

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – March 9, 2022 (Held via Zoom)**

Attendees: Chair Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach); Vice-Chair John Ickis (LA County DPW); Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Julian Lee (Lawndale); Erick Lee, Katie Doherty, & Erik Zandvliet (Manhattan Beach); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz, Aaron Baum, David Leger & Amina Karwa (SBCCOG); Constance Turner (SCE); Maggie Cheung (LA County DPW); John Leney & Simon Arazi (ParkNav)

I. Self-Introductions and Approval of February 9, 2022 IWG Meeting Notes – Mr. Semaan called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. The February 9, 2022 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 this month. She also informed the group that in response to requests from member cities, the SBCCOG will consider taking over the administration of Alert South Bay starting May 1. SBCCOG is working on contracts with the cities and Mr. Leger provided the Alert South Bay meeting registration link to the group in the chat.

Ms. Bacharach also informed the group that Metro Service Council nominations deadline is March 25.

Ms. Bacharach reported that SBCCOG is working on two pieces of legislation for the Local Travel Network and a rebate for micromobility vehicles. The bills will be sent out with a fact sheet to all cities. SBCCOG hopes every city will endorse the legislation.

Mr. Baum informed the group that SBCCOG has an RFP for wayfinding and signage for the Local Travel Network that will be distributed this week and also will be circulated through the working group. Mr. Baum invited the group to share the RFP to help the SBCCOG get as broad a share of responses as possible. Ms. Bacharach added that after the General Assembly the Local Travel Network sub-committee is planning to convene to get more elected official involvement in next steps for implementation .

Mr. Baum updated the group on the South Bay Fiber Network: SBCCOG has completed its third work order in terms of lateral connections and moving into the construction phases for work order #4. The Regional Communications Center should be operational by April or earlier and the two Lomita sites are on track as well. SBCCOG is now entering Phase 2 of the South Bay Fiber Network and working with its consultant team to implement a Pilot Project to provide wireless internet service to bridge identified gaps starting with underserved commercial areas.

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

No status updates or changes this month. The report is available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/HANDOUT_ITS-TSSP-status-March-2022-Final.pdf

C. L.A. Metro Updates

1. L.A. Metro Board Actions:

Ms. Bacharach reported that SBCCOG met with Metro staff on their proposed operating plan for the Crenshaw-LAX line. Metro is expected to bring the item to the April Transportation Committee meeting and Metro Board. The SBCCOG Transportation Committee may consider taking a position to the SBCCOG Board.

2. Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee Actions

No updates this month.

Mr. Semaan announced that Elias Sassoon and Gilbert Marquez have accepted their position in the TAC sub-committee as member and alternate respectively.

D. Caltrans South Bay Projects Update

No updates this month.

III. Measure R and Measure M Metro Budget Request Updates

Mr. Lantz informed the group that the SBCCOG Board approved the Measure R and Measure M Metro budget requests in February. Mr. Lantz expects Metro to accept the Measure R budget requests in June/July and Measure M around August/September. Once the Metro board has approved the projects' funding requests, project lead agencies may initiate funding agreements with Metro staff.

IV. Metro Construction Market Analysis – Construction Cost Increase Index (Attachment B)

Mr. Lantz explained that after numerous cost overruns on its capital projects, the Metro Board requested an assessment of what construction projects can reasonably be completed without facing new budget shortfalls. There is also concern that Metro does not have adequate funding to operate the expanded network it is currently planning/building.

Ms. Bacharach added that Metro needs to not only evaluate what it costs to build the network but operate it at an effective level of service. Infrequent or badly maintained service due to lack of operational funds would not be attractive to riders.

V. Metro I-405 CMCP Projects List

Mr. Lantz explained that Metro is drafting a Comprehensive Multi-Modal Corridor Plan which is required to be eligible for State SB-1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program funding. Metro's project team has prepared a list of hundreds of potentially eligible local projects. Mr. Lantz urged the group to verify the projects listed and return any corrections to Mr. Leger by April 11. Mr. Leger explained that the goal is to not eliminate projects from the list because they would then be ineligible for funding even if the scope was potentially eligible under the grant program or other grant programs.

VI. Spotlight Presentation: ParkNav “Intelligent Parking Solutions for Smart Cities” – John Leney, Vice President, ParkNav

Mr. Leney and Mr. Arazi introduced the group to ParkNav's services and products which use big data, machine learning, and artificial intelligence to predict parking availability information for both on/off street parking. Local jurisdictions can use the service for parking management and planning studies. Their full presentation is available online here: <https://southbaycities.org/wp->

[content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION_Parknav-Overview-South-Bay-Cities-Council-09Mar2022-.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION_Parknav-Overview-South-Bay-Cities-Council-09Mar2022-.pdf)

VII. Transportation projects supporting 2028 South Bay Olympic Venues

Mr. Lantz asked if any of their cities are currently expecting to host Olympic venues, and if they will need improvements to their transportation network system before the 2028 Olympics. Metro is currently working with the Olympics Committee to develop a potential list of projects. Mr. Lantz encouraged interested local jurisdictions to coordinate their plans with Metro. Mr. Leger shared documents from Metro that are available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/HANDOUT_Motion-42-2028-Games-Mobility-Concept-Plan-Progress-Report-Jan-2022.pdf

VIII. March 2022 SBCCOG Transportation Update: No verbal updates.

IX. 3-Month Look Ahead: The IWG will have two presentations at the next meetings. No other verbal updates.

XI. Announcements / Adjournment: Mr. Semaan adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m. until April 13th, 2022, at noon. To propose an item for the agenda, please email David Leger (DavidL@southbaycities.org) by April 1, 2022.