

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Infrastructure Working Group Meeting of May 24, 2006 – Minutes

Attendees: Farrakh Abolfathi (Carson); Homayoun Behboodi (Hermosa Beach); Gregory McPherron Lomita); Neil Miller and Dana Greenwood, (Manhattan Beach); Steve Huang (Redondo Beach); Bill Kamimura (Torrance); Alan Patashnick (Metro) Toni Cole (Caltrans) Peggy Oki (Los Angeles County); Tom West (RMC Water and Environment); and Kim Fuentes (SBCCOG).

I. Self Introductions

II. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) -- Tom West, P.E. Senior Project Manager, RMC Water and Environment

Tom West gave a brief overview on why the region is preparing an integrated regional water management plan. He stated that the main purpose is to address water supply and water quality needs through a collaborated effort. The plan will include strategies and projects in the areas of: conservation, recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, flood management, storm water, urban runoff quality, wastewater quality, habitat restoration & protection, recreation, and open space. The final product will be a plan that can be used to position the region for obtaining funding from local, state, and federal sources to implement projects. There is currently an effort to collect projects under the above categories from local governments and other agencies.

He handed out a list of projects submitted that are located in the South Bay. Cities listed included: Carson, Inglewood, Los Angeles Council District #5, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, and Gardena. He stated that the South Bay Watersheds' area does not have the same geographic boundaries as the South Bay.

Recent activities on developing the plan include:

- Consult hire to develop plan
- Region is preparing a grant application to implement projects
- An interim leadership committee has been formed
- Subregions are forming Steering Committees for local decision making
- Stakeholder meetings are being conducted.

Neal Miller (Manhattan Beach) is attending meetings and representing the SBCCOG cities. Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director, also attends meetings.

Cities should continue to submit projects and can work with Tom to facilitate projects being included in the plan. The plan should be completed by the end of 2006. A process for regular updates to the plan will also be developed.

III. General Discussion – Steve Huang, Chair of IWG will be coordinating the Working Group Discussion

The Working Group had a general discussion on various topics of interest to cities including:

- Transportation Bond measure – cities have been reviewing their potential allocations. There is some concern that the State will try to fund the measure from SB1266 and the cities want to make sure that they work together to protect the SB1266 funds.
- FEMA workshops – notices have been sent to all cities and staff is encouraged to attend. Working Group

members stated that they are interested in having a boiler plate ordinance that could be shared by all South Bay cities. If any city has completed theirs, please send to SBCCOG for distribution.

- State Water Plan – cities need to provide information on how they deal with spills. Cities that have completed their response are encouraged to share with other South Bay cities and should send to SBCCOG to distribute or post on their web site.
- Engineer Salaries – one city is having trouble fill an engineering position and is wondering if it was due to the salary level. Kim commented that the SBCCOG has the salary survey service that is coordinated through each cities' South Bay city human resources staff. Individuals interested in this information should contact their Human Resources department.
- Coordinating among cities – the Working Group would like to capitalize on opportunities to share resources for various requests for plans, ordinances, and information required by different agencies. When all cities must comply with the same requirements, there is opportunity to share resources and reduce the work load on individual cities. The Working Group will try to identify these opportunities and bring them to the IWG meetings for discussion and possible coordination.

III. Agency Reports

SBCCOG – Kim Fuentes reported on the progress of the SCAG OWP Center Study stating that the study is in the final stages of completion. The consultants have started compiling the data and will be presenting it at the next SBCCOG Livable Communities Working Group meeting scheduled for June 21. City staff, commissioners, and Councilmembers interested in mixed use development or density issues are encouraged to attend. Traffic Alert – Kim reported that the traffic alert system link will be temporarily removed from the SBCCOG web site as many cities have not been able to keep the system up to date. The SBCCOG staff will be contacting cities to identify other possible uses for the system. Coastal Corridor Initiative – the SBCCOG is in the possess of updating the Initiative's transportation project list and has been contacting cities. The list will be used as the priority list for the South Bay. This list will go to city managers in June.

- **South Bay Traffic Forum, LACDPW** – Peggy, LA County DPW, gave an update on the Traffic Forum projects. Regarding the South Bay ITS project, testing for first 51 intersections will begin soon. Regarding the El Segundo Area ITS no change to tasks in progress for May.
- **MTA** – Alan Patashnick, Metro, reported on the Regional Transportation Improvements Program (RTIP) workshop coming up June 20, 21, and 22. He encouraged cities to attend. The amendment deadline for amendment I is July 28, 2006. They are expecting approval Oct. 2006. He also stated that there will be a local return guideline training on prop A and C on June 7. There is also a workshop on race-neutral DBE Program coming May 30. Regarding the MTA Board, they have a new member Ara Najarian representing the North County and San Fernando Valley Sector.

Caltrans – None

VII. Other Business – discussion on residents not pulling permits and issues of liability insurance for doing work in the public right-a-way.

VIII. Adjournment – next meeting June 28, 2006.