

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – August 8, 2018**

Attendees: Chair Stephanie Katsouleas (Manhattan Beach); Vice-Chair Rob Beste (Torrance); William Mendoza (Gardena); Akbar Farokhi & Alan Leung (Hawthorne); Glen Kau (Hermosa Beach); Louis Atwell (Inglewood); Ted Semaan, Brad Lindahl & Lauren Sablan (Redondo Beach); Greg Grammer (Rolling Hills Estates); Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); Maryam Adhami, Melissa Turcotte, William Johnson & Robert Torres (LA County DPW); Mike Bohlke & Mark Dierking (Metro); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz & Aaron Baum (SBCCOG); Stephanie Roberts (Atkins); Delbara Dorsey (Everfield); Natasha DeBenon (Ghirardelli); Jeanne Ogar (GPA); Devin Dunbar & Franco Sabalones (Graybar); Brian Calvert (ICF); Bret Hanson (Lynn Capouya Landscape Architects); Juanita Martinez (NCE); Janna McKhann (NexTech Systems); Anissa Voyiatzes (Psomas); Rawad Hani (TranspoGroup); Roxana Vera Warbasse (Vera Planning & Design)

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of July 11, 2018 Meeting Notes** – Chair Stephanie Katsouleas called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. The June 13, 2018 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Reports**

SBCCOG: Jacki Bacharach reported the following:

- SBESC funding has been reduced by half by Southern California Edison (SCE). Ms. Bacharach explained that it looks like SCE is phasing out local government partnerships such as the one with the SBCCOG by 2020. Ms. Bacharach also touched on the Green Business Network program that cities can apply for. Torrance and Hawthorne applied for the program and are turning the funding over to the SBCCOG to run, allowing the SBCCOG to still service their communities.
- Broadband RFP: As of Monday, the last set of comments were posted to the SBCCOG website. Proposals are due September 4th.
- Crenshaw/LAX Line – Green Line Operating Plan: When the Crenshaw/LAX line opens in late 2019, there will be a direct connection between the Green Line and Crenshaw/LAX line. Metro has proposed bifurcating the Green Line once the Crenshaw Line is opened with trains travelling between Norwalk, El Segundo, and the Exposition. Metro staff considered 11 alternatives for opening day service. Due to capacity limitations through the WYE that connects the two lines, in most the scenarios, some riders will have direct service while others will need to transfer creating delays ranging from 3 minutes to 11 minutes. SBCCOG is developing a policy position on which of the alternatives the SBCCOG Board support or oppose. Because the Metro Board will be voting on the operating plan in October, the SBCCOG has time to review and advocate for potential alternatives to the proposed plan before the September SBCCOG Board Meeting. Metro will also be holding a series of community meetings in September to discuss the options.
- BikeShare: The SBCCOG has been working with several cities on the issue of bike/scooter-sharing services. There is interest in taking a regional approach to the issue. Additionally, although illegal to ride on sidewalks, most riders use the sidewalks because of the dangers of riding these slow-speed vehicles in the street. The SBCCOG recently received a grant from Caltrans to further study a slow-speed network in the South Bay, which may help with the issue of riding on sidewalks. A survey was sent out by several cities and the SBCCOG to gauge public sentiment on the topic and provide city councils/staff data.
- The SBCCOG will be holding an LAX Tour on October 3rd to see the ground improvements underway.
- Goods Movement: The CSULB Center for International Trade and Transportation approached the SBCCOG about doing a series of free classes for consultants on project management as related to freight planning issues. There will be 3 Friday classes in November at the SBCCOG which will include the theory of how goods get to the Port from throughout the world, how the urban distribution system works for freight, and related environmental and design issues. There will also be a site tour of a distribution center near the SBCCOG office.

South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW: Robert Torres provided the following updates: The contract negotiations with Econolite for the Centrac System are in progress and are tentatively scheduled for approval by the Board of Supervisors in December; Detection analysis and design of video detection of 5 intersections prepared by Iteris are currently 90% complete; The County is working with Torrance and Econolite regarding the Econolite interface with the City's Centrac systems; Redondo Beach is purchasing a firewall to enable the IEN workstation connection. For more details on these projects as well as the status of TSSP projects, the full report can be found on the SBCCOG website at: http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_South%20Bay%20Traffic%20Forum%20report%20August%202018.pdf

Caltrans: Jimmy Shih reported that the 405/Crenshaw project will be listed for construction bids in March 2020. Shirley Choate has been named Acting Director of District 7. Mr. Semaan asked for the status of the PCH resurfacing/coordination project. Mr. Shih explained that the project manager is planning another project coordination meeting in December and that some of the projects have been included. A new project manager is being assigned to the project.

L. A. Metro Updates

- **L.A. Metro Board** – Mr. Lantz reported on behalf of Isidro Panuco. Mr. Lantz reported that time extension requests for SBHP projects were approved by the SBCCOG Board. Metro staff will be adding these to other changes around LA County in an October Metro Board Report. The Metro Board does not meet in August. Additional funding was requested by Hermosa Beach for their project due to construction bids coming in much higher than the engineer's estimates. Mark Dierking reported that the Crenshaw/LAX Operating Plan community meetings will be held on September 17th (Gateway COG), September 20th (Proud Bird), and September 26th (Crenshaw Plaza Mall).
- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee** – No reports given.

III. Measure R SBHP

- **Annual Program Evaluation Tool and Summary Table**
Mr. Lantz briefly reviewed the new APE report, explaining that the report starts over each July. He asked lead agencies to confirm the milestone dates for their projects shown on the 2018-19 APE report and to let David Leger know so any errors can be corrected. The report can be viewed online at:
http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_South%20Bay%20Traffic%20Forum%20report%20August%202018.pdf
- **FY 19-20 SBHP Metro Budget Request Update**
Mr. Lantz reported that meetings were held with jurisdictions to review the status of their current projects and discuss potential new Measure R projects to be submitted by the end of September.

IV. Other Program Updates

- **Measure M MSP Development Program Update**
Mr. Lantz reported that the funding agreement to develop the three MSPs has been executed. The South Bay Mobility Matrix that was compiled in 2015 will serve as an initial list of eligible Measure M projects. Projects not on the list will be subject to additional review. The MSP Task Force will begin meeting next week to work on developing performance measures, project selection criteria, and the specifics of a public participation plan. Over the next five years, there is approximately \$180M available within the three MSP programs. The Task Force will help decide what types of projects the South Bay wants to encourage and what categories should be emphasized. After the initial five-year list of projects is developed, it will be sent to the Metro Board for approval, after which the jurisdictions can enter into funding agreements with Metro.
- **South Bay Broadband Program Update** – update provided during SBCCOG report.
- **CITT / SBCCOG Goods Movement Workshop** – update provided during SBCCOG report.
- **Trenching / Dig-Once Policy discussion**
Ms. Bacharach explained that the utility companies asked the SBCCOG to assist in possibly coordinating a more uniform trenching policy throughout the sub-region, so they have a general idea of trenching requirements when they trench in the South Bay. The SBCCOG sent out a template policy to the South Bay cities and requested their comments. Another meeting may be held in late August/September to discuss the issue. Chair Katsouleas said it would be helpful to learn from each jurisdiction what aspects of the template does not work for them because it is a very generic policy. She noted that there is a valid concern when it comes to a safety issue, such as installing electricity-transmitting lines in a common trench above or beside a gas pipe. <http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/Draft%20Dig-Once%20Trenching%20Policy%20proposal.pdf>

V. Spotlight Presentation

- **Safe Clean Water Program**
Melissa Turcotte (LA County DPW) presented on LA County's proposed 2.5 cent parcel tax on impermeable area. The measure would provide approximately \$300 million in annual revenue dedicated for regional watershed-based projects as well as local/regional projects. Water resiliency in LA County has many challenges including pollution, reliance on imported water, climate change, fractured jurisdictions, and limited infrastructure. Estimates for full compliance with MS4 pollution permits stands at approximately \$20 billion over the next 20 years. This program aims to improve water quality, increase local water supply, and enhance communities. There is an opportunity to save approximately 100 billion gallons of water that are currently sent to the ocean, which is enough for 2 million residents' needs. 50% of total revenue would go towards regional infrastructure benefits; 40% of the total revenue would go towards municipal projects; and 10% of total funding would go towards District-wide regional support and programs.

For more detail, Ms. Turcotte's full presentation is available online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/Presentation_Safe%20Clean%20Water.pdf

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

VII. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Chair Katsouleas adjourned the meeting at 12:51 pm until September 12, 2018 (agency-only meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz (lantzsh10@gmail.com) by August 31, 2018.