

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Infrastructure Working Group June 18, 2014 – Meeting Notes

Attendees: Hon. Jim Goodhart (Palos Verdes Estates); Rob Beste (Torrance); Floriza Rivera (El Segundo); Akbar Farohki & Alan Leung (Hawthorne); Eric Charlonne (Hermosa Beach); Keith Lockhard (Inglewood); Nasser Abbaszadeh (Lawndale); Ed Kao (Manhattan Beach); Wisam Altowaji & John Mate (Redondo Beach); Craig Bilezerian & Ted Semaan (Torrance); Maryam Adhami, Patrick Holland, Pamela Manning, Pat Proano, Patrick Smith, Emiko Thompson (LA County DPW); Isidro Panuco (Metro); Marcy Hiratzka & Steve Lantz (SBCCOG); Steve Forster (APA Engineering); Dan Freeman (Athalye Consulting Engineering Services); Calvin Yoshitake (David Evans & Assoc.); Mel Barosay (Epic Land Solutions); Charles Eder (JMC2); Alek Hovsepian (Iteris); Justin Gatza & Frank Hoffmann (Kimley-Horn); Tapas Dutta & Sherif Morcos (Morcos Group); Sam Ekrami (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Anissa Voyiatzes (Psomas); Sophie Haddad & Nadim Sunna (Twining, Inc)

Chair Beste called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of May 21, 2014 Minutes** (Attachment A) – Minutes were approved as presented.

II. **Agencies & Other Reports-**

- **SBCCOG** – Program update – See Item VI
- **South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County Dept. of Public Works** – Status – Patrick Smith distributed the South Bay Traffic Forum Status Report for June 2014. Highlights included: The City of Hawthorne has re-engaged with BlueCommute, due to the new architecture for delivering Cable TV images. Equipment has been tested and BlueCommute will go to City Council next week for approval.
- Caltrans – Not Present
- **Metro** - Isidro Panuco reminded lead agencies with Measure R projects to submit monthly / quarterly Reports, as they are a requirement stated in Measure R project Funding Agreements. Without the reports, Metro and the SBCCOG have no way of knowing if any progress is being made. Mr. Panuco also announced that Metro's fiscal year closes on June 30 and that Aziz Elattar will be leaving Caltrans to join Metro as a Highway Program Executive Officer.
- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee** – Chair Beste reported that Metro's TAC has yet to announce the specific 2015 CFP dates and requirements. Elaine Jeng, who was unable to attend, had written to the Chair before the meeting to say that she had no update from the Streets & Freeway Subcommittee.

III. **Measure R Updates** – Steve Lantz made the following reports:

- **SBHP Project Deferral / SBHP Funding Deobligation / SBHP Funds for 2015 Metro CFP Applications** (Attachment B) – Monthly reports for June 2014 are due no later than July 15. Lead agencies that fail to submit them, with the justification for completion by the due date stated in the Funding Agreement, will be subject to project deferral. If a lead agency has a project without a Funding Agreement that is on the project deferral / deobligation list, the Funding Agreement documentation must be submitted to Metro by August 15. Failure to do so will result in consideration for project deferral. By November 2014, the SBCCOG Board must submit the program for the upcoming six-year period, so the SBHP Deobligation list needs to be approved well before then.
- **SBHP Technical Consultant Bench Use / SBHP Funding Process** (Attachment C) - If a lead agency needs a consultant to provide technical assistance for a Measure R project or study, the lead agency may use its own procurement process or may invite proposals from the SBCCOG's pre-qualified list of technical support consultants. Regardless, the lead agency will directly contract with the selected consultant for the SBHP eligible services. SBCCOG will execute a funding agreement with the lead agency to provide reimbursement of eligible expenses. The lead agency will pay the consultant invoice and request reimbursement from the SBCCOG for eligible expenses. The SBCCOG will then submit a reimbursement request to Metro. Once Metro pays the SBCCOG, the SBCCOG will reimburse the lead agency.
- **Sample SBHP / Metro 2015 CFP Assistance Agreement** (Attachment D) – Lead Agencies who plan to request SBHP funding for technical assistance must execute this Funding Agreement with the SBCCOG **before** the consultant selected may begin any work on the project.
- **SBHP Annual Update Calendar** (Attachment E) - Received and Filed
- **Three-Month Look Ahead** (Attachment F) – Deobligation appeals will be held at the July 2 Measure R Oversight Committee meeting; recommendation will be considered by the SBCCOG Board on July 24.

IV. **Project Spotlight: A Solid Waste Management Vision** – Pat Proano, Patrick Holland, and Emiko Thompson from LA County's Department of Public Works gave a presentation on LA County's solid waste management strategies in response to the

increasing generation of waste and lack of landfills. Slides from the presentation described how much waste is being generated, how much is being diverted (recycled and composted), and how much is being disposed of in landfills. Due to the recent closure of the Puente Hills landfill and future closings of other landfills available to LA County, without the proper implementation and oversight of conversion technologies, recycling, and a decreased reliance on disposal, the County may need to export its waste to other regions, and this is very costly. This scenario was compared to the County's Sustainable Strategy, part of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan, which is mandated by AB 939. The alternatives that the County wished to use are not identified in state statutes so the County wrote a bill and took it to Sacramento, where it was met with much opposition from landfill owners/operators. Aspects of the plan include: the reduction of Household Hazardous Waste, material recovery facilities to divert materials from landfills, and Source Reduction Recycling with an emphasis on Extended Producer Responsibility. A Countywide Siting Element, a document to address disposal for a 15-year period, is also required. To implement these strategies, the County plans to update the Plan goals and policies to be consistent with current regulatory standards and industry practices. Ordinances regarding drugs, organic materials, demolished waste, food waste, and hazardous waste also will be imposed in order to comply with new policies. The County has devised recommended strategies to address Supervisor Knabe and Antonovich's motion to "establish and interdepartmental working group to develop the Roadmap for a Sustainable Waste Management Future in the unincorporated areas and submit the Roadmap with recommended strategies by October 2014." Next steps will involve release of initial study in June 2014, release of a draft siting element and EIR for comments in Q1 2015, adoption by cities and County Board of Supervisors in Q1 2015. Steve Lantz asked where the money will come from and how much will be needed. Mr. Proano said that that was to be determined but he foresees that rate payers and haulers/collectors will be affected. The State will make Cap & Trade funding available. The County is talking with AQMD about conversion facilities, which is preferable to exporting waste. Eric Charlonne asked about asphalt remnants and the County Pamela Manning suggested having the County return to give a presentation on asphalt recycling. The SBCCOG will arrange this for a future meeting.

- V. **SBCCOG Comments on Metro Short Range Transit Plan** (Attachment G) - Steve Lantz announced that the SBCCOG sent a letter to the Metro Board commenting on the Metro Draft 2014 Short Range Transportation Plan (SRTP) and urging Metro not to respond to calls to expand the scope of the document to incorporate projects for which full funding has yet to be committed. The SRTP is not intended to program potential future revenues. Funding new rail project segments by modifying the SRTP is not appropriate and would be a zero sum game that would require the deferral of numerous current capital commitments and a significantly higher (and unrealistic) budget increase than is assumed in the current SRTP to operate and maintain an accelerated line segment. The SRTP is not intended to modify the LRTP; it should not be used to accelerate or add projects ahead of the Mobility Matrix planning process. The SBCCOG urged the Metro Board to stay the course and allow the studies that it authorized to inform the next LRTP, while using the SRTP for its intended purpose as a project delivery document for the coming decade.
- VI. **SBCCOG Strategic Growth Council Grant Proposal Summary** (Attachment H) – Steve Lantz announced that Metro, SBCCOG, SDSU, and UCLA's LARC program formed a partnership in order to apply for a grant from the State of California's Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program. The proposal, *Sustainable South Bay Transportation and Land Use Implementation Framework*, was written by SBCCOG staff, and with Metro committing to supply the local match, a grant of \$885,048 was awarded! These funds will be used to develop tools to implement the Sustainable South Bay Strategy (SSBS), a policy framework of mutually reinforcing land use and transportation initiatives that have been field tested and are now ready for implementation by cities and incorporated into the regional policy framework. The new tools consist of Climate Action Plan transportation and land use chapters that identify GHG reduction strategies at the sub-regional and local levels, a Sub-Regional Implementation Toolkit to provide technical assistance for local level adoption of GHG reduction strategies and a Mobility Matrix for the South Bay, which includes evaluation and screening criteria for identifying priority projects.
- VII. **Announcements / Adjournment** - Chair Beste adjourned the meeting at 1:01pm until July 16, 2014. Those who wish to include an item in the agenda must e-mail Marcy@southbaycities.org by July 8, 2014.