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SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2021-22

City	Nov - 21	Jan - 22	Feb - 22	Mar - 22 <i>(special)</i>	Apr - 22 <i>(special)</i>	Apr - 22	May - 22
Carson		Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	
El Segundo	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	
Gardena	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach	Armato	Armato	Armato		Armato	Armato	
Inglewood		X	Butts				
Lawndale	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez			Suarez Cuevas	
Lomita	Gazeley	Waite Uphoff	Waite Uphoff	Waite	Waite Uphoff	Waite Uphoff	
Los Angeles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Manhattan Beach	Stern	Stern	Stern		Stern	Stern	
Palos Verdes Estates		Roos	Roos		Roos		
Rancho Palos Verdes		Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	
Redondo Beach	Horvath		Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer			Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Zuckerman Stegura	Huff	
Torrance	Chen	Chen	Chen	Chen	Chen	Chen	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District	Lopez	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	
County of Los Angeles- 4th District		LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque			
Number of Active Agencies	16	15	16	16	16	16	16
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Number of Agencies Attending	12	16	16	11	12	14	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
(RECORDING AVAILABLE ONLINE: <https://youtu.be/NhhWltXbzgM>)**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Drew Boyles called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

II. VERIFY QUORUM

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Cedric Hicks, Carson	Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach
Drew Boyles, El Segundo	John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	George Chen, Torrance
Barry Waite, Lomita	Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado, LA County D-2

Also in attendance were the following non-voting elected officials:

Bill Uphoff, Lomita
Sirley Cuevas, Lawndale

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Juliette Finzi Hart, OPR	David Leger, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Ivette Macias, SCAG	Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
Frank Ching, Metro	Ronson Chu, SBCCOG
Nicole Blahut, LA28	Jonathan Pacheco Bell, SBCCOG
Lindsey Lastra, LA County Dept of Public Health	Laurie Jacobs, SBCCOG
Leslie Lopez, LA County Dept. of Public Health	Martha Segovia, SBCCOG
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	Holly Osborne, Public
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG	Gaby Segovia, Public
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG	Charlie Hetland, Jacobs

III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Ms. Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

IV. BROWN ACT DECLARATION

Pursuant to AB 361, the Board of Directors finds that a statewide state of emergency remains in force and State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing. Therefore, this meeting is being held virtually as meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. (*attachment*)

MOTION by Board Member Cruikshank, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to **APPROVE** the Brown Act Declaration. No objection. So ordered.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **February 24, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes & special meetings minutes March 14, 2022 & April 11, 2022** (*attachments*) – **Approved**
- B. **Legislative Matrix** – (*attachment*) – **Approved**
 1. Support – AB 1944, AB 2647, SB 914, AB 1599, S.3788/HR6989

2. Oppose – AB 1976, AB 2097, AB 2221, SB 932
 3. Opposition letter sent for SB 897 – time critical & pertains to longstanding policy
- C. Modification of Contract with Energy Coalition re: the SoCal Regional Energy Partnership (attachment) – Approved**
- D. Contract with Studio One Eleven for REAP Commercial Redevelopment Project (attachment) – Approved**
- E. South Bay Fiber Network – Change order #3 and Work Order #5 (attachment) – Approved**
- F. Employee Salary Schedule & Updated Job Descriptions (attachment) – Approved**
- G. Appointments to Outside Agencies (attachment) – Approved**
- H. Letter to Metro re: Measure M MSP Subregional Equity Program Guidelines & South Bay Commitments (attachment) – Approved**
- I. Letter to County Supervisors re: Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness recommendations (attachment approved by Steering Committee and sent – time critical) – Received and filed**
- J. Grant Letters of Support (attachments) – Received and filed**
1. Water Replenishment District – Clean Drinking Water and Groundwater Cleanup Program
 2. Cal State Dominguez Hills – tech equipment
 3. Metro I-105 ExpressLanes federal grant
- K. Monthly Reports – Received and filed**
1. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings (attachment)
 2. Transportation Report (attachment)
 3. Media Report (attachment)
 4. Reports from Outside Agencies (attachments for each at end of the agenda)
 - a. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Bea Dieringer & Jeff Kiernan)
 - b. SCAG Regional Council (Drew Boyles, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)
 - c. Metro Service Council (Don Szerlip)
 - d. South Bay Association of Chamber of Commerce (Olivia Valentine)
 - e. South Bay Aerospace Alliance (Olivia Valentine)
 - f. South Bay Workforce Investment Board

Board Member Dieringer asked that Item H be pulled for further discussion.

MOTION by Board Member Hicks, seconded by Board Member Valentine, to **APPROVE** Consent Calendar Items A-G and I-K. No objection. So ordered.

Board Member Dieringer explained her concerns about the SBCCOG committing to funding a portion of the cost overruns on the Crenshaw Line project prior to LA City agreeing to do the same, particularly when the SBCCOG has previously identified Measure M Subregional Equity Program funds were to be used for the Centinela Grade Separation project which has not been fully funded either. Ms. Bacharach explained that the Crenshaw Line commitment was conditioned on the other entities also identifying their share, and went on to further explain that the letter is re-stating an agreement that had already been made between the SBCCOG and Metro's prior CEO.

MOTION by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to **APPROVE** Item H. No objection. So ordered.

VIII. METRO SERVICE COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS (attachments) – Approved

Ms. Bacharach explained the Steering Committee is recommending Ernie Crespo and Roye Love be re-appointed to their seats. Mr. Crespo is the general manager of the City of Gardena's GTrans and serves in a municipal operator role on the Service Council. Mr. Love is a resident of Carson and has regularly attended and participated in Service Council meetings during his current term. Ms. Bacharach went on to explain that Ms. Gaby Segovia is being recommended by the Steering Committee for the third seat and comes with a strong endorsement from Supervisor Mitchell's office. She explained that Ms. Segovia is a resident of Wilmington and is actively engaged in her community. As a Spanish speaking only member, Metro has confirmed that translation services will be available at every meeting and would not impose a barrier to participation.

Through the assistance of a translator, Ms. Segovia thanked the SBCCOG Board for the opportunity to represent the Hispanic community on the Metro Service Council which would afford her the ability advocate for changes that her community does not know how to ask for. Chair Boyles thanked Ms. Segovia for her interest.

MOTION by Board Member Cruikshank, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to **APPROVE** the nominations of Ernie Crespo, Roye Love, and Gaby Segovia to the Metro Service Council. No objection. So ordered.

IX. PRESENTATIONS

A. Climate Resilience and Cities

Ms. Finzi Hart provided an overview of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP). ICARP was directed to: serve as the hub for state coordination and policy alignment; develop a cohesive, coordinated response to climate impacts across local, regional, and state efforts; and prioritize equity and integrated climate action (mitigation and adaptation). Ms. Finzi Hart went on to review various changes in state law impacting general plan elements including safety elements, environmental justice & climate equity, and more. Ms. Finzi Hart concluded by showcasing the state's climate adaptation resource web portal (resilientca.org) and the California Climate Science Data Portal (cal-adapt.org). The full presentation is available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION_SBCCOG-FinziHart_April2022.pdf

B. Metro Mobility Concept Plan for LA28 Games

Mr. Ching presented on Metro's Mobility Concept Plan (MCP) for the 2028 Olympics. He explained that Metro's goal is to make it easy for ticketed spectators and the workforce to travel to/from Games venues via public transit, walking, or cycling. Metro hopes to leave a legacy of transportation improvements by leveraging existing and planned infrastructure investments while using the Games as a catalyst to help achieve climate and equity goals. Mr. Ching went on to explain that the LA28 Games Plan makes use of existing sport venues and requires no permanent infrastructure to facilitate the Games. LA28 organizers are expecting 10-15M tickets across over 800 different events. Mr. Ching continued with an overview of the MCP, detailing how it describes and prioritizes mobility projects that will serve the Olympics. Metro has established a task force that met monthly with LA28 and the City of LA Mayor's Office to develop a draft initial project list for the purposes of obtaining stakeholder feedback and serve as a starting point for future analysis and coordination with stakeholders. Mr. Ching went on to review Metro's project screening process and examples of the MCP's projects. Mr. Ching's full presentation is available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION_-COG-LA28_Mobility_Plan_Presentation_SBCOG_04.2022.pdf

C. Service Planning Area 8 Update

Ms. Lastra discussed some of the recent COVID-19 protocols introduced by the County including masking requirements on public transit (trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-share) as well as inside airport/bus terminals, train/subway stations, seaport/indoor port terminals, and any other indoor area that serves as a transportation hub. She also reviewed updated public health quarantine orders that removes certain quarantine requirements for asymptomatic exposed individuals and more. She also touched on COVID-19 telehealth services made available by LA County Dept. of Public Health.

Ms. Lastra also touched on a prescription drug takeback event hosted by DPH at the Curtis Tucker Center for Community Wellness in Inglewood on Saturday, April 30th. With the drug overdose epidemic, this event encourages individuals to responsibly dump unused medications to reduce chances of medication misuse. For more detail, a recording of Ms. Lastra's presentation is available for viewing here: https://youtu.be/Z_Dylvzsk1s?t=3676

X. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report

Mr. Lantz reported that the Metro Board received reports that the Regional Connector and Crenshaw-LAX Line projects are both substantially complete which means the construction contractors have turned the projects back over to Metro for testing. The Metro Board also approved a motion to maintain security levels and ensure continuity of service by expanding contracts with Los Angeles and Long Beach Police Departments should the LA County Sheriff's Department pull out of their contract with Metro. Mayor Butts also provided safety recommendations to improve and increase the perception of safety on Metro's lines. The Metro Board also heard a presentation on Metro's Customer Experience Plan. Supervisor Mitchell

asked Metro staff to evaluate opportunities to incentivize local jurisdictions to provide and improve bus shelters.

B. Transportation Committee Report

Mr. Lantz briefly noted that the Committee received updates from the Infrastructure and Transit Operators Working Groups as well as Metro's South Bay Service Council and Caltrans District 7.

XI. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Contract Amendment with WBMWD – Approved

Ms. Fuentes reported that this amendment would add additional funding to the current contract that ends on June 30th for additional Cash for Kitchens program work that has been done. The contract for July 2022 – June 2023 is still being developed.

MOTION by Board Member Valentine, seconded by Board Member Dieringer, to **APPROVE** West Basin Municipal Water District Contract Amendment. No objection. So ordered.

B. SBCCOG 2022-2023 Work Program (attachment) – Approved

Ms. Bacharach presented the proposed 2022-2023 SBCCOG Work Program which reviews current work and accomplishments by the organization as well as programs and focus areas for 2022-2023. The full presentation is available online here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/21_2022-23-Work-Program-FINAL.pdf

Board Member Valentine asked that the South Bay Aerospace Alliance be added to the list of partnerships. She then made a motion to approve the work program, which was seconded by Board Member Tanaka.

Board Member Dieringer noted that she believes the SBCCOG should consider a financial controls audit that would go into a deeper review of the organization's financial procedures to ensure there are the appropriate checks and balances. She also asked that the work plan include reference to enhancing public safety for South Bay cities in addition to the transportation and environmental work already being done. This could include efforts such as monitoring public safety bills or sharing information and PSAs to cities so they can inform their residents.

Board Member Valentine noted that although she does not disagree, these items can be brought up and reviewed at subsequent Board and Committee meetings and did not amend her motion to approve the work program as it was presented.

MOTION by Board Member Valentine, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to **APPROVE** the 2022-2023 Work Program as presented. No objection. So ordered.

C. Alert South Bay

Ms. Bacharach reported that this item should be presented to the Board for action in July. As SBCCOG staff continues to evaluate the regionalization of the program, new information is being discovered that impacts contracting costs and scopes of work.

D. General Assembly Feedback

Ms. Fuentes shared a brief presentation that reviewed statistics and feedback received for the 2022 General Assembly. Feedback was received from 81 individuals, a large increase over the 100% virtual General Assembly last year and was overall very positive. The summary presentation is available here for more detail: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION_Short-version-2022-GA-Attendee-Event-Data-Presentation-2v.pdf

E. Homeless Services

Mr. Chu announced that tenants in LA County who have trouble paying rent from July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 can have payments deferred in certain situations. However, those who missed payments prior to that could face eviction. If a resident is facing eviction, they should contact legal services as soon as possible. Mr. Chu noted that SBCCOG staff are working on a list of pro-bono legal services that are available to residents. Mr. Chu also reported that the state is offering a \$10,000 tax credit, up to \$30,000 total, for businesses that hire people experiencing homelessness.

F. Legislative Committee Report

a. Report on Regional Housing Trust Fund status

Board Member Armato reported that she and SBCCOG staff have met with the offices of Senator Ben Allen and Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi who are both motivated to assist with the development of a regional housing trust. Senator Allen's office will likely introduce legislation to create the trust. SBCCOG cities are asked to support the legislation in concept as well as support the budget request, and to submit letters to the SBCCOG as soon as possible. She noted that supporting the formation legislation in no way obligates a city to participate. Please submit letters by May 25th to the SBCCOG.

G. SBESC Projects and Programs

a. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (attachment)

Ms. Fuentes reported that the SBCCOG is working with Hawthorne to do an EV charging analysis. The SBCCOG is also working with cities to complete vulnerability assessments. Earlier in the month, the SBCCOG helped increase participation in a City of Manhattan Beach Earth Day webinar which encouraged residents to send photos in to show how they plan on saving water and energy.

H. South Bay Fiber Network

Ms. Bacharach reported that the SBCCOG continues to work with Torrance and Carson to implement a wireless broadband pilot project in key areas of the cities. The SBCCOG's consultant, Magellan, is also working to evaluate potential state and federal grant opportunities for "last mile" fiber deployment in disadvantaged communities

I. Local Travel Network

Ms. Bacharach announced that SBCCOG staff interviewed a firm that had responded to the RFP for signage and wayfinding. Some minor modifications to the scope are expected. Overall, the project is proceeding well.

J. Regional Planner Assessment

Ms. Bacharach noted that the regional planner has been a very successful resource for city Community Development Directors and staff. The SBCCOG is proposing another assessment for the regional planner position but is cutting the assessment in half due to the ability to fund much of the work through SCAG Regional Early Action Program funding.

K. Senior Services

Board Member Huff announced that the next meeting will take place May 24th and will include Laura Trejo, the Director of LA County's Department of Aging.

L. Photo Contest

Mr. Farrell reported that over 150 submissions were received, and that Torrance resident Raymond Fujii was selected as the winner. She did note the SBCCOG received a lot of submissions of coastal shots, and that the next contest may be associated with a particular theme to encourage a wider range of areas and subjects be entered. Staff continues to evaluate the appropriate frequency to hold the contest.

M. Virtual / Hybrid / In-Person Meetings

Ms. Bacharach shared that meetings will be held in a hybrid format indefinitely, but noted that there might need to be a minimum number of in-person attendees to warrant refreshments being ordered and staff being present. She explained that staff continues to telework and must come into the office to facilitate hybrid meetings.

Board Members shared their thoughts and most agreed that unless a certain number of in-person RSVPs are confirmed a number of days in advance, the meeting would not have an in-person option. Chair Boyles asked that the item be brought to the next Steering Committee meeting for further discussion.

N. Other

None.

XII. AGENCY REPORTS

NOTE: Oral reports are only made to clarify or amplify written attachments. All reports that were submitted or handed out are available online here: <https://southbaycities.org/event/board-of-directors-meeting-77/>.

- A. SCAG Committees
 - 1. Community, Economic, & Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek) – no oral report
 - 2. Energy and Environment (Britt Huff) – no oral report
 - 3. Transportation (James Gazeley) – no oral report
- B. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County – no oral report
- C. Air Quality Management District (Joe Buscaino & Stephano Padilla) – no oral report
- D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Bill Brand/Eric Alegria) – no oral report
- E. KHHR (Hawthorne Airport) Committee re: Community Impacts (Olivia Valentine) – no oral report
- F. California Association of Councils of Governments (Britt Huff) – no oral report

XIII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Horvath asked that cities reach out to their Supervisor and submit letters of support for the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) recommendations, particularly for those in Supervisor Mitchell’s district since she did not support the creation of BRCH.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Drew Boyles adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm to Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

David Leger, SBCCOG Staff