

South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – May 8, 2019

Attendees: Chair Stephanie Katsouleas (Manhattan Beach); Lifan Xu (El Segundo); Joe Cruz (Gardena); Lucho Rodriguez (Hermosa Beach); Prem Kumar & Erik Zandvliet (Manhattan Beach); Ted Semaan & Andy Winje (Redondo Beach); Art Reyes & Brenda Moun (Torrance); Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); William Johnson & Andres Narvaez (LA County DPW); Isidro Panuco. Catherine Saint, Eva Moon & Mark Dierking (Metro); Vic Nol (SCE); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG); Tom Choe (System Metrics Group)

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of April 10, 2019 Meeting Notes** – Chair Stephanie Katsouleas called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. The April 10, 2019 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Reports**

SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach reported the following:

- **Broadband:** The Metro Board approved use of \$4.4 million in South Bay Measure M MSP funds for construction of the South Bay SmartNet project. This project will create a fiberoptic ring throughout the South Bay with laterals connecting sites within each of the cities, L. A. Metro and L. A. County Public Works headquarters. As part of the approval, Metro requested the SBCCOG work with Metro staff to develop a set of transportation apps that could be implemented in the short-term on the SmartNet.
- **Housing Forum:** The SBCCOG and South Bay Assoc. of REALTORS will be cohosting a housing forum at the Toyota Meeting Hall on May 10th. There will be panelists discussing the housing issues facing the region as well as the pros and cons of state legislation such as SB50.
- **Cash For Kitchens:** municipal kitchens are eligible to participate in the Cash For Kitchens program.
- **General:** SBCCOG office will be relocating in November to a new location still to be determined; 2019 General Assembly was moved to March 19, 2019; there will be a presentation on cannabis issues facing cities at the May Board of Directors Meeting
- **LADOT Line:** a new LADOT ExpressBus from DTLA to El Segundo has started. Attendees were asked to share the flyers to help spread the word about the new service.
http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_LADOT%20Commuter%20Express%20439.pdf

South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW: Andrew Narvaez provided the South Bay Traffic Forum update and reported the County is designing a system detection analysis project that will install system detectors and travel time devices along key arterials in the South Bay. The detectors will enable new traffic responsive functionality within the County's KITS control system. The report listing the specific locations of devices to be updated is almost complete after which the consultant will begin design. For more details on all projects, the entire report can be viewed online at:
http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_May%202019%20South%20Bay%20Traffic%20Forum%20Report.pdf

Caltrans: Mr. Shih reported that the project manager for the PCH CAPM project has indicated that the list of local projects to be included in the project is almost settled. The STIP guidelines will be adopted by August 2019. 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.

L. A. Metro Updates

- **L.A. Metro Board:** Mr. Panuco reported on the approval of the South Bay's SmartNet project and the development of short-term implementable transportation applications.
- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways Sub-Committee:** Mr. Winje reported that the Streets & Freeways Sub-Committee had a presentation on the I-105 ExpressLane project which is in the EIR phase currently. No TAC updates.

- **South Bay Representation on Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways Sub-Committee:** Carson Public Works Director Dr. Maria Slaughter has volunteered to serve as the South Bay delegate to Metro TAC. Mr. Zandvliet, from Manhattan Beach, volunteered to represent the South Bay on the Streets & Freeways Sub-Committee.

III. Measure R SBHP

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

Mr. Panuco reported that the Countywide Measure R Board Report was scheduled to go to the Metro Board in May, but it was pulled to address issues surrounding the Inglewood applications. Mr. Panuco expects it to go to the Metro Board in June. Metro Highway Staff has concerns with some El Segundo, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach, and Hermosa Beach projects and is not recommending at this time that they be included in the list that Metro staff will submit to the Metro Board. Individual meetings between Mr. Panuco and city staff are being scheduled to discuss project applications.

- **Metro/SBCCOG Funding Agreement – Status Update**

Mr. Panuco explained that the funding agreement is automatically extended yearly when the Metro Board approves new funding, so there is no need for an amendment.

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

Mr. Leger reviewed the updated APE report and explained that projects are running out of time to complete missed milestones. The APE closes on June 30th and resets July 1st to reflect updated milestones based on progress from the prior year. Mr. Leger noted that there are several projects that had not submitted updated monthly reports at the time of printing due to early IWG meeting date this month. Monthly reports are due on the 7th of each month.

The report can be viewed online at:

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

IV. Measure M MSPs

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

Mr. Panuco handed out and reviewed the Measure M Administrative Procedures and a presentation on the MSP Development. Mr. Panuco explained that Metro is nearing completion of the project reviews. Of the projects submitted, 15 projects are ready to be approved, approximately 6 are being reviewed by the Active Transportation section for eligibility, and that the remaining dozen or so are likely ineligible or partially ineligible. Mr. Panuco will be communicating directly with each jurisdiction to review the status of the projects. The Metro Board is expected to act on this list in July. Mr. Panuco's handouts are available here:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_Measure%20M%20MSP%20Project%20Development%20Presentation.pdf

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_Measure%20M%20Administrative%20Procedures.pdf

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

Item was covered above under Agency and Other Reports.

- **Local Transportation Network – Status Update**

Ms. Bacharach announced that a technical consultant is being selected and thanked Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach) and Doug Krauss (Hawthorne) for participating on the interview panel. 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. One element of the scope of work includes an expo to showcase some of the 200+ types of vehicles that can be used on the local travel network.

V. Spotlight Presentation

- **Metro Measure Up Program Update**

Eva Moon, of Metro staff, provided a brief overview of the pilot project, explaining that the pilot project aims to evaluate a tool that could best serve LA County and its subregions to assess the performance of the arterial network. The evaluation tool uses a combination of third-party speed data and volume data collected as part of the Countywide Baseline Conditions project and makes the data available via a user-friendly on-line interface. The pilot project was extended and is being updated to include 2018 data. However, it is still set to end in August 2019 unless Metro decides to go forward with a permanent project.

Tom Choe, of System Metrics Group, then explained the project in further detail and provided real-time examples of how to use the tool. The online tool will help access data quickly to support corridor studies, evaluate responses to an event, prioritize projects, conduct before/after studies, and more.

For more details, the presentation is available online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_Metro%20iPeMS.pdf

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

VII. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Chair Katsouleas adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm until June 12, 2019 (public meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz (lantzsh10@gmail.com) by May 31, 2019.