

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – January 12, 2022 (Held via Zoom)**

Attendees: Chair Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach); Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Lucho Rodriguez (Hermosa Beach); Julian Lee (Lawndale); Carla Dillon (Lomita); Erick Lee, Katie Doherty & Erik Zandvliet (Manhattan Beach); Mindy Flores (Torrance); Sergio Carvajal, Allen Shim & Gordon Leung (Caltrans); John Ickis & Maggie Cheung (LACDPW); Kerry Cartwright (Port of LA); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz, Aaron Baum & Amina Karwa (SBCCOG); Anissa Voyiatzes (Arduzza); Steven Anderson (DEA Inc.); Jaime Bueno (Delta Group); Alan Clelland (DKS Associates); Diego Cadena (HDR); Tami Podesta (HNTB); Frank Provenzano & Vigen Davidian (Iteris); Jonai Johnson (Mark Thomas); Marc Violett (Michael Baker); Monica Killen & Greg Jaquez (MNS Engineers); Claudette Moody (WSP); Joseph Reynoza

- I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of November 10, 2021 IWG Meeting Notes** – Mr. Semaan called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. The November 10, 2021 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Update Reports**

**A. SBCCOG Program Update**

Ms. Bacharach reported that SBCCOG is preparing for the General Assembly which is still planned to be in-person, but announcements will be made if it will be changing to a virtual meeting. This year's event will be shorter than previous years. The SBCCOG Chair is working to organize a panel of venture capitalists to bring a unique lens of how venture capitalists look at the future and where they actually decide to invest their money. The SBCCOG hopes this will serve as a guide for cities so they can think about how they should look at the future. Ms. Bacharach asked the group to let her or Mr. Lantz know if there are any potential event sponsors that should be contacted.

**B. L.A. County DPW – South Bay Traffic Forum Update**

Mr. Ickis provided brief updates on the County's ITS and TSSP projects. The South Bay Arterial ITS construction project is complete, but rollout has been paused while the vendor works out issues with the Apple iPhone app. The full update report is available online here:

[https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/HANDOUT\\_ITS-TSSP-status-January-2022-Final.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/HANDOUT_ITS-TSSP-status-January-2022-Final.pdf)

**C. L.A. Metro Updates**

**1. L.A. Metro Board Actions:** Mr. Lantz reported that the key issues Metro is working on are the implementation of the Fareless System Initiative and the LIFE program. They are doing more marketing for the LIFE program and providing more discounts and free rides for people who have signed up for the program. Metro resumed collecting fares January 10<sup>th</sup> and has faced push back from communities asking why they are collecting fares with the current Omicron surge taking place. Mr. Lantz also reported that Metro's CEO is restructuring the agency organizational charts.

**2. Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee Actions** Contact David Leger, of SBCCOG, if interested in volunteering for Metro TAC Representative. Mr. Zandvliet reported that the

subcommittee was dark in December and there are no new updates. Mr. Zandvliet has been acting as Chair until the subcommittee makes nominations. The ATP call for projects will be open March 17 with applications due June 15. Additional scoring points will be given to projects in disadvantaged communities.

#### **D. Caltrans South Bay Projects Update**

##### **1. Projects funded (fully or in-part) by South Bay Measure R/M Highway Programs**

Mr. Carvajal reported that Caltrans is waiting to hear back from Metro regarding next steps for funding for Measure R/M projects.

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

**-FY22-23 Measure R & Measure M South Bay Metro Budget Request Process Update:** Mr. Lantz reported that Metro is taking the Measure R mid-year project funding update to the Board this month which includes one South Bay project modification to a Manhattan Beach project.

#### **IV. Caltrans Pacific Coast Highway SHOPP Project status presentation**

Mr. Shim presented on Caltrans' CAPM projects along PCH which include adjacent street improvements proposed by SBCCOG cities along the corridor. Mr. Shim reported they are now at 95% completion of the project design. The scope of work includes resurfacing, a new shared dedicated bike and bus lane, pedestrian safety devices, and upgraded ADA curb ramp at locations. Environmental revalidation is expected to be completed by March. A draft funding agreement has been sent to Metro for review. The projects will be ready to list in June 2022 with construction scheduled to begin Winter 2022 and completed by Winter 2024. For more detail, Mr. Shim's presentation is available online here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION\\_Caltrans-PCH-update.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION_Caltrans-PCH-update.pdf)

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

Mr. Baum reported the SBCCOG has nearly completed construction of the Phase 1 fiberoptic ring and laterals. The SBCCOG is also in the process of developing Phase 2 which will address access, underserved areas, and equity issues. Lomita has approved and permitted micro trenching for two new sites in the network. The SBCCOG continues its work in capacity building and applications development through the South Bay Fiber Working Group.

#### **VI. South Bay Local Travel Network Implementation Update**

Mr. Baum reported that the SBCCOG is moving forward in developing the two corridor projects. The Beach Cities corridor includes El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Redondo Beach. The Inland corridor includes Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Gardena. The SBCCOG is conducting outreach to city officials and staff to receive input on the proposed LTN routes and destinations. The goal will be to implement the project using Measure M MSP funding beginning in FY 2023-24. The SBCCOG is also using city partners' assistance to identify vendors and consultants for a wayfinding and signage RFP. SBCCOG is also reaching out to community stakeholders, especially micromobility stakeholders, to get this project off the ground. Ms. Bacharach added that two pieces of legislation will be needed. One has to do with the ability to have neighborhood electric vehicles on the route, and the other has to do with providing rebates for micromobility zero

emission slow speed vehicles.

- VII. November SBCCOG Transportation Update:** No verbal updates. Ms. Bacharach informed the group that the SBCCOG is planning to make a blog out of the Transportation Update on its website.
- VIII. 3-Month Look Ahead:** Mr. Lantz reminded the group once again that now is the time to get their funding agreements executed or amended with Metro.
- IX. Announcements / Adjournment:** Mr. Lantz adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m. until February 9th, 2022. To propose an item for the agenda, please email David Leger ([DavidL@southbaycities.org](mailto:DavidL@southbaycities.org)) by February 1, 2022.