

Attachment A

South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group June 27, 2012 – Meeting Notes

Attendees: Rob Beste, Chair (Torrance); Massoud Ghiam (Carson); Andre Haghverdian & Stephanie Katsouleas (El Segundo); Alan Leung (Hawthorne); Homayoun Benboodi & Frank Senteno (Hermosa Beach); Chad Sweet (Inglewood); Vincent Damasse & Greg McPherron (Lomita); George Chen (Los Angeles); Jim Goodhart & Allan Rigg (Palos Verdes Estates); Steve Huang & John Mate (Redondo Beach); Craig Bilezerian & Ted Semaan (Torrance); Diana Gomez & Peter Wong (Caltrans); Paul Choy (LA CountyDPW); Fulgene Asuncion, Robert Calix, Tasha Higgins, & Chris Wornum (Metro); Mike Bohlke (Metro Director, Pam O'Connor); Marcy Hiratzka & Steve Lantz (SBCCOG); J.R. Minor (Anderson Environmental); Alex Geyer (Breen Engineering); Delbara Dorsey (Everfield Consulting); Richard Mahoney (Group Delta Consultants); Alan Clelland & Alek Hovsepian (Iteris, Inc.); Teresa Price (McKissack & McKissack); Carlos Morgner (Morgner Construction Management); Polly Ann Walton (Overland Pacific & Culter, Inc.); Eric Brown & Claudette Moody (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Gary Miller (RBF Consulting); Marcella Low (Southern California Gas)

Chair Beste called IWG meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

- I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of Minutes** – Minutes were approved as presented in Attachment A.
- II. **PUC Regulations on Street Lighting Update**- Chair Beste announced that by the July IWG meeting, he will have more information and can discuss the terms of the new rates. Redondo Beach is now officially a member city of this coalition.
- III. **Agencies & Other Reports:**
 - **SBCCOG** - Steve Lantz had nothing to report.
 - **South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County of PW**- Paul Choy distributed the County's June 2012 South Bay Forum Traffic Status Report. The report included 8 Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Projects, the El Segundo Area ITS Project, and the South Bay ITS Project.
 - **Caltrans** - Peter Wong had nothing to report.
 - **Metro- PMIS update, Board update** Fulgene Asuncion and Tasha Higgins reported that the PMIS will appear as an item on Metro's July Board agenda. The internal testing mentioned in Tasha's presentation two months ago is underway and next month she'll be in touch with cities for more extensive pilot testing. Cities were asked to maintain their current paper reporting methods until PMIS is ready. Steve Lantz also mentioned that discussions are underway to consolidate the Metro and SBCCOG's candidate project databases to eliminate duplicative efforts.
 - **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee** – Chair Beste said that cities requested time extensions on their Metro Call for Projects at the last TAC meeting. Steve Huang will ask Elaine Jeng of the Redondo Beach Public Works Dept. to start attending the Streets and Freeways meeting.
 - **Metro 2012-13 TDA, Local Return Estimates** - Steve Lantz reported that Metro finally released fund estimates as presented in Attachment B.
 - **Metro / SBCCOG Measure R Cooperative Agreement** - Steve Lantz announced that the SBCCOG and Metro have executed a Cooperative Agreement that describes the management and oversight roles of the two agencies with regard to the Measure R South Bay Highway Program.
- IV. **South Bay Measure R Updates**
 - **Measure R Extension Potential Ballot Measure** –There are three possibilities for the future of Measure R: not extend, extend until voters rescind, or a 30-year extension past the current expiration date of 2039. Should an extension be placed on the November ballot, voters will decide if they wish to approve acceleration of key rail and highway projects by issuance of bonds and federal loans that will be repaid from Measure R revenues generated during the extension period. If the measure is extended, it would extend all elements of the current Measure R (eg.: rail program, transit program, highway program and local return program). Metro Director Pam O'Connor will make a presentation at the SBCCOG Board Meeting on June 28, 2012 following the Metro vote that same morning.
 - **Measure R SBHP Strategic Transportation Element Workshop July 12, 1-4pm** - Steve Lantz announced this workshop and requested strong representation from all participating agencies and cities. In this workshop, System Metrics will propose how to do this strategic work. Chair Beste reminded cities to send in their project reporting documents to Fulgene at Metro on a monthly basis.
- V. **Measure R Project Spotlight- Caltrans SB ITS Project**- Peter Wong spoke about Caltrans' Measure R Project #F60: Coordination of freeway ramp/arterial signalized intersections at I-405, I-110, I-105, SR-9. This project will coordinate

freeway ramp/arterial intersections with arterial corridors. (e.g. NB I-405 Off-Ramp at Artesia Boulevard, SB I-110 Off-Ramp at Pacific Coast Highway) in the cities of Carson, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Los Angeles, Lawndale, Redondo Beach, and Torrance and in the unincorporated county. **Nexus to Highway Operations:** This project is an eligible traffic signal upgrade/timing/synchronization of I-405 and connected arterials and will benefit the I-405 freeway. This is a \$5 million dollar project that includes corridor study and evaluation, implementing a pilot project in the South Bay and eventual implementation on multiple South Bay corridors. Mr. Wong noted the project is awaiting the funding agreement to be signed between Metro and Caltrans.

- VI. **Metro Congestion Management Program Update- Calix** Metro's Robert Calix gave a presentation on this program's progress. Metro has been working with the cities of LA County for several years regarding the feasibility of a one-time Congestion Mitigation Fee charged on any new or intensified land uses. Each jurisdiction would select and build capital transportation projects, adopt a fee ordinance, and collect fees/control revenue. No funds are due to Metro, but Metro would oversee cities' compliance with the CMP. Fee revenue could leverage other funding (call for projects). Cities receive credit for existing mitigation fee programs. Program adoption requires approval by MTA *and* jurisdictions. Fees do not apply to home remodeling, would only apply to net new construction on commercial and industrial space and additional residential units. Metro has completed six of eight pilot studies with preliminary nexus results, one of which involved the SBCCOG. In the South Bay, 169 projects and programs were identified at a \$444 million estimate cost (not including the City of LA.) Mr. Calix stated that according to the South Bay Cities pilot study, if all of the identified projects in the South Bay were completed over the next 20 years, approximately 38% of the forecasted congestion would be reduced. Metro's Nexus Analysis Findings show that the unfunded cost-per-trip minimum break point would be \$300 for the South Bay region. The next step is to share the results collected with the neighboring COGs and make a recommendation to proceed at the MTA Board in the fall of 2012. Stephanie Katsouleas asked about the single-family cost per trip minimum, and Mr. Calix said that this data was changed to reflect the west coast, since the data comes from the east coast (Institute of Transportation Engineers). Ted Semaan asked if Mr. Calix planned to bring this to the Metro Board with a comprehensive plan, and Mr. Calix answered that he will take an additional nexus to the board, for which he will have to modify the Metro's contract. Steve Lantz requested a list of decisions that cities will have to make, along with a timeline. Mr. Calix said that if Metro allows this program to proceed, he will provide the SBCCOG with this information and visit the IWG again. Ted Semaan also asked what would happen if a city collected less than \$300. Mr. Calix said that the city must back-fill the difference, and that there is a legal way around this situation. Some cities have requested to do this. Cities must be in compliance in order to participate in the Call for Projects and to receive state gas tax subventions.
- VII. **Other Business-** Chair Beste announced that, starting January 1, 2013, the IWG meetings will be moved from the fourth Wednesday to the third Wednesday of the month. Schedule will be released soon. He also reminded cities that the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan will be accepting applications for funding projects soon, and suggested that cities look at which projects they might want to put forward for this.
- VIII. Next IWG meeting will be on **July 25, 2012**. If you want to include an item in the agenda, please send e-mail to: Marcy@southbaycities.org by July 17, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.