

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee September 11, 2022 FOLLOW-UP AGENDA

Attendees: John Cruikshank (Chair, Rancho Palos Verdes), Rodney Tanaka (2nd Vice Chair, Gardena), Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne), Britt Huff (Rolling Hills Estates), Barry Waite (Lomita), Bea Dieringer (Rolling Hills- left 1:20 PM), Cedric Hicks (Carson), Bernadette Suarez (Lawndale- left 1 pm), Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado (SD2), Drew Boyles (El Segundo), Jacki Bacharach, David Leger, Kim Fuentes, Wally Siembab, Natalie Champion, Steve Lantz (SBCCOG), Constance Turner (SCE), Mark Dierking (Metro)

- I. **CONFIRM THE QUORUM - 12:00 pm**
- II. **REPORT OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA**
 - **ACTION:** Receive and file
- III. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file – 12:05 pm**
 - A. Steering Committee August 8, 2022 meeting minutes attached
 - **ACTION:** Approved
 - B. Dues and Assessment Status
 - Dues and Assessments are outstanding from the following members: Hawthorne, County of Los Angeles
 - Lawndale paid their dues but no assessment
 - C. City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings – attached
 - D. Media Report – attached
- VI. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - E. LCC LA Division Appointment – **12:10 pm**
 - 3 Nominees – Drew Boyles, El Segundo; Bill Uphoff, Lomita; Britt Huff, RHE
 - Information on each nominee and their interest will be sent separately
 - **ACTION:** Interview the candidates and then recommend the person to be appointed to the Board – **BOYLES WITHDREW.**
WAITE MADE COMMENTS ON BEHALF OF UPHOFF.
HUFF SPOKE. SHE SPOKE UP FOR UPHOFF – SHE LIKES TO INCLUDE NEW PEOPLE.
MOTION FOR BRITT – DIERINGER/VALENTINE APPROVED

CRUIKSHANK STATED THAT UPHOFF SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO SIGN UP AGAIN – HE HAS A LOT TO OFFER.
 - F. Board Meeting Agenda Development – **12:25 PM**
 - September – draft attached
 - Ballot Measures
 - Dept. of Public Health Update
 - Allcove Youth Wellness Center – Beach Cities Health District – confirmed

- Possible Special 5 pm Meeting on Net Metering still under development
- October
 - Possible SCE speaker re: changing rates and rebates
 - Energy Efficiency Recognition Program Roll-out (SBECR)
- November 17 – Open House
- January
 - SBCCOG orientation and review of SBCCOG Committees – annual report and who members are for newly elected officials and all board members
- February
 - Green Line extension EIR (April for recommendation)
- Future meeting possible speakers:
 - Stephanie Wiggins, Metro CEO
 - Signal Synchronization applications with the SBFN – What’s Happening in Manhattan Beach
 - Mental Health services
 - How Villages help to age in place
 - Moro Meadows – Hybrid Energy Solutions in San Diego Area – microgrids, lithium storage
 - **BROADBAND ISSUES – GET BACK TO BARRY (GOOD IT IS GOING TO IWG) WHAT WE NEED TO DO AND WHAT WE CAN DO**
 - **CRUIKSHANK – ADU STUDY REPORT – EVEN PRELIMINARY INFORMATION & CITY SHARING/HIGHLIGHTS**

G. Homeless Services report – 12:45 pm

- Client Aid presentation and status of disbursements – attached
 - **VALENTINE ASKED CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS**
 - **CRUIKSHANK – MEET WITH DOUG AT SALVATION ARMY**
 - **TANAKA – QUESTIONS ABOUT LAHSA AND THE FUNDING**
- **HOMELESS COUNT – 4% UP IN LA COUNTY – LONG BEACH UP 16%. FEATURED DAILY BREEZE ARTICLE AND NUMBERS FOR EACH CITY**
- County contract still not arrived
- **STILL NO DATA ACCESS – NEED TO SHOW USE CASES FOR THE DATA**
- **ACTION:** That the Board request \$350,000 from county for enhanced client aid funding and staff – **APART FROM INNOVATION FUND ALLOCATION – NEED TO GRADUATE SOMETHING FROM INNOVATION FUND INTO REGULAR FUNDING – TANAKA/WAITE/VALENTINE**

H. Job Descriptions - 12:30 PM

- Memos attached
- **DIERINGER ASKED THAT IT BE TABLED UNTIL THE EMPLOYEE ISSUE IS RESOLVED.**
- **BACHARACH & FUENTES RESPONDED – EMPLOYEE ISSUE AND SIZE OF DUES NOT PART OF THIS DECISION**
- **DIERINGER – THE WAY YOU WRITE THE JOB DESCRIPTION DICTATES THE JOB**
- **HUFF – INCLUDE SPREADSHEET ON SALARY CHANGES – NOT GERMAINE**
- **WAITE – WOULD COST MORE TO CREATE EMPLOYEES – IMPROVING JOB SPECS DOESN’T SET SALARIES WHICH ARE DICTATED BY MARKET CONDITIONS. DIFFICULT NOW – CITIES HAVING TROUBLE WITH FILLING JOBS.**
- **ACTION:** ReviewED and recommendED board approval - **MOTION – WAITE/HUFF – NO DIERINGER.**

I. Voting Procedures – 12:45 pm

- Memo attached with response from Jenkins
- **CRUIKSHANK AGREES – WE ARE STRICTER THAN CITY COUNCIL VOTES. WHEN WE HAVE A CONTROVERSIAL VOTE – MAKE EXPLICIT HOW MANY VOTES ARE NEEDED TO PASS**
- **DIERINGER – AGREES AND WE NEED TO MONITOR QUORUM**

- **ACTION:** Make no changes – **DIERINGER/CRUIKSHANK**

J. Approval of Invoices – to be sent separately – 12:55 PM

- **ACTION:** Approved invoices for payment **HICKS/TANAKA**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

K. Status of South Bay Regional Housing Trust – 1:00 PM

- Letters to the Governor needed – as of 9/6/22, Carson, Hermosa Beach & Inglewood & **SCAG** received
- Assuming the Governor signs the legislation, staff will report back in October with next steps

L. South Bay Fiber Network – 1:05 PM

- LATA Grant – application was for \$498,949
 - Scope includes Market/Needs Assessment in SB DAC/Equity challenged communities with technical overlays to propose last-mile connections that would tie back into the SBFN's middle-mile network
 - Partner cities include: Carson, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale
 - 14 Letters of Partnership/Support were received by the SBCCOG in support of the application
 - Proposal officially received by the CPUC review team on 8/23.
- Work Order #5:
 - Lateral connection to Torrance Transit Center on pace for service delivery in December
- Programing for Work Order #6:
 - Review and assessment of proposed/desired lateral site connections or network improvements for a final Work Order that would program the balance of the original Metro Funding Agreement for the SBFN continues. Site possibilities include:
 - 1 LA County IEN transport circuit from Alhambra to Hawthorne location
 - 4 City of Hawthorne locations
 - 2 City of Manhattan Beach locations (including a new fire station)
 - 1 Park Location in RPV
 - Network Improvements to provide 24/7 access at "regen" locations:
 - Carson
 - Gardena
- Wireless Pilot Project
 - SBCCOG continues its work to facilitate the implementation of Tekwerk's 2 site locations (Carson and Torrance Airport) for service to underserved businesses
 - Anticipated equipment installation and formal marketing is behind schedule
 - Both cities continue to be excited and engaged to get the pilot project up and running. That said, both cities, along with Tekwerks and ADF, are working through issues so that the project will have "every opportunity for success".
- Application Developments
 - SBCCOG continues to meet one on one with SB cities to assess IT developments and applications that might (or are) a result of SBFN subscription. These include:
 - Off-site back-up (at Equinix or Evoque) for off-site data storage
 - New circuits for intra-city IT resiliency
 - Continued support for remote work
 - Continued support for hybrid public meetings
 - Consideration of how to support traffic sync projects/upgrades

WALLY – LOOKING AT NEEDS ASSESSMENT FROM LATA GRANT RE: PILOT PROJECT FOR DIGITAL AND MOBILITY HUBS – HAWTHORNE, CARSON AND GARDENA

M. SCAG REAP Update – 1:10 pm

- Status of REAP 1 projects – ADU, Commercial Redevelopment, Housing Education
- Status of REAP 2

Status of REAP 1.0 projects – ADU, Commercial Redevelopment, Housing Education

ADU Acceleration (Black & Veatch)

- ADU Survey is now live
 - Postcards sent to owners and renters in 8 participating cities
 - Total of 738 postcards mailed in 1st round of invites for survey
 - First 500 survey takers get a \$10 gift card (at no cost to COG) – *THANK YOU TO B & V – BELL TO FOLLOW-UP WITH TY 9/12/22*
- Survey outreach: Jonathan sent infographic and recommended caption to all cities asking they advertise ADU Survey on social media, newsletter, city website
- Consultant has completed 7 of 8 city interviews for Housing Policy comparison, final interview being scheduled with Redondo Beach
- ADU Acceleration project featured in:
 - South Bay Watch Summer 2022 Newsletter, cover story
 - *Daily Breeze* article Sept 8th, “South Bay council of governments studies ADUs as an affordable housing solution”
 - <https://www.dailybreeze.com/2022/09/08/south-bay-council-of-governments-studies-adus-as-an-affordable-housing-solution/>

Commercial Redevelopment (Studio 111/Kosmont)

- Consultant is developing Feasibility Criteria to identify underperforming commercial segments in 6 participating cities
 - Preliminary locations mapped in each city
 - Consultant working on aligning potential redevelopment areas with SBFN and LTN (SBCCOG provided the GIS data)
- Consultant wants to meet with each city to discuss findings and narrow down site options
 - Jonathan is contacting Community Development Directors (CDDs) to schedule virtual meetings with consultant

Housing Education

- Advisory Committee update
 - Community members concluded their service on committee in August
- Jonathan sent draft 10-unit curriculum to CDDs for comments and discussion at 9/15 CDD meeting
 - We need all CDDs to review and send Jonathan comments before 9/15 CDD meeting

Status of REAP 2.0

- Got clarification from SCAG that SBCCOG will be following the Subregional Partnership 2.0 guidelines for REAP 2.0, just approved Sept 1st at Regional Council
- SBCCOG is expected to do outreach to our cities to develop project proposals for REAP 2.0 application

- **SBCCOG can be reimbursed for staff time doing outreach to our cities per approved guidelines**
- **SBCCOG Subregional Partnership 2.0 application is due February 10, 2023**
 - **Caveat: this application date is pending state review of SCAG's guidelines. It could be pushed back further**
- **Potential project: From prelim SCAG review, the South Bay Regional Housing Trust project would align with REAP 2.0 goals for funding**

N. Local Travel Network – 1:20 PM

- Stakeholder briefings continue
- Route Refinements with Cities' Staff Continues
- Wayfinding Charrette #1 attended by 11 different South Bay cities plus LA County
- Charrette #2 scheduled for September 22 at 2:30 PM
- Wayfinding Signs with Staff Report to be presented at October Steering Committee for consideration and recommendation to SBCCOG Board's October meeting
- LTN Wayfinding/Signage Technical Advisory Committee was established to provide guidance on engineering/implementation issues on the road. First meeting October 6
- **CRUIKSHANK GOT PRESENTATION ON WESTERN BIKE PATH – CAN USE BIKE PATHS AS PART OF THE LOCAL TRAVEL NETWORK.**

N. Update on South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – attached – 1:30 PM

O. Update on Senior Services - 1:40 PM – HELEN DENNIS IS A SPEAKER AND CARSON'S PROGRAMS 9/27

VII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES – 1:45 PM

- **PROSTATE CANCER WALK ON SEPTEMBER 17 – HICKS ANNOUNCED**
- **GARDENA – CIGAR, WHISKEY MUSIC EVENT – TANAKA ANNOUNCED**
- **WALLY – LTN – EV CHARGING IN THE HEAT WAVE – LOW CHARGE DEMAND – WOULDN'T THREATEN THE GRID.**

IX. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING – Monday, October 10, 2022 @ 12:00 noon – hybrid