

South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – June 12, 2019

Attendees: Chair Stephanie Katsouleas (Manhattan Beach); William Mendoza (Gardena); Reed Salan (Hermosa Beach); Louis Atwell (Inglewood); Sandy Taylor, Prem Kumar & Tim Birthisel (Manhattan Beach); Ted Semaan, Lauren Sablan & Didar Khandker (Redondo Beach); David Wahba (Rolling Hills Estates); Art Reyes & Steve Finton (Torrance); Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); William Johnson & John Ickis (LA County DPW); Catherine Saint, Steve Gota, Eva Moon & Mark Dierking (Metro); Asia Powell (CPUC); Jacki Bacharach & Aaron Baum (SBCCOG); David Grethen (Hermosa Beach PW Commission); Dave Daigle & Mark Hines (ADF); Anissa Voyiatzes (Arduzza); Wayne Richardson (HDR); Jane Cataldo (Lynn Capouya); Myriam Frausto (Mark Thomas); Scott Simpson (MARRS); Charlene Palmer (NCE); Janna McKhann (NexTech); Jeff Cooper (NV5); Doug Johnson (Project Partners); Michelle Soisson (Roux Assoc.)

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of May 8, 2019 Meeting Notes** – Chair Stephanie Katsouleas called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. The May 8, 2019 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Reports**

SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach reported the following:

- Caltrans co-location: Caltrans has moved into the SBCCOG for a pilot project, rotating department staff at the SBCCOG office to provide a local contact for city staff. Details can be found on this handout: http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_Caltrans%20Co-Location%20announcement.pdf
- General SBCCOG: The SBCCOG is moving office locations in December, likely to the Park Del Amo business park located at Crenshaw Blvd/Sepulveda Blvd in Torrance. The move will take place in December. At the June Board of Directors meeting, there will be the election of officers, with the new Chair set to be Christian Horvath of Redondo Beach. The 2020 General Assembly is scheduled for March 19, 2020 with a theme around “intersections” of things like data/housing/aging etc. If you have any speakers in mind, please forward those to Jacki Bacharach.
- Homeless issues: The homeless counts for individual cities are expected to be released next week.
- Energy Efficiency project: Do your best to complete energy efficiency projects by the end of 2019 due to the possibility of Edison eliminating incentives and rebates.

South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW: John Ickis provided the South Bay Traffic Forum update. Details on all projects can be viewed in the entire report online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_June%202019%20South%20Bay%20Traffic%20Forum%20Report.pdf

Caltrans: Mr. Shih reported that the STIP guidelines will be adopted by August 2019, with a workshop likely taking place in July. The 405/Crenshaw project is still on schedule and is expected to be listed for construction in March 2020. Work continues on the 405/110 interchange project.

L. A. **Metro Updates**

- **L.A. Metro Board:** Mr. Dierking reported that Metro and Caltrans Local Assistance held workshops for local cities at the beginning of May and will have additional ones in July (July 17th in Torrance at 9:30am). Panuco reported on the approval of the South Bay’s SmartNet project and the development of short-term implementable transportation applications. Ms. Saint reported that a list of SBHP projects needing time extensions is being developed and will be followed by one-on-one meetings with local jurisdictions to discuss the existing projects.
- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways Sub-Committee:** Mr. Semaan reported that Dr. Maria Slaughter is the new delegate to TAC and attended the meeting. Mr. Semaan added that the main item on the TAC agenda were Call for Projects project appeals for extensions. No S&F updates.

III. **Measure R SBHP**

- **SBHP Metro Budget Request – Status Update**

Ms. Bacharach reported that the budget request is going to the Metro Board in June.

– **Metro/SBCCOG Funding Agreement**

The funding agreement question has been resolved and the SBCCOG agreement with Metro continues.

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

Ms. Bacharach reported on the Annual Performance Evaluation and pointed out the significant external delays on many of the projects. She requested that city staff contact the SBCCOG if any of the information is incorrect. The report can be viewed online at:

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

IV. **Measure M MSPs**

– **MSP 5-Year Project Lists – Status Update**

Ms. Bacharach announced that about 10 of the approximately projects submitted by the SBCCOG require additional vetting by Metro. The Measure M MSP program of projects is expected to go to the Metro Board in September now, due to the Board being dark in August. Ms. Bacharach asked if any city projects will have issues with the September Board action. Metro will provide SBCCOG staff with the list of projects with outstanding issues and which will be circulated with city staff.

– **South Bay Smart Net funding – Status Update**

Item was covered under the Spotlight Presentation.

– **Local Transportation Network – Status Update**

Ms. Bacharach announced that a technical consultant (Fehr and Peers) has been hired. A state grant will fund the study that aims to define a safe on-the-road travel space for riders on neighborhood electric vehicles, scooters, bicycles, and more. This will likely be accomplished through signage and “sharrows” rather than physical lane separations. Mr. Baum added that the SBCCOG will be reaching out to city staff in the coming weeks to get further input on the project.

V. **Spotlight Presentation**

– **South Bay Smart Net Broadband Project**

Ms. Bacharach gave a brief history of the project and introduced the team working on the Smart Net project. The SBCCOG was recently given approval to use South Bay MSP funds to pay for the capital costs for connecting Phase 1 sites. A summary memo on the transportation related integrations requested by Metro as a condition of the funding was handed out and is available online:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_South%20Bay%20SMART-NET%20Transportation%20Integration%20Project.pdf

Ms. Bacharach also reported that there is an opportunity to develop additional applications via funding from the State Budget (requested by Asm. Muratsuchi). Ms. Bacharach then introduced David Daigle of ADF, the lead proposed on the Smart Net project.

Mr. Daigle briefly reviewed the project and explained the concept of the South Bay Fiber Network. Mr. Daigle explained that ADF is leveraging its partnerships to deliver this project, which will provide cities with access to 1GB speeds for approximately \$1,000/month. Beyond transportation related applications, the network will provide access to educational, economic development, municipal, and yet-to-be identified benefits. Mr. Daigle also added that there will be clauses in the agreements to state maximum downtimes/repair response times, local maintenance crews, etc. There will also be a three-year price lookback that will re-evaluate prices.

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

VII. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Chair Katsouleas adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm until July 10, 2019 (public meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz (lantzsh10@gmail.com) by June 30, 2019.