

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

Attendees: Ted Semaan, Chair (Redondo Beach); Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Severin Martinez (LA City); Erick Lee, Erik Zandvliet, Helen Shi, Katie Doherty (Manhattan Beach); Shin Furukawa (Torrance); Sergio Carvajal, Namrata Sen (Caltrans); Nicole Mi, Maggie Cheung (LACDPW); Isidro Panuco, Paul Backstrom, Ed Alegre, David Leyzerovsky (Metro); Hina Chanchlani (SCAG); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz, Wally Siembab, Jonathan Pacheco Bell, Aaron Baum, David Leger (SBCCOG); Constance Turner (SCE); Megan White, Jagmeet Khangura, Jason Haney (Black & Veatch); Alan Clelland (DKS); Marcy Szarama (Destination Enterprises); Ariel Godwin (Gentec Solutions); Natasha DeBenon (Ghiradelli Associates); Asheesh Pradhan (Group Delta); Diego Cadena (HDR); Alek Hovsepian (Iteris); Bill Stracker (JM Diaz); Justin Gatzka (Kimley-Horn); Myriam Frausto (Mark Thomas); Marc Violett (Michael Baker); Janna McKhann (Nextech Systems); Alan Pullman (Studio 111)

- I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of October 12, 2022 IWG Meeting Notes** – Mr. Semaan called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. The October 12, 2022 meeting notes were approved without objection.

- II. **Agency & Other Update Reports**
 - A. SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach announced that the SBCCOG will be holding an open house Thursday 11/18 at 4:30 pm. At the Board meeting later that evening, there will be a brief recognition ceremony for SBCCOG Boardmembers who did not seek re-election. Ms. Bacharach also reported that the SBCCOG has tentatively received a \$500k LATA broadband grant from the CPUC. Due to confusion at the CPUC as to whether or not COGs were eligible entities, the funding has been “reserved” and will be officially awarded upon resolution of the eligibility issue. The SBESC continues to assist with community meetings and workshops to promote energy/water conservation programs. The General Assembly will take place Thursday 3/23/23 at the Carson Community Center. The program is currently under development.
 - 1) Local Travel Network: Ms. Bacharach reported that the SBCCOG Board will be deciding on a brand/logo for the LTN at the 11/18 meeting. She also noted that she was invited to speak at a joint CARB/CTC/HCD meeting in Riverside last week to comment on the CAPTI and the LTN. There was a lot of positive feedback, and she was invited to the December CTC meeting to present on it in more detail. Mr. Baum added that the SBCCOG will also be participating in a discussion panel at the upcoming CoMotionLA event on 11/18. Mr. Baum also mentioned that the SBCCOG held an LTN/public safety focus group with representatives from South Bay law enforcement agencies.

 - B. South Bay Traffic Forum (LACDPW): Ms. Mi reported that the construction contract for the Prairie Ave TSSP project is expected to be awarded in December, with construction completed in December 2023. The other TSSP projects are currently in design. The detailed updates are included in a written report available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/HANDOUT_LACDPW-updates-November-2022-Final.pdf

 - C. LA Metro
 - 1) LA Metro Board Actions
Although not a Board action, Mr. Panuco reported that the Complete Streets/Highway Department at Metro is proposing a new on-call bench of consultants. Metro is helping cities with some of their projects through this bench as needed.

 - 2) Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways
No Metro TAC update was provided.

Mr. Zandvliet announced that the Streets and Freeways Subcommittee met in October and received updates on: Metro’s Active Transportation Strategic Plan; Metro’s effort to implement a fare capping policy by the end of the year; ATP Cycle 6 awards of \$850M at the state level (\$240M of which went to LA County projects) were announced, with the 49 unfunded projects now being sent to MPOs for potential funding from more local ATP grants. A new alternate to the subcommittee should be identified as Prem Kumar retired earlier in the year.

 - D. Caltrans South Bay Projects
Mr. Carvajal introduced Namrata Sen who is assuming the position previously held by Jimmy Shih. Project updates

are available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/HANDOUT_Caltrans-Nov.2022-Updates.pdf

III. **Measure R SBHP/Measure M MSP FY2023-24 Annual Program Update/Lead Agency Meetings**

Mr. Lantz reported that most lead agency one-on-one meetings have been completed. Applications for additional funding for existing projects are due December 1st. New project applications are due by January 16th. New projects will be considered if there is adequate funding remaining after addressing additional funding requests for existing projects.

IV. **ADUs and Infrastructure – SBCCOG REAP Project**

Ms. Khangura gave a brief overview of the SBCCOG's Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) project which aims to evaluate the efficacy of ADUs as a housing solution in the South Bay. Part of that project includes an analysis of the impacts of ADUs on city infrastructure. Public Works Directors and staff in attendance provided responses to some questions posed by the Black and Veatch team. Additional individual discussions with Public Works departments will be scheduled.

V. **New Administrative Procedures for Measure M MSPs and Measure R Highway Grants**

Mr. Backstrom presented on Metro's new administrative procedures for projects applying for Measure M MSP and Measure R Highway grant funding which go into effect January 2023. These procedures aim to implement Metro's 2014 Complete Streets Policy and other Metro Board motions by requiring the use of a complete streets checklist. The purpose is to reinforce and support local efforts to improve streets for all users, and to encourage project sponsors to incorporate needs of vulnerable road users into project planning/design. This new requirement will not force lead agencies to change the project, nor provide penalties/rewards for any responses given. The full presentation is available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/PRESENTATION_New-Admin-Procedures-for-MM-MSPs-and-MR-Hwy.pdf

VI. **Spotlight Presentation: Metro Multimodal Highway Objectives**

Mr. Panuco provided an overview of Metro's Multimodal Highway Objectives. In June 2022, the Metro Board approved new objectives for multimodal highway investments (available [here](#)). Recognizing the County's history of inequitable highway investment/construction policies, the Metro Board adopted new objectives that aim to work with local communities to reduce disparities caused by the existing highway system as well as develop holistic approaches to maintain and improve the quality of life in those communities. Mr. Panuco reviewed the 6 objectives listed in the Metro Board item. Mr. Panuco's presentation can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/rgZ3HCm9HjI?t=4541>

VII. **SBCCOG Transportation Report Covering October 2022** – Received and filed.

VIII. **Three-Month Look Ahead** – Received and filed.

IX. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Mr. Semaan adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m. until January 11th, 2023 (public meeting). To propose an item for the agenda, please email David Leger (DavidL@southbaycities.org) by January 3, 2023.