

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – August 10, 2022 (Held via Zoom)**

Attendees: Chair Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach); Eliza Jane Whitman (Carson); Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Julian Lee (Lawndale); Helen Shi, Erick Zandvliet, & Katie Doherty (Manhattan Beach); Julie Hernandez (Torrance); Kimberly Venegas (LA City); Jeff Pletyak & Andrew Choie (LA County DPW); Homar Noroozi (Caltrans); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz, Aaron Baum, David Leger, & Amina Karwa (SBCCOG); Constance Turner (Edison); Anissa Voyiatzes & Adilia Miller (Arduzza); Patti Zullo (Charter); Dave Simpson (Cox); Marie Marston (DEA); Alan Clelland (DKS); Asheesh Pradhan (Group Delta); Wayne Richardson & Diego Cadena (HDR); Vigen Davidian (Iteris); Marc Violett (Michael Baker); Greg Jaquez (MNS Engineers); Lauren Weiss & Fatima Zantout (PMCS Group)

I. Self-Introductions and Approval of June 8, 2022 IWG Meeting Notes – Mr. Semaan called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. The June 8, 2022 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. Agency & Other Update Reports

A. SBCCOG Program Update

Ms. Bacharach made the following announcements:

- The SBCCOG requested funding from the state budget to seed the South Bay Regional Housing Trust as well as funding for climate adaptation/resilience related work.
- The August Board meeting will have presentations on RHNA allocations and SB 9 lawsuits by cities.
- The 2023 General Assembly planning has started. The event will take place March 23rd, 2023 and with an initial conceptual theme of looking at the legacy and future of the South Bay.
- A grant application is being submitted for the LATA program to the CPUC. The grant would fund a market assessment/needs evaluation of broadband in the area, particularly in disadvantaged communities. The awards are up to \$500,000.
- A grant application was also submitted to the Air Resources Board for the MSRC program. This grant would help fund a “right-sizing your ride” tool and potentially a “ride and drive” event in support of the Local Travel Network project.

1. Local Travel Network

Mr. Baum reported that SBCCOG staff continues to meet with stakeholders on LTN route refinement. There will be a branding/signage charrette taking place on August 18th and all cities are encouraged to participate, even if they are not a Phase 1 city for implementation. Ms. Bacharach added that staff organized an NEV tour of El Segundo for Assembly Member Muratsuchi to introduce him to this type of micromobility. He was very supportive and excited about the opportunities. His bill, AB 2432, which would allow cities in LA County to adopt NEV plans, was recently approved by the Legislature and will be going to the Governor for signature.

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

Mr. Pletyak announced that John Ickis and Andres Narvaez were reassigned to a new group in DPW. A new division is being formed to focus on project delivery. Until new staff are identified, Mr. Pletyak will be

attending the IWG meetings. Mr. Pletyak provided various project-specific updates which are available in detail here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/HANDOUT_LA-County-Updates.pdf

C. L.A. Metro Updates

1. L.A. Metro Board Actions – no updates.

2. Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee Actions

Mr. Zandvliet reported that the Streets and Freeway Subcommittee met in June and received updates on the HSIP Cycle 11 process (applications due 9/11/22). The ATP Cycle 6 statewide rankings will be published in October and will include projects being funded at the state level. By the end of January, recommendations for regional funding for projects not receiving state funding will be made to SCAG. Metro also plans on adopting an Active Transportation Plan in Spring 2023 that includes three pillars: first/last mile connectivity; pedestrian districts; and bike network corridors.

No TAC update was provided.

D. Caltrans South Bay Projects Update – no updates.

III. Measure R SBHP/Measure M MSP FY 2023-24 Funding Process Overview

Mr. Lantz reported that last year's SBCCOG Metro Budget Request call for projects will be finalized in September with Metro's Board action to approve South Bay project changes and new projects. Mr. Leger will be setting up lead agency one-on-one meetings to review the status of current projects and to discuss potential requests for additional funding that will be due by mid-January. New projects will also be evaluated in that timeframe.

IV. California's Local Technical Assistance Program & Services Survey

Mr. Lantz asked the working group to fill out the survey included in the agenda packet.

V. I-405 CMCP Comment Letter

Ms. Bacharach and Mr. Lantz reviewed the SBCCOG's comment letter on the draft I-405 CMCP. The letter details several items and addresses the lack of several key issues of importance to the South Bay in the draft document. The letter is available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/HANDOUT_08.22-I-405-CMCP-letter.pdf

VI. Impacts of Metro I-710 decision on I-110 & Letter to Metro

Ms. Bacharach began by explaining that Metro has studied the I-710 for many years, and recently decided for multiple reasons that they do not want to widen the freeway but instead want to focus on air quality. The SBCCOG does not seek to question that decision, but wants to urge Metro to look at the impacts of that decision with a regional lens. The I-710 is already backing up and trucks have started to find their way to the I-110 instead. There was pushback at the SBCCOG Transportation Committee as it is seen as a Gateway cities issue, but the SBCCOG believes that goods movement congestion needs to be studied on the I-110. The Transportation Committee decided to invite Metro and Gateway COG staff to a future meeting to provide a report on the work they are doing, and to subsequently consider submitting a letter that more clearly states the focus on regional and South Bay goods movement congestion issues and less about including the I-110 in I-710 studies.

VII. Spotlight Presentation: Spectrum Smart Cities

Ms. Zullo provided a brief presentation on Spectrum's Smart Cities program. She began her presentation with the fundamentals of what makes a "smart city" and how that can be used to make data-based decisions. She continued into more specific examples such as "smart corridors" and the "curb of the future". Her full presentation can be viewed online here: https://youtu.be/46joJq6T_Qk?t=2494

VIII. SBCCOG Transportation Report covering July 2022: No verbal updates.

IX. 3-Month Look Ahead: No verbal updates.

X. Goods Movement Training Sessions

Mr. Lantz announced that the SBCCOG is working with Tom O'Brien and the Center for International Trade and Transportation at CSULB to develop a training session series on goods movement. Mr. Lantz asked that attendees send him issues that are important to them so the sessions can be developed accordingly.

XI. Announcements / Adjournment:

IWG will be meeting in a hybrid format for its September 14th meeting. In-person participation will be available at the SBCCOG's office.

Mr. Semaan adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m. until September 14th, 2022, at noon. To propose an item for the agenda, please email David Leger (DavidL@southbaycities.org) by September 6, 2022.