

South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – September 11, 2019

Attendees: Chair Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach); Gilbert Marquez (Carson); Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Lucho Rodriguez (Hermosa Beach); Louis Atwell (Inglewood); Prem Kumar & Erik Zandvliet (Manhattan Beach); Andy Winje (Redondo Beach); David Wahba (Rolling Hills Estates); Shin Furukawa & Justin Gatza (Torrance); Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); Maryam Adhami, Reya Falahati, William Johnson, & Patrick Smith (LA County DPW); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz, Aaron Baum & David Leger (SBCCOG); Omar Pulido (Trifeletti Consulting)

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of August 14, 2019 Meeting Notes** – Chair Ted Semaan called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. The August 14, 2019 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Reports**

SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach reported the following:

- South Bay Fiber Network: the project is moving forward, and SBCCOG staff has requested written commitment from the cities of the sites to be connected to the fiberoptic ring. American Dark Fiber, the SBCCOG’s consultant, is available to meet with city staff to talk about any technical issues, etc. There are now discussions as to whether or not cities should own the lateral conduits connecting their city facilities to the core network ring.
- The SBCCOG formed a Finance Committee to look into the SBCCOG’s dues structure and general finances. The committee will consider making recommendations to the Steering Committee and Board of Directors.
- The SBCCOG is moving office locations in December to the Park Del Amo business park located at Crenshaw Blvd/Sepulveda Blvd in Torrance. The SBCCOG Board is no longer meeting at the SBCCOG offices due to the closure of the Board Room. Future meetings will be held at the Katy Geissert/Torrance Main Library or Redondo Beach Library.
- Misc.: There is a Boring Company tunnel tour on 10/2 and 10/23; Homeless hygiene Kit Drive donations are due by 10/2; the SBCCOG Legislative Breakfast is taking place in Inglewood on 10/10.

South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW: Mr. Smith provided the South Bay Traffic Forum update. A detailed report on all projects can be viewed at:
http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_September%202019%20South%20Bay%20Traffic%20Forum%20Report.pdf

Caltrans: Mr. Shih reported that Caltrans will be listing the Crenshaw/182nd Street I-405 Project for construction in May 2020. The CTC will be holding a SB1 workshop for the congested corridor and freight corridor programs.

L. A. Metro Updates

- **L.A. Metro Board:** no report given.

- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways Sub-Committee:** Mr. Marquez provided the following updates from the Metro TAC meeting: September is Rail Safety Month; There was discussion on the ATP Cycle 5 (\$445M available from 2022-2025) with priority being given to those projects that comply with the complete streets policy; Presentation on Sepulveda Corridor Transit Project; and work is beginning on a regional “new mobility” roadmap working group for things like Uber, Lime, Bird, etc. Mr. Zandvliet reported that the Streets & Freeways subcommittee did not meet in August.

III. **Measure R SBHP**

– **Annual Performance Evaluation Tool and Summary Table; Lead Agency Progress Reviews**

Mr. Leger reported on the Annual Performance Evaluation and noted that the report has been reset for FY19-20 based on updated milestones provided by city staff. Thus far, milestones are being delivered in accordance with the APE baseline goals. The report can be viewed online at:

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

- **SBHP Metro Budget Request**

Mr. Lantz reported that the annual one-on-one meetings are being held in October. Please contact Mr. Leger to set up a time.

– **Measure R Sub-Fund Transfer for Transit Projects**

Mr. Lantz explained that once every 10 years, per the Measure R ordinance, Metro can enable a transfer of funding between the Measure R highway and transit sub-funds. Currently there is only highway funding available in the Measure R SBHP and Measure M MSPs and there is interest in considering a transfer to allow funding of South Bay transit capital projects. In order to determine the magnitude of the potential transfer, SBCCOG staff is requesting project applications for both highway and potential transit projects that would be delivered between 2020 and 2029. This will enable SBCCOG staff to determine what highway projects if any are impacted by a transfer and how much funding may be available to transfer.

Ms. Bacharach added that if transit funding is created, it would only be for capital projects. SBCCOG would require Transit Operators to certify that they have funding to operate vehicles they might be interested in acquiring with the funding.

Mr. Lantz also noted that in addition to the Measure R SBHP, Measure M HEOI and 2 TSMI programs, there is also the Measure M Sub-Regional Equity Program (SREP) that could help fund highway or transit projects. However, the Metro Board would need to accelerate the SREP funds similar to the process for other sub-regional requests for their SREP funding. This would require a 2/3 affirmative Metro Board vote.

IV. **Measure M MSPs**

– **MSP 5-Year Project Lists**

Mr. Lantz reported that the Metro Board will be considering approval of the South Bay's MSP 5-year list of projects at the September meeting. Ms. Bacharach asked for staff to provide any lessons learned from the initial process so the SBCCOG can compile comments with other sub-regions to submit to Metro.

– **Sub-Regional Equity Program Acceleration**

Discussed under Measure R Sub-Fund Transfer item.

– **Local Transportation Network – Status Update**

See spotlight presentation below.

– **South Bay Fiber Network – Status Update**

Discussed under SBCCOG Updates.

V. **Presentations**

– **South Bay Slow Speed Local Travel Network Study Update**

Mr. Baum provided a brief summary of the Local Travel Network (LTN) project, explaining that it is a feasibility study funded through a Caltrans sustainability grant. This project dovetails with the SBCCOG's Sustainable South Bay Strategy that provided the groundwork for sustainable growth strategies in the sub-region. The LTN project aims to identify a network of roads upon which users could drive local transportation vehicles that are not allowed to be used on roads above 35mph. These vehicles include bikes, scooters (manual and electric), neighborhood electric vehicles, skateboards, etc. For more detail on the project, the presentation is available online here:
http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_IWG%20Local%20Travel%20Network%20Update.pdf

VI. **IWG Meeting Location Change Options**

Mr. Leger explained that Metro staff has requested the SBCCOG consider alternative locations in order to reduce meeting room costs. SBCCOG staff is considering other options such as a new restaurant or holding the luncheons at the SBCCOG's new offices. Staff in attendance were largely okay with meeting at the SBCCOG offices. Mr. Leger will distribute a poll to the IWG.

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

VIII. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Chair Semaan adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. until October 9, 2019 (public meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz (lantzsh10@gmail.com) by September 30, 2019.