

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – June 8, 2022 (Held via Zoom)**

Attendees: Chair Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach); Gilbert Marquez (Carson); Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Julian Lee (Lawndale); Helen Shi, Erick Lee, & Katie Doherty (Manhattan Beach); Julie Hernandez (Torrance); Severin Martinez & Kimberly Venegas (LA City); Maggie Cheung & John Ickis (LA County DPW); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz, Aaron Baum, David Leger, & Amina Karwa (SBCCOG); Constance Turner (Edison); Marc Mitchell, Tyler Bodnar, Nathan Forrest, & Tom Tietz (California Nevada Cement Assoc.)

**I. Self-Introductions and Approval of May 11, 2022 IWG Meeting Notes** – Mr. Semaan called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. The May 11, 2022 meeting notes were approved without objection.

**II. Agency & Other Update Reports**

**A. SBCCOG Program Update**

Ms. Bacharach made the following announcements:

- The SBCCOG is moving forward with the South Bay Fiber Network, with the last sites being hooked up. Mr. Baum added that the work order has commenced for the Torrance Transit Center. Lomita will have two new circuits running in the next two weeks. The SBCCOG is also working with TekWorks on a pilot project to serve underserved businesses areas via wireless broadband service near the Torrance Airport.
- The SBCCOG had been exploring management of Alert South Bay, however it was decided that the SBCCOG is not the right project manager. Instead, the SBCCOG has been discussing with city managers transitioning management to Area G which oversees disaster management and planning.
- The SBCCOG is having its election of officers and will be considering the FY22-23 budget at the next meeting.
- Client Aid funding is available to assist cities and outreach workers for particular homeless related services. On June 29, shelters will be opening in Torrance's civic center.
- The SBCCOG is currently sponsoring two pieces of legislation. AB2432 would allow the South Bay Local Travel Network to use the NEV designation on local roadway signage. The second, SB 1444, would establish a regional housing trust in the South Bay. The SBCCOG also submitted a \$4 million earmark request to the state legislature to provide \$3 million in seed funding for the South Bay Regional Housing Trust and \$1 million to create a South Bay Center for Sustainable and Resilient Neighborhoods, which would work to implement climate action plans and reduce GHG emissions.
- The SBCCOG is also working with SCAG on housing and ADU-related projects under the REAP program.
- The SBCCOG office is open for hoteling for staff and guests.

**1. Local Travel Network**

Ms. Bacharach informed the group that the SBCCOG has signed a contract with Fehr & Peers for

wayfinding and signage for the Local Travel Network. The SBCCOG continues to meet with city staff to develop the final route for the LTN.

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

Mr. Ickis reported minor updates. The County has completed setting up the Centrac servers and installing software on the County's traffic network. Meetings are underway to establish server-to-server connections with Torrance and Redondo Beach.

Mr. Ickis reported that the only real changes in the TSSPs was on Imperial Highway for which LADPW has approved all improvement plans. Rosecrans Avenue East received updated cost estimates and that will be shared with the cities involved. The full report is available online here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/HANDOUT\\_ITS-TSSP-status-June-2022-Final.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/HANDOUT_ITS-TSSP-status-June-2022-Final.pdf)

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

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

Mr. Lantz reported that the Board approved claiming the LCTOP Funds for the Crenshaw LAX Project or for the Fareless System Initiative. At the meeting Mayor Butts put in a motion that was approved to report back on the Crenshaw operating budget needs beyond fiscal 2023 since LCTOP could be used for operating funds and not just capital. Mayor Butts wants to make sure the Crenshaw LAX line opens and continues operating.

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

Mr. Marquez reported on the last Metro TAC meeting. Metro will send letters of support to those who had submitted the State ATP Cycle 6 applications by June 10. CTC will announce funding in December of this year. The Active Transportation Resource Center will be holding a virtual grant application workshop on June 8-9 and June 29-30.

Mr. Marquez also announced that there are some requests for time extensions for the TAC from five different cities. The projects will go to Metro Board in August for final approval.

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

Mr. Carvajal will provide an update at the Transportation Committee meeting on Monday.

#### **III. Measure M Subregional Equity Program Guidelines**

Mr. Lantz reported that at the May 26 Metro Board meeting, the Board approved the guidelines for the Measure M Subregional Equity Program (SEP). The SBCCOG previously committed to using its SEP for the Centinela Grade Separation project, and subsequently received a request from Metro to use SEP funding for cost overruns on the Crenshaw LAX line. The SBCCOG agreed to fund its share of the Crenshaw LAX cost overruns conditioned on the other stakeholders contributing their shares, and Metro backfilling the construction funding needed for the Centinela Grade Separation project. The larger problem is that funding for the SEP is not available until 2043, but Metro will come back in the fall with ways it can be accelerated for projects to be completed in time by the Olympics.

**IV. Spotlight Presentation: California Nevada Cement Association**

Mr. Tietz and Mr. Forrest gave a presentation on the California Nevada Cement Association and the organization's objective to understand how using Portland Limestone Cement (PLC) can reduce the environmental footprint of concrete and how CNCA is promoting it. PLC helps reduce process emissions. The California Cement Industry is committed to carbon neutrality by 2045.

The full presentation is available online here: [CNCA Presentation \(southbaycities.org\)](https://southbaycities.org/cnca-presentation)

**V. Roundtable Discussion: return to in-person meetings, future spotlight presentations, other issues/concerns**

Mr. Semaan and Mr. Leger discussed preferences for returning to in-person meetings. Mr. Semaan suggested the September IWG meeting to be hybrid at the SBCCOG office at the discretion of individuals to attend in-person or virtually.

Mr. Leger asked the group to email him with any suggestions for topics for future spotlight presentations.

**VI. SBCCOG Transportation Report covering May 2022:** No verbal updates.

**VII. 3-Month Look Ahead:** No verbal updates.

**VIII. Announcements / Adjournment:**

IWG will be dark in July and will reconvene virtually in August.

Mr. Semaan adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m. until August 10th, 2022, at noon. To propose an item for the agenda, please email David Leger (DavidL@southbaycities.org) by August 1, 2022.