



South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Infrastructure Working Group February 22, 2012 Meeting Notes

Attendees: Rob Beste, Chair (Torrance); Farrokh Abolfathi (Carson); Stephanie Katsouleas (El Segundo); Frank Senteno (Hermosa Beach); Keith Lockhard (Inglewood); Miguel Alvarez (Lawndale); Jim Goodhart (Palos Verdes Estates); Steve Huang, John Mate (Redondo Beach); Craig Bilezerian, Ted Semaan (Torrance); Paul Choy, Jane White (LA County DPW); Fulgene Asuncion (Metro); Mike Bohlke (Metro Director O'Connor); Marcy Hiratzka, Steve Lantz (SBCCOG), Curtis Daly (DDL Traffic); Ray Mehler (Epic Land Solutions); Alan Clelland, Alek Hovsepian (Iteris, Inc.); Carlos Morgner (Morgner Construction Management); Anissa Voyiatzes (Psomas); Gary Miller, Carlos Ortiz (RBF Consulting); Rajesh Soneja (Simplex Construction Management, Inc.); Jerry Windom (Windom and Associates, Inc.)

Chair Beste called the meeting to order at 12:03.

I. Self-Introductions & Approval of Minutes -

The February 22, 2012 minutes were approved as submitted.

II. Metro Measure R Subregional Funds "Equity Alignment" Motion-Status Update –

Mike Bohlke summarized the Board motion on the Metro Board Consent Calendar tomorrow noting he didn't expect any problems. The motion will allow use of Measure R Sub-funds, such as the South Bay Highway Program funding, to be used as a local match for Metro's Call for Projects and other state and federal funding categories. Rob Beste noted that South Bay cities had not submitted Call projects recently due to the required local match. This motion would provide the ability to leverage local funds and would benefit bigger projects such as Caltrans projects on the freeway which would suffer in South Bay if we couldn't use Measure R as the match. Steve Lantz also noted that allowing the local match would create opportunities to integrate the SBHP program and the Call for Projects program since the ineligibility of Measure R as a match has required projects to be broken into two separate funding processes. He noted that the SBCCOG would be meeting with Metro staff to document the integration process to be used.

In another Metro action, Mr. Lantz noted that Pam O'Connor introduced a motion approved by Metro to provide over \$1million to the Congestion Management program to fund creation of a performance model for bike and pedestrian paths that would expand the traditional vehicle performance model used by Metro. This will be the first such model in the country.

III. BCCOG SBHP Training Program/Project Cost Adjustment requests -

Mr. Lantz said that a 3-part SBHP training program will begin once Metro's electronic Project Management Information System is completed and tested. Training for IWG and city staff on how to use this system will be the first part of the training. The other training sessions will take place one and two months after the first and will focus on project risk management and the Federal project development process.

Mr. Lantz also announced that SBHP Early Action and Strategic Positioning project cost adjustments would be sought from cities with projects during the coming month to update costs of current SBHP commitments in anticipation of adjusting the first-five-year SBHP and programming year 6 and 7 of the SBHP program over the summer. He noted that we should know in June how much Measure R funds MTA will budget for FY 12-13 which begins July 1.

IV. ITS Master Plan- Concept of Operations Lead Agency Workshop- March 8 from 9am-noon-

Mr. Lantz announced the first session with lead agencies (NO CONSULTANTS.) will be held at the SBCCOG new office on March 8 from 9-noon.

V. Green Construction Update–

Mr. Bohlke noted that Metro outreach will continue with Metro's Green Construction Working Group and Metro's Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Beste, who serves on the working group, noted the group is

following what CARB regulations are going to be and how cities would need to conform to the new regulations once they are in effect.

VI. PUC Regulations on Street Lighting Update –

Mr. Beste noted Torrance has officially joined the Street Light coalition headed by Moreno Valley. Coalition representatives met with the Calif. Public Utilities Commission Chief of Staff in San Francisco to review current Edison rates and services provided; he noted this was the first such review in a long time. The coalition has taken the position in a rate hearing that facilities charges are higher than they should be. Mr. Beste noted that the coalition is still seeking more cities (CM's) to join. The more members, the better because the PUC is aware that, rather than the usual commenters opposed to rate hikes, this issue has resulted in all new people complaining about this to PUC. Ask Rob or Jacki if you need more info. They are both on this list. Stephanie Katsouleas asked how cities could join? Mr. Beste noted that the coalition asked for \$10,000 from each city to pay for analysis and attorney fees in developing rate case testimony and there is an agreement that the city signs with Moreno Valley. He offered to provide the current testimony from other cities, talking points, and agreement to see what an interested city would be signing.

VII. Agency & Other Reports

- **SBCCOG – Program update –** Mr. Lantz reminded attendees about the General Assembly, an elected official post-General Assembly workshop for elected officials and announced that an open house at the new offices would be scheduled just before the SBCCOG March 22 Board Meeting, **20285 Western Ave., Torrance.**
- **SOUTH BAY TRAFFIC FORUM, LA County Dept. of PW** Jane White included her update in the broader signal synchronization presentation.
- **Metro –** Update Fulgene Asuncion noted that nearly all Measure Fy 11-12 funding agreements are executed and that FY 12-13 funded project lead agencies will be receiving notices requesting their scopes of work and expenditure plans so that projects with second year funding can execute agreements by June 30. Ms. Asuncion also announced an open house on the Metro Green line to LAX will be held on Feb 29 at Union Station in the pm. Mr. Lantz noted that the SBCCOG Steering committee is actively following this project.
- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee –** Update - Steve Huang noted that a presentation was made on Feb 1 by Ryan Snyder on a complete street design manual commissioned by Vitality Cities. Mr. Snyder will present to the IWG at its March meeting.
Mr. Huang also announced that his alternate on TAC was Victor Rollinger who has retired. Mr. Beste will make a recommendation to the Steering Committee for a successor.
- **Caltrans – Update -** No report.

VIII. Measure R Project Spotlight – LA County Public Works Dept's SB ITS Projects- Jane White presented a powerpoint overview of the County's signal synchronization program including the status of several advanced ITS projects that have recently been completed or underway. An electronic copy of her PowerPoint presentation is available from Marcy Hiratzka at: Marcy@southbaycities.org.

IX. South Bay Opticom Emergency Vehicle Preemption Presentation-

Curtis Daly, of DDL Traffic, presented an overview of the emergency vehicle preemption systems being used by several cities in the South Bay. Mr. Daly also described the new generation of preemption equipment being offered.

X. Other Business- Miguel Alvarez from Lawndale introduced himself.

XI. Adjournment — Next IWG meeting **March 28**. If you want to add an item to the agenda, please send e-mail to: Marcy@southbaycities.org by March 19, 2012. **The meeting was adjourned at 1:19.**