

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) - February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Attendees :** Ted Semaan, Chair (Redondo Beach); Gilbert Marquez (Carson); Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Kimberly Venegas (LA City); Erick Lee, Helen Shi, Erik Zandvliet, Katie Doherty (Manhattan Beach); Beth Overstreet (Torrance); David Leger, Steve Lantz, Aaron Baum, Brianna Davis (SBCCOG); Maggie Cheung, Nicole Mi, Andres Narvaez (LA County DPW); Nemrata Sen (Caltrans); Shrota Sharma, Ed Alegre, Isidro Panuco (Metro); Wayne Richardson, (HDR); Mahrokh Arefi (IBI Group); Viggen Davidian (Iteris); Bill Stracker (JM Diaz); Justin Gatzka (Kimley-Horn); Marc Violet (Michael Baker); Greg Jaquez (MSN Engineers); Lynn Mack, Janna McKhann (NexTech); Dan Lukasik (Parsons); Patti Ringo (Sonic); Claudette Moody (WSP)

- I. **Approval of January 11, 2023, IWG Meeting Notes** – Mr. Semaan called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. The January 11, 2023 meeting notes were approved without objection.

- II. **Agency & Other Update Reports**

- a) SBCCOG: Mr. Leger announced that the SBCCOG Board will be making recommendations for appointments to outside organizations such as the SBACC at its 2/23 meeting. Nominees are also being sought for the Metro Service Council. The SBCCOG is organizing a tour on 3/2 of Metro rail lines for South Bay elected officials and city staff to see examples of what is being discussed for the C-Line extension to Torrance (the tour was subsequently cancelled). On 3/10, the SBCCOG is co-hosting a Legislative Meet and Greet with the SBACC and LA Division of CalCities. The General Assembly will be Thurs. 3/23 at 9 am at the Carson Community Center. The theme will be: “The South Bay Leading the Way in Resilience and Adaptability.” It will touch on impacts of climate change on the reliability of water sources and electric grid reliability and will highlight South Bay efforts to become a more resilient subregion.

Mr. Baum added that the SBCCOG is moving forward with a transport circuit to support LACDPW’s IEN data flowing into the South Bay. The SBCCOG has also released an RFP for consultant services on a Local Agency Technical Assistance grant by the CPUC. Any parties interested in providing a proposal should attend the pre-proposal meeting. Contact Mr. Baum for more information.

- 1) Local Travel Network Updates: Mr. Baum reported that the Beach Cities corridor project is moving forward with applications from El Segundo, Redondo Beach, and Manhattan Beach. SBCCOG staff continues to explore a Caltrans Sustainability Planning grant to close gaps in the network.
- b) L.A. County DPW – South Bay Traffic Forum Update: Mr. Narvaez provided updates on various projects, highlighting that the Prairie Avenue TSSP project is expected to be completed in December. Other projects are having their scopes reconsidered to reduce the amount of potential utility work as that has proved to be a significant cause of delay. The full project status report is available online here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/HANDOUT\\_LA-County-ITS-TSSP-status-Feburary-2023.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/HANDOUT_LA-County-ITS-TSSP-status-Feburary-2023.pdf)
- c) L.A. Metro Updates –
  - 1) ITS Program: Mr. Alegre shared that Metro re-organized about a year ago and the ITS program is now within the Shared Mobility group. He provided a brief overview of the ITS program, noting that they oversee signal sync and ITS projects through Measure R and Measure M as well as the Call for Projects. The ITS program also absorbed RIITS.
  - 2) LA Metro Board Actions: Mr. Panuco announced that the Caltrans PCH CAPM project, which includes Measure R SBHP funded local improvements, should begin construction later this year. Metro staff is also providing quarterly updates to the Board on highway and rail projects. The

first update was provided in January and is available here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/HANDOUT\\_Metro-Countywide-Planning-Major-Projects-update.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/HANDOUT_Metro-Countywide-Planning-Major-Projects-update.pdf)

Mr. Lantz reported that the Metro Board continues to discuss end of line security issues and enforcement, including the reformation of their own security/police force.

3) Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways: No TAC updates provided. Mr. Zandvliet reported that the Streets and Freeways subcommittee did not meet last month, but was surveyed about returning in-person. The subcommittee is a Brown Act governed body and therefore will likely have to return to in-person meetings in March. Mr. Leger shared that the SBCCOG office could possibly be used as a remote participation location.

d) Caltrans South Bay Projects: Ms. Sen shared an update on the South Bay projects. She also noted that Caltrans staff will be returning to a hybrid work schedule with 2 days likely in the office and 3 days working remotely. Details are still being worked out, but the new schedule is likely to be implemented at the end of February or early March. Ms. Sen's report is available online here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/HANDOUT\\_Caltrans-Update\\_020723.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/HANDOUT_Caltrans-Update_020723.pdf)

III. **Measure R SBHP Annual Program Update Recommendations:** Mr. Lantz announced that due to limited funding available, there will be no new projects under Measure R until the current projects are completed. New projects will be considered as part of the annual Measure M MSP update along with requests for additional funding for current projects. Included in the recommendation are requests for additional funding for existing projects. Measure R recommendations will be taken up by Metro in the Summertime, with Measure M following in the Fall. If this causes a cash flow problem for active projects, it is possible to ask Metro to approve reimbursement sooner.

IV. **Measure M MSP Annual Program Update Process:** covered above.

V. **Update on I-105/I-405 Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) Project:** Ms. Sharma presented a brief update on the ICM project which is funded through Measure R SBHP. The project will improve operational capabilities of the multiple partner agencies by integrating their systems across boundaries. Incident response plans will be developed to improve efficiencies. The system will be automated to allow for a rapid response and will only be operational when needed for incidents. For more detail, the presentation is available online here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION\\_2023.02.08-Metro\\_105-405ICM\\_SBCCOG\\_IWG\\_Meeting.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION_2023.02.08-Metro_105-405ICM_SBCCOG_IWG_Meeting.pdf)

VI. **SBCCOG Transportation Report covering December 2022:** Mr. Lantz highlighted a few key items including Inglewood's successful grant award of \$407M in TIRCP funding for the Inglewood Transit Connector project.

VII. **3-Month Look Ahead:** received and filed.

VIII. **Announcements / Adjournment:** Mr. Semaan adjourned the meeting at 1:08pm. *Next meeting March 8<sup>th</sup> (Agency Only)*

*To propose an item for the next meeting agenda, e-mail to [DavidL@southbaycities.org](mailto:DavidL@southbaycities.org) no later than February 27<sup>th</sup>*

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