

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – October 13, 2021 (Held via Zoom)**

**Attendees:** Chair Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach); Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Julian Lee (Lawndale); Erick Lee, Prem Kumar & Erik Zandvliet (Manhattan Beach); Art Reyes (Torrance); Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); John Ickis, Maggie Cheung (LACDPW); Asia Powell (CPUC); Mark Dierking (Metro); Steve Lantz, Aaron Baum, Amina Karwa & David Leger (SBCCOG); Marie Marston (Civil Works Engineering); Alan Clelland (DKS); Vikas Manocha (Econolite); Rawad Hani (Gentec Solutions); Wayne Richardson (HDR); Vigger Davidian (Iteris); Melissa Hewitt (Kimley-Horn); Marc Violett (Michael Baker Intl); Melanie Wolfe (Tucows); Diego Cadena (WKE)

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of September 8, 2021 IWG Meeting Notes** – Mr. Semaan called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. The September 8, 2021 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Update Reports**

A. SBCCOG: Mr. Leger reported that the SBCCOG’s Steering Committee will be recommending a list of projects for Measure H Homeless Innovation funding to the SBCCOG Board this month. Mr. Baum also announced that the SBCCOG’s 2022 General Assembly will be taking place on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Carson Community Center.

B. South Bay Traffic Forum (LACDPW): Mr. Ickis reported on various County ITS and TSSP projects in the South Bay. Inventory has been completed for Carson and Hawthorne Centracs projects, with controllers expected to be ordered in November. The South Bay ITS project is nearing completion, but additional work is needed for the pedestrian mobile application due to some technical issues during testing. The full list of detailed updates is available in the written report here:

[https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/HANDOUT\\_ITS-TSSP-status-October-2021-Final.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/HANDOUT_ITS-TSSP-status-October-2021-Final.pdf)

C. LA Metro

1) LA Metro Board Actions – no updates provided

2) Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways Subcommittee

Mr. Zandvliet reported that the Metro Streets and Freeways Subcommittee met in September and appointed Aaron Baum as the Bicycle Coordinator alternate to the subcommittee. The group also received presentations on the I-710 Corridor Improvement Project as well as updates on several Metro programs. The subcommittee meetings will now take place at 9:30am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

There was no Metro TAC update provided.

D. Caltrans South Bay Projects

Mr. Shih noted there were no project updates since last month. The CTC will be holding project workshop for the Local Partnership Program, registration is available on the CTC website.

III. **Measure R and Measure M Updates**

– **Measure R South Bay Transit Investment Program approval**

Mr. Lantz shared that the Metro Board recently approved the Measure R South Bay Transit Investment Program list of projects. Funding agreements can now be executed.

– **Measure M MSP Program Approval**

Mr. Leger reminded lead agencies with new Measure M funding to return the completed Financial Readiness Forms for the newly approved MSP projects.

– **City one-on-one meetings update & FY22-23 Measure R & Measure M South Bay Metro budget Request Process**

Mr. Lantz provided an update on the Measure R and Measure M annual process and reminded lead agency staff to reach out to Mr. Leger to schedule one-on-one meetings if they had not already done so. Applications for funding augmentation or scope changes to existing projects as well as new projects are due to David Leger by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

IV. **Update on Local Travel Network Implementation: Corridor Development and Planning**

Mr. Baum shared that the SBCCOG has identified two corridors to begin implementing the project. One consists of

the cities of Hawthorne, Gardena, and Lawndale, while the other is in Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and El Segundo. SBCCOG staff will be meeting with city staff in the identified corridors to further refine the route network and review city-specific processes to formally adopt the routes in preparation for a Measure M project application to implement the project.

V. **Update on South Bay Fiber Network Implementation**

Mr. Baum reported that the network is up and running. All cities have been connected at one or more sites. The SBCCOG is on track to complete the project by June 2022 as a final list of sites are being considered for inclusion, including the Torrance Regional Transit Center. The SBCCOG is simultaneously working on opportunities to expand the use of the network, including additional transportation applications and potential business/economic development opportunities. The SBFN Working Group will be meeting October 18<sup>th</sup> and will be hearing a presentation on micro-trenching.

VI. **Discussion on return to in-person meetings/poll results**

Mr. Leger shared the poll results that were received in response to the question about returning to in-person meetings. A poll was also conducted during the meeting and the group was split about returning to in-person meetings but the consensus was that the issue should be re-visited after the new year.

VII. **October 2021 SBCCOG Transportation Update** – Received and filed.

VIII. **Three-Month Look Ahead** – Received and filed.

Mr. Lantz noted that Metro has started its Fareless System Initiative (FSI) Phase 1 which provides free transit service for K-12 and Community College students in participating districts. The Board will also consider allowing children age 5 and under to ride free. The FSI program is currently a 20-month pilot program while Metro considers opportunities to fund the project long-term as well as expand it to other groups of riders.

Mr. Dierking announced that the Metro C (Green) Line extension to Torrance is currently holding virtual walking tours available on the Metro website.

IX. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Mr. Semaan adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m. until November 10th, 2021 (public meeting). To propose an item for the agenda, please email David Leger ([DavidL@southbaycities.org](mailto:DavidL@southbaycities.org)) by November 2, 2021.