South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee
July 8, 2019
Meeting Notes – NO QUORUM

COMMITTEE CHAIR HORVATH NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO QUORUM BUT BEGAN INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AT 10:33 A.M.

I. Welcome / Self-Introductions
In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:
Christian Horvath, Chair (Redondo Beach)  Geoff Rizzo (Torrance)
Cedric Hicks (Carson)

Non-Voting Representatives
Ted Semaan, IWG (Redondo Beach)  Don Szerlip (Metro South Bay Service Council)
James Lee, Transit Operators (Torrance Transit)  Young-Gi Kim Harabedian (Sup. Hahn’s Office)

Also in attendance were the following persons:
Jason Jo (Carson)  Annette Cortez (Metro)
Orlando Rodriguez (El Segundo)  Mark Dierking (Metro)
Carla Dillon (Lomita)  Isidro Panuco (Metro)
Jill Crump (Torrance)  Jimmy Shih (Caltrans)
Maryam Adhami (LACDPW)  Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)
Mike Bohlke (Metro)  Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)
Scott Greene (Metro)  David Leger (SBCCOG)

II. Consent Calendar
A. June 10, 2019 Transportation Committee Minutes
B. July 2019 Transportation Update

III. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates
A. Infrastructure Working Group Update
No report was given.

B. Transit Operators Working Group Update
No report was given.

C. Metro Service Council – Don Szerlip
No report was given.

Ms. Bacharach reported that the Measure M MSP Task Force has been disbanded now that the Measure M MSP guidelines and project selection criteria have been adopted and the initial 5-year program of projects has been submitted. The task force was similar in nature to the Measure R task force that was set up to develop guidelines and a process for the South Bay Highway Program after the passage of Measure R. Any Measure M related issues will be considered by the Infrastructure Working Group and the Transportation Committee.

IV. Measure R
A. South Bay Highway Program Annual Performance Evaluation (APE) Report
Mr. Leger noted that the APE Report is almost finalized, however it is missing a few city reports due to timing of the meeting. Ms. Bacharach added that there are a lot of delays due to Caltrans-related issues which will be discussed at a to-be scheduled meeting with Caltrans’ new District 7 leadership.

Mr. Dierking handed out a flyer announcing Metro-Caltrans project delivery workshops, one of which is in Torrance. The flyer is available here:
The APE report is available online at:
http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/HANDOUT_June%202019%20APE%20Report.pdf

B. SBHP Project Funding Agreement Extensions and Supplemental Funding
Mr. Leger explained that there are a list of SBHP projects that have not yet used allocated funds that were set to lapse (expire) on June 30, 2019. Mr. Panuco added that as a result of not making progress on projects, funding is not spent and therefore lapses. Metro staff allows cities to continue working on the projects as the funding agreement amendments to extend the funding are being executed. Mr. Leger noted that the City of Lomita is requesting additional funding to cover extra costs incurred due to further Caltrans reviews that were not expected. The list of projects is available in the agenda item. This item will be acted upon at the SBCCOG Steering Committee due to the lack of quorum.

C. Status of Measure R South Bay Highway Program FY20 New Projects List Approval By Metro
The Measure R SBHP Metro Budget Request was approved at the June Metro Board meeting. Cities may now coordinate execution of the funding agreements with Metro staff so work can begin on the approved projects.

V. Status of Measure M South Bay Multi-Year Sub-Regional Programs 5-Year Projects Lists Approval by Metro
Ms. Panuco reported that the Measure M project list will be voted on at the September Metro Board meeting. This will give Metro the additional time to discuss any remaining eligibility questions with city staff. Ms. Bacharach asked him to clarify that with Fanny Pan because Ms. Pan had indicated the list would be voted on in July. Mr. Panuco will check back with Ms. Pan and update the SBCCOG.

Mr. Lantz added that there will one-on-one meetings beginning in August with project lead agency staff to review current projects and begin the process of discussing new projects as well as integration of the Measure R SBHP and Measure M MSPs into a single approval process.

VI. Green Line Weekend Service Suspension
Ms. Cortez and Mr. Greene presented on upcoming Green Line weekend service suspensions that are required as part of the construction of the Crenshaw/LAX line. Beginning on July 12, 2019 and continuing through October 2019, 6 Green Line stations will be closed on weekends and will be replaced with free Bus Shuttles operating every 15 minutes.

For more detail on the closures and information of the line integration work, the presentation is available online at:

VII. Spotlight: South Bay Fiber Network
Ms. Bacharach gave a brief overview of the project and explained that capital costs are being paid for via a Measure M MSP grant which will also provide traffic system data connectivity between Metro’s L.A.R.I.T.S. and LA County DPW’s data center, and the South Bay cities. This connectivity will allow for sub-regional signal synchronization and other cross-boundary communication amongst traffic control systems.

SBCCOG staff is currently requesting commitments from cities on a final list of sites they wish to be connected to the network. Each connection will provide a minimum 1GB/s service at $1,000/month which is a lower rate for higher speeds than is currently being paid in many cities. The project is expected to take about nine months to build and contracts should be finalized in September.

Ms. Bacharach also announced that Assemblymember Muratsuchi was successful in including $1.2M in the State Budget for the South Bay Fiber Network. However, it is still to be determined exactly what scope the funding will cover due to the process by which the monies are allocated. That process should begin in August or September. Ms. Bacharach added that it would be ideal to be able to use the State funding to help develop applications for the network.

Ms. Kim-Harabedian noted that Supervisor Hahn and the Metro Board are getting letters from BizFed and the LA Chamber of Commerce asking why Metro approved this project due to its lack of clear transportation benefit.
Chair Horvath noted that SBCCOG staff is drafting a letter to the Metro Board thanking them for their collaboration on this project which also lays out the defined transportation benefits including the LA RIITS integration.

VIII. SBCCOG Updates
A. Office Move
Ms. Bacharach reminded everyone that the SBCCOG’s office lease is ending November 30th. The likely new office location will be on Sepulveda and Crenshaw at Park Del Amo. The space will include a large conference room similar to the Client Theater in the current office space and will serve as the Board Room. As of July 15th, the SBCCOG no longer has access to the current Board Room and will be holding Board meeting either at the Torrance or Redondo Beach Main Libraries.

B. Legislative Briefing
Ms. Bacharach announced that the Legislative Briefing is taking place on Thursday, July 11th and will be the last meeting held in the current Theater/Board Room due to remodeling by the building owner.

IX. Three Month Look-Ahead

X. Announcements / Adjournment

Committee Chair Horvath announced that upon Councilmember Fangary’s departure from the SBCCOG Board, the Transportation Committee Vice-Chair position is vacant; he solicited volunteers. He then adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.