



South Bay Cities Council of Governments



The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) is a joint powers authority of 16 cities and the County of Los Angeles that share the goal of maximizing the quality of life and productivity of our area. Within this structure, cities and the County maintain the qualities and characteristics that make them unique and independent, while coming together collectively to address issues of common interest for a greater good. This collective vision of what the SBCCOG can do for our communities is what motivates our members and can best be described four ways —

Partnership, Persuasion, Performance and Advocacy

GOVERNANCE

Overseen by a Board of Directors, the SBCCOG conducts business through committees and working groups made up of city and county elected officials, city and county staff, government partners, and members of the community. These groups focus on issues such as transportation and public transit, city infrastructure, land use, access to high speed internet, energy management, sustainability, climate action planning, adaptation in the interest of carbon emission reductions, regional planning, senior services, social media, and homeless services. We also utilize geographic information systems (GIS) and share GIS applications with our members. Furthermore, SBCCOG takes positions on legislation. The SBCCOG is proud of our most recent accomplishments. They include:

- Administering the three South Bay Measure M Multi-Year Sub-Regional Transportation Programs (MSPs). As of 2020, the MSPs include 44 projects in development or under construction for delivery by 2025 for a total of over \$180 million in Measure M funding.
- Promoting micro-mobility through a “Route Refinement” study for a Local “Slow- Speed” Travel Network in the South Bay.
- Promoting the South Bay’s Sustainability Strategy, developed by the SBCCOG and adopted by the Board, for improving mobility and focusing on neighborhoods.

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE

- Building and implementing a regional broadband network for faster, less expensive municipal use, and initiating the development and integration of “Smart-City” applications - including Metro’s Regional Integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems and the County of Los Angeles’ Information Exchange Network transportation applications.
- Administering the \$906 million South Bay Highway Program (SBHP) for Measure R funds. As of 2020, the SBHP includes more than 80 projects and studies that have been completed, are in development, or under construction for delivery by 2025 for a total of \$412 million in Measure R funding.

CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION

- Obtaining over \$1.5 million to assist cities to develop local and sub-regional level climate action plans with carbon emission inventories and transportation, land use, energy efficiency, solid waste, urban greening, and energy generation/storage strategies to reduce greenhouse gases.
- Developing a South Bay Adaptation plan with a sub-regional vulnerability assessment.

ADVOCACY

- Monitoring and coordinating responses and positions on legislation and regional plans that affect the South Bay and sponsoring legislation when required.
- Facilitating meetings with our legislators and other state agencies as needed.

Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, and the Harbor City/San Pedro/Wilmington communities of the City of Los Angeles, along with the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles District 2 and 4.



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ENERGY AND WATER SAVINGS & CONSERVATION

- Operating the South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC) in partnership with SoCalGas, Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN), Water Replenishment District, West Basin Municipal Water District, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, LA County Metro, City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and the Torrance Water Department to provide energy efficiency, water conservation, shared mobility options (e.g. vanpool and carpool), telecommute and traveler information, and recycling resources to cities, school districts, businesses, and residents.
- Helping cities and school districts identify and implement energy efficient projects that have resulted in over 13,671,113 kWh savings of electricity use and over 62,221 therms savings of gas use over the last 10 years.
- Providing information to the public
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- Involving the community through the SBCCOG volunteers, who extend the reach of our programs and services and provide us new ideas and additional areas of expertise.
- Providing cities with trainings and workshops on best practices to assist them in adopting energy efficient and water efficient policies and practices as well as learning from each other.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

- Identifying innovative mobility and housing strategies for seniors.
- Providing workshops on topics such as policing and public safety in the South Bay, cannabis regulations, and other topics to help cities identify future trends and best practices.
- Annual General Assembly – conference bringing together the South Bay communities to address issues of mutual interest.
- Addressing the organization and responsibilities of health care decision making in Los Angeles County with a focus on more autonomy for the South Bay.

COORDINATION AND FACILITATION

- Working with South Bay businesses, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board and other governments to address issues that affect the South Bay.
- Providing hands-on training opportunities to assist elected officials and staff in their jobs.
- Scheduling tours of important South Bay facilities to familiarize elected officials with South Bay assets and resources.
- Acting as liaison with regional governmental agencies.

Featured Programs

Homelessness — Recognizing the need for a regional approach to addressing the growing humanitarian crisis of homelessness, the SBCCOG, funded by LA County since October 2017 through Measure H, is facilitating better coordination between the County, South Bay cities, and other agencies that serve the South Bay to address this crisis. Since 2016, the SBCCOG has also collaborated with People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) to provide street-based outreach/engagement and street-based intensive case management services to people experiencing homelessness.

South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC) — The SBCCOG operates a multi-faceted environmental program that provides benefits to South Bay municipal governments, special districts, school districts, residents, and businesses. Public agencies benefit through

comprehensive audits and utility use management which help identify energy and water savings opportunities. Residents can obtain information on saving energy and water in their homes, disposing of batteries, obtaining rain barrels, qualifying for rebate programs, receiving major subsidies for vanpools, and using the 110 Freeway high occupancy toll lanes (ExpressLanes). Businesses can participate in programs such as the South Bay Green Business Assist, water/gas/electricity kitchen audits, direct install opportunities, incentive programs, and special assistance with telework and forming vanpools/carpools for their employees. In addition, everyone can benefit by attending a range of training programs including Water Efficiency, California Friendly Landscape Training, Moving Toward Zero Waste, Food Waste, Personal Mobility, and special sessions for public agencies and contractors in green building practices.



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Green House Gas (GHG) Reduction & Climate Action/Adaptation Planning

— Supporting the State’s goals for GHG reduction as established in AB 32 and SB 32, the SBCCOG worked with South Bay cities to develop city specific Climate Action Plans as well as one for the South Bay as a whole. These plans include GHG inventories and analysis of reduction strategies for land use, transportation, energy efficiency, solid waste, urban greening, and energy generation/storage. The SBCCOG assists cities in implementing strategies from these plans. Adding to this work, the SBCCOG developed a South Bay adaptation plan which includes a sub-regional vulnerability assessment. City specific vulnerability assessments were also completed and the SBCCOG is currently helping cities identify adaptation strategies.



South Bay Fiber Network — Through the use of Metro Measure M funds, the SBCCOG has constructed a Gigabyte municipal fiber optic network to serve the internet and broadband needs of the SBCCOG city members and other participating public agencies. For city governments, the SBFN provides high-speed, secure, and resilient broadband – a critical technology tool that has led to faster more affordable internet for the day-to-day operations at city hall but also to “smart cities” applications that will unlock economic development and innovations for the South Bay Cities. These innovations may include: enhanced transportation applications to improve traffic flow; community broadband at parks; online permitting; and the real-time monitoring of city infrastructure in the right of way. The SBFN is the 21st Century infrastructure that will support these opportunities. Network service began in August 2020 and continues to grow.

Sustainable Neighborhood Strategy (SNS) —

Based on years of study of the land use and transportation patterns in the South Bay, the SNS provides guidance for land use and transportation options for areas such as the South Bay which are not transit rich and therefore cannot rely on transit-oriented development. This strategy focuses on neighborhood-oriented development and alternative mobility options – both public and private. The strategy encompasses micro mobility and the use of electric powered slow-speed modes. The SBCCOG promotes these options and advocates for needed charging infrastructure. The SNS was prepared by SBCCOG staff with grant funding and adopted by the SBCCOG Board to provide a guide to South Bay cities as they develop and re-develop their communities.

South Bay Measure R Highway Program (SBHP) and Measure M Sub-Regional Programs (MSPs) —

The SBCCOG is partnering with LA Metro, Caltrans, and South Bay local jurisdictions to manage the expenditure of over \$906 million of South Bay Highway Program funds that will be available from Measure R and more than \$1.9 billion that will be available from Measure M over the next 40 years. The SBCCOG Board of Directors, with technical guidance from the Transportation Committee and the Infrastructure Working Group, approves projects, schedules funding, and oversees the delivery of the SBHP and Measure M MSP transportation projects to improve operations of South Bay freeways, State Highways, and arterials.



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