

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Infrastructure Working Group August 24, 2011 – Meeting Notes

Attendees: Rob Beste, Chair (Torrance); Farrokh Abolfathi (Carson); Stephanie Katsouleaus & Maryam Jonas (El Segundo); Frank Bigdeli (Gardena); Alan Leung & Akbur Farokhi (Hawthorne); Homayoun Benboodi & Ken Reamey (Hermosa Beach); Emilio Murga (Inglewood); Marlene Miyoshi (Lawndale); Jim Arndt & Steve Finton (Manhattan Beach); Jim Goodhart & Floriza Rivera (Palos Verdes Estates); Steve Huang & John Mate (Redondo Beach); Greg Grammer (Rolling Hills Estates); Craig Bilezerian, Jill Crump, & Ted Semaan (Torrance); Mike Bohlke (Representing Pam O'Connor, Metro Board member); Andres Narvaez (LA County DWP); Fulgene Asuncion, Lynda Bybee, & Cris Liban (Metro); Viggen Davidian, Alan Clelland, & Fiaz Mir (Iteris); Kim Fuentes and Steve Lantz (SBCCOG); Augie Chang & Ken Berkman (Psomas); Gary Miller (RBF Consulting); Julie Sardegna (Berg & Associates, Inc).

I. **Self Introductions and Approval of Minutes** - Approved

Jake Waclaw from the Federal Highway Administration introduced himself stating that he is working out of the Federal building in LA. He is the South Bay local representative and his projects include I-405.

II. **South Bay Measure R Hwy Implementation Plan** – Steve Lantz, SBCCOG, Iteris Consultant Team, and Rob Beste, IWG Chair

Steve spoke on the update project chart which included what is currently known about each project and what information will be needed. An “as of” date will be added to each project. Steve also discussed funding for additional tasks that the Iteris team can do to help cities complete their MOUs with Metro.

Schedule: in Sept the Measure R Oversight Committee will review Implementation Plan Policy changes, program status report, funding allocation change requests, and the ITS Plan. The IWG will review program status. In October, the Measure R Oversight Committee will review funding allocation change requests and project status and the IWG will review cost adjustments.

III. **Metro CMP: Nexus Status** – Robert Calix, Metro

Robert thanked the cities for the work they put into completing the nexus data request for transportation projects. He stated that Metro needs a little bit more information to complete the analysis. Currently, Metro is on schedule to run the model the first week of Sept. The outcome will be the same report that was completed for the SGVCOG which will include identified cost per trip based on the list of projects. Most of the other COGs participating in the study are where the SBCCOG is and all four will have their reports in September, with the exception of City of LA and Gateway which will be completed in October. The Metro Board is scheduled to review the reports early next year. The next step will be an economic analysis on the nexus projects. The report will be looking at the unfunded need. The question of how will the fee be implemented, will be bettered answered once this analysis is completed. The nexus study outcome will influence the discussion on how and what the fee should be.

IV. **Metro Green Construction Policy Outreach Strategies** – Lynda Bybee, DEO, Metro Regional Communications

The Green policy directs Metro to work with each of the agencies to help them get ready to meet the air quality requirements coming up in the next few years. Metro will accelerate the air quality requirements for their own projects, but will only be discussing the incorporation of the provisions of the Green Construction for other agency projects. Carlo Moyer funds are available to provide funding for the replacement of equipment. Metro is forming a TAC to help implement the Green Construction Policy across LA County. Right now the policy only applies to Metro's projects. Metro will work with the COG to have a workshop in the South Bay on this issue before Oct. It is not the intent of Metro for this policy to interfere with any construction contracts that are moving forward right now.

V. **Agency & Other Reports:**

- SBCCOG – General Assembly is scheduled for Feb. 24, 2012 the focus is on disaster recovery
- LA County Public Works – Highlights include: for the Traffic Management Center in Torrance, the County is working to finalize the audio and video proposals; installation of communications system is complete for 90 locations in the Torrance; and the County is in the second phase of wireless communication systems for a total of 230 county maintained intersections in the South Bay. Regarding the 1999 projects, Anita St timing has been sent to cities for approval. Regarding 2001 projects, advertising for construction should start next month (Sept).
- Metro – Call for projects: Metro staff completed their funding recommendations, 180 applications were submitted for a total request of \$390 million. Staff recommended 64 projects totaling \$105 million. LA Green Line – currently holding public hearings.
- Metro TAC – No South Bay city requested that their project be moved up for funding considered in the Call.

VI. **Adjournment** – Next meeting Wed., Sept. 28