

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – April 11, 2022 (Held via Zoom)**

Attendees: Vice-Chair John Ickis (LA County DPW); Lifan Xu (El Segundo); Julian Lee (Lawndale); Erick Lee, Helen Shi, & Erik Zandvliet (Manhattan Beach); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz, Aaron Baum, David Leger & Amina Karwa (SBCCOG); Sergio Carvajal (Caltrans); Maggie Cheung & Mohammed Alam (LA County DPW); Ed Alegre, Mark Dierking (Metro); Constance Turner (SCE); Bill Stracker (JM Diaz); Narasimha Murthy (CWE Corp.); Diego Cadena & Wayne Richardson (HDR); Clay Fuchs, Tim Romashko, Mike McIntee, & Mark Porter (Econolite); Justin Gatza (Kimley Horn); Dave Simpson (Cox); Marie Marston (Civil Works Engineers); Michael Finochio & Derek Pines (Parsons); Myriam Frausto (Mark Thomas); Philip Jacobs & Lauri Brady (Kapsch); Viggen Davidian (Iteris)

**I. Self-Introductions and Approval of March 9, 2022 IWG Meeting Notes** – Mr. Ickis called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. The March 9, 2022 meeting notes were approved without objection.

**II. Agency & Other Update Reports**

**A. SBCCOG Program Update**

Ms. Bacharach briefed the group about the SBCCOG General Assembly held in March. It was a successful event and Ms. Bacharach asked those who attended from the group to submit any comments or feedback.

Ms. Bacharach reported that SBCCOG had planned to transition the administration of Alert South Bay to SBCCOG in May but it is being postponed for a month because of new information SBCCOG received. Ms. Bacharach informed the group that the Board is exploring the creation of a regional housing trust that could develop affordable sustainable housing. The SBCCOG has two pieces of legislation it is sponsoring. The first is an Assemblymember Muratsuchi bill, AB2432, and SBCCOG will be sending out support letter templates to the cities. SBCCOG would love to receive the cities' support. AB 2432 is about authorizing a city to adopt a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Plan, which would support the implementation of the SBCCOG's Local Travel Network (LTN) The second bill, authored by Assemblymember Gipson, AB 2074, would create rebates for micro mobility devices that are zero emission and do not go over 25 mph which would operate on the LTN. Both bills have passed the Assembly Transportation Committee and are moving through the approval process without significant opposition.

Ms. Bacharach also reported that SBCCOG is doing four projects for SCAG that have a transportation component including commercial redevelopment and ADUs.

Ms. Bacharach updated the group that SBCCOG is looking to see if the fiber network would qualify for a state planning grant.

Ms. Bacharach informed the group that SBCCOG will have a speaker from the Office of Planning and Research at the next Board meeting who will talk about climate resilience in cities. Metro will also be presenting its 2028 Olympics Mobility Plan at the next Board meeting. SBCCOG will be presenting the

2022-2023 SBCCOG Work Program.

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

Mr. Ickis announced that the name of the Centracs system has been changed to ‘County Centracs System for South Bay Cities’. Meetings will take place this month to establish server-to-server connections with Torrance and Redondo Beach. They will also discuss IEN at those meetings. A few minor updates were provided for TSS projects. Imperial Hwy moved on to the fifth submittal. Rosecrans Ave East has moved on to fourth submittal with the final base plan. Rosecrans Ave West has moved on to third submittal base plans. The full report is available online here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/HANDOUT\\_ITS-TSSP-status-April-2022-final.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/HANDOUT_ITS-TSSP-status-April-2022-final.pdf)

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

#### **1. L.A. Metro Board Actions**

Mr. Dierking reported that for the C Line (Green Line) extension to Torrance, Metro has been holding walking tours since March for the public with pretty good attendance.

Mr. Lantz reported that Metro Board has been involved in a series of Board staff workshops on the upcoming budget. The next three years will be very difficult for Metro because of operating costs and an aggressive capital program that will require them to issue bonds. There will be a shortfall of about a billion dollars by 2024.

#### **2. Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee Actions**

No updates for the Metro TAC.

Mr. Zandvliet reported that the Freeway Subcommittee had a meeting on March 17. Metro staff reported that the enforcement of bus-only lanes is now in effect. The ATP grant cycle is now active: project applications are due June 15; the applications must include a safety plan. There will be a statewide and a subsequent regional application period for the ATP grant. \$650 million dollars are available for this grant cycle.

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

Mr. Carvajal shared to the group in the chat the SHOPP projects that are currently ongoing in the South Bay. The update that Mr. Carvajal gave at the Transportation Committee meeting earlier this week remains the same. The full project list is available here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/HANDOUT\\_Caltrans-projects-update.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/HANDOUT_Caltrans-projects-update.pdf)

Caltrans and District 7 are going to CTC this May to get approved the 2022 SHOPP candidate projects and as soon as those are approved in the region Mr. Carvajal will share them with SBCCOG and the group. Mr. Carvajal will also share the 2024 SHOPP PID projects as soon as he has more information.

### **III. Measure M MSP Subregional Equity Program Guidelines & South Bay Commitments**

Mr. Lantz explained to the group that Attachment B is the letter Metro has sent to SBCCOG. The SBCCOG Board wants to reiterate its commitment to work with Metro to ensure the construction of the CLAX line is not delayed further and that the Centinela Grade Separation Project is delivered in a timely

fashion. SBCCOG is only providing partial funding for both projects thus SBCCOG wants to make sure Metro and the city meet their commitments to fully fund the projects.

#### **IV. Spotlight Presentation #1: LA County DPW Pedestrian ITS App**

Mr. Ickis delivered a presentation about connected vehicles and a pilot project in El Camino Village. Connected Vehicles are classified as one of the following: vehicle to infrastructure, pedestrian to infrastructure, vehicle that connects to other vehicles, or vehicle that connects to anything. Mr. Ickis explained elements of the pilot project including Advanced Transportation Controllers (ATC), Miovision Traffic Link Advanced Video Detection, and the Kapsch Connected Vehicle –eWalk Pedestrian Project. The eWalk pedestrian app connects a smartphone-based app with the signal to aid impaired pedestrians with crossing the intersection safely. The full presentation is available online here:

[https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION\\_LA-County-DPW-Kapsch-eWalk-System.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION_LA-County-DPW-Kapsch-eWalk-System.pdf)

#### **V. Spotlight Presentation #2: Econolite Priority Solution – Mike McIntee, Michael Villafuerte, & Marc Porter, Econolite**

Mr. McIntee and his team presented on Econolite Priority Solution which is a Signal Control Priority (SCP) system for traffic signals. They explained the benefits of switching from a Transit Signal Priority to SCP. The SCP leverages the existing system and achieves on-time schedules, travel time reduction, and improved ridership. For more detail, the full presentation can be viewed online here:

<https://youtu.be/f3iM51qwjZI?t=2909>

#### **VI. April 2022 SBCCOG Transportation Update: No verbal updates.**

**VII. 3-Month Look Ahead:** Mr. Lantz informed the group that Metro will present on the I-105 ICM project as the spotlight presentation in May. SBCCOG is also inviting spotlight presentations for June. No other verbal updates.

**VIII. Announcements / Adjournment:** Mr. Ickis adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. until May 11th, 2022, at noon. To propose an item for the agenda, please email David Leger (DavidL@southbaycities.org) by May 1, 2022.