

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – September 14, 2022 (Held via Zoom)**

Attendees: Kevin (Gardena); Kimberly Venegas (LA City); Carla Dillon (Lomita); Erik Zandvliet, Helen Shi, Katie Doherty (Manhattan Beach); Sergio Carvajal (Caltrans); Jeff Pletyak, Nicole Mi, Maggie Cheung, TJ Moon (LACDPW); Ed Alegre (Metro);, Steve Lantz, Aaron Baum & David Leger (SBCCOG); Jory Wolf (Magellan Advisors)

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of August 10, 2022 IWG Meeting Notes** – Mr. Leger called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm. The August 10, 2022 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Update Reports**

A. SBCCOG: Mr. Leger reported that the SBCCOG Board will be hearing presentations from LA County Dept. of Public Health and Beach Cities Health District at the upcoming Board meeting. BCHD will be presenting on their Allcove Youth Wellness Center. The Board will also be considering a request to LA County for additional funding for the SBCCOG’s Client Aid program which provides funding to homeless outreach workers for people experiencing homelessness for particular services that will help get them into permanent housing. The SBCCOG’s program was initially established as part of the Measure H Innovation Funds program and has seen a high success rate thus far.

Mr. Baum announced that the South Bay Fiber Network implementation continues with what may be the final work order of the existing project. A lateral connection to the Torrance Transit Center is being built right now and should be operational by the end of the year. A final work order is being considered for potential connections in Hawthorne to facilitate data on the County’s IEN and a connection to Manhattan Beach’s new fire station. A separate wireless pilot project is also being developed with Carson and Torrance to connect underserved areas of those cities.

B. Local Travel Network: Mr. Baum reported that the wayfinding/signage design is currently underway. The SBCCOG hopes to get Measure M applications from cities involved in the first two corridors (El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Hawthorne, Gardena, Lawndale) as part of the upcoming call for projects. The 2nd wayfinding design charette will be taking place on September 22nd at 2:30pm.

C. South Bay Traffic Forum (LACDPW): Mr. Pletyak reported that the construction contract for the Prairie Ave TSSP project is expected to be awarded in December. Plans are being reviewed for the other TSSP projects. He also provided brief updates on the County’s Centracs and System Detection Analysis projects. The detailed updates are included in a written report available here:

https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/HANDOUT_ITS-TSSP-status-September-2022-final.pdf

D. LA Metro

1) LA Metro Board Actions

Mr. Lantz reported that the SBCCOG’s Measure M budget request is on the Metro Board’s consent calendar for approval on September 22. After approval, cities may begin working with Metro on funding agreements.

2) Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways

Mr. Zandvliet noted that the Streets and Freeways subcommittee did not meet in August. He also shared that Metro is working on the Active Transportation Strategic Plan and recently held a workshop to go over their strategy and priority system which focusses on pedestrian districts, bike routes, and first/last mile. Comments are being solicited. The Metro Board is expected to adopt the plan in spring 2023. He will send the information to Mr. Leger who will distribute it to the IWG mailing list.

E. Caltrans South Bay Projects

Mr. Carvajal reported that District 7 is working to implement Federal IJIA programs. The state is expected to receive more than \$5.5B in funding focused on climate action, zero-emission vehicle deployment, multi-modal transportation projects, equity projects, and more. The state is also looking to implement broadband facilities as a middle-mile network along the state highways to improve access throughout the state. Mr. Carvajal shared the following links with the group:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/wired-broadband>

<https://calsta.ca.gov/subject-areas/infrastructure-investment-act>

- III. **Potential South Bay Fiberoptic Network Transportation Technology Applications**
Mr. Wolf provided a brief presentation on state and federal broadband funding opportunities as well as potential transportation applications that could be use the South Bay Fiber Network. His presentation is available online here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/PRESENTATION_Magellan-Advisors-SBFN-Transportation-Applications.pdf
- IV. **Measure R SBHP/Measure M MSP FY2023-24 Annual Program Update/Lead Agency Meetings**
Mr. Lantz reported that SBCCOG staff will be scheduling one-on-one meetings with project lead agencies to review project progress and needs for additional funding, as well as potential new project ideas. Updated funding requests for current projects are due December 1, new project requests are due in mid-January.
- V. **Spotlight Presentation: InfrastructureLA and Updates on Funding Opportunities**
Mr. Moon provided an overview of the new federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which will provide nearly \$1 trillion over 5 years. It includes \$48B in formula funding to the state, as well as \$195B in competitive grants for funding for projects including transportation, water, energy, resiliency, sustainability, and others. Mr. Moon also touched on longstanding federal priorities as well as new Biden Administration priorities including resiliency/climate change, racial equity, and multi-modal transportation. He then proceeded to explain that InfrastructureLA hopes to bring in as many federal dollars to the County as possible and could help facilitate multi-jurisdictional grants that create competitive project packages. Mr. Moon's full presentation is available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION_InfrastructureLA-Grant-Opportunities.pdf
- VI. **Open Discussion: recommendations for future IWG presentation topics, local priorities, etc.**
Mr. Leger shared that Mr. Zandvliet is currently the only appointee to the Streets and Freeways subcommittee, so an alternate appointee is needed. Interested individuals should contact Mr. Leger.
- VII. **SBCCOG Transportation Report Covering August 2022** – Received and filed.
- VIII. **Three-Month Look Ahead** – Received and filed.
- IX. **Announcements & Adjournment**
Mr. Lantz adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. until October 12th, 2022 (public meeting). To propose an item for the agenda, please email David Leger (DavidL@southbaycities.org) by October 1, 2022.