South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee
AGENDA
Monday, March 8, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENTS: To address the SBCCOG Steering Committee on any agenda item or a matter within the Steering Committee’s purview, please provide written comments by 11:00am, March 8, 2021 via email to info@southbaycities.org. All written comments submitted will become part of the official record.

- To receive Zoom meeting credentials in advance of the meeting, use this link to register: link: https://scag.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArDOusqj8oG9aULyvk8prL-sf6ZCyt0rZ
- To participate via video conference, visit: www.zoom.us/join, Meeting ID: 946 3244 4212 and passcode 185297.
- To participate via telephone, dial: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 946 3244 4212 and passcode 185297.

We look forward to your participation, thank you!

I. CONFIRM THE QUORUM

II. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA
- ACTION: Receive and file

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file - 12:05 pm
A. Steering Committee – February 8, 2021 meeting minutes attached (Pages 5-9)
   - ACTION: Approve

B. SoCal REN Contract Amendments (Pages 11-18)
   - Amendments attached
   - ACTION: Approve

C. ICF Agreement Extension – attached (Page 19)
   - ACTION: Approve extension from March 31, 2021 to August 19, 2021

D. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings (Page 21)
   - Matrix attached

E. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities Report – attached (Pages 23-28)

F. Monthly Transportation Report – attached (Pages 29-33)

VII. ACTION ITEMS
G. Auditor to explain different kinds of audits – 12:10 pm
   - Kenneth H. Pun, Managing Partner, The Pun Group, LLP will be presenting and answering questions
   - ACTION: Provide direction whether to consider any changes

H. Delegated Authority – 12:30 pm
   - Response from Jenkins re: JPA’s authority to delegate decision (not yet available)
   - ACTION: Provide direction as necessary
I. Comments on Green Line Scoping - 12:40 pm
   ■ Draft letter attached (Pages 35-36)
   ■ ACTION: Approve recommendation from Transportation Committee

J. Legislative Issues – 12:45 pm
   ■ Legislative Matrix attached (Pages 37-46)
   ■ ACTION: Recommend oppose AB 115, SB 10 & support HR 1019

K. Planner for the SBCCOG – special assessment - 12:55 pm
   ■ Since the last Board meeting, the Rolling Hills Estates and Rancho Palos Verdes City Councils have both approved the special assessment.
   ■ At last month’s meeting we had the support of El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach & Torrance
   ■ A report on the status in the other cities will be sought and reported on
   ■ ACTION: Recommend special assessment to Board at April meeting

L. Board Meeting agenda development – 1:05 pm
   ■ March – General Assembly
   ■ April – Clearwater presentation from Sanitation District, Regional Energy Network Presentation, Bill Brand re: local control zoning initiative
   ■ May – budget/election, Rex Richardson re: AQMD, LTN follow-up
   ■ June – budget adoption/election of officers, Gipson re: police reform issues???

M. Procurement Policy – 1:10 pm
   ■ While we have had procurement rules and procedures that we have been following, they aren’t all in one place in a formal policy.
   ■ Mike Jenkins is reviewing the draft which you should receive before the meeting
   ■ ACTION: Approve Procurement Policy for the SBCCOG

N. Approval of Invoices – available at the meeting – 1:20 pm
   ■ ACTION: Approve invoices for payment

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS
O. General Assembly – 1:25 pm
   a. Program
   b. Registration
      i. As of 2/26/21, 357 registered
      ii. PVE city manager sent out the generic invite
   c. Budget
   d. Sponsorships
   e. Exhibit Hall
   f. Game

P. Health Department SPA 8 research update – 1:30 pm

Q. Update on Homeless Program and Innovation Project Funding - 1:35 pm

R. South Bay Fiber Network – 1:40 pm
   ■ Lots of great feedback on our American City & County 2020 Crown Communities Award
   ■ Work order #3 for existing locations is being finalized. Work order #4 for new locations is being analyzed for action on both in April
S. SCAG Regional Early Action Program funds to accelerate housing – 1:45 pm  
   ■ Update at the meeting

T. Update on Senior Services – 1:50 pm  
   ■ Next meeting of the Senior Services Working Group is on Tuesday, March 23 from 9:30-11:30am via zoom.

VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES  
   ■ Other updates since agenda distribution – 1:55 pm

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, April 12, 2021 @ 12:00 pm via zoom
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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee
FOLLOW-UP AGENDA
Monday, February 8, 2021

ATTENDEES: Olivia Valentine (Chair, Hawthorne), Drew Boyles (1st Vice Chair, El Segundo), John Cruikshank (2nd Vice Chair, RPV), Stacey Armato (Hermosa Beach), Britt Huff (RHE), Rodney Tanaka (Gardena), Dawn Murdock (PVE), George Chen (Torrance), Christian Horvath (RB) Hildy Stern (MB), Barry Waite (Lomita), Jim Butts (Inglewood), Bea Dieringer (RH – left at 1:20 pm), Bernadette Suarez (Lawndale), Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Wally Siembab, Steve Lantz, Brooke Heri, Grace Farwell, David Leger, Natalie Champion (SBCCOG), Laura Guglielmo (PVE), Aram Chaparyan (Torrance) & Mark Dierking (Metro)

Other Attendees:
- Aram Chaparyan, Torrance, Laura Guglielmo (PVE)

I. CONFIRM THE QUORUM

II. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA
  ■ ACTION: ReceiveD and fileD

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file - 12:05 pm
  A. Steering Committee – January 11, 2021 meeting minutes attached
    ■ ACTION: ApproveD – CRUIKSHANK/HUFF
  
  B. MOU with City of Compton re: Integrated Monitoring Program for the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area
    ■ MOU attached
    ■ ACTION: RecommendED board approval

  C. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings
    ■ Matrix attached - LOOK AT ALL OF YOUR STAFF THAT PARTICIPATE IN SBCCOG MEETINGS! ALL CITIES & COUNTY WENT TO SOMETHING!

  D. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities Report – attached
    ■ SoCal REN enrollment is a priority to take advantage of energy efficiency programs
    ■ Note: more detail on social media statistics. Comments welcome.

VII. ACTION ITEMS – 12:10 pm

E. Items from the Board meeting
  ○ DISCUSSION RE: WHETHER BOTH STEERING COMMITTEE & BOARD MEETINGS ARE NEEDED SINCE SAME PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BOTH AND HEARING THINGS TWICE. ASKED BY CHEN, VALENTINE & TANAKA.
  ○ CRUIKSHANK – PRE-COVID – HAD TO DRIVE. BEFORE ONLY 6 OR 7. GREAT SO MANY ATTEND. DOUBLING UP ON EffORTS. BUT SAME PEOPLE.
  ○ BACHARACH – PURPOSE OF STEERING IS ADMINISTRATIVE; PURPOSE OF BOARD IS MORE POLICY ORIENTED.
Delegated Authority – memo attached

Since 2005 there has been a policy that on the months that the board does meet, the steering committee acts as the board with delegated authority to approve items within budget. And delegated decisions are reported at the next board meeting.

- Boyles – reaction to one person. Hoping more meetings are virtual because they are so much more efficient. If particular line items – maybe more conversations at the board. Don't need to change the meetings.
- Horvath – concurs with Drew. Steering committee is executive team. Steering committee needs to create efficiency level for the board.
- Butts – agree with all. Metro board has 6 subcommittees. Everybody can't debate every bit of business. People would stop coming. No excuse why we can't do it most efficiently.
- Valentine – place for steering committee. More procedural aspects – policy by board. Should save time on both sides. Don't need to change the policy.
- Dieringer – concern is legal issue. In her opinion after reading the JPA document, SBCCOG has been operating illegally for 15 years. JPA agreement doesn't allow the SBCCOG to do what it is doing. Committees don't have the right to take action. Actions shall be taken by the governing board. At board meetings – we should reverse the order and do business first and then presentations.
- Butts – steering committee makes recommendation to the board.
- Dieringer – things happen at the steering committee. No information given. Need to change the JPA.
- Stern – ask Mike Jenkins for an opinion on this.
- Waite – delegated authority saves the board time without taking away authority. Why can't board delegate authority? Making work for ourselves.
- Dieringer – steering committee can make recommendations to the governing board. But decisions need to be at board. This is happening on a regular basis.
- Action: - Have Jenkins look at the JPA agreement re: the delegation issue and provide an opinion for further discussion.

Update on cost of a more extensive audit

- Our current and standard audit is an external audit which costs on average $6,000 annually. In order to do an internal audit of all of the internal controls, it would run between $50,000-$75,000. Once the audit was done, there would be additional costs to set up internal integrated controls moving forward. The audit that we have done is sufficient for a smaller organization, such as ours. Internal audits would typically be done starting at the county level, rather than at the city level or for smaller organizations like a JPA.
- Mr. Pun, the head of our auditing firm, is willing to speak to the board about this if so desired.
- Action: Invite auditor to the next meeting to explain audit options and internal controls that are in place.

F. (G) COVID update - 12:20 pm
South Bay School District Consortium vaccine distribution coordinated by Beach Cities Health District for school staff – memo attached

COUNTY DECLINED BCHD’S PROPOSAL

HAHN MOTION RE: SPA BOUNDARIES – SENT OUT – THANK HER FOR LOOKING INTO THE SPA ISSUE. ACTUAL BOUNDARY CHANGES NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION.

ACTION: Recommend Board approve letter of support OF COG INCLUSION-DIRECTIVE 3 WITH NO COMMENT ON DIRECTIVES 1 AND 2

BOYLES – THIS IS JUST TO RE-ALIGN SPA – DOESN’T HELP OUR CAUSE. WANT MORE RESOURCES SO THIS DOESN’T DO IT.

HUFF – ADD ISSUES OF INTEREST TO US.

ACTION: STERN – DRAFT A LETTER BY SUBCOMMITTEE – TANAKA/BOYLES – asked Hildy & Stacey to draft letter. Asked Ivan and Jennifer to schedule a meeting 2/9/21

G. Comments on LAWA EIR - 12:30 pm

- SBCCOG staff is working with the City of El Segundo consultants re: issues in the EIR
- Draft letter to be available at the meeting. Comments that SBCCOG can focus on:
  - Emphasize regionalization of airport activities
  - Include more attention to roadway improvement for airport access for those coming from South on 405 and PCH or from east on I-105 and in the Sepulveda Tunnel.

BOYLES – ALSO ASK FOR TRUE ATTEMPT AT REGIONALIZATION. LAWA SAYS IT’S OUTSIDE OF THEIR CONTROL. VIABLE TRAFFIC AT ONTARIO AND PALMDALE. ONTARIO – FLIGHTS FROM CHINA, COMMUTER FLIGHTS AND GOODS MOVEMENT. ALSO, SHOULD THERE BE LITIGATION, WOULD NEED MORE MONEY. WOULD SBCCOG CONTRIBUTE TO THAT?

VALENTINE – EMPHASIZE REGIONALIZATION IN OUR LETTER.

CRUIKSHANK – AGREES WITH DREW. DON’T KNOW IF LEGAL FEES WOULD BE FAVORED BY HIS CITY. FLIGHTS OVER PENINSULA AT ALL TIMES OF THE NIGHT. HOW WOULD LITIGATION EVEN HELP? EIR DOESN’T ADDRESS AIR TRAFFIC. HE ASKED FOR STAFF TO GET ANSWER FROM LAWA ON WHY AIR TRAFFIC NOT CONSIDERED OVER PVP. 2/12 spoke with LAWA staff and ask them to contact Cruikshank directly.

STERNE – SEND REQUEST FOR RESPONSES TO OUR CITIES. TALK TO EL SEG CITY MGR RE: SENDING SOMETHING TO CITY MANAGERS.

ACTION: Recommend Board approval of letter to LAWA re: SBCCOG comments on the EIR

H. Legislative Issues – 12:40 pm

- SBCCOG Legislative Briefing – January 14 – change end time to 10:45
- SBACC vote – Carson Chamber has agreed to give us one of their voting seats
- SBACC/SBCCOG/LCC Meet and Greet has been set for Friday, Feb 26, 8:30 am -10 am

Legislative Matrix attached
  - CHEN – TORRANCE CDD PRESENTED LEGISLATION TO THEIR COUNCIL. THEY HAVE TAKEN ACTION ALREADY. ALL RESPECTING LOCAL CONTROL. GET COPY.
  - DIERINGER – SB 10 OPPOSE – OVERRIDES VOTER APPROVED INITIATIVES FOR HOUSING. WIENER. EL SEGUNDO VOTED TO OPPOSED 9 AND 10.
  - CRUIKSHANK – VOTED TO HIRE LEG ANALYST WITH OTHER PENINSULA CITIES. DOUBLE EDGE SWORD. THEY WANT THEM TO BUILD HOUSING AND YET THEY DO THIS.
  - LEGER – PENINSULA CITIES ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT ARE A HIGH FIRE ZONE. DIFFERENT THAN THE REST OF THE STATE.

HYPERLINK THE BILLS ON THE MATRIX
- CCCA Housing Trust Fund proposal – draft attached ARMATO PRESENTED:
I. Update on Homeless Program and Innovation Project Funding - 12:50 pm
- Dispensing client aid funds – memo attached
- Home Share South Bay update – 24 HOUSEMATES – 3 COMPLETED
- BACKGROUND CHECKS. PLANNING A WEBINAR FOR MORE PR
- ACTION: Recommend Board approval of how to dispense client aid funds – BUTTS/HORVATH
- EDUCATION AND TRAINING – PRESENTING TO TORRANCE STAFF AND WILL THEN GO FORWARD TO OTHER CITIES. CUSTOMIZED SLIDES FOR CITY SPECIFIC INFORMATION
- RHE MAYOR ZUCKERMAN – MENTIONED BAKERSFIELD. MEETING SET FOR NEXT WEEK TO FOLLOW-UP WITH THEM.

J. Board Meeting agenda development – 1:00 pm
- February agenda attached – Local Travel Network Project report, Mid year budget review, Bill Brand re: local control re: zoning initiative – wrote Brand to say he has been moved to April mtg 2/9/21, Green Line Extension Update (MARCH 14 COMMENT DEADLINE)
- March – General Assembly
- April – Clearwater Presentation from Sanitation District, Regional Energy Network presentation
- May – budget/election, Rex Richardson re: AQMD, Request Econ forecast from CSUDH?
- June – budget adoption, election of officers, Gipson re: police reform issues???
- TALKING POINTS REACTION – USEFUL?
  - CHEN & VALENTINE – TALKING POINTS VERY GOOD. KEEP THEM COMING

K. Mid-Year Budget Review - 1:05 pm
- CHEN – QUESTION RE: DEFICIT ON HOMELESS
- MURDOCK – HOW DO WE KNOW THESE FUNDS WILL COME THROUGH – ANSWER – HOMELESS FUNDS ALREADY ALLOCATED AND END DATE CHANGED
- BOYLES – WHY DO WE NEED THE SAME SQUARE FOOTAGE FOR OUR OFFICE?
  - LOOKING AT MORE FLEXIBLE OPTIONS
- CHEN – USE SUBSCRIPT OR SUMMARY
- MURDOCK – STILL PLANNING TO HIRE SOMEONE? YES
- VALENTINE – LOOK AT WAYS TO SAVE MONEY. CONTINUE VIRTUAL MEETINGS
- KIM – SOME OF OUR MEETINGS ARE DRIVEN BY THE CONTRACTS WE HAVE
- BOYLES – CHECK LEGISLATION RE: VIRTUAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS
- WAITE – INCLUDE PROGRAM BUDGETING
- ACTION: Review, comment and recommend adoption to the Board

L. Dues for 2021-2022 – 1:15 pm
- MURDOCK – WHEN WERE DUES LAST CHANGED – 2 YEARS AGO.
- HORVATH – AS CHAIR OF FINANCE COMMITTEE, NO DUES INCREASE NOW. KEEP STATUS QUO. SITUATION UNCERTAIN FOR CITIES. RE-START COMMITTEE BEFORE ANOTHER DUES INCREASE
- CHEN – AGREES WITH CHRISTIAN – NO DUES INCREASE
- HUFF – AGREES. SEND SPREAD SHEET OF CURRENT DUES
- BUTTS – WHAT IS THE RECOMMENDATION?
- TANAKA – EVENTUALLY THERE MAY BE A DUES INCREASE
- HORVATH – FINANCE COMMITTEE WHEN STARTED AGAIN WILL DISCUSS THIS. NO ONE WILL SPRING A NEW NUMBER OUT WITHOUT A ROBUST DISCUSSION
- ACTION: Recommend dues remain the same for the 2021-2022 budget year to the Board - BUTTS/TANAKA
M. Planner for the SBCCOG – special assessment – 1:20 pm
   • Further discussion – scope and assessment attached
   • ACTION: Review, comment and recommend adoption to the Board
   • STERN – MB, EL SEG, RB, TORRANCE, LOMITA SUPPORTS
   • PVE SAW SOME VALUE BUT DIVERSE NEEDS ACROSS THE CITIES – NO
   • LAWNDALE – NOT SURE OF THE BENEFIT – MORE INFO ON HOW IT WILL WORK NEEDED
   • HUFF – LET MORE CITIES VOTE ON IT IN THEIR CITY
   • VALENTINE – REQUIRES A FULLER DISCUSSION. BRING BACK TO NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

N. General Assembly – 1:30 pm
   • Program – recordings start next week
   • Sponsorships - $32,500
   • Networking – 4 – 5 network

O. Appointments to Outside Agencies – 1:40 pm
   ■ Memo attached – names highlighted should be re-advertised
   ■ DREW BOYLES FOR LCC
   ■ SCAG SEAT ON ANY ONE OF THE COMMITTEES
   ■ ACTION: Solicit for interest in the seats that have been held for two years and others as required
   HORVATH/TANAKA
   ■ 2/8/21 sent e-mail to last year’s Metro applicants with new call for nomination letter
   ■ 2/10/21 notice of all openings sent to all elected officials – deadline 3/25 @ 5 pm

P. Approval of Invoices – available at the meeting – 1:45 pm
   • ACTION: ApproveD invoices for payment HORVATH/TANAKA

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – 1:50 pm
Q. South Bay Fiber Network
   ■ February 28 is the deadline for suggesting new sites for the remaining construction funds
   ■ GREAT MEETING WITH IT DIRECTORS – ENTHUSIASTIC

R. Update on Senior Services
   ■ Next meeting of the Senior Services Working Group is on Tuesday, March 23 from 9:30-11:30am via zoom.
   ENCOURAGING CITIES TO PUT HOMESHARE SOUTH BAY ON WEBSITE WEDNESDAY, FEB 10 IS FREE FOOD DRIVE THROUGH GIVE AWAY IN DEL AMO – OPEN FOR ALL IN OUR AREA FEBRUARY 26 – FOOD DISTRIBUTION DRIVE IN HAWTHORNE

VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES
   ■ Other updates since agenda distribution – 1:55 pm
   ■ BOYLES – SCAG RC VOTED TO NOT LITIGATE THE RHNA NUMBERS.

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, March 8, 2021 @ 12:00 pm via zoom
February 17, 2021

South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Attn: Kim Fuentes
2355 Crenshaw Blvd, Suite 125
Torrance, CA  90501

Re:  Project Name:  SoCalREN Regional Partnerships 1022A PDP
     Project No.:  TEC20-0046
     Amendment No.  2

Dear Kim Fuentes,

This modification letter amends and modifies the Agreement entered into between South Bay Cities Council of Government (SBCCOG) ("Subconsultant") and The Energy Coalition with an effective date of February 17, 2020 and an approved start work date of March 23, 2020.

The Energy Coalition and Subconsultant hereby agree to the following changes to Contract TEC20-0046 effective January 1, 2021:

1. The period of performance is extended through December 31, 2021.
2. The attached Attachment 2 (Schedule of Payments) replaces Attachment 2 (Schedule of Payments) of the initial agreement in its entirety. The agreement provides funding in the amount of $60,000.00, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Unspent funds will not carry forward to 2022.

The foregoing changes are the sole modification or amendment to the Agreement, and no other express or implied modification or amendment is intended or shall be construed herefrom. All other provisions and obligations of the Agreement and previous amendments, shall continue in full force and effect.

AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

THE ENERGY COALITION  
By: ____________________________  
Print: Craig Perkins  
Title: President & Executive Director  
Date: ____________________________

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT  
By: ____________________________  
Print: ____________________________  
Title: ____________________________  
Date: ____________________________
A. Payment for Base Services:

The Subconsultant Work will be performed on a Time and Materials basis. The estimated cost to perform the services set forth in Article 1, "Scope of Services" is $60,000.00 for services rendered from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Subconsultant shall not exceed this estimated amount without the express written authorization of TEC. TEC must provide written approval of all out-of-pocket expenses prior to their being incurred by the Subconsultant. Subconsultant shall provide TEC with written notice at any time that it anticipates that additional funds beyond the estimated cost will be necessary to complete the Subconsultant Scope of Services. In such event, TEC may (1) authorize additional funds to complete the work, (2) redefine the scope of the Subconsultant Work to meet the remaining funds available, or (3) require the Subconsultant to cease work upon the expenditure of the foregoing sum. Subconsultant will invoice TEC monthly pursuant to the requirements of this Agreement.

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B. Payment for Additional Services: N/A
February 17, 2021

South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)
Attn: Kim Fuentes
2355 Crenshaw Blvd, Suite 125
Torrance, CA 90501

Re: Project Name: SoCalREN Regional Partnerships 1022B DERDAC
    Project No.: TEC20-0047
    Amendment No. 2

Dear Kim Fuentes,

This modification letter amends and modifies the Agreement entered into between South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) (“Subconsultant”) and The Energy Coalition with an effective date of February 17, 2020 and an approved start work date of April 23, 2020.

The Energy Coalition and Subconsultant hereby agree to the following changes to Contract TEC20-0047 effective January 1, 2021:

1. The period of performance is extended through December 31, 2021.
2. The attached Attachment 2 (Schedule of Payments) replaces Attachment 2 (Schedule of Payments) of the initial agreement in its entirety. The agreement provides funding in the amount of $60,000.00, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Unspent 2021 funds will not carry forward to 2022.

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AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

THE ENERGY COALITION

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Print: Craig Perkins
Title: President & Executive Director
Date: _______________________________

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

By: ________________________________
Print: ______________________________
Title: ______________________________
Date: ______________________________

Attachment 2
A. Payment for Base Services:

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B. Payment for Additional Services: N/A
THE ENERGY COALITION
SUBCONSULTANCY AGREEMENT MODIFICATION

February 17, 2021

South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)
Attn: Kim Fuentes
2355 Crenshaw Blvd, Suite 125
Torrance, CA  90501

Re:  Project Name: SoCalREN Regional Partnerships 1022C NMEC
     Project No.: TEC20-0048
     Amendment No.  2

Dear Kim Fuentes,

This modification letter amends and modifies the Agreement entered into between South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) ("Subconsultant") and The Energy Coalition with an effective date of February 17, 2020 and an approved start work date of March 23, 2020.

The Energy Coalition and Subconsultant hereby agree to the following changes to Contract TEC20-0048 effective January 1, 2021:

1. The period of performance is extended through December 31, 2021.
2. The attached Attachment 2 (Schedule of Payments) replaces Attachment 2 (Schedule of Payments) of the initial agreement in its entirety. The agreement provides funding in the amount of $15,000.00, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Unspent funds will not carry forward to 2022.

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AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

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SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
By: ____________________________
Print: __________________________
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B. Payment for Additional Services: N/A
February 17, 2021

South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)
Attn: Kim Fuentes
2355 Crenshaw Blvd, Suite 125
Torrance, CA  90501

Re:  Project Name: SoCalREN Regional Partnerships 1022D RLF
     Project No.:  TEC20-0049
     Amendment No.  2

Dear Kim Fuentes,

This modification letter amends and modifies the Agreement entered into between South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) ("Subconsultant") and The Energy Coalition with an effective date of February 17, 2020 and an approved start work date of March 23, 2020.

The Energy Coalition and Subconsultant hereby agree to the following changes to Contract TEC20-0049 effective January 1, 2021:

1. The period of performance is extended through December 31, 2021.
2. The attached Attachment 2 (Schedule of Payments) replaces Attachment 2 (Schedule of Payments) of the initial agreement in its entirety. The agreement provides funding in the amount of $15,000.00, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Unspent funds will not carry forward to 2022.

The foregoing changes are the sole modification or amendment to the Agreement, and no other express or implied modification or amendment is intended or shall be construed herefrom. All other provisions and obligations of the Agreement and previous amendments, shall continue in full force and effect.

AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

THE ENERGY COALITION

By: ________________________________  By: ________________________________
Print: Craig Perkins  Print: ________________________________
Title: President & Executive Director  Title: ________________________________
Date: ________________________________  Date: ________________________________

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT
A. Payment for Base Services:

The Subconsultant Work will be performed on a Time and Materials basis. The estimated cost to perform the services set forth in Article 1, “Scope of Services” is **$15,000.00 for services rendered from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.**

Subconsultant shall not exceed this estimated amount without the express written authorization of TEC. TEC must provide written approval of all out-of-pocket expenses prior to their being incurred by the Subconsultant. Subconsultant shall provide TEC with written notice at any time that it anticipates that additional funds beyond the estimated cost will be necessary to complete the Subconsultant Scope of Services. In such event, TEC may (1) authorize additional funds to complete the work, (2) redefine the scope of the Subconsultant Work to meet the remaining funds available, or (3) require the Subconsultant to cease work upon the expenditure of the foregoing sum. **Subconsultant will invoice TEC monthly pursuant to the requirements of this Agreement.**

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MODIFICATION NO. 1

AGREEMENT
Between
ICF RESOURCES, LLC
and
SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

This is a modification for Agreement 20SDSK0034, issued under Prime Contract Number I104410. The above referenced agreement is hereby modified as follows:

a) 5. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE – The period of performance shall be extended to 8/19/2021.

Funding Summary:

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Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the Agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

FOR:   ICF Resources, LLC

FOR:   South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Signature:__________________________ Signature:__________________________

Name:____________________________  Name:____________________________

Title:____________________________  Title:____________________________

Date:____________________________  Date:____________________________
### February 2021

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### City Attendance at Meetings

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TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee
FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director
Kim Fuentes, Deputy Executive Director
SUBJECT: Environmental Activities Report – February 2021

Adherence to Strategic Plan:
Goal A: Environment, Transportation, and Economic Development. Facilitate, implement, and/or educate members and others about environmental, transportation, and economic development programs that benefit the South Bay.

I. PROGRAMS - TECHNOLOGY, PLANNING, & RESEARCH

Energy Efficiency

Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN): CITY SUPPORT

Contract year is January 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021
Contract goals: Registration: 10 - 13 agencies Status: 10 registered GOAL MET
Enrollments: 6 - 8 agency Status: 6 enrolled GOAL MET
Re-engagements: 1 agency Status: 1 re-engagement GOAL MET
Program presentations: 4 Status: 8 presentations GOAL MET

SBCCOG and SoCalREN staff continued to reach out to cities to enroll them into the SoCalREN program. The SoCalREN also supports school districts. Staff confirmed an enrollment meeting with El Segundo Unified School District for Thursday, March 11. Agencies enrolled in the SoCalREN program have access to resources including: utility use analysis, site audit, identification of projects, assistance with incentive applications, and help with project implementation. For agencies that are already enrolled in the SoCalREN program, SBCCOG staff are working to obtain utility data. Data collection is completed for Torrance and Hawthorne. SBCCOG staff continues to follow up with the cities of Lomita and Rancho Palos Verdes to complete enrollment.

To date the following cities are enrolled in the SoCalREN program: Carson, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance.

ICF: MULTIFAMILY

Contract year is September 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021.

Contract goals: Track, contact and outreach to local community organizations; track number of virtual events held, and number of attendees; distribute program collateral to local community organizations.

SBCCOG staff continues to look for opportunities for ICF to present on the SoCalREN Multifamily home program. ICF has added the SBCCOG logo and a SBCCOG contact to marketing materials to help promote the program. SBCCOG has reached out to South Bay Chambers as well as to the South Bay Association of Realtors to identify presentation opportunities. Monthly meetings with ICF and
SBCCOG have been established to review all opportunities. An external shared reporting system has been setup to allow both ICF and SBCCOG to add updates as they occur to improve communication and processes. SBCCOG has requested ICF provide a canned video webinar on this program that can be posted on the SBCCOG website as well as on sites with other organizations to reach target markets virtually due to COVID-19. Kits for Kids is a related new program that is in development to launch when schools return to in person learning.

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas)
SBCCOG staff is finalizing the SoCalGas 2021 contract.

**Water Conservation**
West Basin Municipal Water District Programs (West Basin)
*Contract year is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021*

**Task - Educational Outreach Support**

*Exhibit Events*
*Contract goal:* 100 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc.
*Status of goal:* 78 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc.

Staff continues to work with West Basin and community event planners to identify opportunities to provide information virtually.

*Water Bottle Filling Station Program*
*Contract goal:* To assist with identifying locations for stations.
*Status:* Public sites are eligible to install two (2) water bottle filling stations per Tax ID.

SBCCOG staff met with West Basin program manager to strategize on promotion of program. Staff sent e-mails and followed-up with 11 South Bay school districts. Articles about the program were included in newsletters.

**Task - Support for Workshops, Events, & Webinars**

*Educational Classes*
*Contract goal:* 10 classes or webinars
*Status of goal:* 8 completed (virtual classes); 1 class/webinar was held in February in-person classes are on hold

Staff continues to work with West Basin staff to hold classes via webinar or Zoom.

*Rain Barrel Giveaway*
*Contract goal:* minimum of 5 and maximum of 6 events
*Status of goal:* West Basin is developing a new program.

West Basin home delivery rain barrel program will begin in March 2021.
Task - Cash for Kitchens

Contract goal: distribute pre-rinse spray nozzles, sink flow restrictors, window clings, & program materials to 85 prior survey sites
Status of goal: 12 pre-rinse spray nozzles, sink flow restrictors, window clings, & program materials were distributed in the month of February.

SBCCOG staff sent e-mails and followed-up with businesses and School Districts. A total of 72 were contacted.

Task - Change & Save (DAC) Program

Contract goal: Receive, document, and track customer calls; assist customers with online survey and applying for $500 High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate
Status:
  o Number of calls: 18 in February

SBCCOG staff worked with West Basin and their consultant to host a Water Resources and Solutions for Communities in Need Webinar on Thursday, February 25, 2021. SBCCOG and West Basin invited Chambers of Commerce, South Bay cities, and water agencies to discuss West Basin’s Change and Save program and 2 other West Basin Water programs. The focus of the webinar was to also partner with agencies to help get the word out about these programs to their communities. SBCCOG staff will be sending out media kits to attendees as well as the larger invite list to support marketing efforts.

SBCCOG continues to assist Phase 1 customers with rebate updates as well as cold calling residents, sending e-mail blasts, and preparing newsletter articles to promote this program.

Torrance Water

Contract year is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

SBCCOG staff began conducting virtual outreach to new commercial kitchens.

Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD)

Contract year is July 1, 2019-June 30, 2021.

Ongoing promotion of WRD programs continues through SBCCOG’s e-newsletters and other social media channels. In addition, SBCCOG posts WRD events on the website and sends out e-blasts to increase attendance.

Sanitation Districts of LA County (LACSD)

Contract year is July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Task 1. Educational Outreach Support

Exhibit Events

Contract goal: 100 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc.
Status of goal: 78 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc. as of the month of June 2021

SBCCOG staff distributed information on Sanitation programs and virtual events via social media and e-blasts. The Sanitation Districts continues to promote their food waste program that could help cities meet SB 1383 organic waste reduction targets by the Jan. 1, 2022 compliance deadline. This legislation established methane emission reduction targets. LACSD staff made presentations on this program to the SBCCOG Board and the Infrastructure Working Group in February.
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)

The 2021 contract is expected in March or April 2021.

PACE
SBCCOG continues to promote PACE financing for homeowners through Ygrene. 2020 Q4 payments totaled $285.96.

CA Green Business Network (CAGBN) & South Bay Green Business Assist Program (GBAP):

CAGBN
Contract goals - City of Hawthorne: 10 certified green businesses; Status of goals: 6 certified businesses
Contract goals - City of Torrance: 10 certified green businesses; Status of goals: 6 certified businesses

SBCCOG staff continue to assist CAGBN (California Green Business Network) cities of Hawthorne and Torrance with certifying businesses and conducting outreach. During the month of February SBCCOG staff attended the CAGBN SoCal Roundtable Meeting and certified four new businesses. This program is dependent on State funding and it is unknown at this time if there will be funding to continue the program beyond March 2021.

GBAP - SBCCOG continues to provide information to local businesses on opportunities to implement sustainability programs. In addition, businesses received information on the status of our utility partners’ operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As businesses are certified through CAGBN, they also become GBAP participants. GBAP by city: Torrance (61), Lawndale (27), Hawthorne (45), Redondo Beach (16), El Segundo (15), Gardena (15), Carson (12), Inglewood (10), Manhattan Beach (8), Palos Verdes Estates (7), Rancho Palos Verdes (7), Hermosa Beach (5), Rolling Hills Estates (4), Lomita (3), Lennox (2), and Los Angeles County – Community of Westmont (1) for a total of 242 businesses in the program as of the end of February 2021.

Transportation
Shared Mobility Program (Contract period July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022)

Contract goals: 72 outreach events; 36 vanpool, rideshare, telework meetings or events; 8 Marketing/Media Survey Engagements

Status of goals: 136 outreach events; 6 vanpool or rideshare meetings; 3 Survey Engagements.

On February 25, 2021 SBCCOG staff met with LA County to discuss using GIS tools for ride matching and telework. Preliminary planning continued for a new series of “online” workshops for South Bay Employee Transportation Coordinators to be produced starting in mid-2021.

Metro Express Lanes (MEL) (Contract period Nov. 15 2020 – Nov. 14, 2021)

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, all SBCCOG outreach events have taken place virtually. In support of the MEL marketing goals, SBCCOG staff continued to organize and plan a virtual calendar of events for the 2021 calendar year where Metro’s MEL program materials will be distributed. MEL is also promoted ongoing in SBCCOG publications.
II. MARKETING, OUTREACH, & IMPLEMENTATION

Outreach Events

In February

- 2 - Virtual Community Event
- 6 - Virtual Networking Meetings
- 3 – Virtual Workshops
- 1 – Business Event

For the period July 1, 2020 through June 2021:

- 13 Virtual Community Events
- 7 Virtual Business Events
- 46 Virtual Networking Meetings
- 15 Virtual Workshop

Media

Top Three Social Media Posts (*February*):

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Social Media Followers – Year-Over-Year Comparison (*February*):

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Earned Media – TV, Print, Online

- “Metro Rail Line Extension to Torrance Tracking Closer Possible 2028 Opening”
  - Topic: Metro’s C Line (Green) extension to Torrance is in the scoping period and will begin the draft EIR process.
  - Date: 2/15/21
  - Outlet: The Daily Breeze
Quality of Coverage: High
Relevance to Brand: High
Sentiment of Article: Neutral

“LA Metro Moves Forward with C Line Extension”
Topic: Metro’s C Line (Green) extension to Torrance is in the scoping period and will being the draft EIR process.
Date: 2/18/21
Outlet: Railway Track & Structures
Quality of Coverage: Low
Relevance to Brand: High
Sentiment of Article: Neutral

“Asm. Garcia’s Late Bill Aims to Take Over LA’s Major Water Agencies”
Topic: Assemblymember Garcia’s bill would create a new water agency and disband the Central and West Basin Municipal Water Districts.
Date: 2/19/21
Outlet: Hews Media Group
Quality of Coverage: Low
Relevance to Brand: Medium
Sentiment of Article: Neutral
Link: https://www.loscerritosnews.net/2021/02/19/asm-garcias-late-bill-aims-to-take-over-l-a-s-major-water-agencies/

Paid Media – TV, Print, Online
Topic: General Assembly
Secured ads with the following publications:
- The Daily Breeze – 2/21 and 3/7
- The Beach Reporter – 2/18 and 3/4
- The Beach Reporter – online ad
- Palos Verdes Peninsula News – 2/18 and 3/4
- Southbay Magazine – February/March issue
- Southbay – Sponsored email – 2/26

Volunteer Program
Status of Program: 2.0 hours February 2021
Grand total as of 2/28/2021 - 20,335 (starting April 2008)
Volunteer participation remains low due to COVID-19.
South Bay Cities Council of Governments

March 1, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors
SBCCOG Transit Operators Working Group – 3/4/21 meeting
SBCCOG Transportation Committee – 3/8/21 meeting
SBCCOG Infrastructure Working Group – 3/10/21 meeting

FROM: Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Transportation Director

RE: SBCCOG Transportation Update Covering February 2021

Adherence to Strategic Plan:
Goal A: Environment, Transportation and Economic Development. Facilitate, implement and/or educate members and others about environmental, transportation and economic development programs that benefit the South Bay.

Federal

House Rescue Bill Includes $30 Billion for Transit
The $1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) that was approved and sent to the Senate on February 26th by a vote of 219-212 includes $30 billion for transit agencies across the nation. L. A. Metro expects to receive more than $975 million through the formulas in the bill. The bill is expected have a bumpier road in the Senate.

The American Public Transit Association (APTA) has been seeking $39.3 billion on top of the $39 billion that has been provided for pandemic-related operating deficits in the two previous relief acts in 2020. H. R. 1319 contains more than $30 billion for the transit industry through urbanized and rural formula funding, planning grants, operating assistance grants and grants to qualifying projects in the federal Capital Improvement Grants (CIG) Program.

Administration Rules Out Federal Gas Tax Increase To Replenish The Highway Trust Fund
The federal debate over how to pay for a massive infrastructure bill began on February 15th when President Biden met with Congressional leaders to discuss his proposed $1.9 trillion infrastructure bill. On the agenda was a discussion of raising federal gas taxes. Federal transportation investments are supposed to be funded by federal gas taxes deposited into the Federal Highway Trust Fund. However, the Trust Fund has required $140 billion in transfers from Federal general fund revenue since 2008.

Democrats have shown significantly more interest than Republicans in raising transportation taxes to meet environmental and racial-justice goals. The Senate Public Works Committee unanimously adopted a five-year highway package in 2019 that would have boosted overall highway spending by more than a quarter, while dedicating some $10 billion to battle climate change and streamlining the approval process for federally-funded projects. But Republicans killed a companion House bill last year which forced Congress to extend the current highway law through October 2021. Now that Democrats control the Senate, they are expected to use their previous bill as the starting point for a new round of discussions.
Major auto makers plan to stop producing gas-powered vehicles by 2035. The Biden Administration has set a goal to have 500,000 electric charging stations across the country by 2030. The shift to electric vehicles will require lawmakers at the federal and state level to re-design the Trust Fund and look for other sustainable transportation revenue sources. In the meantime, some supporters of a gas tax increase also want to index the gas tax to keep up with inflation, but the Biden Administration removed a gas tax increase as an option. The last attempt to pass a five-year highway bill with a gas tax increase never received a floor vote in the Senate.

LA Metro Seeks Federal Funds for Fareless System Initiative Pilot Program in Infrastructure Bill
The L. A. Metro Board is considering embarking on an initiative conceived by CEO Phil Washington to enable low-income riders and K-12 students to ride Metro buses and trains without paying a fare. If approved in March, the initiative would begin with an 18-month pilot program that is estimated to cost more than $300 million in forgone revenue and increased operating costs.

Since 75% of Metro’s riders are low income or students, and anticipating Board approval, CEO Washington sent a letter to the Congressional Delegation on February 15th seeking federal funding for the Metro Fareless System Initiative. The letter points out that the request is consistent with the Biden Administration’s Justice40 Initiative in which 40% of benefits from certain Federal investments (including the President’s January 27th Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad) would flow to disadvantaged communities.

Transportation Agencies Wrestle With New Federal Mask Mandate
A new federal order requires passengers to wear masks “while boarding, disembarking, and traveling on any conveyance into or within the United States,” as well as “at any transportation hub that provides transportation within the United States.” People with disabilities who cannot wear masks are exempt, and face coverings can be removed while eating, drinking, taking medication and going through security screenings.

Transit advocates welcomed the backing of a presidential order to push mask usage. However, transit agencies are grappling with enforcement protocols and staffing requirements. Many are concerned with the new risks for transit operators who already have reported increasing verbal and occasional physical attacks. L. A. Metro has decided to add ambassadors, increase transit security and partner with social service agencies to remove non-compliant riders from the system. Metro believes new mask and homeless fare enforcement programs are essential to recovering ridership lost during the COVID 19 pandemic, but the initiatives will cost up to $100 million. Metro and other systems in L. A. County already have stepped up outreach in the form of announcements to get the message across to riders that the policy is a federal mandate.

E-BIKE Act Would Provide 30% Federal Tax Credit For Electric Bicycle Purchases
Federal legislation introduced on February 9th would create a federal tax incentive for the purchase of electric bicycles in the US. Advocates seek to provide electric bikes the same federal incentive already available for electric cars and motorcycles.

The bill would offer a 30% tax credit of up to $1,500 for buying an electric bicycle. To qualify, the electric bicycle would have to be priced below $8,000. Only one tax credit would be applied during a three-year period, but couples filing jointly could apply for two tax credits in three years to cover two e-bike purchases. Electric bicycles ranging in price from $1,000 to $3,500 are being marketed as low-cost, commute and delivery options to address climate change.
House Republicans Propose Nationwide Ban On Municipal Broadband Networks

House Republicans unveiled a plan on February 19th to "boost" broadband connectivity and competition. Republicans call it the CONNECT Act, for "Communities Overregulating Networks Need Economic Competition Today."

One of the key planks is prohibiting states and cities from building or expanding their own broadband networks. The bill says that "a State or political subdivision thereof may not provide or offer for sale to the public, a telecommunications provider, or to a commercial provider of broadband Internet access service, retail or wholesale broadband Internet access service. The bill has an exception that would allow existing government networks to continue in cities and towns without substantial broadband competition. States or municipalities that already offer Internet service may continue to do so if "there is no more than one other commercial provider of broadband Internet access that provides competition for that service in a particular area."

The bill is reminiscent of laws in nearly 20 states that restrict the building of municipal networks. But it has no realistic chance of passage in the Democratic-controlled House. Democrats have tried to eliminate restrictions on community broadband networks over the years. House Democrats last year proposed legislation that would overturn state laws that prevent the growth of municipal broadband.

FCC Offers COVID 19-Related Broadband Service Discounts For Eligible Households

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued rules on February 25th for its new $3.2 billion broadband subsidy program which will provide eligible households with discounts of up to $50 a month for broadband services (up to $75 per month for households on tribal lands). It also will provide a one-time discount of up to $100 on a computer or tablet for eligible households.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is open to households that participate in an existing low-income or pandemic relief program offered by a broadband provider; Lifeline subscribers, including those that are on Medicaid or accept SNAP benefits; households with kids receiving free and reduced-price lunch or school breakfast; Pell grant recipients; and those who have lost jobs and seen their income reduced in the last year.

FCC's Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will administer the program with service providers, as they do with Lifeline and other subsidy programs.

See the FCC Fact Sheet at: https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-370355A1.pdf

Region

Metro Considers Congestion Pricing For DTLA, I-10 Freeway, Santa Monica Mountains

L. A. Metro is in the process of conducting a two-year Traffic Reduction Study, which considers managing traffic through congestion pricing and providing more transportation options. At its February 25th meeting, The Metro Board considered four congestion pricing pilot projects that could be implemented beginning in 2025.

The pilot projects would use cordon or corridor pricing strategies to target congestion between Downtown L. A. and the San Fernando Valley, on the I-10 freeway between the I-405 and I-5 freeways, and in an area surrounding Downtown. In the corridor pricing concept travelers would be charged based on distance traveled similar to current ExpressLanes. However, all freeway lanes would be included in the tolling concept. A concept known as cordon pricing would be used to charge a fee to enter the L. A.
Central Business District. Metro staff will spend the next several years refining and environmentally clearing the concepts.

Board members expressed concerns about potential economic impacts on small and disadvantaged businesses, how delivery trucks would be handled, and the need to improve transit service options before the pilot projects begin. Staff committed that revenue generated through congestion pricing would be reinvested into the communities which surround the pilot areas, potentially going toward improved transit service, incentives for carpooling, and active transportation infrastructure.

**Trends**

**Post-COVID-19, Transit Agencies May Shift To Metrics Other Than Ridership And Fare Revenue**

For generations transit operators have been funded based on formulae that include ridership and fare revenue in addition to their service costs. The pandemic has required transit leaders to shift their service to continue to serve essential worker trips due to dramatically lower ridership, scarce fare revenues and staff shortages. Unfortunately, recovery is being framed by the old metrics of ridership and revenue growth.

However, the new focus on providing reliable service for essential riders provides transit operators and funding agencies an opportunity to focus on a new metric for usefulness: transit access. The new focus could significantly change the way transit subsidies are allocated.

An agency’s success could be evaluated based on its service reliability and the share of jobs reachable for a given population within a given trip time, such as 60 minutes door-to-door. A transit agency would then be motivated to focus on reducing travel times in comparison to alternate modes.

This concept of access can also help transit agency leaders plan how to ramp back up when the pandemic ends. “There is a chance to build back better,” says Rogoff, using one of President Joe Biden’s favorite catchphrases. “Transit riders in various communities will expect their service to return. Agencies will have less money while they face these expectations to resume service.”

Some agencies have already signaled a greater focus on access. As an example, when the transit operator in Santa Clara County, California implemented an access-focused service restructuring in 2019, ridership immediately rose 4%. Over the last decade, Seattle adopted a goal of maximizing the number of households within a 10-minute walk of 10-minute frequency transit service, and the city subsequently posted the fastest transit ridership growth in the nation. L. A, Metro is pursuing a similar strategy with its NextGen Study and Fareless System Initiative by using new travel and fare payment data bases of current and prospective riders to more accurately tailor service changes that match trip origins and destination data and to provide transit priority on freeways and streets.

With transit ridership likely to recover slowly after the pandemic recedes, critics of public transportation spending may cite lower passenger counts as a justification to reduce funding, which could push transit into a death spiral. By emphasizing the importance of access, agencies hope to untether policy debates from ridership numbers. With newly appointed U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg already talking about how transit can unlock opportunity for those who are struggling, the language of access could provide the best framework for transit advocates to press their case.
Demand For Electric Cars Stuck In Neutral
California and the federal government agree they need to set ambitious climate goals, and major automakers are increasingly betting that the future of their business lies with electric cars. But consumers aren’t there yet.

Despite growing momentum for a national shift toward cleaner cars, fewer than 1% of vehicles on the nation’s roads are electric. Americans are buying so many gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks that they had in effect canceled emissions reductions from every electric vehicle in the United States.

This divide between the reality of America’s auto market and what the federal government and some automakers hope it will become is certain to create dilemmas for the Biden administration as it sets out to negotiate a new set of fuel economy standards.

Biden is expected to replace the weaker tailpipe emissions standards put in place by the Trump administration with new regulations modeled on California’s voluntary agreement with five automakers. Under the state’s rules, car companies would be required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 4% each year.

At stake is President Biden’s ability to deliver on his promise of eliminating greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 to prevent the worst effects of climate change. Calculating backward, most environmentalists say the only way to meet that goal is to mandate all new cars be emissions-free by 2035.

But federal and California regulators, as well as major car companies, are already looking ahead to the next set of standards that would apply to cars built after model year 2026. Finalizing rules that would apply to cars built after model year 2026 could take two years and prove the ultimate test of whether the administration is able to rein in the nation’s greenhouse gas emissions.

China, meanwhile, has mandated that 40% of all new cars must be electric by 2030, threatening to bar slow-to-adapt automakers from the world’s largest automobile market.

U. S. car manufacturers are expected to ask the Biden administration to require only small emissions improvements over the next decade so they can devote their resources to introducing dozens of new electric models. This would allow them to continue selling their most profitable and highest-emitting SUVs and pickups while gas is inexpensive and most consumers aren’t concerned with fuel efficiency.

To make up for the additional planet-warming emissions from gas-burning vehicles, electric car sales would have to increase fivefold.

Fake Commutes Break Up Days Spent Working From Home
There’s a new commuting trend for those who work from home: Not-A-Commuting. Not-a-commuters mornings starts like many. They leave home. Stop off for a cup of coffee or tea, then head to their job site at home for another day of working remotely.

Their justification? By working online at home using Zoom through a computer screen., there are times when they realize they haven’t left the house in five days. So every few days they start the morning with a walk or an errand to clear their head and make the a conscious work/life segmentation.
March 9, 2021

Dolores Roybal Saltarelli  
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Subject: C (Green) Line Extension EIR Scoping Comments

Dear Ms. Roybal Saltarelli:

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) welcomes the initiation of the Environmental Impact Report preparation process for the extension of the C (Green) Line to Torrance project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This vital step will keep the project among Metro’s highest rail development priorities as the region prepares for the 2028 Olympics and Paralympic Games and to ensure the Metro Board will meet its commitment to open the line well before the Measure M expenditure plan 2033 deadline.

We understand the EIR analysis will evaluate two routes and several profile alternatives between the existing Redondo Beach Marine Station and the under-construction Torrance Transit Center.

The SBCCOG looks forward to providing our thoughts on the project alternates once the Draft EIR is completed and prior to Metro’s selection of the Locally Preferred Alternative. However, we are sensitive to a wide range of community concerns that have been raised during previous studies about impacts and mitigations on both routes.

To provide the most comprehensive analysis of options, mitigations and costs, we urge Metro to include all feasible profiles in the Draft EIR for environmentally sensitive segments on both alignments. While it may result in a more complex document, it will help ensure the Final EIR can be prepared without the need for a Supplemental EIR and without delaying design and construction of the project.

The SBCCOG also requests Metro to evaluate the circulation and access to the two stations being evaluated for each alignment. We strongly support inclusion of a properly-sized parking structure in the C (Green) Line project EIR at the Torrance Transit Center since this station will become the new C (Green) Line terminal station for the foreseeable future.
We are also requesting Metro to include evaluation of a non-pedestrian connection between the Galleria station on the Hawthorne Boulevard route and the existing Redondo Transit Center, which are approximately 2/3 mile apart. Because this is an unacceptable walking distance, the C (Green Line) EIR should include a Metro bus, shuttle, or other non-pedestrian connection in the project scope.

South of 190th Street, the two light rail route alternatives merge into a single alignment to reach the Torrance Transit Center. SBCCOG is very concerned with how the Metro-owned right-of-way will be shared by freight tracks and the light rail double track. We urge Metro to start negotiating now to establish the parameters of a solution that ensures Metro’s ability to add light rail double tracks while continuing to share Metro’s right of way with the railroads which must have access to their customers in the segment and must store empty rail cars in the vicinity of the San Pedro ports.

SBCCOG, Metro, and local communities have been working on this project for more than a decade. The SBCCOG looks forward to continued involvement in the project development process to assist Metro to plan, design and deliver this important project. We urge Metro to fully evaluate the options, impacts and mitigations in the project’s first formal EIR so that an accurate project scope and costs can be estimated and the project can proceed into design and construction without further delay.

Thank you for considering our scoping comments.

Sincerely,

Olivia Valentine
Chair, South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Hawthorne

c.c.: SBCCOG Board of Directors
L. A. Metro Board of Directors
### South Bay Cities Council of Governments

March 8, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director

RE: Bills to Monitor and for Action – **Status as of March 1, 2021**

**Adherence to Strategic Plan:**
Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay

### BROADBAND

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<td>AB 14</td>
<td><strong>Communications: broadband services: California Advanced Services Fund</strong></td>
<td>Current law establishes the State Department of Education and vests the department with specified powers and duties relating to the state’s public school system. This bill would authorize local educational agencies to report to the department their pupils’ estimated needs for computing devices and internet connectivity adequate for at-home learning. The bill would require the department, in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, to compile that information and to annually post that compiled information on the department’s internet website.</td>
<td>SUPPORT (2/25/21) (Ltr sent 3/2/21)</td>
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<td>AB 34</td>
<td><strong>Communications: Broadband for All Act of 2022</strong></td>
<td>Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission to develop, implement, and administer the California Advanced Services Fund program to encourage deployment of high-quality advanced communications services to all Californians. Existing law provides that the goal of the program is to, no later than December 31, 2022, approve funding for infrastructure projects that will provide broadband access to no less than 98% of California households, as provided. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would enact the Broadband for All Act of 2022, to become operative only if approved by the voters at the</td>
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November 8, 2022, statewide general election, to authorize the issuance of state general obligation bonds to fund increased access to broadband services to rural, urban, suburban, and tribal unserved and underserved communities.

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<th><strong>AB 41</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Wood)</th>
<th><strong>Broadband Infrastructure.</strong> Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that will improve California’s “Dig Once” policy and expedite the deployment of broadband infrastructure in communities that are currently unserved and underserved.</th>
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<td><strong>SB 4</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Gonzalez)</td>
<td><strong>Communications: California Advanced Services Fund</strong>&lt;br&gt;Would require the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, known as “GO-Biz, to coordinate with other relevant state and local agencies and national organizations to explore ways to facilitate streamlining of local land use approvals and construction permit processes for projects related to broadband infrastructure deployment and connectivity.</td>
<td><strong>SUPPORT</strong>&lt;br&gt;(2/25/21)&lt;br&gt;(Ltr sent 3/2/21)</td>
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**ENVIRONMENT**

| **AB 78**<br>(O’Donnell) | **San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy: territory: Dominguez Channel watershed & Santa Catalina Island.**<br>Existing law establishes the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency and prescribes the functions and duties of the conservancy with regard to the protection, preservation, and enhancement of specified areas of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange located along the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River and tributaries along those rivers. Existing law, for purposes of those provisions, defines “territory” to mean the territory of the conservancy that consists of those portions of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange located within the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, as described. | **SUPPORT**<br>(12/14/20)<br>(Ltr sent 1/4/21) | 1/11/21 Assembly Natural Resource Committee<br>Previously supported in last session |
| Co-author - Gipson | | | |
This bill would additionally include the Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island, as described, within that definition of territory, and would make various related changes to the boundaries of that territory. This bill would require the conservancy to update the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Parkway and Open Space Plan to include the priorities for conservation and enhanced public use within the Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island.

**SB 54**  
**Solid waste: disposable packaging and food ware.**  
Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact the Plastic Pollution Producer Responsibility Act, which would significantly reduce the amount of disposable packaging and food ware waste entering California’s waste stream, polluting oceans, littering local communities and beaches, and costing local governments millions of dollars in cleanup costs through source reduction requirements and increased composting and recycling.

**SB 83**  
**California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank: Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program.**  
Would create the Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program within the I-Bank to provide low-interest loans to local jurisdictions for the purchase of coastal properties in their jurisdictions identified as vulnerable coastal property. Would require the California Coastal Commission, before January 1, 2023, in consultation with the California Coastal Commission, the State Lands Commission, and any other applicable state, federal, and local entities with relevant jurisdiction and expertise, to determine criteria and guidelines for the identification of vulnerable coastal properties eligible for participation in the program. Would authorize specified local jurisdictions to apply for, and be awarded, a low-interest loan under the program if the local jurisdiction develops and submits to the bank a vulnerable coastal property plan.

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<td><strong>AB 106</strong> (Salas)</td>
<td><strong>Regions Rise Grant Program.</strong> Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish the Regions Rise Grant Program in order to close the equity gap and spur economic growth.</td>
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<td><strong>ACA 1</strong> (Aguiar-Curry)</td>
<td><strong>Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.</strong> The California Constitution prohibits the ad valorem tax rate on real property from exceeding 1% of the full cash value of the property, subject to certain exceptions. This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit that would authorize a city, county, city and county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, or the acquisition or lease of real property for those purposes, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements.</td>
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<td><strong>AB 339</strong> (Lee)</td>
<td><strong>State and local government: open meetings.</strong> Would require all meetings, including gatherings using teleconference technology, to include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option that provides closed captioning services and requires both a call-in and an internet-based service option to be provided to the public.</td>
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<td><strong>AB 361</strong> (Rivas)</td>
<td><strong>Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.</strong> Would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency</td>
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holds a meeting for the purpose of declaring or ratifying a local emergency, during a declared state or local emergency, as those terms are defined, when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, and during a declared local emergency provided the legislative body makes certain determinations by majority vote. The bill would require legislative bodies that hold teleconferenced meetings under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures to give notice of the meeting and post agendas, as described, to allow members of the public to access the meeting and address the legislative body, to give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment, as provided, to conduct the meeting in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body.

**AB 1195**
*Southern Los Angeles County Regional Water Agency.* Would create the Southern Los Angeles County Regional Water Agency as a regional water agency serving the drinking water needs of the cities, unincorporated areas, and residents in the communities overlying the Central Basin and West Coast Basin aquifers in southern Los Angeles County. Would require the agency to serve the region as the leader in interagency collaboration on water resource issues and to be governed by a 5-member board of locally elected officials in the agency’s jurisdiction, each appointed by a specified state or local entity. The bill would authorize the agency to serve the water needs of its region through specified activities, including, among others, operating public water systems or other water infrastructure and integrating other water systems in the region into its operations, as prescribed. Would authorize the agency to finance its operations through specified means, including, among others, collecting water rates, charges, fees, or established parcel charges previously charged by a water system for which the agency has assumed control.
| **AB 703**  
(Rubio, Blanca) | **Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.** Would remove the requirements of the act particular to teleconferencing and allow for teleconferencing subject to existing provisions regarding the posting of notice of an agenda and the ability of the public to observe the meeting and provide public comment. Would require that, in each instance in which notice of the time of the teleconferenced meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the local agency also give notice of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment and that the legislative body have and implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, as provided. | **MONITOR**  
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| **HOUSING** | **AB 68**  
(Salas) | **Affordable Housing: California State Auditor’s Report.** Existing law establishes various programs intended to promote the development of affordable housing, including the Multifamily Housing Program, under which the Department of Housing and Community Development provides financial assistance in the form of deferred payment loans to pay for the eligible costs of certain housing development activities. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would implement recommendations made in the California State Auditor’s Report 2020-108, issued on November 17, 2020, relating to affordable housing. | **MONITOR**  
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| **AB 115**  
(Bloom) | **Planning and zoning: commercial zoning: housing development.** This bill, notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of a city’s or county’s general plan, specific plan, zoning ordinance, or regulation, would require that a housing development be an authorized use on a site designated in any local agency’s zoning code or maps for commercial uses if certain conditions apply. Among these conditions, the bill would require that the housing development be subject to a recorded deed restriction requiring | **RECOMMEND**  
OPPOSE LCC POSITION: **WATCH** | 1/11/21 Assembly Local Government Committee & Housing & Community Development Committee |
that at least 20% of the units have an affordable housing cost or affordable rent for lower income households, as those terms are defined, and located on a site that satisfies specified criteria.

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<td>(Caballero)</td>
<td>This bill, the Neighborhood Homes Act, would deem a housing development project, as defined, an allowable use on a neighborhood lot, which is defined as a parcel within an office or retail commercial zone that is not adjacent to an industrial use. The bill would require the density for a housing development under these provisions to meet or exceed the density deemed appropriate to accommodate housing for lower income households according to the type of local jurisdiction, including a density of at least 20 units per acre for a suburban jurisdiction.</td>
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<td>(Atkins)</td>
<td>Would require a proposed housing development containing 2 residential units within a single-family residential zone to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing, if the proposed housing development meets certain requirements, including, but not limited to, that the proposed housing development would not require demolition or alteration of housing that is subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of moderate, low, or very low income, that the proposed housing development does not allow for the demolition of more than 25% of the existing exterior structural walls, except as provided, and that the development is not located within a historic district, is not included on the State Historic Resources Inventory, or is not within a site that is legally designated or listed as a city or county landmark or historic property or district.</td>
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<td>(Wiener)</td>
<td>Would, notwithstanding any local restrictions on adopting zoning ordinances, authorize a local government to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified in the ordinance, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site, as those terms are defined. In this regard, the bill would require the</td>
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<td>SB 55</td>
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| **AB 1138**
(Rubio, Blanca) | **Unlawful cannabis activity: enforcement.**
Would impose a civil penalty on persons aiding and abetting unlicensed commercial cannabis activity of up to $30,000 for each violation. The bill would prohibit filing an action for civil penalties brought against a person pursuant to MAUCRSA 3 years after the first date of discovery of the violation by a licensing authority or a participating agency, whichever is earlier or earliest. | MONITOR LCC POSITION: MONITOR | 2/19/21 from printer |
| **AB 1435**
(Carillo) | **Noncannabis cannabinoids.**
Would impose testing and labeling requirements on products that are, or contain, one or more psychoactive or nonpsychoactive cannabinoids that are derived from a plant that is not cannabis, referred to as noncannabis cannabinoids or NCCs. The bill would require the State Department of Public Health to review each noncannabis cannabinoid in use in products for sale in the state to determine whether the NCC is psychoactive and to determine the safety and efficacy of the substance. The bill would require the department to publish a list that categorizes NCCs as approved psychoactive, approved, nonpsychoactive, or not approved, as specified. | MONITOR LCC POSITION: MONITOR | 2/22/21 read first time |

**FEDERAL**

| **HR 763**
(Deutsch) | **Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act.** Imposes a fee on the carbon content of fuels, including crude oil, natural gas, coal, or any other product derived from those fuels that will be used so as to emit greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. The fee is imposed on the producers or importers of the fuels and is equal to the greenhouse gas content of the fuel multiplied by the carbon fee rate. The rate begins at $15 in 2019, increases by $10 each year, and is subject to further adjustments based on the progress in meeting specified emissions reduction targets. Imposes a specified fee on fluorinated greenhouse gases. | REQUEST TO CONGRESSM AN LIEU TO SUPPORT RE-INTRODUCING (12/8/20) (Ltr sent 12/22/20) | To be re-introduced (no new bill number yet) Previously supported in last session |
Electric Bicycle Incentive Kickstart for the Environment (E-BIKE) Act. Creates a consumer tax credit that covers 30% of the cost of an electric bicycle (up to $1,500 credit); applies to new electric bicycles that cost less than $8,000; is fully refundable, allowing lower-income workers to claim the credit.

State Legislative Calendar

February 19 – Last day for bills to be introduced
March 25 – Spring Recess
April 5   Legislature reconvenes
April 30  Last day for policy committee to meet and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house
May 7    Last day for policy committees to meet and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house
May 14   Last day for policy committee to meet prior to June 7
May 21   Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report to the floor bills introduced in their house. Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report to the floor bills introduced in their house.
June 4   Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house.
June 7   Committee meetings may resume
June 15  Budget Bill must be passed by midnight
July 14  Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills
July 16  Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed
Aug. 16  Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess
Aug. 27  Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills
Aug. 30-Sept. 10

   Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to A.R. 77.2, and Conference Committees
Sept. 3  Last day to amend bills on the floor
Sept. 10 Last day for any bill to be passed. Interim Recess begins upon adjournment
Oct. 10  Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 10 and in the Governor's possession by Sept. 10