

South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – February 13, 2019

Attendees: Chair Stephanie Katsouleas (Manhattan Beach); William Mendoza & Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Akbar Farokhi & Alan Leung (Hawthorne); Louis Atwell (Inglewood); Carla Dillon (Lomita); Ted Semaan, Didar Khandker & Brad Lindahl (Redondo Beach); David Wahba (Rolling Hills Estates); Rob Beste (Torrance); Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); William Johnson & Patrick Smith (LA County DPW); Isidro Panuco, Catherine Saint (Metro); Vic Nol (SCE); Tom Bakaly, Jacqueline Sun (Beach Cities Health District); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG); David Grethen (Hermosa Beach PW Commission); Jeanne Ogar, Jennifer Johnson (GPS); Sarah Baker (ICF); Viggen Davidian (Iteris); Sri Chakravathy, Vikas Sharma (Kimley-Horn); Juanita Martinez (NCE); Jeff Cooper (NV5); Chris Buscarino (Parsons); Anissa Voyiatez (Psomas); Doug Preble (Quantum); Diego Cadena (WKE)

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of January 9, 2019 Meeting Notes** – Chair Stephanie Katsouleas called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm. The January 9, 2019 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Reports**

SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach gave the following updates:

- Homelessness: The SBCCOG recently organized a showing of American Street Kid, a documentary on homeless youth. A second showing is being organized.
- General Assembly: the 20th General Assembly is taking place Thursday, February 28th at the Carson Community Center from 9 am - 3 pm. The theme of this year's General Assembly is "Celebrating the past and shaping the future" and will include panels of local historians, experts on happiness, aging, and diversity, as well as a keynote address from the CEO of the LA Times, Patrick Soon-Shiong.
- SBCCOG Office Space: The SBCCOG lease is up in November 2019 and a relocation will be likely. If any attendees know of municipal building space available for rent, please contact Ms. Bacharach.
- Committee Openings: There are openings on the Metro TAC and Streets and Freeways Sub-Committee, as well as the Metro South Bay Service Council. Those interested in serving should contact Ms. Bacharach. See handout with details online here:
http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_2.19%20Metro%20TAC%20and%20SHSS%20rep%20recruiting%20v2.pdf

South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW: Patrick Smith provided brief updates on the County's ITS and TSSP projects. For more details on these projects, the full report can be found on the SBCCOG website at:
http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_February%202019%20South%20Bay%20Traffic%20Forum%20Report.pdf

Caltrans: Mr. Shih reported that the 405/Crenshaw project is still on schedule and is expected to be listed for construction in March 2020. Work also continues on the 405/110 interchange project. Mr. Shih will attempt to coordinate a meeting with the new PCH Project Manager and the South Bay cities through which the project goes.

L. A. Metro Updates

- **L.A. Metro Board:** Mr. Panuco reported that Ms. Catherine Saint will be attending IWG meetings in the future. Mr. Panuco reported that the Measure R SBHP budget request will be going to the Metro Board in April. Mr. Panuco also reported that the South Bay Measure M MSP project list review will begin shortly.
- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee:** Mr. Beste announced that there was a presentation on the Metro Staff review of project acceleration as part of the 28 by 28 process, including the use of local funding to help accelerate a project. No report given on Streets and Freeways Subcommittee.

III. **Measure R SBHP / Measure M MSP**

– **Annual Program Evaluation Tool and Summary Table**

Mr. Lantz reviewed the new APE report, explaining that the report starts over each July. If there are any errors noted, let David Leger know so the edits can be made. Mr. Lantz added that it is very important for those jurisdictions who submitted requests for Measure R SBHP funding to work with Mr. Panuco to address his questions on the project applications. The item will be reviewed at the Metro Board in April, so updates must be provided in time for that meeting.

The report can be viewed online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_January%202019%20APE%20Report.pdf

– **Initial Tier 1 Measure M Subregional Program Project List**

Mr. Lantz reported that the same process as Measure R will be followed in Measure M. If Metro has any questions after project applications have been submitted, it is important for applicants to respond to the questions in a timely manner so that the project can be considered by the Metro Board for approval. Mr. Lantz went on to explain the Measure M MSP Project Selection Committee’s tiering decisions, noting that most projects were approved for either Tier 1 or 2 funding, which would be available beginning July 1, 2019. Only a handful of projects were deferred or denied. For more detail, the handouts are available online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_Attachment%20C%20Full%20Item_Initial%20Measure%20M%20MSP%20Project%20List.pdf

IV. **Other Program Updates**

– **Metro’s “Reimagining L.A. County: Mobility, Equity, and the Environment”**

Ms. Bacharach explained that this is the new title for the former “28 by ‘28” program. She added that there are many areas of concern in the plan, and that the Metro PAC will be sending a consensus letter to Metro regarding their common concerns, and that the SBCCOG will be sending a supplement letter with its specific concerns. One of the major concerns is that congestion pricing is being talked about as a funding tool, not a congestion management tool, which has already been attempted and failed.

– **Metro ExpressLanes**

Mr. Lantz reported that meetings are still ongoing between Metro/COG/City staff regarding the proposal to use surplus revenues from the I-110 ExpressLanes to fund the expansion of the ExpressLanes network throughout the county via a loan process. There are continuing developments that have shifted discussions on the specifics of how a loan might work. Further updates will be provided.

– **Goods Movement**

Mr. Lantz reported that Metro will be going to a Goods Movement Strategic Plan review meeting. One item that might be included is an engineering standard for CSTAN Network roads, which will help guide a city when they are reconstructing a CSTAN road. This standard will help them build the road to withstand the heavy loads that come with trucking, particularly as EV trucks are deployed.

V. **Spotlight Presentation**

– **Metro Microtransit Project**

The presentation was rescheduled for a future meeting.

VI. **Three-Month Look Ahead** – Received and filed.

VII. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Chair Katsouleas adjourned the meeting at 12:50 pm until March 13, 2019 (agency only meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz (lantzsh10@gmail.com) by March 1, 2019.