on October 10, he attended a press conference at the Green Line Aviation Station, where the Federal Department of Transportation gave \$545.9 million TIFIA loan towards the Crenshaw/LAX line. The church in Inglewood that was previously separated from its parking lot by tracks now has an MOU with Metro and a pedestrian grade separation is in the works.

NOVEMBER 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 8:33 p.m. to Thursday, November 15, 2012, in honor of Senator Mervyn Dymally.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Hiratzka
Recording Secretary