South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee Minutes April 13, 2020

Attending: Christian Horvath (Chair, Redondo Beach), Olivia Valentine (1st Vice Chair, Hawthorne), Drew Boyles (2nd Vice Chair, El Segundo), Hildy Stern (Manhattan Beach), Cedric Hicks (Carson), Britt Huff (Rolling Hills Estates), Pat Furey (Torrance), Stacey Armato (Hermosa Beach), John Cruikshank (Rancho Palos Verdes), Ralph Franklin and Jim Butts -left about 1 pm (Inglewood), Jennifer LaMarque (Supervisor Hahn's office), Carol Kwan (West Basin Municipal Water District), Joselyn Oliver-Olivas (Hahn's office) Julie Tran (South Bay Association of Realtors), Mike Bohlke, Craig Hochjima & Mark Dierking (Metro), Don Szerlip (Metro Service Council), Lisa Trifiletti, Steve Tackamoto (Redondo Beach), Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, David Leger, Natalie Champion, Steve Lantz, Wally, Siembab (SBCCOG)

- I. INTRODUCTIONS
- II. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA
 - ACTION: ReceiveD and fileD
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA ADD LEASE AMENDMENT MOVE TO AFTER ITEM L. CRUIKSHANK/VALENTINE APPROVED, UNANIMOUS
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
- V. CONSENT CALENDAR action items noted, remainder are receive & file 12:05 pm HICKS/HUFF APPROVED
 - A. Steering Committee March 9, 2020 meeting minutes attached
 - ACTION: ApproveD
 - **B. Audit Services**
 - Memo attached
 - **ACTION**: RecommendED that the Board approval a contract with The Pun Group for 3 years at a cost of \$6000/year with two additional years as options (Year 4 \$6120; Year 5 \$6242)
 - C. Office Move Update
 - Memo attached
 - Thank yous to Buscaino, Redondo Beach and Torrance for working with us through 'limbo' period being prepared
 - D. Appointments to Outside Agencies
 - Memo <u>attached</u>
 - **E. Nominating Committee**
 - Members need to be selected by chair for May Board meeting nominations
 - F. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities Report attached
 - G. Transportation Monthy Report attached
 - H. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings
 - Matrix attached

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- Cost Overruns on Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project 12:10 pm
 - Memo attached
 - BUTTS WASHINGTON COMMITTED TO APPROVE CENTINELA FULL FUNDING STRATEGY. AND FULFILL SBCCOG COMMITMENTS THAT WE MADE IN DECEMBER.
 - \$90 million minus \$33 million from CMAQ leaves \$57 million
 - Amount of the Crenshaw line in the South Bay is being negotiated 59% vs. 31%! Rest in LA City
 - We would use SEP funds ca. less than \$20 million would be our share of the \$57 million
 - May to Metro Board costs of Centinela Grade Separation make shovel ready for any infrastructure stimulus packages
 - Our assumption is \$130 million that we have \$ca. 20 Million for overruns and rest for Centinela Grade Separation
 - Letter being prepared by Metro staff for their Board meeting and ours to codify this agreement. We want them to add that our share of the overruns is contingent on all of the other funding partners adding theirs. We just learned that LA City doesn't want to use their SEP funds and thinks that's an inappropriate use of these funds.
 - ACTION: APPROVED MOVING FORWARD WITH DECISION PENDING LETTER FROM METRO CODIFYING THIS AGREEMENT VALENTINE/HUFF
- J. Metro Next Gen Service Changes Comments 12:20 pm
 - Memo attached
 - ONLY 25% OF THEIR SERVICE CAN CHANGE WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING. WE THINK THAT THEY SHOULD START NOW
 - ACTION: RecommendED Board send letter to Metro to reflect recommendations in the attached memo FRANKLIN/HICKS

K. Metro Service Council appointments - 12:30 pm

- 9 applicants for 4 seats + 1 late nomination
- Summary memo and memo of nominations and bios and a letter of recommendation attached
- RALPH CONCERNED ABOUT DURAN BECAUSE HE WAS LATE AND WAS REMINDED SEVERAL TIMES. RALPH NOT RE-APPLYING.
- HAVE HAD LAWA PERSON, NOT REQUIRED BUT ENCOURAGED
- HOW TO DO THIS? ASK INDIVIDUALS TO LEAVE ROOM IS PROBLEM
- INGLEWOOD BUTTS MORALES OR PADILLA WOULD BE INTERESTED
- RALPH IF WE EXTEND THE TIME, THEN CONSIDER DURAN TOO
- VALENTINE ALLOW LATE SUBMITTALS. MAYBE EVEN ADD ANOTHER DEADLINE UNTIL NEXT MONTH FRANKLIN AGREES
- HORVATH EXTEND NOMINATION PERIOD UNTIL APRIL 23 FRANKLIN/HICKS
- ACTION: THIS ITEM CONTINUED UNTIL MAY AND CHRISTIAN WILL DECIDE RE: INVITING APPLICANTS TO STEERING COMMITTEE? OR SUBCOMMITTEE FOR INTERVIEWS
- L. South Bay Fiber Network 12:40 pm
 - Status of Fiber sign-ups
 - SBCCOG will be responsible for \$35,000 monthly cost starting in July based on commitments that cities made so they need to sign their agreements with RACE so that the SBCCOG has the funds to pay.
 - Service Agreements of 32 sites, 9 are committed with signed Agreements.
 - El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Rolling Hills, Torrance (x2), SBWIB (x4).
 WHERE DID IT GO IN RANCHO PALOS VERDES? Sent to Cruikshank 4/14/20
 - Total committed MRC = \$10,750. (Current shortfall = \$24,250.)

- Construction schedule update
 - Permits Of 162 permits required for work orders #1, #2, 150 had been submitted by March 31; remaining 12 are to have been submitted by coming check point, scheduled on Apr 14.
 - Ring Construction on target for completion, including both POPs, by June
 15. (Equinix Data Center connected.)
 - Site Laterals of 32 sites in work order #2, 12 are scheduled for completion by May 22; the remaining 20 by June 15.
 - From now through July 1, construction of the network will continue so that by July 1 "all cities will be connected and operational on the SBFN".
 - FYI, El Segundo is about to be connected to the Network this week or early next!
 - Carson Conduit Agreement still not final, nor presented to Council. –
 MEETING THIS WEEK VERY IMPORTANT
 - Failure to secure deal would result in additional \$144K NRC increase. Loss of opportunity for economic development in Carson
- Metro funding request for \$2.5 million from Measure M MOTION SENT IN SUPPLEMENT
 - o Committed to ADF on first two work orders: \$4.139 million.
- <u>Magellan Funding</u> almost exhausted. WILL WANT TO HAVE AN EXTENSION THEIR HELP HAS BEEN VALUABLE. TO COME TO BOARD MEETING
- WESTSIDE COG @ APRIL 16 BOARD MEETING WILL DISCUSS A SUBREGIONAL COG EFFORT – PROBABLY DIRECTED AT SCAG TO FOLLOW SBCCOG LEAD AND CREATE A REGIONAL PLAN FOR FIBER
- Thank you event celebration & recognition possibly June/July
- ACTION: PROCEED AS REQUIRED
- ADD LEASE AGREEMENT KIM PRESENTED. LOOKING TO CONFIGURE SPACE WITH CUBICLE WALK-IN. MORE STORAGE AND OPEN WORK SPACE NEEDED.
 - COMPLETELY OUT OF THE SAN PEDRO OFFICE. NO STAFF GOING INTO THE NEW OFFICE UNLESS MACHINES ARE NEEDED. MOTION TO RECOMMEND LEASE TO BOARD HICKS/FRANKLIN APPROVED

M. Coronavirus Issues Update - 12:50 pm

- Disinfectant: Donation of 50 gallons (over 300 bottles) of Lysol equivalent from United Cannabis Business Association (UCBA), a state-wide non-profit cannabis association representing legal cannabis retailers throughout the state **TO PATH**
- Transit: Request from Carson Mayor Robles to support their call for stopping public transit service
 - Letter and memo of South Bay municipal transit operators response attached
 - MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DID PRESS CONFERENCE RE: THIS. NO TRANSIT IN CHINA MADE A DIFFERENCE.
 - **O VALENTINE WOULD SUPPORT STOPPING PUBLIC TRANSIT.**
 - O HICKS BUSES ONLY CLEANED IN THE MORNING, NOT THROUGHOUT
 - FRANKLIN DISAGREES. PUBLIC NEEDS THIS ACCESS AND RELIES HEAVILY ON PUBLIC TRANSIT. WOULD NEED TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE
 - CRUIKSHANK AGREES WITH FRANKLIN. PV TRANSIT DOWN TO 1 BUS AND IT'S VITAL FOR THOSE WHO USE IT. THEY CLEAN BUSES SEVERAL TIMES/DAY. SENIORS RIDE WHO NEED TO GET TO DIALYSIS.

- FUREY AGREES WITH FRANKLIN. TORRANCE TRANSIT IS USING GUIDANCE OF DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH. EMPLOYEES OF THEIR 2 HOSPITALS NEED THE BUS SERVICE. WIPE DOWN ALL DAY LONG
- HUFF AGREES WITH FRANKLIN. WITH RIDERSHIP DOWN, MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING. HARDSHIP FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT TO ELIMINATE IT
- MARK FROM METRO DOING EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER NEED TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICE FOR ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES. LIFELINE TO THE PUBLIC
- STERN ANYTHING PROVIDED BY BUSES LIKE FACE COVERING AND HAND SANITIZERS ON THE BUSES?
- MARK ALL OPERATORS HAVE FACE MASKS, NOT FOR CUSTOMERS BUT HAND SANITIZERS ARE ON THE BUSES
- HORVATH WHAT WILL COUNTY ASK RE: MASKS? LAMARQUE NO IDEA WHETHER WE WILL NEED TO WEAR MASKS AT ALL TIMES
- HORVATH SUPPORTING BEACH CITY TRANSIT
- BOYLES SUPPORTING CONTINUING TRANSIT WITH PROPER PRECAUTIONS
- o ARMATO SAME
- STERN SAME UNDERSCORE WITH PROPER PRECAUTIONS
- HORVATH CONSENSUS TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR OWN SERVICES
- HICKS/VALENTINE MOTION TO SUPPORT CITY OF CARSON REDUCING SERVICES AND ALSO PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE SERVICES – SUBSIDIZED BY CITY. FRANKLIN OPPOSED – MOTION CARRIED – STEVE TO WRITE THE LETTER – *letter sent to 4/14/20 to Carson*
- WALLY CARSON HAS PROVIDED A SAFETY NET FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE TRANSIT DEPENDENT WHEN TRANSIT DOESN'T WORK – LOOK ON CARSON'S WEBSITE
- VACATION TIME CAPS? 2 STAFF MEETING THEIR MAX. LIFT CAP UNTIL COUNTY STAY AT HOME ORDER IS ENDED. POTENTIAL LIABILITY CA. \$1400.
 - CRUIKSHANK REMOVE CAP AS LONG AS STAY AT HOME ORDER IS IN PLACE. HOW TO PHASE BACK DOWN TO CURRENT CAP LEVEL? IF CURRENT CAP IS 200 HOURS, COULD IT GET PHASED DOWN TO REGULAR CAP IN 3 MONTHS?
 - KIM ONCE STAY AT HOME IS LIFTED, MUST USE THAT EXTRA VACATION IN NEXT 3 MONTHS.
 - \circ ACTION: CRUIKSHANK MOTION TO REMOVE CAP UNTIL STAY AT HOME IS OVER AND THEN HAVE CAP GO BACK TO CURRENT RANGE AFTER 3 MONTHS 2^{ND} HORVATH
- FRANKLIN BASED ON FISCAL YEAR DOESN'T IT EXPIRE JUNE 30? KIM NOT ON CALENDAR YEAR BASED ON THEIR START DATE'
- APPROVED
- LOOKING AT FURLOUGHING BASED ON WHETHER WE CAN PERFORM OUR CONTRACTS. NO PAY? COVER EMPLOYEE COSTS? EXHAUST VACATION? WILL COME BACK IN MAY IF NEEDED.

SBCCOG staff response to virus

- a. Staff continues to telecommute managing through weekly reporting, timesheets, contract invoicing, phone calls, e-mail, and MicroSoft OneNote (phone stipend has been extended to all staff as they are required to use their cell phone)
- b. Meetings conducted internally through MicroSoft Teams, external Zoom
- c. Working with Partners to identify ways to conduct work and meet goals with virtual tools
- d. Safety information continues to be distributed to staff
- e. Contacted legal counsel re: need for any emergency procedures (i.e. paying bills) and he felt that they are unnecessary at this time

N. Legislative Issues - 1:00 pm

- Legislative Matrix attached
 - a. AB 3107 added since packet prepared
- Recommend holding NEV legislation authorized at last meeting to next session
- Support AB 2103 HUFF/HORVATH APPROVED. LAMARQUE ABSTAIN.
- Oppose SB 902 (by-right provisions) VALENTINE/HUFF LAMARQUE ABSTAINED
- Sacramento Policy Ask paper attached
 - b. START WITH PRINCIPLES: Before virus, single solution density is answer. Now we know that by right is unsustainable and not resilient.
 - c. SANCTION NOD
 - d. BROADBAND, TELEWORK NEED TO BE PART OF HOUSING CONSIDERATIONS
 - e. FREE UP AFFORDABLE LAND TO BUILD COMPLETE COMMUNITIES
 - f. UNCERTAIN TIMES DELAY AND EVALUATE EXISTING BY RIGHT PROGRAMS LIKE ADUS AND OTHER STATES' EXPERIENCES. DATA SHOULD DRIVE THIS
 - i. CARRYING CAPACITY IS IMPORTANT UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. MAKE SOUTH BAY A PILOT TO UPDATE OUR PROGRAMS
 - ii. DENSITY NOT GOOD FOR HEALTH STUDY THIS
 - iii. LET THINGS SETTLE DOWN
- ACTION: Review and approve Sacramento Ask paper NEEDS TO BE
 CONSISTENT WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE. NEED TO PROMOTE AND
 ENCOURAGE LOCAL PLANNING WHICH IS WHERE THIS IS GOING TO WORK.
 PRUDENT TO STUDY HOW BY RIGHT HAS GONE ELSEWHERE. ARTICLES NOW
 ON HEALTH PROTECTIONS WITH DENSITY
- *. VALENTINE AGREES WITH THE CONCEPT. WORK ON DEVELOPING AN ADVOCATE SUGGESTING SENDING IT TO OUR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND AGENCIES AND GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. WE DON'T HAVE AN ADVOCATE COULD ASK RICE TO HELP DISSEMINATE.
- * SACRAMENTO LOBBYIST INGLEWOOD, REDONDO BEACH, CARSON, EL SEGUNDO, TORRANCE MAYBE CITY LOBBYISTS COULD HELP 4/14/20 asked city managers for updates to the list we have last done 5/19
- * DREW RE-USE OF RETAIL GIVEN THIS ENVIRONMENT WHERE WE WILL SEE RETAIL CLOSING FOR GOOD EMPHASIZE THIS
- * WALLY CHANGING SOMETHING THAT ISN'T A PROBLEM SINGLE FAMILY NEIGHBHORHOODS AND DEVELOPING COMMERCIAL STRIPS INTO HOUSING
- * HUFF RUN THIS LETTER BY OUR DELEGATION FIRST
- * HORVATH SEND AN EARLY COPY AND ASK FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND FEEDBACK ESPECIALLY BEFORE THE BOARD MEETING TO LEND THEIR VOICE TO IT.
- * FUREY TORRANCE AGREES
- * MOTION TO SUPPORT TO BOARD AND OUR LEGISLATORS ASKING THEM TO JOIN US IN SUPPORT BEFORE BOARD MEETING HICKS/HUFF APPROVED

O. Board Meeting agenda development – 1:10 pm

- April draft attached
 - Sharing city responses to coronavirus
 - Work Program for 20-21 to be presented
- May Nomination of Officers and Budget

■ ACTION: Recommend programs of interest for Board presentations – NO ZOOM PRESENTATIONS

HUFF – CHAIR OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE – CALL HER

P. General Assembly – 1:15 pm

- Rescheduling/Postpone until next year
- Publicizing sponsorships for the remainder of the year SPECIAL NEWSLETTER EDITION?
- FRANKLIN REACH OUT TO SPONSORS RE:CARRYOVER TO NEXT YEAR.
- KIM KEEP SPONSORSHIP AND OFFER MORE PUBLICITY
- HORVATH NEED PROGRAMMATIC WAY OF MAKING SURE THEY GET BANK FOR THE BUCK LET'S EXPLORE SOME OPTIONS BEFORE WE PRESENT TO THEM.
- FRANKLIN CHANGE UNTIL NEXT MARCH COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE RE: SPONSORS. DON'T ASK FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS NEXT YEAR UNLESS WE HAVE A HOOK TO ENTICE THEM
- BOYLES ALL DISCRETIONARY SPENDING CUT. HONOR WHAT THEY COMMITTED TO NEXT YEAR. DON'T DOUBLE DOWN ON THESE SPONSORS.
- ACTION: AGREEMENT TO POSTPONE GA UNTIL NEXT YEAR HUFF, HICKS, VALENTINE AGREE COME BACK TO MAY MEETING RE: HOW TO HANDLE SPONSORS

Q. Budget Preparation - 1:20 pm

- **ACTION:** Prepare 20-21 budget with the same dues as last year so that members can be noticed as soon as possible
- DO BASELINE BUDGET AND PLAN FOR FREQUENT AMENDMENTS
- HICKS/CRUIKSHANK AND HUFF KEEP DUES THE SAME AS THIS YEAR
- FRANKLIN VALUE OF COG SHOULD BE PROMOTED RE: CITIES AS WE SEND INVOICES.
 - R. Approval of Invoices available at the meeting 1:30 pm
 - Includes cost of scanning documents that was approved by the Executive Director
 - ACTION: ApproveD invoices for payment CRUIKSHANK/HUFF

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- S. Telework 1:40 pm
 - Discussion with city managers re: possible webinars
 - Pending project with county is on hold
- T. Update on Homeless Program and Innovation Project Funding 1:45 pm
 - Project Room Key Motel/Hotel Program
 - Homesharing on hold

HOMELESS SERVICES -

Project Roomkey has launched -

- The State and County are collaborating on a project to provide 15,000 motel/hotel rooms in LA County for the most vulnerable of those experiencing homelessness who are unable to self isolate.
- First priority is given to those 65+ and/or with underlying chronic health conditions (respiratory, immune) who are currently living in congregate housing, such as a shelter.
- The second priority is for those living on the streets who are 65+ and/or with underlying health conditions.
- LA County has 13 leasing agents working with motels and hotels throughout the county to execute agreements.

- There are currently 3 in the South Bay: 1 in San Pedro, 1 in Lomita, and 1 in Lawndale. The occupancy agreements are for 3 months.
- The hotels/motels that have executed agreements in SPA 8 are for those people experiencing homelessness in SPA 8.
- Homeless service providers, such as Harbor Interfaith and PATH will be providing case management-related services.
- There has been a request for Disaster Service Workers to assist at the motels/hotels. Cities can potentially recover 75% of the salary from FEMA, with potentially another 18.75% recovered by the state.
- As more motels and hotels execute contracts with the County, the SBCCOG will be informed, and in turn we will reach out to the City Managers.
- FRANKLIN CONCERNED RE: PROVIDING MOTEL/HOTELS. INGLEWOOD SUBMITTED 10 NAMES THAT MEET THE CONDITIONS. HARBOR INTERFAITH DIDN'T MEET ANY OF THEM. WHEN CITY MADE AN ISSUE, THEY AGREED TO ACCEPT 2. FOLLOW-UP WITH GRACE asked Grace the specifics of these people and sent Ralph the information on who makes the decisions 4/13/20. Sent further info to Ralph 4/13/20
- STATE NEGOTIATED WITH HOTEL IN TORRANCE BUT DIDN'T WORK

Funding for Hygiene Opportunities -

Funds being made available to cities through the Councils of Governments to meet the
hygiene needs of people experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic.
City Managers notified – SBCCOG staff identified the top 6 cities in the South Bay
and determined available funds based on 2019 homeless count

TO DATE ONLY INGLEWOOD, HAWTHORNE, TORRANCE AND REDONDO BEACH HAVE RESPONDED. CITIES WITH THE MOST HOMELESS ASKED FIRST – NO RESPONSE FROM CARSON AND GARDENA (WITH CITY MANAGER). – LAST TWO CITIES CA. \$12,000+ REMAINING – 4/14/20 – Gardena not participating

Payment will be made through an amended contract The SBCCOG has been allocated \$46,318 to fund hygiene opportunities, and include the following:

- Portable hand washing stations
- o Portable toilets
- Keep city parks/restrooms open for longer periods and pay staff
- Provide incentives to private businesses to allow use of restrooms (i.e. gas stations with outdoor restrooms)
- Cities are to provide invoices to the SBCCOG for reimbursement; no upfront money available
- We have learned that hand washing stations are in short supply and we are trying to find other alternatives, i.e. No Rinse Bathing Wipes (suggested by Redondo Beach staff)

Next meeting scheduled via zoom for May 6th from 3-5pm

- U. Update on Senior Services 1:50 pm
 - Distributing information for Golden Talk is crisis line for seniors 65 years and older <u>attached</u>
 - LA County Workforce Development Aging and Community Services (WDACS) has launched a new program "Critical Delivery Service" will deliver groceries, household items, and other vital necessities to those who cannot leave their homes due to COVID-19. SBCCOG staff sent out notification of this program to city staff working with older adults.

■ SBCCOG staff has requested city staff to provide information on any programs being offered through the city for it's older residents, i.e. Torrance Cares To Go program.

Next meeting scheduled for May 26th.

HUFF – WAS IN A VIDEO CONFERENCE LAST WEEK AS PART OF SENIOR TASK FORCE FROM HER CITY TO COORDINATE SENIOR RESPONSES. WILL BE PUTTING UP A LIST OF SENIOR CITIZEN RESOURCES TODAY – PENINSULA AND BEYOND SERVICES. KUDOS TO JENNIFER RE: HELPING SENIORS FOR HAHN – FOOD DELIVERY PROGRAMS.

TORRANCE HAS OWN GROCERY DELIVERY PROGRAM.

VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- BOYLES DUES AND RELEVANCE OF OUR ORGANIZATION. HOW TO SHARE BEST PRACTICES RE: HOW CITIES ARE REDUCING EXPENSES AND BEST PRACTICES.
- HORVATH WANTS TO BE ENGAGED ON BUDGET BEFORE THEY PRESENT IT IN HIS CITY. MAYBE SPECIAL MEETING RE: FRANK DISCUSSION RE: BUDGET. REDONDO BEACH PROBABLY WAS GOING TO CUT SERVICES ANYWAY.
- LAMARQUE ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE WEEKLY BRIEFINGS FOR ELECTEDS. SENDING ME INFO RE: NEW COUNTY LOAN PROGRAM AND I WILL SEND IT OUT. AND GALLERIA TESTING IS OPEN TO ANYONE WITH SYMPTOMS
 - CRUIKSHANK BUDGET DISCUSSION TONIGHT
 - BOYLES THANKS HAHN ZERO COVID PATIENTS AT DOCKWEILER
- HORVATH MONTHLY MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT RE: ZOOM ALLEN ON HE CAN SEND INVITES IF PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - Monday, May 11, 2020 @ 12:00 pm @ SBCCOG office