

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Legislative Committee

May 11, 2022

Meeting Minutes

(Held virtually via Zoom)

COMMITTEE CHAIR ARMATO CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:01 P.M.

I. Welcome / Self-Introductions

In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:

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| Stacey Armato, Chair (Hermosa Beach) | Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne) |
| Cedric Hicks (Carson) | Bernadette Suarez (Lawndale) |
| Rodney Tanaka (Gardena) | |

Also in attendance:

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| Jeff Kiernan (CalCities) | David Leger (SBCCOG) |
| Charles Gale (MWD) | Ronson Chu (SBCCOG) |
| Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG) | |

II. Confirm Posting of the Agenda – the agenda was posted by the Torrance City Clerk.

III. Public Comment – no public comments received.

IV. Consent Calendar – APPROVED

- A. May 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- B. June 8, 2022 Meeting Notes

MOTION by Committee Member Valentine, seconded by Committee Member Tanaka, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

V. Update on SBCCOG Proposals for Legislation

A. South Bay Regional Housing Trust – SB 1444

Mr. Leger reported that the formation legislation, SB 1444, was on the Assembly floor and would be up for a vote likely in August. Ms. Bacharach shared that she recently presented to the South Bay Association of Realtors who had opposed the bill unless amended. She encouraged the organization to engage with the SBCCOG on the effort.

Ms. Bacharach also announced that she had reached out to Tony Rice, a lobbyist who had previously done work for the SBCCOG. She explained to him the mixed messages staff was receiving about the SBCCOG’s \$50M budget request for housing trust seed funding, and \$5M request for the South Bay Center for Sustainable and Resilient Neighborhoods. Mr. Rice did some research and estimated there was a 50% chance of getting the funding, and that he would have to work over the next couple months for an estimated cost of \$15,000. Ms. Bacharach shared this proposal with the Board officers and they agreed it was too steep of an expense. The cities of Rancho Palos Verdes and Gardena both offered the assistance of their lobbyists. Gardena’s lobbyist explained that there was frustration amongst some legislators who felt their budget requests were not responded to or ignored. There is a chance for a “junior budget request”, likely less than \$3M.

B. NEV Legislation – AB 2432

Mr. Leger reported that the bill was amended to allow any city within LA County to adopt an NEV plan. The bill passed the Senate was returned to the Assembly for concurrence on the amendment.

VI. Advocacy

A. Legislative Matrix – No action taken (*Attachment C*)

- **Oppose AB 2237: Transportation Planning: regional transportation improvement plan: sustainable communities strategies: alternative planning strategy: state transportation funding**

Mr. Leger shared that the bill is not moving forward at this point, but the Committee could choose to still take a position on it. Mr. Leger explained that the bill would prohibit funding for any transportation project that induced an increase in vehicle miles travelled. Mr. Kiernan added that the bill was so restrictive that Local Streets and Road funding would not have been able to be used for a new planned community as building streets to support that new community would be considered to increase vehicle miles travelled.

The Committee felt it was not necessary to take a position on the bill at this time and a position could be taken if the bill is re-introduced.

B. SBCCOG Work Program state budget request

Ms. Bacharach addressed this item under the South Bay Regional Housing Trust item.

VII. Announcements / Adjournment

Ms. Bacharach announced that the Legislative Briefing is taking place on Thursday, July 14th and Assemblymember McKinnor and Congresswoman Waters will be in attendance.

Committee Member Suarez shared that she received a net-metering related email from Edison asking the City Council to not take a position on the issue. Ms. Bacharach explained that the issue is very complicated, but likened the issue to that of electric vehicles and the gasoline tax. Although both electric vehicles and gas vehicles use the same roads, only gas vehicle owners are contributing to road repairs because gas taxes comprise a large portion of road funding. Similarly, solar customers do not pay for the transmission infrastructure like non-solar customers, so the CPUC is looking to address that issue.

Committee Chair Armato adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m. to August 10, 2022, at 5:00 p. m.