SBCCOG Board of Directors' Meeting Thursday, September 23, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Conducted Via Zoom

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

To address the SBCCOG Board of Directors on any agenda item or a matter within the Board of Directors' purview, please provide written comments by 5:00 pm, September 23, 2021 via email to natalie@southbaycities.org. All written comments submitted will become part of the official record. Unless otherwise noted in the Agenda, the Public can only provide written comment on SBCCOG related business that is within the jurisdiction of the SBCCOG and/or items listed on the Agenda which will be addressed during the Public Comment portion of the meeting (Item #IV).

ACCESSING THE MEETING:

To receive Zoom meeting credentials in advance of the meeting, register by using the link below: https://scag.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlld-uorDsqhEYyjlrAPN G-rVEpc0Lrw

OR to access the Zoom meeting, visit https://zoom.us/join or call (669) 900-6833 and use Meeting ID: 968 020 200; Passcode: 398836

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER (6:00 pm) Drew Boyles, Chair
- II. VERIFY QUORUM
- III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY TORRANCE CITY CLERK
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
- V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (6:05 pm)
- VI. CONSENT CALENDAR (6:10 pm) Matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. They have all been reviewed by the Steering Committee which recommended the action indicated. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.
 - A. August Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) Approve (Pages 5-10)
 - B. ICF Contract Extension and Additional Funds (attachment) Approve (Page 11)
 - C. Green Business Assist Contract with El Segundo (attachment) Approve (Pages 13-25)
 - D. Purpose, Goals and Guidelines of Legislative Committee (attachment) Approve and return to Legislative Committee for more specificity of topic areas (Pages 27-29)
 - E. Actions of the Steering Committee support AB 361 (attachment) (Page 30)
 - F. Legislative Matrix with bills of interest (attachment) Receive and file (Pages 32-41)
 - G. Dues and Assessment Outstanding Receive and file
 - Outstanding: Gardena, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, LA County
 - Partial assessment (\$1000): Rolling Hills
 - No assessment: Lawndale

- H. Monthly Reports Receive and File
 - 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (attachment) (Pages 42-47)
 - 2. Transportation Report (attachment) (Pages 48-54)
 - 3. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings (attachment) (Page 56)
 - 4. Reports from Outside Agencies (attachments for each at end of the agenda)
 - a. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Bea Dieringer & <u>Jeff Kiernan</u>) (Pages 72-74)
 - b. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle) (Pages 76-91)
 - c. SCAG Energy and Environment Committee (Britt Huff) (Page 92)
 - d. Metro Service Council & Ridership Report (Don Szerlip) (Page 94)

VII. PRESENTATIONS – (all prepared presentations will be posted on SBCCOG website)

- A. Service Planning Area 8 Update (6:10 pm)
 - 1. Dr. Silvia Prieto, Regional Health Officer for SPA 8, LA County Dept. of Public Health

B. Introduction to Beach Cities CAER (Community Awareness & Emergency Response) (6:25 pm)

1. Stephen Faichney, Executive Director

VIII. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS (7:00 pm)

- A. Metro Report
- B. Transportation Committee
 - FY 22-23 Measure R & Measure M South Bay Metro Budget Request Process (attachment) Approve (Pages 58-62)
 - 2. Letter to Metro re: I-405 ExpressLanes Evaluation (attachment) Approve (Pages 64-66)

IX. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS & UPDATES (7:15 pm)

- A. County Redistricting Comment Letter (attachment) Approve (Page 68)
- B. Newsletter Design, Printing and Layout Contractor (to be sent separately) Approve
- C. Special Networking Event November 10
- D. General Assembly
- E. South Bay Fiber Network
- F. Homeless Services
- F. Senior Services
- **G.** SPA 8 Working Group
- H. Media Report (attachment) NEW (Pages 70-71)
- I. Brown Act status continue virtual or in person or hybrid?
- J. Other

X. AGENCY REPORTS (7:50 pm)

NOTE: Oral reports will only be made to clarify or amplify written attachments No Attachments received for the following:

- A. Air Quality Management District (Joe Buscaino & Stephano Padilla)
- B. SCAG Committees
 - 1. SCAG Regional Council (Drew Boyles, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)
 - 2. Transportation Committee (James Gazeley, Christian Horvath)
 - 3. Community, Economic, &. Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek)
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- E. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Olivia Valentine)
- F. South Bay Aerospace Alliance (Olivia Valentine/Rodney Tanaka)
- G. California Association of Councils of Governments CALCOG (Britt Huff)

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 28 South Bay Economic Forecast Conference, CSUDH – 3 pm to 5:30 pm

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Next Board meeting – Thursday, <u>October 28, 2021</u>

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SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: **ATTENDANCE 2021**

City	Feb - 21	Apr - 21	May - 21	Jun - 21	Jul - 21	Aug - 21	Sep - 21
Carson	Dear	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks		Hicks	
El Segundo	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	
Gardena	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	
Inglewood	Butts	Faulk	Butts	Butts	Butts	Butts	
Lawndale	Suarez	Suarez		Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	
Lomita	Gazeley Waite	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley		
Los Angeles	Buscaino				Х	Х	
Manhattan Beach		Stern	Stern		Stern	Franklin	
Palos Verdes Estates	Roos	Roos		Roos		Roos	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath Obagi	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Zuckerman Huff	Zuckerman Huff	Zuckerman Huff	Zuckerman	Zuckerman Huff	Huff	
Torrance	Chen	Chen	Chen Furey	Chen	Chen	Chen	
County of Los Angeles-2 nd District	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	
County of Los Angeles- 4 th District	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque		
Number of Active Agencies	17	17	17	17	16	16	16
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Number of Agencies Attending	16	16	15	15	15	15	

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SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021 HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Boyles experienced connectivity issues and asked 1st Vice-Chair Cruikshank to begin the meeting. 1st Vice-Chair Cruikshank called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

II. VERIFY QUORUM

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Cedric Hicks, Carson
Drew Boyles, El Segundo
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne
Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach
James Butts, Inglewood
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale
Jim Roos, Palos Verdes Estates
John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
George Chen, Torrance
Sonia Lopez, LA County D-2

Joe Franklin, Manhattan Beach

Other elected officials in attendance:

Zein Obagi, Redondo Beach Jack Walser, Torrance

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Stephano Padilla, AQMD Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Jeff Kiernan, CalCities Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG Mike Saffell, Gardena Police Dept Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Dr. Silvia Prieto, LA County Public Health David Leger, SBCCOG Nancy Rodriguez, LA County Public Health Natalie Champion, SBCCOG Ara An, LA County D-2 Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado, LA County D-2 George Wentz, HR Green Cecil Rhambo, LAWA Police Dept Jonathan Pacheco Bell, Sagecrest

Keith Kauffman, Redondo Beach Police Dept
Sarah Patterson, SCAG
Fernando Ochoa, Public
Jubilee Byfield, Public

III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Bacharach announced a minor change to the Consent Calendar noting that the Rancho Palos Verdes had paid their annual dues and the special assessment.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. July Board Meeting Minutes (attachments) Approved
- B. Request for Destruction of Records (attachment) Approved
- C. Actions of Steering Committee since last Board meeting (attachment) Received and filed
- D. Legislative Matrix with bills of interest (attachment) Received and filed
- E. Dues and Assessments Received Received and filed
- F. Monthly Reports Received and Filed
 - 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (attachment)
 - 2. Transportation Report (attachment)
 - 3. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings (attachment)
 - 4. Reports from Outside Agencies (attachments for each at end of the agenda)
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- b. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Olivia Valentine)
- c. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)

MOTION by Board Member Hicks, seconded by Board Member Horvath, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Service Planning Area 8 Update

Dr. Silvia Prieto provided an update on COVID-19 conditions in Los Angeles County. She shared that the County recently surpassed the grim figure of 25,000 deaths due to COVID-19. Dr. Prieto went on to explain that the CDC is now recommending a 3rd vaccine dose for those who are immune compromised. She also highlighted high transmission rate of the Delta variant and the efficacy of the vaccine, sharing that in LA County hospitals, of patients in for COVID-19, there was one vaccinated person for every 29 unvaccinated. For more detail, Dr. Prieto's presentation is available online here:

https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_.Service%20Planning%20Area%208%20Update%20for%20SBCCOG%208.21pdf.pdf

B. Policing Post George Floyd

Board Member Butts moderated a discussion between LAWA Police Chief Cecil Rhambo, Gardena Police Chief Michael Saffell, and Redondo Beach Police Chief Keith Kauffman on policing in a post-George Floyd world.

Board Member Butts began by asking how the George Floyd incident impacts each Chief and their department.

Chief Saffell: although the Gardena Police Department has been holding over 100 annual community meetings for several years, it recommitted itself to continued improvement in all areas and listening more. The Chief shared that police officers field all types of issues and also act as service providers in many ways.

Chief Rhambo: LAX Airport is a little different from a city in that the police department almost serves as an ambassador and is very service oriented like Gardena. The department did change policies including the banning of the carotid artery chokehold and the mandatory reporting of all uses of force outside of policy. The Chief also spoke to officers about stepping in for their partner to help settle them down if a situation arises.

Chief Kauffman: Due to previous efforts, Redondo Beach did not have change much, besides banning the carotid chokehold. The department did add even more transparency efforts than before and also began educational efforts about why certain policies are in place. That helped elected officials and others better understand the background of certain situations. He noted that community confidence in the police department went up immediately after the George Floyd incident, likely because the officers are part of the community and are out in front of the community not only in times of emergency.

Board Member Butts asked if each Chief feels an arrest and charging decision is impacted by the race of a defendant and if so, what is done to address that?

Chief Rhambo: As somebody who grew up in the Los Angeles community, people of color do tend to get overcharged and end up copping to charges that often end their ability to get gainful employment or hinder them some other way in life. Focusing on intervention/prevention programs, increasing relationships between police and youth, and working with previously incarcerated people can help officers understand how these decisions impact a life.

Chief Saffell: In Gardena, there is also an audit process to ensure arrests are based on probable cause. Supervisors are also very involved in the process.

Chief Kauffman: Implicit bias training is continuously provided to make sure that the information is very fresh. The department also fitted every officer with a body camera and updated the policy to state that cameras shall record incidents.

Board Member Butts asked about rogue officers and the code of silence in many departments, touching on a recent incident where South Bay police officers spray painted swastikas in a person's car.

Chief Kauffman: A lot has been done to improve this, but Chiefs must be able to hold their officers accountable. The LA County Chiefs Association supports the declassification of bad cops. Unfortunately, officers are likely aware when their colleagues are bad actors. In hindsight, there are usually clues all over the place after an incident like George Floyd where people ask how the officer was ever allowed to be in that position.

Chief Rhambo echoed what Chief Kauffman shared and noted that little things like stickers on lockers or jokes at a briefing can all be clues to those bad individuals.

The Chiefs agreed that allowing a cop to be rewarded for being a "cop's cop" permeates that through the ranks and that Chief should be cognizant of what is being rewarded and celebrated within the department.

Board Member Butts asked if the pandemic has led to a noticeable increase or decrease in crime in the community.

Chief Rhambo: There was a minor increase in property crime. The pandemic did provide an opportunity to help bring the unhoused population down.

Kauffman: During the height of the pandemic, calls for service were so low that there was almost a day with no calls. However, as things have begun to return to normal, crime is about 25% above 2020 levels, mainly property crimes and vehicle thefts/burglaries.

Chair Boyles thanked Board Member Butts for moderating and asked what the city councils can do to help get rid of the bad actors in the departments. Chief Kauffman explained that it's something that everyone seems to agree needs to be made easier, but the sides are very far apart.

Board Member Obagi asked how the department responds to resident demands for things like traffic enforcement when they are spread so thin. Chief Saffell shared that in Gardena, they say "if it's important to you, it's important to us". There are also other discretionary resources that could be used, even if the police force is thin. Chief Rhambo added that engaging in PSAs and multijurisdictional efforts can help.

For the full dialogue, please visit https://youtu.be/mTET606Qtgl

VIII. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report

Board Member Butts reported that there was no Metro Board meeting in August. The City of Inglewood entered into a JPA with Metro to apply for federal funding for major projects such as the Inglewood Transit Connector.

Ms. Bacharach shared that the COG directors met with Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins and noted how highly the directors thought of her. Stephanie plans to meet quarterly with the group and has an open-door policy.

B. Letter to Governor supporting state funding for Inglewood Transit Connector Project (attachment) – APPROVED

Mr. Lantz shared that this letter urges the Governor to specifically include funding for the Inglewood Transit Connector in the California Comeback Plan.

MOTION by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Horvath, to **APPROVE** the letter. No objection. So ordered.

IX. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Contract Extensions that were just received and did not go to the Steering Committee:

1. Magellan Advisors for SBFN (attachment) – APPROVED

Ms. Bacharach explained that the contract has been month to month recently. This new contract would be for SBFN construction management and technical assistance while the staff considers an RFP for next steps on the SBFN. The contract would be for 10 months through June 2022 at \$58,000.

Board Member Dieringer asked to confirm that the funding is coming from the grant funding for the project. Ms. Bacharach confirmed.

MOTION by Board Member Armato, seconded by Board Member Butts, to **APPROVE** the contract. No objection. So ordered.

2. JP Marketing for website re-design (attachment) – APPROVED

Ms. Bacharach noted this is a no-cost time extension. Ms. Fuentes added that the extension allows additional time to complete the content migration and ensure bugs are worked out after launch. The website is scheduled to launch in September.

MOTION by Board Member Butts, seconded by Board Member Dieringer, to **APPROVE** the contract extension. No objection. So ordered.

B. New Contract with Sagecrest Planning & Environmental for Services of Regional Planner (attachment) - APPROVED

Ms. Bacharach reported that the SBCCOG tried to hire somebody but was unable to find a quality candidate. Sagecrest was highly recommended by the City of Hermosa Beach. Jonathan Pacheco Bell was recommended for the position. The contract is for 10 months to have Mr. Pacheco Bell work no more than 20hrs/week with Community Development Directors and the REAP projects. Ms. Bacharach introduced Mr. Pacheco Bell who then gave a brief background, including 15 years of experience as a regional planner for LA County.

Board Member Cruikshank thanked Mr. Pacheco Bell for being at the meeting and asked what he believes his role will be, particularly as cities are going through their housing plans. Mr. Pacheco-Bell explained that he hopes to be a resource for the SBCCOG and the go-to person to address all things planning related.

MOTION by Board Member Cruikshank, seconded by Board Member Armato, to **APPROVE** the contract. No objection. Abstention by Board Member Suarez. So ordered.

C. Strategic Planning Session Update

Chair Boyles gave an overview of the session and shared how great it was. Groups were formed around different focus areas to develop SMART goals. The focus area groups will be discussed in detail at the September Steering Committee meeting.

D. Legislative Visits and Advocacy, County Redistricting

Ms. Bacharach reported that the SBCCOG continues to monitor the LA County redistricting efforts.

E. Legislative Committee

Board Member Armato shared the Committee's first meeting will take place at 4pm on September 2nd.

F. South Bay Fiber Network

Ms. Bacharach shared that work orders 1-3 are wrapping up work, but some construction remains. Even more attention is now being paid to next steps including transportation applications and economic development strategies.

G. Homeless Services

Ms. Bacharach reported that Ronson Chu has been hired to fill the Senior Project Manager position. He previously worked at LAHSA, is a Redondo Beach resident, and is very passionate about homeless services. He came very highly recommended and will start September 7th.

Ms. Bacharach also shared that the cities rose to the occasion and submitted \$3.5M in project applications for the Innovation funding. Staff realized that the application process wasn't great and would like to meet with city applicants after Mr. Chu starts to give them the opportunity to clarify their proposed projects.

Finally, Ms. Bacharach asked Ms. Farrell to share the media kit that was created for the HomeShare South Bay program. Ms. Farrell explained that the kit includes images and other materials for the Board to post on their own social media channels since it has been sent to city staff for sharing through city channels.

H. Senior Services

Ms. Bacharach shared that although he is not a gerontologist as was Ms. Farwell, Mr. Chu has agreed to work on senior issues as well.

Board Member Huff shared that the meeting will take place Tuesday, September 28 at 9:30am via Zoom.

I. SPA 8 Working Group

Board Member Armato noted there was not much to report and that the first meeting is still being scheduled. The recent surge has put extra burden on Beach Cities Health District which has been heading up the working group.

J. September Board meeting - virtual or in person or hybrid?

Chair Boyles proposed a virtual meeting and received no objection.

K. Other

Board Member Dieringer shared that SB9 was passed by the Assembly earlier and could go back to the Senate following week. Efforts to stop the bill must now be aimed at the Senate and Governor.

X. AGENCY REPORTS

NOTE: Oral reports are only made to clarify or amplify written attachments. All reports that were submitted or handed out are available online here: https://www.southbaycities.org/committees/board-directors/board-directors-meeting-74

- A. Air Quality Management District (Joe Buscaino & Stephano Padilla) no oral report
- **B. SCAG Committee**
 - 1. SCAG Regional Council (Drew Boyles, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)
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XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Boyles: the El Segundo Art Walk will take place Saturday from 3-9pm

Board Member Huff: the annual Rolling Hills Estates city celebration will take place September 25th.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Boyles adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm to Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

David Leger, Assistant Board Secretary



MODIFICATION NO. 2

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 **12/31/2021**.
- b) **APPENDIX C FEE SCHEDULE**: Additional funding added to the Subcontractor's existing budget (see below).

Category	Rate (\$)
SoCalREN Kids for Kits Project	\$10,000.00

Funding Summary:

Previous Funding	This Action	Current Funding
\$25,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$35,000.00

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:

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CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

This CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of 08/20/21 (the "Effective Date"), by and between the CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, a municipal corporation ("CITY"), and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, a Joint Powers Authority ("CONSULTANT").

RECITALS:

- A. CITY wishes to retain the services of an experienced and qualified CONSULTANT to implement the California Green Business Network Grant Program to assist CITY OF EL SEGUNDO businesses with environmental program compliance.
- B. CITY was awarded \$30,000 in grant funds from the California Green Business Network ("CAGBN") in August of 2021 to certify a minimum of 10 businesses in the Green Business certification program and improve the business' environmental compliance.
- C. CITY would like to contract the services of CONSULTANT to assist in the implementation of this grant program. CONSULTANT represents that it is qualified to perform these services.

AGREEMENT:

1. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CONSULTANT

CONSULTANT will provide the services listed in the Scope of Services attached as Exhibit A. CONSULTANT warrants that all work and services set forth in the Scope of Services will be performed in a competent, professional and satisfactory manner.

2. TERM

Unless earlier terminated in accordance with Paragraph 4 below, this Agreement will continue in full force and effect from the Effective Date through June 30, 2022.

3. COMPENSATION

A. CONSULTANT's Fee.

For services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, CONSULTANT will be paid in accordance with the Compensation Schedule attached as Exhibit B, provided, however, that in no event will the total amount of money paid CONSULTANT, for services initially contemplated by this Agreement, exceed the sum of \$20,000 ("Agreement Sum"), unless otherwise first approved in writing by CITY.

B. Schedule of Payment.

Provided that CONSULTANT is not in default under the terms of this Agreement, upon CITY award of contract by CGBN and presentation of an invoice, CONSULTANT will be

paid the fees described in Paragraph 3.A. above, according to the Compensation Schedule Exhibit B. Payment will be due within 30 days after the date of the invoice.

4. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

- A. Termination by CITY for Convenience.
 - 1. CITY and CONSULTANT may, at any time, terminate the Agreement for convenience and without cause.
 - 2. Upon receipt of written notice from CITY of such termination for CITY's convenience, CONSULTANT will:
 - a. cease operations as directed by CITY in the notice;
 - b. take actions necessary, or that CITY may direct, for the protection and preservation of the work; and
 - c. except for work directed to be performed prior to the effective date of termination stated in the notice, terminate all existing subcontracts and purchase orders and enter into no further subcontracts and purchase orders.
 - 3. In case of termination for CITY's convenience, CONSULTANT will be entitled to receive payment for work executed, together with costs incurred by reason of the termination, along with reasonable overhead and profit on work not executed.

B. Termination.

1. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon fifteen (15) days' written notice to the other party. The effective date of termination shall be upon the date specified in the notice of termination, or, in the event no date is specified, upon the fifteenth (15th) day following delivery of the notice. Immediately upon receiving written notice of termination, SBCCOG shall discontinue performing services. Should the Agreement be breached in any manner, the non-breaching party may, at its option, terminate the Agreement not less than five (5) days after written notification is received by the breaching party to remedy the violation within the stated time or within any other time period agreed to by the parties.

5. FORCE MAJEURE

If any party fails to perform its obligations because of strikes, lockouts, labor disputes, embargoes, acts of God, inability to obtain labor or materials or reasonable substitutes for labor or materials, governmental restrictions, governmental regulations, governmental control, judicial orders, enemy or hostile governmental action, civil commotion, fire or other casualty, or other causes beyond the reasonable control of the party obligated to perform, then that party's performance will be excused for a period equal to the period of that cause for failure to perform.

6. <u>RETENTION OF FUNDS</u>

CONSULTANT authorizes CITY to deduct from any amount payable to CONSULTANT (whether or not arising out of this Agreement) any amounts the payment of which may be in dispute or that are necessary to compensate CITY for any losses, costs, liabilities, or damages suffered by CITY, and all amounts for which CITY may be liable to third parties, by reason of CONSULTANT's acts or omissions in performing or failing to perform CONSULTANT's obligations under this Agreement. In the event that any claim is made by a third party, the amount or validity of which is disputed by CONSULTANT, or any indebtedness exists that appears to be the basis for a claim of lien, CITY may withhold from any payment due, without liability for interest because of the withholding, an amount sufficient to cover the claim. The failure of CITY to exercise the right to deduct or to withhold will not, however, affect the obligations of CONSULTANT to insure, indemnify, and protect CITY as elsewhere provided in this Agreement.

7. CITY REPRESENTATIVE

The Public Works Director or their designee is designated as the "City Representative," authorized to act in its behalf with respect to the work and services specified in this Agreement and to make all decisions in connection with this Agreement. Whenever approval, directions, or other actions are required by CITY under this Agreement, those actions will be taken by the City Representative, unless otherwise stated. The City Manager has the right to designate another City Representative at any time, by providing notice to CONSULTANT.

8. <u>CONSULTANT REPRESENTATIVE(S)</u>

The following principal(s) of CONSULTANT are designated as being the principal(s) and representative(s) of CONSULTANT authorized to act in its behalf with respect to the work specified in this Agreement and make all decisions in connection with this Agreement:

Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments

9. INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT

CONSULTANT is, and at all times will remain as to CITY, a wholly independent CONSULTANT. Neither CITY nor any of its agents will have control over the conduct of CONSULTANT or any of CONSULTANT's employees, except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement. CONSULTANT's agents and employees are not and shall not be considered employees of CITY for any purpose. CONSULTANT may not, at any time or in any manner, represent that it or any of its agents or employees are in any manner agents or employees of CITY. CITY has no duty, obligation, or responsibility to CONSULTANT's agents or employees under the Affordable Care Act. CONSULTANT is solely responsible for any tax penalties associated with the failure to offer affordable coverage to its agents and employees under the Affordable Care Act and any other liabilities, claims and obligations regarding compliance with the Affordable Care Act with respect to CONSULTANT's agents and employees. CITY is not responsible and shall not be held liable for CONSULTANT's failure to comply with CONSULTANT's duties, obligations, and responsibilities under the Affordable Care Act. CONSULTANT agrees to defend, indemnify and hold CITY harmless for any and all taxes and penalties that may be assessed against CITY as a

result of CONSULTANT's obligations under the Affordable Care Act relating to CONSULTANT's agents and employees.

10. OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS

CONSULTANT warrants that it has all professional, contracting and other permits and licenses required to undertake the work contemplated by this Agreement.

11. FAMILIARITY WITH WORK

By executing this Agreement, CONSULTANT warrants that CONSULTANT (a) has thoroughly investigated and considered the scope of services to be performed, (b) has carefully considered how the services should be performed, and (c) fully understands the facilities, difficulties and restrictions attending performance of the services required under this Agreement. If the services involve work upon any site, CONSULTANT warrants that CONSULTANT has or will investigate the site and is or will be fully acquainted with the conditions there existing, prior to commencement of the services set forth in this Agreement. Should CONSULTANT discover any latent or unknown conditions that will materially affect the performance of the services set forth in this Agreement, CONSULTANT must immediately inform CITY of that fact and may not proceed except at CONSULTANT's risk until written instructions are received from CITY.

12. CARE OF WORK

CONSULTANT must adopt reasonable methods during the term of the Agreement to furnish continuous protection to the work, and the equipment, materials, papers, documents, plans, studies and other components to prevent losses or damages, and will be responsible for all damages to persons or property, until acceptance of the work by CITY, except those losses or damages as may be caused by CITY's own negligence.

13. CONSULTANT'S ACCOUNTING RECORDS; OTHER PROJECT RECORDS

Records of CONSULTANT's time pertaining to the project, and records of accounts between CITY and CONSULTANT, will be kept on a generally recognized accounting basis. CONSULTANT will also maintain all other records, including without limitation, specifications, drawings, progress reports and the like, relating to the work and services identified in Exhibit A. All records will be available to CITY during normal working hours. CONSULTANT will maintain these records for three years after final payment.

14. INDEMNIFICATION

CONSULTANT will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CITY, the City Council, each member thereof, present and future, members of boards and commissions, their officers, agents, employees and volunteers (collectively "City Affiliates") from and against any and all liability, expenses, including defense costs and legal fees, and claims for damages whatsoever, including, but not limited to, those arising from breach of contract, bodily injury, death, personal injury, property damage, loss of use, or property loss however the same may be caused and regardless of the responsibility for negligence. The obligation to indemnify, defend and hold harmless includes, but is not limited to, any liability or expense, including defense costs and legal fees, arising from the negligent acts or omissions, or willful

misconduct of CONSULTANT, its officers, employees, agents, sub-consultants or vendors. CONSULTANT's obligations to indemnify, defend and hold harmless will apply even in the event of concurrent negligence on the part of City Affiliates, except for liability resulting solely from the negligence or willful misconduct of City Affiliates. Payment by CITY is not a condition precedent to enforcement of this indemnity. In the event of any dispute between CONSULTANT and CITY, as to whether liability arises from the sole negligence of City Affiliates, CONSULTANT will be obligated to pay for the defense of City Affiliates until such time as a final judgment has been entered adjudicating City Affiliates as solely negligent. CONSULTANT will not be entitled in the event of such a determination to any reimbursement of defense costs including but not limited to attorney's fees, expert fees and costs of litigation.

15. NON-LIABILITY OF CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

No officer or employee of CITY will be personally liable to CONSULTANT, in the event of any default or breach by the CITY or for any amount that may become due to CONSULTANT.

16. INSURANCE

- A. CONSULTANT and its sub-consultants must maintain at their sole expense the following insurance, which will be full coverage, not subject to self insurance provisions:
 - 1. Automobile Liability, including owned, non-owned and hired vehicles, with at least the following limits of liability:
 - a. Combined single limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
 - 2. Commercial General Liability including coverage for premises, products and completed operations, independent CONSULTANTs/vendors, personal injury and contractual obligations with combined single limits of coverage of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate.
 - 3. Workers' Compensation coverage as required by the Labor Code of the State of California and, if workers' compensation is required, employer's liability insurance with minimum limits of (\$1,000,000) per occurrence or occupational illness. The Workers' Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the CITY for all work performed by the CONSULTANT, its employees, agents and subCONSULTANTS.
- B. The insurance provided by CONSULTANT will be primary and non-contributory.
- C. CITY, the City Council and each member thereof, members of boards and commissions, every officer, agent, official, employee and volunteer must be named as additional insureds under the automobile and general liability policies.

- D. CONSULTANT must provide certificates of insurance including all required amendatory endorsements (or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause) indicating appropriate coverage, to the City Clerk of the City of El Segundo before the commencement of work.
- E. Each insurance policy required by this Paragraph must contain a provision that no termination, cancellation or change of coverage can be made without notice to the CITY.
- F. If the CONSULTANT maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the CITY requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the CONSULTANT. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the CITY.
- G. The procuring of insurance shall not be construed as a limitation on liability nor as full performance of the indemnification provisions of the CONSULTANT.
- H. CONSULTANT hereby grants to CITY a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said CONSULTANT may acquire against the CITY by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. CONSULTANT agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the CITY has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer. The Workers' Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the CITY for all work performed by the CONSULTANT, its employees, agents and subcontractors.
- In the event the Risk Manager determines that the work or services to be performed under this Agreement creates an increased or decreased risk of loss to CITY, the CONSULTANT agrees that the minimum limits of any insurance policies or performance bonds required by this Agreement may be changed accordingly upon receipt of written notice from the Risk Manager; provided that CONSULTANT will have the right to appeal a determination of increased coverage by the Risk Manager to the City Council of CITY within 10 days of receipt of notice from the Risk Manager.

17. SUFFICIENCY OF INSURERS

Insurance required by this Agreement will be satisfactory only if issued by companies admitted to do business in California, rated "A" or better in the most recent edition of Best's Key Rating Guide, and only if they are of a financial category Class VII or better, unless these requirements are waived by the Risk Manager of CITY ("Risk Manager") due to unique circumstances. In the event the Risk Manager determines that the work or services to be performed under this Agreement creates an increased or decreased risk of loss to CITY, the CONSULTANT agrees that the minimum limits of any insurance policies or performance bonds required by this Agreement may be changed accordingly upon receipt of written notice from the Risk Manager; provided that CONSULTANT will have the right to appeal a determination of

increased coverage by the Risk Manager to the City Council of CITY within 10 days of receipt of notice from the Risk Manager.

18. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- A. No officer or employee of the CITY may have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement, nor may any officer or employee participate in any decision relating to the Agreement that effects the officer or employee's financial interest or the financial interest of any corporation, partnership or association in which the officer or employee is, directly or indirectly interested, in violation of any law, rule or regulation.
- B. No person may offer, give, or agree to give any officer or employee or former officer or employee, nor may any officer or employee solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any way pertaining to any program requirement, contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal.

19. NOTICE

- A. All notices, requests, demands, or other communications under this Agreement will be in writing. Notice will be sufficiently given for all purposes as follows:
 - 1. Personal delivery. When personally delivered to the recipient, notice is effective on delivery.
 - 2. First Class mail. When mailed first class to the last address of the recipient known to the party giving notice, notice is effective three mail delivery days after deposit in a United States Postal Service office or mailbox.
 - 3. Certified mail. When mailed certified mail, return receipt requested, notice is effective on receipt, if delivery is confirmed by a return receipt.
 - 4. Overnight delivery. When delivered by an overnight delivery service, charges prepaid or charged to the sender's account, notice is effective on delivery, if delivery is confirmed by the delivery service.
 - 5. Facsimile transmission. When sent by fax to the last fax number of the recipient known to the party giving notice, notice is effective on receipt. Any notice given by fax will be deemed received on the next business day if it is received after 5:00 p.m. (recipient's time) or on a non-business day.
 - 6. Addresses for purpose of giving notice are as follows:

CONSULTANT: The South Bay Cities Council of

Governments

2355 Crenshaw Blvd, Suite 125

Torrance, CA 90501

Fax: (310) 437-8977

CITY: City Clerk

City of El Segundo

City Hall

350 Main Street

El Segundo, CA 90245 Fax: 310-414-0911

- B. Any correctly addressed notice that is refused, unclaimed, or undeliverable because of an act or omission of the party to be notified, will be deemed effective as of the first date the notice was refused, unclaimed or deemed undeliverable by the postal authorities, messenger or overnight delivery service.
- C. Either party may change its address or fax number by giving the other party notice of the change in any manner permitted by this Agreement.

20. PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING

This Agreement and all exhibits are binding on the heirs, successors, and assigns of the parties. The Agreement may not be assigned or subcontracted by either CITY or CONSULTANT without the prior written consent of the other.

21. INTEGRATION; AMENDMENT

This Agreement represents the entire understanding of CITY and CONSULTANT as to those matters contained in it. No prior oral or written understanding will be of any force or effect with respect to the terms of this Agreement. The Agreement may not be modified or altered except in writing signed by both parties.

22. INTERPRETATION

The terms of this Agreement should be construed in accordance with the meaning of the language used and should not be construed for or against either party by reason of the authorship of this Agreement or by any other rule of construction that might otherwise apply.

23. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

If any part of this Agreement is found to be in conflict with applicable laws, that part will be inoperative, null and void insofar as it is in conflict with any applicable laws, but the remainder of the Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

24. TIME OF ESSENCE

Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement.

25. GOVERNING LAW; JURISDICTION

This Agreement will be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of California. Jurisdiction of any litigation arising from the Agreement will be in Los Angeles County, California.

26. COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

CONSULTANT will be knowledgeable of and will comply with all applicable federal, state, county and city statutes, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders.

27. WAIVER OF BREACH

No delay or omission in the exercise of any right or remedy by a nondefaulting party on any default will impair the right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. A party's consent or approval of any act by the other party requiring the first party's consent or approval will not be deemed to waive or render unnecessary the other party's consent to or approval of any subsequent act. Any waiver by either party of any default must be in writing and will not be a waiver of any other default concerning the same or any other provision of this Agreement.

28. ATTORNEY'S FEES

Except as provided for in Paragraph 15, in any dispute, litigation, arbitration, or other proceeding by which one party either seeks to enforce its rights under this Agreement (whether in contract, tort or both) or seeks a declaration of any rights or obligations under this Agreement, the prevailing party will be awarded reasonable attorney's fees, together with any costs and expenses, to resolve the dispute and to enforce any judgment.

29. EXHIBITS

All exhibits identified in this Agreement are incorporated into the Agreement by this reference.

30. CONSULTANT'S AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE

The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of CONSULTANT warrant that (i) CONSULTANT is duly organized and existing; (ii) they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of CONSULTANT; (iii) by so executing this Agreement, CONSULTANT is formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement; and (iv) the entering into this Agreement does not violate any provision of any other Agreement to which CONSULTANT is bound.

31. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

Any documents submitted by the CONSULTANT; all information obtained in connection with the CITY's right to audit and inspect the CONSULTANT's documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to paragraph 14 CONSULTANT's Accounting Records; Other Project Records; become the exclusive property of the City. All such documents become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the California Government Code Section 6250 et seq. (Public Records Act) and which are marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary". The CITY shall not in any way be liable or

responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

In the event the CITY is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a proposal marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary", the CONSULTANT agrees to defend and indemnify the CITY from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, in action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

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Tracy Weaver			
APPROVED A MARK D. HEN City Attorney	ISLEY		
By: City Attorney			
Attachments:	Exhibit A Exhibit B	Scope of Services Compensation Schedule	

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EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

2021-2022 Program Year

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments ("CONSULTANT"), under the approval and supervision of the City of El Segundo ("CITY"), will help implement the requirements of the California Green Business Network (CAGBN) Grant, including but not limited to:

1. General Oversight

- a. Coordinate with City Staff, City of El Segundo Environmental Committee, City of El Segundo Economic Development Committee, and El Segundo Chamber of Commerce for a successful implementation of this program.
- b. Participate in the CAGBN on the City's behalf including participating in the statewide bi-annual meetings and other meetings and workshops through the CAGBN.
- **c.** Consult with CAGBN staff as needed to help ensure that grant requirements are implemented appropriately and to provide any needed support to City.
- d. Provide training and assistance to City staff and others on the CAGBN program as requested on database, outreach, and audit procedures.
- e. Create and maintain a spread sheet to track business progress and marketing efforts.
- f. Report the outcomes to the City and assist in preparing progress and final reports for CAGBN. Monthly reporting to City will include: number of businesses contacted, status of business certification, and gains towards goals.
- g. Conduct other related program activities as agreed to by the CITY and CONSULTANT.

2. Business Certification

- a. Recruit and certify a minimum of 10 businesses. Recruitment will include business walks/canvassing. Certification includes preforming finial checklist.
- Conduct oversight, updates, and track business activities and certification through the use of CAGBN database GreenBiz Tracker tool.
- c. Utilize the CAGBN checklists (part of the GreenBiz tool) for various business types such as retail, office, restaurants, hotels, etc. This list will be used for initial business walk throughs, audits, and follow up. Notes will be added within the tracker if applicable.
- d. Coordinate with utility partners to provide incentives, rebates, business upgrades, sustainability opportunities, and assistance with audits. Utility partners include Southern California Edison, SoCalGas, West Basin Municipal Water District, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, among others.

3. Promotion

- a. Work with City to promote Green Business Program visibility through increased publicity to encourage the public to patronize certified and participating green businesses.
- b. Recruit City of El Segundo Environmental Committee and Economic Development Committee, agency staff, and community organizations such as Chamber of Commerce as needed to promote program.
- c. Advertise/publicize the program through SBCCOG channels and networks to promote recruitment of new green businesses.
- **d.** Use approved/provided promotional/media collateral: online, social media, and print media (postcard and brochure) to promote the Green Business program.
- e. Distribute Green Business window clings with the CAGBN and El Segundo logos to promote the statewide green business brand to successful participants.
- f. Assist with City Council recognition for newly certified businesses throughout the program period and other awards and recognition programs available.

Note: All reports, documentation, materials, etc., are the property of the City and must have City Staff approval before submitting to the State or other agencies.

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

CONSULTANT will be paid monthly, upon presentation of an invoice, in accordance with Paragraph 3 of the Agreement. Invoices submitted by the SBCCOG will include a progress report noting number of businesses contacted, status of business certification, and gains towards goals.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

September 23, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Legislative Committee

RE: SBCCOG Legislative Committee Purpose and Goals

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay.

At the first meeting of each new committee formed by the SBCCOG Board of Directors, a set of purpose and goals for that committee were approved.

Purpose: The SBCCOG Legislative Committee reviews, monitors, and recommends positions on State and Federal legislation of interest to the SBCCOG. The Committee also fosters relationships between the SBCCOG and South Bay legislators, agencies, and stakeholders in support and advancement of SBCCOG legislative priorities.

Goals: The SBCCOG Legislative Committees goals include:

- a. Developing an annual legislative agenda including high-priority topics such as:
 - Local control
 - Economic Development
 - Housing/land-use
 - Homelessness
 - Environmental/energy
 - Transportation
 - Technology
 - Public safety
 - Seniors/Older Adults
- b. Monitor and provide direction on SBCCOG legislative agenda/priorities, advocacy efforts, and other legislative matters impacting the South Bay
- c. Monitor legislation and provide recommended positions to the SBCCOG Board of Directors
- d. Develop policy proposals and legislative ideas in support of SBCCOG legislative agenda
- e. Maintain/advance relationships with South Bay legislators at both the State and Federal level
- f. Develop/maintain relationships with non-South Bay cities, COGs, and agencies to identify coalitions and work together in support of/opposition to key legislative issues
- g. Provide direction on quarterly SBCCOG Legislative Briefings

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the SBCCOG Legislative Committee Purpose and Goals.

PLEASE NOTE: It is intended for the Legislative Committee to report directly to the Board of Directors in the future and not report at the Steering Committee unless there is a time critical item.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

September 23, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Legislative Committee

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Taking Positions on Legislation

With the re-establishment of the SBCCOG Legislative Committee and in order for the SBCCOG to be an effective agent on behalf of cities, the SBCCOG Legislative Committee is recommending the following guidelines for taking positions on legislation.

Overriding Principles

The SBCCOG believes that cities must be able to control matters within their own jurisdictions. Therefore, the SBCCOG will take positions on proposed legislation, rules and/or regulations that affect cities' local control. Additionally, the SBCCOG will take positions on issues that directly affect the South Bay.

Issues

The areas of interest that the SBCCOG will monitor are as follows:

- 1. Governance/Fiscal Impact
- 2. Transportation & Transit
- 3. LAX/regionalization
- 4. Economic Development
- 5. Housing
- 6. Livable Communities
- 7. Environment
- 8. Homelessness
- 9. Technology/Broadband access
- 10. Public Safety
- 11. Seniors/Older Adults
- 12. Other issues of interest to the SBCCOG

Process

Staff proposes that the following draft guidelines be considered for taking positions on legislation:

- Legislation to be considered may come from members of the SBCCOG Legislative Committee; any of the other SBCCOG committees and working groups; any member city, the League of California Cities, and other COGs; and outside agencies or organizations such as SCAG, MTA, AQMD, Contract Cities, etc.
- The overriding consideration in taking a position on legislation is that it should involve local control, should affect the South Bay and fall into one of the above issue categories.
- Any member city can request that the SBCCOG take action on legislation important to that city only. If it affects that one city and is not detrimental to any other city in the

- organization, the Legislative Committee will bring the issue to the Board of Directors with the committee's recommendation.
- If an issue meets the SBCCOG criteria for consideration but time does not permit waiting for a Board meeting to take a position, the Legislative Committee can take the position and with the notification of the officers, request the SBCCOG Board Chair sign a position statement on behalf of the SBCCOG based on the adopted guidelines. In all such circumstances, the Board would be notified of such actions at its next meeting.
- If an issue arises after the Legislative Committee has met, it may call for a special or
 emergency meeting to consider the issue at hand. If the Legislative Committee cannot
 meet soon enough or establish a quorum to take a position on an issue that meets the
 SBCCOG criteria for consideration, the SBCCOG Board Chair shall confer with the Chair
 of the Legislative Committee and decide on the appropriate action with notification to the
 SBCCOG Board Officers. The Board would be notified of such actions at its next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board approve the guidelines for taking positions on legislation.

PLEASE NOTE: It is intended for the Legislative Committee to report directly to the Board of Directors in the future and not report at the Steering Committee unless there is a time critical item.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

September 23, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Actions of Steering Committee since last Board meeting

The Steering Committee has been delegated the authority by the Board of Directors to take action on time critical and administrative items.

In keeping with the policy approved by the Board for delegating authority to the Steering committee, the following item was approved by the Steering Committee with the requirement that the Board be informed at their next meeting. Governing Board members can ask for review and possible reconsideration of the item at the Board meeting.

Re: AB 361 (Rivas) dealing with extending the Brown Act changes due to the pandemic would allow local government to continue to have virtual, hybrid or in person meetings. The SBCCOG had a position of monitoring the bill. The legislature has approved the bill and sent it to the Governor for his signature. On September 13, the Steering Committee took the following action to approve:

• Changing the SBCCOG position to SUPPORT and directing the staff to send a letter to the Governor asking him to sign the bill.

More information on these items is available on request.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

September 23, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Legislative Committee

RE: Bills to Monitor and for Action – Status as of September 14, 2021

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay

NOTE: **BOLD recommendation & status** indicates bill added since last Board meeting

BROADBAND

<u>AB 14</u>	Communications: California Advanced Services Fund: deaf	SUPPORT	9/9/21
(Aguiar-Curry)	and disabled telecommunications program: surcharges.	(2/25/21)	Ordered to engrossing and
	Eliminates the sunset of the California Advanced Services Fund		enrolling
	(CASF), deletes existing law allowing VoIP providers to establish	(Ltr sent	
	alternative methods for calculating contributions to CASF,	6/18/21)	
	establishes \$100M cap on the max amount of annual funding the		
	CPUS can collect to fund the Daf and Disable Telephone Program,	LCC	
	and requires each internet service provider to report on specified	POSITION:	
	information regarding each free, low-cost, income-qualified, or	SUPPORT	
	affordable service plan offered.		
AB 41	Broadband Infrastructure. Would state the intent of the	SUPPORT	9/10/21
(Wood)	Legislature to enact future legislation that will improve California's	(3/8/21)	Ordered to engrossing and
	"Dig Once" policy and expedite the deployment of broadband		enrolling
	infrastructure in communities that are currently unserved and	(Ltr sent	
	underserved.	6/18/21)	
		LCC	
		POSITION:	
		WATCH	

<u>SB 4</u>	Communications: California Advanced Services Fund.	SUPPORT	9/9/21
(Gonzalez)	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.	(2/25/21) (Ltr sent 6/18/21) LCC POSITION:	Ordered to engrossing and enrolling
		SUPPORT	
<u>SB 556</u> (Dodd)	Street light poles, traffic signal poles, utility poles, and support structures: attachments. This bill would prohibit a local government or local publicly owned electric utility from unreasonably denying the leasing or licensing of its street light poles or traffic signal poles to communications service providers for the purpose of placing small wireless facilities on those poles. Would require that street light poles and traffic signal poles be made available for the placement of small wireless facilities under fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory fees, subject to specified requirements, consistent with a specified decision of the Federal Communications Commission. Would specify time periods for various actions relative to requests for placement of a small wireless facility by a communications service provider on a street light pole or traffic signal pole. By placing additional requirements upon local publicly owned electric utilities and local governments, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program, but the bill would provide that no reimbursement is required.	OPPOSE (4/12/21) (Ltr sent 6/18/21) LCC POSITION: OPPOSE	9/9/21 Enrolled and presented to the Governor

ENVIRONMENT

SB 83	California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank:	SUPPORT	9/9/21
(Allen)	Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program. Would create the Sea	(2/25/21)	Ordered to engrossing and
	Level Rise Revolving Loan Program within the I-Bank to provide		enrolling
	low-interest loans to local jurisdictions for the purchase of coastal	(Ltr sent	
	properties in their jurisdictions identified as vulnerable coastal	6/18/21)	
	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.	LCC POSITION: WATCH	
SB 619 (Laird)	Organic waste: reduction regulations. This bill, until January 1, 2023, would require CalRecycle and Recovery to only impose a penalty on a local jurisdiction, and would require a penalty to only accrue, for a violation of the SB 1383 regulations if the local jurisdiction did not make a reasonable effort, as determined by the department, to comply with the SB 1383 regulations.	SUPPORT (6/24/21) (Ltr sent 6/25/21) LCC POSITION: SUPPORT	9/9/21 Ordered to engrossing and enrolling

GOVERNANCE

AB 339	State and local government: open meetings. Would, until	OPPOSE	9/9/21
(Lee)	December 31, 2023, require all open and public meetings of a city council or a county board of supervisors that governs a jurisdiction	(4/22/21)	Ordered to engrossing and enrolling
	containing least 250,000 people to include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a telephonic option or an	(Ltr sent 6/18/21)	3
	internet-based service option. The bill would require all open and public meetings to include an in-person public comment opportunity, except in specified circumstances during a declared	LCC POSITION:	
	state or local emergency. The bill would require all meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed legislation in person and remotely via a telephonic or an internet-based service option, as provided.	OPPOSE	
AB 361 (Rivas)	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences. 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 holds a	SUPPORT (9/13/21)	9/9/21 Ordered to engrossing and enrolling

meeting for the purpose of declaring or ratifying a local emergency, during a declared state or local emergency, as those terms are	<mark>(Ltr sent</mark> 9/14/21)	
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	LCC POSITION: SUPPORT	
constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body.		

HOMELESS

AB 816	Homelessness: Housing Trust Fund: housing projects. This	MONITOR	9/10/21
(Chiu)	bill would require HCD to prioritize funding for projects that serve		Ordered to engrossing and
	people experiencing homelessness, to the extent that a sufficient		enrolling
	number of projects exist. The bill would authorize the department	LCC	_
	to alter priority for funding to align eligibility for possible benefits,	POSITION:	
	including Medi-Cal benefits that are intended to assist people	WATCH	
	experiencing homelessness.		

HOUSING

<u>AB 68</u>	Department of Housing and Community Development:	MONITOR -	9/9/21
(Salas)	California Statewide Housing Plan: annual reports. Current law	removed	Ordered to engrossing and
	establishes the California Statewide Housing Plan, which serves	opposition	enrolling
	as a state housing plan for all relevant purposes, that incorporates	(7/23/21)	
	a statement of housing goals, policies, and objectives, as well as		Bill was amended to
	specified segments. Current law requires the Department of		remove appeals process
	Housing and Community Development to update and provide a	(Ltr sent	for developers, which was
	revision of the plan to the Legislature every 4 years, as provided.	6/18/21)	the SBCCOG's major

This bill would revise and recast those prov California Statewide Housing Plan. The bill	would, starting with any	issue. The remaining aspects of the bill require
update or revision to the plan on or after Ja the plan to include specified information, in		HCD report/update the content of the Statewide
things, an inventory number of affordable u	nits needed to meet the L	.CC Housing Plan in specified
state's affordable housing needs and an ide to help individuals experiencing homelessn	<u> </u>	SITION: areas relating to affordable units and homelessness strategies.
AB 215 Planning and Zoning Law: housing elem	ent: violations. The OP	POSE 9/10/21
(Chiu) Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or	county to adopt a (6/2	Ordered to engrossing and
general plan for land use development with		enrolling
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AB 602 Development fees: impact fee nexus stu		POSE 9/8/21
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	explaining why square footage is not an appropriate metric to calculate fees.		
AB 787 (Gabriel)	Planning and zoning: housing element: converted affordable housing units. This bill would authorize a planning agency to include in its annual report the number of units in an existing multifamily building that were converted to deed-restricted rental housing for very low, low-, or moderate-income households by the imposition of affordability covenants and restrictions for the unit. The bill would apply only to converted units that meet specified requirements, including that the rent for the unit prior to conversion was not affordable to very low, low-, or moderate-income households and the initial post-conversion rent for the unit is at least 10% less than the average monthly rent charged over the 12 months prior to conversion. Would authorize a city or county to reduce its share of regional housing need for the income category of the converted units on a unit- for -unit basis, as specified.	MONITOR	9/9/21 Ordered to engrossing and enrolling
SB 9 (Atkins)	Housing development: approvals. Would require a proposed housing development containing no more than 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.	OPPOSE (2/25/21) (Ltr sent 8/2/21) LCC POSITION: OPPOSE	9/3/21 Enrolled and presented to the Governor
SB 10 (Wiener)	Planning and zoning: housing development: density. 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,	OPPOSE (3/8/21)	9/3/21 Enrolled and presented to the Governor

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	(Ltr sent 6/18/21)	
terms are defined. In this regard, the bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the Office of Planning and Research, to determine jobs-rich areas and publish a map of those areas every	LCC POSITION: WATCH	
5 years, commencing January 1, 2022, based on specified criteria. The bill would specify that an ordinance adopted under these provisions is not a project for purposes of the California		
Environmental Quality Act. The bill would prohibit a residential or mixed-use residential project consisting of 10 or more units that is located on a parcel rezoned pursuant to these provisions from being approved ministerially or by right.		

TRANSPORTATION

AB 1147	Regional transportation plan: Active Transportation Program.	MONITOR	9/10/21
(Friedman)	Would require the Strategic Growth Council convene key state		Enrolled and presented to
	agencies, MPOs, and local governments to assist in completing a	LCC	the Governor
	report on the overview of the California Transportation Plan. Would	POSITION:	
	require that the report be completed by July 1, 2023, and	WATCH	
	additionally assess barriers to the achievement of, and recommend		
	actions at the state, regional, and local level to achieve, state and		
	regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets related to the		
	California Transportation Plan and all sustainable communities		
	strategies and alternative planning strategies.		
SB 44	California Environmental Quality Act: streamlined judicial	MONITOR	9/9/21
(Allen)	review: environmental leadership transit projects. Would		Enrolled and presented to
	establish specified procedures for the administrative and judicial	LCC	the Governor
	review of the environmental review and approvals granted for an	POSITION:	
	environmental leadership transit project, as defined, proposed by a	WATCH	
	public or private entity or its affiliates. Would require the Judicial		
	Council, on or before April 1, 2022, to adopt rules of court		
	establishing procedures requiring actions or proceedings seeking		
	judicial review pursuant to CEQA or the granting of project		
	approvals, including any appeals to the court of appeal or the		

Supreme Court, to be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 270
days of the filing of the certified record of proceedings with the
court to an action or proceeding seeking judicial review of the lead
agency's action related to an environmental leadership transit
project. Would require the environmental leadership transit project
to meet certain labor requirements.

CANNABIS

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: WATCH	9/9/21 Ordered to engrossing and enrolling
AB 45/ (Aguiar-Curry) formerly SB 235 (Allen)	Industrial hemp products. Would require a manufacturer of dietary supplements and food that includes industrial hemp to be able to demonstrate that all parts of the plant used come from a state or country that has an established and approved industrial hemp program, as defined, that inspects or regulates hemp under a food safety program or equivalent criteria to ensure safety for human or animal consumption and that the industrial hemp cultivator or grower is in good standing and compliance with the governing laws of the state or country of origin.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED (Ltr sent 6/18/21) LCC POSITION: WATCH	9/9/21 Ordered to engrossing and enrolling Final amendments were favorable to SBCCOG concerns

FEDERAL

HR 2307	Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act. Imposes a fee on	REQUEST TO	4/1/21
(Deutsch)	the carbon content of fuels, including crude oil, natural gas, coal, or	CONGRESSM	Introduced in House
	any other product derived from those fuels that will be used so as	AN LIEU TO	
	to emit greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.	SUPPORT RE-	Previously supported in last
	The fee is imposed on the producers or importers of the fuels and	INTRODUCING	session
	is equal to the greenhouse gas content of the fuel multiplied by the	(12/8/20)	
	carbon fee rate. The rate begins at \$15 in 2021, increases by \$10	•	

	each year, and is subject to further adjustments based on the progress in meeting specified emissions reduction targets.	(Ltr sent 12/22/20)	
HR 1019	Electric Bicycle Incentive Kickstart for the Environment (E-	SUPPORT	2/11/21
(Panetta)	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.	(3/8/21)	Introduced and referred to Committee on Ways and Means

NEW LAWS

Bill Number	Description	Subject Area	SBCCOG Position
AB 246 (Quirk)	Contractors: disciplinary actions. Would authorize the Contractors' State License Board to include illegal dumping to the list of violations that constitute a cause for disciplinary action against a contractor by the Board.	Environment	Support

BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

Bill Number	Title	SBCCOG Position
AB 538 (Muratsuchi)	California Aerospace Commission: establishment.	SUPPORT
AB 78 (O'Donnell)	San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy: territory: Dominguez Channel watershed & Santa Catalina Island.	SUPPORT
ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry)	Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.	MONITOR
AB 500 (Ward)	Local planning: permitting: coastal development: housing.	MONITOR
AB 989 (Gabriel)	Housing Accountability Act: appeals: Office of Housing Appeals.	OPPOSE
AB 1199 (Gipson)	Homes for Families and Corporate Monopoly Transparency Excise Tax: qualified property: reporting requirements.	MONITOR

AB 1401 (Friedman)	Residential and commercial development: remodeling, renovations, and additions: parking requirements.	OPPOSE
ACA 7 (Muratsuchi)	Local government: police power: municipal affairs: land use and zoning.	SUPPORT
SB 679 (Kamlager)	Los Angeles County: affordable housing.	MONITOR
AB 1435 (Carillo)	Noncannabis cannabinoids.	MONITOR

State Legislative Calendar
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

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

September 23, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Environmental Activities Report – August 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 period is January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2021

The SBCCOG has reached the 2021 work program goal to enroll 6-8 public agencies into SoCalREN program. The SBCCOG has enrolled 12 agencies total (cities and school districts). Staff continues to collect utility data for new enrollees in order to complete city specific comparative energy analysis (CEA) which helps identify projects. To date, CEA reports have been presented to the cities of Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance. The cities of Lomita, Gardena, and Rancho Palos Verdes will be receiving their SoCalREN CEA soon. As a result of the CEA findings, a SoCalREN audit will take place at the Redondo Beach Library, City Hall, Police Dept. and Performing Arts Center in early September. In addition, several energy efficiency projects are underway in Carson.

To date, the following agencies are enrolled in the SoCalREN program: Carson, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, El Segundo Unified School District, and Redondo Beach School District. This month, the SBCCOG met with the City of El Segundo to discuss program enrollment and will meet with Lawndale in early September.

In the coming months, SBCCOG staff will focus on connecting South Bay regional school districts with resources that will help them compete for CalSHAPE (AB 841) funding and undertaking energy efficiency projects.

In addition, the following informational meetings are being planned for city staff: Programs & Incentives for Cities serving DAC and income qualified communities (including Carson, Torrance, Gardena, Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and El Segundo) in September; Capacity Building EE Training series in October/November; and Energy Managers Working Group facility managers discussion on EE in October.

Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN): MULTIFAMILY

Contract period is September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021 (extension on the consent calendar through Dec. 2021 including \$10,000 additional funding)

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 continues to work with the SoCalREN subcontractor ICF to help promote their multifamily energy efficiency program by contacting organizations to schedule presentations. ICF is working on social media content so that the SBCCOG can create a social media kit to send to cities to promote the program.

The Kits for Kids, another SoCalREN program implemented by ICF, focuses on providing energy efficiency education to 4th grade students through class curriculum. SBCCOG created a master list of South Bay elementary schools which was used to notify South Bay elementary school principals about the program. Three classrooms located in the City of Carson have indicated that they are interested in participating. ICF has created two September webinar sessions to introduce the program.

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas)

Contract period is January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021

Contract goals: 8,000 therms

Benchmarking initiatives continue for partnership cities. This initiative provides information on how facilities are performing, compares "like" buildings on a national scale, and helps cities meet State benchmarking requirements. Staff has begun inputting data into Energy Star Portfolio Manager benchmarking program and connecting data to SoCalGas Web Services.

SBCCOG staff has also been working to connect cities to the SoCalGas Direct Install program that offers free energy efficiency equipment to public agencies. Savings derived from this program will count towards SoCalGas partnership contract goals.

Additionally, boiler replacement projects are underway at the City of Carson. Projects are expected to save 2,056 therms annually.

SBCCOG accomplishments from 2018 to 2021 were highlighted at the SoCalGas All Partners meeting on August 19th, including: 165,000 therm savings, \$225,000 in incentives acquired for public agencies, and 400 accounts connected in Energy Star Portfolio Manager, and attendance at over 100 in-person and virtual events.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)

Contract period is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024

Staff continues to work with business organizations to identify locations for future assessments and trainings.

PACE

SBCCOG continues to promote PACE financing for homeowners through Ygrene. 2021 Q2 payments totaled \$199.97.

Water Conservation

West Basin Municipal Water District Programs (West Basin)

Contract period is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

New contract period has started. SBCCOG and West Basin staff meet weekly to discuss implementation of programs.

<u>Task – Educational Outreach Support - Exhibit Events</u>

Contract goal: 100 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc. Status of goal: 12 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.

<u>Task – Water Bottle Filling Station Program</u>

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 continues outreach efforts to promote the Water Bottle Filling Station Program. SBCCOG staff met with the City of Hawthorne to discuss this program on August 25th.

Task - Support for Workshops, Events, & Webinars Educational Classes

Contract goal: 5 physical classes or webinars/virtual

Status of goal: 2 completed (virtual classes); In-person classes are on hold.

Staff continues to work with West Basin staff to hold virtual classes via zoom.

Task - Rain Barrel Giveaway

Contract goal: Home delivery pilot program and/or distribution events

Status of goal: Program and/or events have not yet been scheduled by West Basin

Task - Cash for Kitchens (CFK)

Contract goal: distribute up to 100 water efficiency packages

Status of goal: 1 materials package was distributed

SBCCOG staff will continue to meet with West Basin staff weekly to discuss program implementation and status. Outreach efforts to promote CFK program for the new program year have started. A CFK article was included in the Green Business quarterly newsletter; follow up phone calls were conducted to local businesses; SBCCOG staff met with the City of Hawthorne to discuss this program on August 25th.

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

Contract goal: Distribute up to 500 conservation kits, based on qualified surveys

Status of goal: 3 water conservation packages were distributed

Contract of goal: Up to 125 photos of installed devices

Status of goal: 0

Number of calls in August: 4

The Change and Save program has not officially kicked off. West Basin is updating materials and making website adjustments. In the meantime, SBCCOG continues to assist residents from last program cycle by walking them through the C&S program and ensuring they are receiving and installing their water saving devices as well as receiving their \$500 rebate.

Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD)

Contract period is July 1, 2021-December 31, 2022.

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.

Waste Reduction

Sanitation Districts of LA County (LACSD)

Contract period is July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

Educational Outreach Support Exhibit Events

Contract goal: 100 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc. Status of goal: 12 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc. as of the month of August 2021.

Contract goal: Schedule up to 3 Sanitation Districts-related presentations

Status of goal: 0 presentations have been completed

Green Business

South Bay Green Business Assist Program (GBAP):

Ongoing

CAGBN – During the month of August, SBCCOG staff assisted the CAGBN cities of Hawthorne and Torrance in completing the Green Business Network services agreement and CAL EPA work plan in order to receive funding in the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 program years.

GBAP - SBCCOG continues to provide information to local businesses on opportunities to implement sustainability programs. In addition, businesses receive information on the status of SBCCOG utility partners' operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. GBAP by city: Carson (12), El Segundo (15), Gardena (15), Hermosa Beach (5), Hawthorne (49), Inglewood (10), Lawndale (27), Lennox (2), Lomita (3), Manhattan Beach (8), Palos Verdes Estates (7), Rancho Palos Verdes (7), Rolling Hills Estates (4), Torrance (63) and Los Angeles County – Community of Westmont (1) for a total of <u>250</u> businesses in the program as of the end of August 2021.

Transportation

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

Contract goals: 85 outreach events; 36 vanpool, rideshare, telework meetings or events; 8 Marketing/Media Survey Engagements

Status of goals: 182 outreach events; 7 vanpool or rideshare meetings; 4 Survey Engagements

SBCCOG staff continued to distribute Shared Mobility materials at virtual meetings and online events as well as socially distant outdoor events. Seven (7) such engagements took place during the month of August. SBCCOG staff continued its survey, outreach, and engagement campaign to engage Rule 2202 South Bay companies about their company's "telework" plans as they return to their "new normal" workplaces. SBCCOG worked with Metro to receive updated Shared Mobility information for distribution at upcoming (Fall) in-person events across the South Bay area. The SBCCOG staff met with the Metro Shared Mobility Team to share "new normal" plans of action in support of the goals and mission set out in the SBCCOG scope of work. Monthly meetings are now planned and the SBCCOG shared its "COVID-19 2020: Year in Review" report as part of this process.

Metro Express Lanes (MEL) (Contract period November 15, 2020 – November 14, 2021)
Because of COVID-19 restrictions, most SBCCOG outreach events continue to be held virtually.
SBCCOG staff continues to prepare, update, and share its outreach calendar for both virtual and in person outreach events that would provide opportunities to support the mission and goals of the Metro Express Lane scope of work. Over the month of August, the SBCCOG/SBESC distributed MEL materials at seven (7) such events.

II. MARKETING, OUTREACH, & IMPLEMENTATION

Outreach Events

In August

- 3 Virtual Networking Meetings
- 2 Virtual Workshops
- 1 Business Event

1 – In Person Event

For the period July 1, 2021, through Aug. 2021:

- 7 Virtual Networking Meetings
- 3 Virtual Workshop
- 1 In-person Community Event
- 1 Business Event

III. OTHER

GIS Services

SBCCOG is offering its member cities/agencies services, reporting the following highlights:

- SBCCOG has reached out to SCAG regarding access to Regional Development Platform (RDP), which is currently available to member cities; SBCCOG expects to know if it will be granted access this fall
- GIS Working Group continues to meet on the first Tuesday of each month (see City Meeting Attendance spreadsheet for attendance)
- SBCCOG is working with cities to identify requests for contracted GIS services (i.e. 20-hour allotment included in membership dues); Torrance has expressed interest in obtaining services
- SBCCOG staff will participate in a debrief in September regarding an <u>online mapping tool</u> from County of Los Angeles' Citizens Redistricting Commission

Volunteer Program

Status of Program: 0 hours August 2021 Grand total as of 8/31/2021 - 20,346 (starting April 2008)

Volunteer participation remains low due to COVID-19.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

September 23, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Transportation Director

RE: SBCCOG Transportation Update Covering August 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

Senate Approves \$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Bill, \$3.5 Trillion Budget Reconciliation Plan The U. S. Senate approved a sweeping \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill on August 10th that includes a substantial increase in funding for roads, broadband, water and energy projects. Immediately after approving the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill, the Senate approved a \$3.5 trillion budget reconciliation blueprint.

Nineteen Republicans joined Democrats to pass the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, HR 3684, which would infuse \$550 billion in new one-time_funding and set the rules for core federal transportation programs for the next five years. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released an analysis saying the \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure package would add \$256 billion to the federal deficit over the next decade.

The bill would provide new funding for a wide range of national programs, including:

- \$110 billion for road and bridge repair and other major surface transportation projects
- \$73 billion to expand clean energy sources and modernize the nation's aging electric grid
- \$66 billion for AMTRAK maintenance and modernization of key corridors
- \$65 billion to connect rural and low-income neighborhoods with broadband
- \$55 billion to modernize water systems and expand water recycling / storage projects
- \$55 billion for safety programs for highways
- \$39 billion for buses and rail transit repair and transit expansion to underserved areas
- \$15 billion to replace about 1/3 of lead pipes across the country
- \$11 billion for pedestrian safety, including a \$5 billion Safe Streets For All program
- \$7.5 billion for 250,000 electric vehicle charging stations across the country

- \$7.5 billion to convert school buses and ferries to use electric power
- \$3.2 billion to upgrade dams, canals and water infrastructure
- \$2 billion to expand roads, bridges and rural transportation projects
- \$1.2 billion for wildfire risk reduction and restoration of damaged public assets
- \$1 billion to re-connect neighborhoods severed by freeways

Immediately after approving the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill, the Senate approved a budget reconciliation blueprint that includes a \$3.5 trillion top line and broad instructions for drafting the spending plan Democrats want to pass this fall without GOP votes. The spending plan includes many of progressives' top policy priorities, such as paid family leave, a universal prekindergarten program, expanded Medicare, combating climate change, and legislating a pathway to citizenship for some immigrants. The Senate voted 50-49 on August 10th to take up a budget resolution that includes instructions on how to draft the spending package. No Republicans voted to start the budget debate.

To pay for the new infrastructure spending, President Biden has previously called on Congress to raise the corporate tax rate from 21 percent to 28 percent. The Democrats' budget resolution would raise taxes on the American corporations and on families earning more than \$400,000 annually while providing tax relief for families and low-income individuals, including extending the child tax credit.

However, the specifics of the sources of new taxes needed to fund the \$3.5 trillion programs will be worked out by Congressional committees responsible for the various program budgets.

Buried in the Senate infrastructure bill is another funding source, a new pilot project in which the federal government will study the feasibility of a vehicle mile tax or VMT. The purpose of the VMT is to charge a tax for every mile driven to fund the Federal Highway Trust Fund which is in danger of being insolvent.

The pilot program will solicit volunteers from diverse areas in all 50 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico. These volunteers will install a mileage tracking program in their cars. The bill states that mileage can be tracked a number of ways including smartphone apps, third-party on-board diagnostic (OBD) devices, and data collected by automakers and insurance companies. The amount of the VMT will be based on the type and weight of the vehicle based on their estimated impacts on infrastructure, safety, congestion, and the environment.

The House interrupted its previously scheduled seven-week summer recess and returned to session on August 23rd to consider the budget resolution and a voting rights bill. Democratic leaders in the House are expected to link passage of the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill to the \$3.5 trillion reconciliation bill.

State

Prop. 22 Is Ruled Unconstitutional, A Blow To Independent Contracting In California A California Superior Court judge in Alameda County ruled on August 20th that parts of Proposition 22, which allowed app-based ride-hailing and delivery companies to classify their

workers as independent contractors, are unconstitutional, rendering the ballot measure unenforceable.

The judge also noted that, by including language aimed at preventing drivers from unionizing, Proposition 22 also violated a constitutional provision that requires laws and initiatives to be limited to a single subject.

The judge's opinion held that the law infringes on the power of the Legislature explicitly granted by the state Constitution to regulate compensation for workers' injuries. So, changing the law would require a constitutional amendment rather than an initiative statute. And, since a ballot initiative cannot be amended after it is passed by voters, any unconstitutional provision renders it unenforceable.

Ride-hailing company Uber vowed to appeal. Uber and other gig economy companies spent more than \$220 million last year in the nation's costliest-ever ballot initiative campaign to exempt their drivers from a 2019 law, AB 5, that requires gig workers across many industries to be classified as employees with benefits such as minimum wage, overtime and workers' compensation in case of injury.

After consideration by the state court of appeals, the judge's ruling will likely be decided by the California Supreme Court.

Caltrans Approves \$82 Million For 134 Projects To Reduce GhG Emissions And Improve Transportation Options For Low-Income Communities

Caltrans announced on August 5th \$82 million in Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) grants to134 local public transportation projects throughout the state. The LCTOP funds are targeted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve transportation sustainability by providing new and expanded bus and rail service for disadvantaged and lowincome communities.

LCTOP is funded by the Cap-and-Trade Program from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The Cap-and-Trade Program is one of many programs developed under AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, implemented to fight climate change.

The only project approved in L. A. County during this cycle is \$21 million to L. A. Metro for a fare-less system pilot project for low-income riders and K-12 students on the Crenshaw/LAX light rail line. Around the state, Caltrans funded the following types of projects from the LCTOP program:

- 31 projects offering free or reduced fares to encourage lifelong transit users, including young riders, seniors, veterans and persons with disabilities
- 31 projects providing new and expanded transit service for better access to jobs and educational sites, as well as expanding transit options that serve priority populations
- 22 projects purchasing zero-emission vehicles and related equipment/infrastructure
- 16 projects purchasing, constructing or installing infrastructure, equipment, or facilities to support zero-emission vehicle(s)

Autonomous Ride-Hailing Gets The Go-Ahead In California From CPUC

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in June 2021 gave the authority to Cruise, a subsidiary of General Motors, to operate an autonomous-vehicle car service on a pilot basis in the nation's first ride-hailing operation using driverless vehicles.

Vehicles will be limited to a maximum capacity of 15 passengers, and the service will be free for riders to use. As part of the permit, Cruise will submit data on vehicle operations to the CPUC each quarter and will submit plans to minimize risk to passengers while in the vehicles, how it will allow passengers to safely board and exit, and how it will educate the public about the vehicles and their use.

The announcement follows the CPUC's issuance last fall of a permit to Nuro, an operator of driverless delivery vehicles, to operate a fee-based delivery service in the state.

Region

Free Gameday Bus Shuttle To Run Between Sofi Stadium And Hawthorne/Lennox Green Line Station

Visitors to SoFi Stadium during pre-season and regular Rams and Chargers NFL games will be able to take a free Metro bus shuttle from and to the Hawthorne/Lennox C (Green) Line Station or a \$4 GTrans Stadium Express bus from the Harbor Gateway Transit Center. Metro bus lines 115, 117 and 212 also serve the Inglewood Entertainment District.

The Metro bus shuttles will arrive every 5-8 minutes starting about three hours before kick-off and ending about 1 1/2 hours after each game. The service will also be run "as needed" during games. The shuttle will be available for a total of three pre-season games and 18 regular season games.

The Metro shuttles will load and unload on northbound Hawthorne Boulevard, just south of the Hawthorne/Lennox Station. The Metro C Line typically runs every 15 minutes between Norwalk and Redondo Beach, and many stations along the line have free parking on weekends.

Beginning Sept. 12th, <u>GTrans</u> will offer its Line 7X Stadium Express bus service to Inglewood Sports and Entertainment District and SoFi Stadium from the Harbor Gateway Transit Center every Sunday. Service begins at 9 am and runs through 10 pm. For more info visit <u>ridegtrans.com</u>.

LADOT Releases Study On Improving Transportation For Women In LA; Pilots Variable Stops

Hoping to identify improvements that could better tailor transit systems to meet the needs of women, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation released a study on July 30th, on mobility challenges women face. The study focused on women in Sun Valley, Watts and Sawtelle, who were chosen to represent different demographics in Los Angeles.

According to "Changing Lanes: A Gender Equity Transportation Study," women are less likely to have a driver's license and access to a vehicle than men. More than half the women on the L. A. Metro system have children. At the same time, they're more likely to take trips that require multiple stops because they are often responsible for a larger share of household and childcare-

related duties. They're also more likely to be carrying strollers and shopping bags, as well as to be accompanied by children. According to the study, even transit infrastructure is designed using men's bodies instead of women, which makes grab bars, handles, ramps, curbs and seats less effective for women.

The "Changing Lanes" study listed recommended LADOT goals for implementing programs to improve women's safety when traveling. In addition, the department announced an "on demand" pilot program to make DASH service more convenient and to address safety concerns. The pilot program, which began in August for Panorama City, Watts, Pico-Union and El Sereno DASH routes, enables riders to get off their bus anywhere along the route, instead of only at designated bus stops.

Trends

Toronto Signals Give Pedestrians A Head Start To Improve Safety

Over the past three years, Toronto has installed a new road safety measure at hundreds of intersections. More than 150 walk signals give pedestrians a 5-second head start at busy intersections before vehicles are permitted to enter the intersection in a bid to decrease traffic deaths and injuries.

There's no data available yet on the impact of advanced pedestrian walk signals in Toronto's streets but research from the National Association of City Transportation Officials suggests they can reduce collisions involving pedestrians by up to 60 per cent simply by making pedestrians more visible to drivers.

As Workers Are In The Office Fewer Days, The Rush Hour Commute Could Change For Good

An upheaval in commuting patterns may be afoot as employees change how often they return to their office desks — if at all. With more offices expected to slowly re-open after Labor Day, transportation experts have predicted that up to 18% will work remotely at least some days each week. And the pace of re-opening offices may be further tamped down by the appearance of the Delta variant and the new CDC indoor mask rules.

The questions being pondered by traffic and transit planners is how fast folks come back, how frequently they come back, and whether there's flexibility on when they must be in the office. In addition, the rise of the delta variant highlights planners' commuting concern: Calling people back to the office before they are ready to ride increasingly crowded buses and trains could lead many to drive solo, potentially canceling out any traffic relief that increased teleworking would bring.

In addition to tracking transit ridership and roadway congestion, planners are monitoring parking transactions in several large cities with major mass-transit systems. Their data points to the possibility that more commuters are driving (filling spaces to between 70 and 90% of pre-COVID levels), but they are not purchasing as many monthly parking passes. Instead, they are asking for a more flexible price break that matches their new hybrid schedules.

If employer-provided parking becomes more available because some workers stay home, previous Metro riders would have a new incentive to drive, officials say. Others might be more willing to pay hefty private parking fees if they only have to do so a couple times a week. And there is a hopeful theory that workers will be more willing to bike or walk to work if they only have to do so a few days per week.

Experts say they expect a gradual increase in commuters over the coming months, rather than a sudden rush back to the office, assuming the spread of the delta variant doesn't push back reopenings. However, traffic volumes are expected to be spread more throughout the day, revealing more flexible commute times and teleworkers escaping home computers midday to work out or run errands. Even a slight reduction in traffic has an outsized impact on heavily congested roads, experts say, because traffic flows freely once it drops below about 80 percent of a road's capacity. Increasing teleworking has long been viewed as a relatively simple way to ease backups because it removes vehicles from the morning and evening rush, when road capacity is most overtaxed.

Afternoon traffic is expected to bounce back faster than in the mornings, experts say, because commuters typically tack on more personal trips, such as a grocery store run, on their way home. Transit ridership has produced another surprise. Although weekday ridership is slowly rising, weekend ridership has grown significantly faster.

Employees That Work Remotely From The Office May Face A Pay Cut

Employers and employees alike are needing to consider previously work/life balance issues that were not significant before work-from-home became a reality. Employee compensation is just one of the challenges needing to be addressed if employers allow or encourage flexible work locations.

For example, Google employees may have to take a pay cut to change their permanent work location. To attract the most qualified employees in the Silicon Valley's hyper-competitive human resource market place, Google has a policy that its pay rates factor in the actual cost differences of working at differing Google worksites. Google pays the top rate specific to the city and state where the employee permanently works.

A Google employee who decides to ditch their two-hour commute to permanently work in a remote Google office or from home could see their commute costs drop dramatically, but they face a pay cut by about 5-25% because their remote site is a less expensive work location than the previous office location. Facebook and Twitter also cut pay for remote employees who move to less expensive areas, while smaller companies including Reddit and Zillow have shifted to location-agnostic pay models, citing advantages when it comes to hiring, retention and diversity.

Google launched a Work Location Tool in June to assist employees in calculating the potential salary effect of changing their work location. The pay calculator analyzes the financial impacts of a potential Google employee's move from working at the office to working from a remote location using U.S. Census Bureau metropolitan statistical areas, or CBSAs. The company will not change an employee's salary based on them going from office work to being fully remote in the same statistical area where their current office is located.

It will be interesting to monitor how compensation and other obsolete human resources policies at Google and other forward-thinking employers are modified to account for changing work pattern of their employees who permanently are allowed to work remotely either full time or part time. Although the employee will certainly save commute costs and the environment will benefit from reduced work-related VMT, employers like Google will need to adapt their human resources policies to reflect the new work / life balance options to attract and retain top drawer talent.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

September 23, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director

Steve Lantz, Transportation Director

David Leger, Analyst / Assistant Board Secretary

SUBJECT: Initiation of FY 2022-23 Subregional Transportation Funding Call for Projects

BACKGROUND

The SBCCOG administers an annual South Bay Metro Budget Request (MBR) to allocate uncommitted funds generated by Measure R and Measure M sales taxes and assigned to the following South Bay programs:

- Measure R I- 405, I-110, I-105, and SR-91 Ramp and Interchange Improvement (South Bay), (also known as the South Bay Highway Program or SBHP)
- Measure M Highway Efficiency and Operational Improvements Program (HEOIP)
- Measure M Transportation System and Mobility Improvement Program I (TSMIP I)
- Measure M Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program II (TSMIP II)
- Measure M Subregional Equity Program (SEP)

SBCCOG Metro Budget Request (MBR)

The SBCCOG's annual MBR development process begins in September in anticipation of an annually updated five-year funding forecast that Metro provides each October. SBCCOG is required to submit an updated 5-year programming plan by the subsequent February. Known in the South Bay as the Metro Budget Request (MBR), the annual update for the Measure R SBHP, Measure M HEIO, and two Measure M TSMIPs must include active project cashflow and funding modifications, project deletions, and new projects. The MBR development process also must include a transparent public participation element. Metro includes eligible projects in its subsequent annual fiscal year budget which runs from July to June. Following approval of the annual Metro budget, funding agreements are executed or amended between the lead agency for the project and Metro.

Measure R SBHP

Per the 2008 Measure R Ordinance Expenditure Plan, up to \$906 million (unescalated) in Measure R funds can be allocated through expiration of the measure in 2039. SBCCOG assists local jurisdictions to develop their Measure R projects and Metro directly oversees Caltrans projects that use South Bay subregional funds. For the past several years, funding needs have been identified through the annual MBR process in which funding is committed to complete a specific multi-year phase of the project delivery process (e.g.: Environmental, Right of Way, Construction). The MBR includes updated funding modifications for previously approved project phases, project deletions, and initial funding for new projects. Funds not needed to complete an active project are returned to the subregional fund source from which they were allocated.

In 2020, the SBCCOG approved a one-time transfer of \$400 million of SBHP funds to a new Measure R South Bay Transit Investment Program (SBTIP). SBCCOG has recommended MBR allocations within

the SBTIP for the designated list of transit projects. Metro approved an allocation of \$233 million for the Inglewood Transit Connector project in July 2021 and is expected to consider the balance of the one-time SBTIP project list in September 2021.

Concurrent with the Measure R Transfer program development, SBCCOG changed its policy regarding funding of Caltrans projects. Rather than fund Caltrans projects through construction, the SBCCOG reverted to its initial policy of providing funding during the project identification phase to strategically position a project for further development, but requiring Caltrans to internally fund environmental/design of those projects with the understanding that the SBCCOG would assist Caltrans to find outside funds to deliver required rights of way and to construct the projects.

South Bay Measure R Subregional Funding Status

SBCCOG staff estimates that costs to complete the future phases of active SBHP and SBTIP projects, with a 10% contingency reserve, will consume \$892 million of the \$906 million allocated in Measure R to the SBHP and SBTIP programs, leaving only \$14 million in uncommitted funding through 2039.

Many of the projects have yet to begin their construction phase. Construction costs currently are very volatile due to labor and material cost uncertainty associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. With only \$14 million uncommitted before Measure R expires in 2039, SBCCOG staff believes it is prudent to not commit to any new local or Caltrans projects funded within the two Measure R programs during FY 2022-23. Instead, staff proposes to annually update uncommitted Measure R SBHP and SBTIP funding, monitor active project progress and changing funding needs, and to determine when a sufficient uncommitted subregional funding balance is available to justify a new call for projects using for the remaining Measure R SBHP funds.

Measure M South Bay Programs

SBCCOG assists local jurisdictions to develop eligible subregional projects and annually updates the 5-year Measure M HEOI, TSMIP I and TSMIP II funding programs to reflect active project modifications, project deletions and new projects. The program and project updates are submitted to Metro in February in the annual MBR. Metro reviews the projects for eligibility and incorporates the programming for eligible projects in its subsequent annual budget.

The South Bay Measure M HEOI Program is intended to supplement the ½-cent Measure R SBHP until 2039 when Measure R expires and Measure M is raised from ½-cent to 1-cent. The two South Bay Measure M TSMIP Programs allow a broader range of projects that improve mobility on the South Bay transportation network. TSMIP I funding allocations end in 2036. TSMIP II funding allocations will continue indefinitely, or until Measure M is rescinded by L. A. County voters.

Although some projects are eligible for both Measure R and Measure M subregional funds, transit projects are not eligible for Measure M funds unless Metro adopts a South Bay Measure M Transit Improvement Program, which, per the Measure M ordinance, cannot occur prior to 2028. Examples of potentially-eligible Measure M HEOI and TSMIP projects (regardless of whether the projects are allocated TSMIP I or TSMIP II funds) are included in Exhibit A.

South Bay Measure M HEOI and TSMIPs Programs Funding Status

Because Measure M funding has been accumulating during the first years of the program and is committed through the annual MBR and Metro's budget process, the South Bay has a significant

uncommitted balance in its subregional Measure M programs. Through FY 2026-27, the uncommitted balances total \$167.8 million, as follows:

- Measure M HEOI \$78,658,049
- Measure M TSMIPs (I and II) \$92,155,577

Measure M South Bay Subregional Equity Program (SEP)

The Measure M Ordinance includes a Subregional Equity Program that includes \$133 million (unescalated, available after 2043). The SBCCOG originally committed the entire \$133 million to provide a share of funding for the Centinela Grade Separation project.

More recently, Metro staff has recommended \$22 million of the South Bay SEP funding be used to reimburse Metro for cost-overruns on the Crenshaw/LAX project. The SBCCOG is discussing use of a to-be-determined portion of South Bay SEP funding for the Crenshaw/LAX cost overrun with the conditions that the SEP funds are a one-time contribution and that the City of Los Angeles provides its proportionate share of the cost overrun (based on the proportion of Crenshaw/LAX line route miles in L.A. and Inglewood). In addition, SBCCOG concurrence would need to be contingent on Metro finding regional, state or federal funding to fully fund the estimated \$235 million grade separation project cost including replacement of the portion of the \$133 million in South Bay SEP funds that is being requested by Metro for the Crenshaw/LAX project overrun. Metro will also need to determine how to accelerate the availability of the South Bay SEP funds from 2043 to the year the funds are needed or will need to identify a bridge funding or financing strategy.

Metro has identified additional remediation work that must be completed by the Crenshaw/LAX line contractor pror to final pre-revenue testing, but has yet to adopt a timeline or funding source for resolution of the outstanding issues nor committed to the SBCCOG that no additional subregional funds will be used for project completion.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends committee and board approval to:

- a. Initiate a call for an updated FY 2022-23 5-year program of Measure M HEOI and TSMIP projects, including project modifications, project deletions, and new projects by December 1, 2021 to allow the SBCCOG MBR to be submitted to Metro by February 2022 with an aggregate amount not to exceed \$75,658,049 in Measure M HEOI funding and \$92,155,577 in Measure M TSMIP I and II funding; and
- b. Not initiate a call for projects using the funding within the two Measure R programs during FY 2022-23. Instead, staff will update uncommitted SBHP and SBTIP funding and monitor active project progress and change funding needs annually to determine when a new SBHP call for projects should be held for uncommitted funding available through 2039.
- c. Seek clarification from Metro of the updated Crenshaw/LAX line projected revenue operation date and confirmation that no additional sub-regional funds will be used to fund any project cost increases beyond those identified in 2020.

Exhibit A

Potentially Eligible Projects For Funding From Revised Measure M Guidelines, Section X Multi-Year Programs (Highway Efficiency And Operational Improvement Subfunds)

Revisions approved by the Metro Board in June 2021 replaced subsection 'A. "Highway Efficiency and Operational Improvements" definition: 'in its entirety. The updated language is as follows:

Highway Efficiency and Operational Improvements includes those projects, which upon implementation, would improve regional mobility and system performance; enhance multimodal efficiency, safety, equity, and sustainability; improve traffic flow, trip reliability, travel times; and reduce recurring congestion, high-frequency traffic incident locations, and operational deficiencies on State Highways. Similarly, improvements which achieve these same objectives are eligible on major/minor arterials or key collector roadways.

Highway subfunds are eligible for pre-construction and construction related project phases as referenced in Sections IX and X and are subject to eligibility criteria and phasing thresholds that will be developed within 6 months as part of the applicable administrative procedures. In accordance with the Board-adopted policies set forth in Metro's Complete Streets Policy, Active Transportation Strategic Plan, and First/Last Mile Strategic Plan, complete streets projects and project elements are eligible for highway subfunds. Other projects could be considered on a case-by-case basis as long as a nexus to Highway Efficiency and Operational Improvements can be shown, such as a measurable reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled.

Examples of potentially-eligible HEOI Projects include:

- System and local interchange modifications
- Ramp modifications/improvements
- Auxiliary lanes for merging or weaving between adjacent interchanges
- Alignment/geometric design improvements
- Left-turn or right-turn lanes on state highways or arterials, intersection and street widening/improvements
- New traffic signals and upgrades to existing signals, including left turn phasing, signal synchronization, and all supporting infrastructure
- Turnouts for safety purposes
- Shoulder widening/improvements for enhanced operation of the roadway
- Local travel network infrastructure
- Safety improvements
- Freeway bypass/freeway to freeway connections providing traffic detours in case of incidents, shutdowns or emergency evacuations
- ExpressLanes
- On-street bus priority infrastructure, including but not limited to bus lanes, signal prioritization, queue jumps, bus boarding islands/curb extensions, and bus stop improvements
- Class 1, 11, 111, or IV bikeways
- Sidewalk improvements, including but not limited to widening, shade trees, and curb ramps
- Pedestrian safety improvements, including but not limited to bulb-outs, refuge islands, midblock crossings, pedestrian signals/beacons, raised intersections/pedestrian crossings, and scramble crosswalks

• Transportation Demand Management infrastructure that supports the implementation of TDM strategies in a public right-of-way, including associated software, licensing, and related one-time support costs, to the maximum extent permitted by the Measure M Ordinance.

Active transportation, transit and TDM projects that reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled are eligible either as ancillary elements of highway projects or as stand-alone projects. Using Measure M subregional highway funds for active transportation / transit capital / TDM projects must be at the discretion of the Sub-Regional COGs, are permissive. Neither Metro staff nor the Metro Board and shall require use of these funds for active transportation / transit capital / TDM projects or establish a mandatory use through guidelines that limit the flexibility allowed in the Measure M Ordinance and the Metro Highway Modernization policy.

Potentially Eligible Projects for Funding From Measure M Transportation System and Mobility Improvement Programs (TSMIP I, II) Subfunds

- Signal Synchronization
- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Autonomous Vehicle Infrastructure System
- Broadband Regional Connectivity Infrastructure
- Bikeways and Bike Route/Slow Speed Infrastructure
- Pedestrian Infrastructure / ADA Improvements
- Complete Streets
- Local travel network infrastructure
- Transportation Enhancement / Beautification Elements of Transportation Improvements
- Transportation Management Systems (Traffic Operations Centers, Emergency Management)
- Goods Movement on CSTAN network
- Paratransit (Dial-a-Ride, Senior / Disabled Capital Projects)
- Metro / Municipal Transit Capacity Expansion
- Transit Centers / Park and Ride Lots and Parking Structures
- Car Sharing / Ridesharing / Vanpool / Telecommuting Capital Projects
- Sustainable SB Plan (Neighborhood-Oriented Development, First / Last Mile Infrastructure)
- Vehicle Conversion (Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure)
- Land Use and Transportation Projects that reduce vehicle miles travelled
- Transportation Demand Management infrastructure that supports the implementation of TDM strategies in a public right-of-way, including associated software, licensing, and related one-time support costs, to the maximum extent permitted by the Measure M Ordinance.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

September 23, 2021

To: SBCCOG Board of Directors

From: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director

Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Transportation Director

Subject: I-405 ExpressLane Transit Elements

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. Strategy 5 – Actively pursue opportunities for infrastructure funding for member agencies.

BACKGROUND

L. A. Metro and Caltrans are initiating two simultaneous studies related to converting the bi-directional High Occupancy Lanes to ExpressLanes to enable key segments of an I-405 ExpressLane to be in service before the 2028 Olympics. The first study is an environmental impact report for the segment of the I-405 between SR-101 freeway in the San Fernando Valley and the I-10 freeway in West Los Angeles. The second study, the I-405 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP), has an objective "to create a holistic, innovative planning vision for the I-405 corridor communities" between Saugus and the South Bay.

SBCCOG has provided comments to Metro and Caltrans previously in connection with the design and use of ExpressLane net revenues on the I-110 and I-105 ExpressLanes. In both corridors, the SBCCOG has expressed a concern that transit capital and operating funding and parallel street improvements must be included in the ExpressLane project scope of work. Staff has drafted a letter to Caltrans and Metro to place on the record our similar concern with the I-405 project scopes (see Exhibit 1).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the letter as drafted below.

Attachment

Stephanie Wiggins Chief Executive Officer Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012

Tony Tavares
District 7 Director
California Department of Transportation
100 S. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Wiggins and Mr. Tavares:

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments has for several years provided input on the scope and design of ExpressLane projects relevant to the South Bay. We understand that L. A. Metro and Caltrans are initiating two simultaneous studies related to converting the I-405 High Occupancy Vehicle lanes to ExpressLanes to be in service before the 2028 Olympics. The first study is an environmental impact report for the segment of the I-405 between SR-101 freeway in the San Fernando Valley and the I-10 freeway in West Los Angeles. The second study, the I-405 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP), has an objective "to create a holistic, innovative planning vision for the I-405 corridor communities."

The SBCCOG wants to ensure that both studies adequately provide for a robust level of transit service in their design and funding plans. The current ExpressLanes were marketed to the public as providing transit alternatives and the I-405 should not be an exception.

Additionally, while we understand there are design constraints, particularly through the Sepulveda Pass, we strongly believe based on current usage and congestion, that a successful I-405 ExpressLane corridor from Saugus through the South Bay will need two dedicated standard lanes in each direction to safely accommodate the buses, vans, and commercial trucks that will choose to use the toll facility to serve LAX, Olympic venues and other major activity nodes within the corridor for decades to come. We believe that the alternatives being considered in the Sepulveda Pass EIR must consider the aggregate corridor-long travel demand that we expect will be documented in the CMCP study.

And finally, when developing guidelines for the South Bay Measure R Highway Program, Metro included Pacific Coast Highway as a freeway reliever in our area. With that in mind, we also support inclusion of the area between the I-405 and Pacific Coast Highway through the South Bay in the CMCP as we are very concerned with the need to mitigate potential spill-over traffic effects of dedicating two ExpressLane toll lanes within the existing freeway right of way.

In summary, we strongly urge Metro and Caltrans to design the facility including parallel street improvements while providing for adequate alternate transit service for the anticipated growth in demand as the ExpressLanes are expanded throughout the L. A. County network.

Sincerely,

Drew Boyles, SBCCOG Chair Mayor, City of El Segundo

c.c.: Alice Tolar, LA Metro Project Manager Los Angeles Metro One Gateway Plaza, MS 99-11-1 Los Angeles, CA 90012 THIS PAGE LEFT INTENTIONALLY BLANK



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September 23, 2021

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Los Angeles County
Citizens Redistricting Commission
P.O. Box 56447
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Sent via email

RE: Los Angeles County Redistricting 2021 - Communities of Interest

Dear Dr. Hartsough,

On behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), thank you and the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) for serving such an important function in our democratic process. As the Commission begins its work of drawing new Supervisorial Districts, one of the several criteria under consideration is the geographic integrity of city, local neighborhood, and other communities of interest with an effort to minimize its division.

The SBCCOG is joint powers authority government agency of 16 cities and LA County that share the goal of maximizing the quality of life and productivity of the South Bay subregion of the County. Although the SBCCOG addresses issues of common interest for the greater good, our members maintain the qualities and characteristics that make them unique and independent. The SBCCOG can most certainly be considered a "community of common interest" but we feel that our organization can remain within two supervisorial districts without being harmed. We are currently within two districts and have developed relationships with both.

Again, we thank you for your dedication and service to the Commission and thank the Commissioners for volunteering to serve in this vital aspect of democracy that will help ensure fair representation at the Board of Supervisors. Should you have any questions, please contact SBCCOG Executive Director, Jacki Bacharach, at (310) 371-7222.

Sincerely,

Drew Boyles, SBCCOG Chair Mayor, City of El Segundo

cc. Commissioners, Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission SBCCOG Board of Directors

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

September 23, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Top Social Media Posts & Email Marketing Campaigns (August):

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.

Channel	Post	Exposure	Engagements (clicks, shares, comments)
SBESC Facebook	"Have any hazardous household products around the house that you're not sure what to do with? Round them up and bring them to this drive-through event"	38 impressions	1 engagement
SBCCOG Facebook	"The @SBCCOG wrote a letter to Governor Gavin Newsom imploring him to veto Senate Bill 9, if it should reach his desk. Please take a moment to listen to @SBCCOG board members share why it's important for the legislature to defeat this bill"	517 impressions	51 engagements
SBESC Twitter	"Have any hazardous household products around the house that you're not sure what to do with? Round them up and bring them to this drive-through event"	139 impressions	6 engagements
SBCCOG Twitter	"The @SBCCOG wrote a letter to Governor Gavin Newsom imploring him to veto Senate Bill 9, if it should reach his desk. Please take a moment to listen to @SBCCOG board members share why it's important for the legislature to defeat this bill"	7,618 impressions	233 engagements
Email Marketing	SB 9 Video	15,086 recipients (20% open rate)	12% click through rate

Social Media Followers – Year-Over-Year Comparison (August):

SBCCOG	2020	2021	Percent Increase	
Twitter	267	339	27%	
Facebook	135	195	44%	
LinkedIn	139	155	12%	
SBESC	2020	2021		
Twitter	554	575	4%	
Facebook	750	757	0.01%	

Earned Media Placements

Outlet	Link	Headline	Date	Quality	Relevance	Sentiment
CAFWD	https://cafwd.org/news/broadban d-innovations-offer-strategies- and-approaches-for-closing-the- digital-divide/	Broadband Innovations Offer Strategies and Approaches for Closing the Digital Divide	7/20/21	High	High	Positive
Christian Science Monitor	https://www.csmonitor.com/Envi ronment/2021/0721/Seas-are- risingWill-California-s- managed-retreat-ease-fears	Seas are rising. Will California's 'managed retreat' ease fears	7/21/21	High	Medium	Neutral
The Japan Times	https://www.japantimes.co.jp/n ews/2021/07/22/world/californi a-coastal-retreat/	California weighs First Step in "Managed Retreat" from rising Pacific	7/21/21	High	Medium	Neutral
Sight Magazine	https://www.sightmagazine.com .au/columns/postcards/21053- postcards-california-weighs-first- step-in-managed-retreat-from- rising-pacific	Postcard: California Weighs First Step in 'Managed Retreat' from Rising Pacific	7/23/21	High	Medium	Neutral
Spectrum News 1	https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la- west/homelessness/2021/08/20/su ccessful-redondo-beach- homeless-court-serves-as- prototype-for-south-bay	Successful Redondo Beach Homeless Court serves as prototype for South Bay	8/20/21	Medium	High	Positive



TO: South Bay Cities COG Board of Directors FR: Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities

Cal Cities Update for 9/23/2021 Meeting (as prepared SEPT 15)

The legislative session is finished for the year and the Governor now has until October 10 to sign or veto legislation that is on his desk. Cities should work quickly to submit letters or other comments to the Governor's office on any priority legislation.

For SB 9 (Atkins), Cal Cities has also submitted a <u>coalition letter</u> signed by more than 240 cities and put out a <u>social media toolkit</u> that you can use to ask Governor Newsom to veto this bad bill.

Below is the same list of important legislation I provided for your last meeting with an updated status and a list of the final votes made by SBCCOG area legislators for those items in **BOLD** that have been the subject of a Cal Cities Action Alert.

Community Services

AB 46 (Luz Rivas) California Youth Empowerment Act: On the Governor's Desk – Support

AB 536 (Rodriguez) Office of Emergency Services. Mutual Aid Gap Analysis: 2-year bill – Support

AB 1071 (Rodriguez) Office of Emergency Services. Tabletop Exercises: 2-year bill – Support if Amended

SB 50 (Limon) Early Learning and Care: On the Governor's Desk – Support

SB 344 (Hertzberg) Homeless Shelters Grants. Pets and Veterinary Services: 2-year bill – Support

Environmental Quality

AB 332 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) Hazardous Waste. Treated Wood Waste. Management Standards. Signed by the Governor – Support

AB 377 (R. Rivas) Water Quality: Impaired Waters: 2-year bill – Oppose

AB 585 (Luz Rivas) Climate Change. Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program: 2-year bill – Support

AB 818 (Bloom) Solid waste: premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes: On the Governor's Desk - Support

AB 897 (Mullin) Office of Planning and Research. Regional Climate Networks. Climate

Adaptation Action Plans: 2-year bill – Support

AB 1311 (Wood) Recycling. Beverage Containers: On the Governor's Desk – Support

SB 1 (Atkins) Coastal Resources. Sea Level Rise: On the Governor's Desk – Support

SB 99 (Dodd) Community Energy Resilience Act of 2021: 2-year bill – Support

SB 342 (Gonzalez) South Coast Air Quality Management Board: board membership: 2-year bill – LA County Division Opposes

SB 418 (Laird) Sea Level Rise Planning. Database: 2-year bill – Support

SB 619 (LAIRD) ORGANIC WASTE. REDUCTION REGULATIONS: ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK - SUPPORT

- SENATE - ALLEN: AYE; BRADFORD: AYE; KAMLAGER: AYE

- ASSEMBLY - BURKE: AYE; GIPSON: AYE; MURATSUCHI: AYE; O'DONNELL: AYE

Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations

- AB 237 (Gray) Public Employment. Unfair Practices. Health Protection: On the Governor's Desk

 Oppose
- SB 270 (Durazo) Public Employment. Labor Relations. Employee Information: On the Governor's Desk Oppose
- SB 284 (Stern) Workers' Compensation. Firefighters and Peace Officers. Post-traumatic Stress: 2-year bill Oppose
- AB 339 (LEE) LOCAL GOVERNMENT. OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETINGS: ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK OPPOSE
 - SENATE ALLEN: NV; BRADFORD: AYE; KAMLAGER: AYE
 - ASSEMBLY BURKE: AYE; GIPSON: AYE; MURATSUCHI: AYE; O'DONNELL: NO
- AB 361 (RIVAS, ROBERT) OPEN MEETINGS. LOCAL AGENCIES. TELECONFERENCES: ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK SUPPORT
 - SENATE ALLEN: AYE; BRADFORD: AYE; KAMLAGER: AYE
 - ASSEMBLY BURKE: AYE; GIPSON: AYE; MURATSUCHI: AYE; O'DONNELL: AYE
- AB 654 (Reyes) Public Employment. Unfair Practices. Health Protection: On the Governor's Desk
 Oppose
- AB 1053 (Gabriel) City selection committees: County of Los Angeles: quorum: teleconferencing: 2-year bill LA County Division Supports
- SB 278 (Leyva) Public Employees' Retirement System. Disallowed Compensation. Benefit Adjustments: On the Governor's Desk Oppose
 - SENATE ALLEN: AYE; BRADFORD: AYE; KAMLAGER: AYE
 - ASSEMBLY BURKE: AYE; GIPSON: AYE; MURATSUCHI: NV; O'DONNELL: AYE
 Housing, Community & Economic Development:

AB 215 (CHIU) HOUSING ELEMENT: ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK - OPPOSE

- SENATE ALLEN: NO; BRADFORD: AYE; KAMLAGER: AYE
- ASSEMBLY BURKE: AYE; GIPSON: AYE; MURATSUCHI: NV; O'DONNELL: AYE
- AB 500 (Ward) Local Planning. Permitting. Coastal Development: 2-year bill Oppose
- AB 602 (Grayson) Development Fees: On the Governor's Desk Oppose Unless Amended
- AB 989 (Gabriel) Housing Appeals Committee: 2-year bill Oppose
- AB 1401 (Friedman) Residential and Commercial Development. Parking Requirements: 2-year bill Oppose
- SB 8 (Skinner) Housing Crisis Act of 2019: On the Governor's Desk Oppose
- SB 9 (ATKINS) HOUSING DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK OPPOSE
 - SENATE ALLEN: NV; BRADFORD: AYE; KAMLAGER: NV
 - ASSEMBLY BURKE: NV; GIPSON: AYE; MURATSUCHI: NO; O'DONNELL: NO
- SB 15 (Atkins) Housing Development: approvals: 2-year bill Support / Division is a Co-Sponsor

Public Safety

- AB 48 (Gonzalez) Law Enforcement: Kinetic Energy Projectiles and Chemical Agents: On the Governor's Desk Oppose
- AB 61 (Gabriel) Business Pandemic Relief: On the Governor's Desk Support if Amended
- AB 89 (Jones-Sawyer) Peace Officers. Minimum Qualifications: On the Governor's Desk Oppose.
- SB 314 (Wiener) Alcoholic Beverages: On the Governor's Desk Support if Amended

- SB 389 (Dodd) Alcoholic beverages: retail off-sale license: retail off-sale delivery: retail on-sale license: off-sale privileges: On the Governor's Desk Support if Amended
- AB 603 (McCarty) Law Enforcement Settlements and Judgments. Reporting: On the Governor's Desk Oppose
- AB 718 (Cunningham) Peace Officers: Investigations of Misconductv: 2-year bill Support
- SB 2 (Bradford) Peace Officers. Certification. Civil Rights: On the Governor's Desk Oppose
- SB 16 (Skinner) Peace Officers. Release of Records: On the Governor's Desk Oppose
- SB 277 (Archuleta) Fireworks. Dangerous Fireworks. Seizure. Management: 2-year bill Support if Amended
- SB 576 (Archuleta) Gambling: Local Moratorium: 2-year bill Oppose

Revenue & Taxation

- SB 60 (Glazer) Short-Term Rental Ordinance Violations: On the Governor's Desk Support
- SB 555 (McGuire) State Sponsored Short-Term Rental Tax Collection Program: 2-year bill Oppose Unless Amended
- SB 780 (Cortese) Public Investment Authorities: On the Governor's Desk Support
- SB 792 (Glazer) Sales and Use Tax. Retailer Reporting: On the Governor's Desk Support

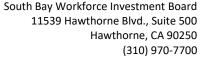
Transportation, Communications, & Public Works:

- AB 14 (AGUIAR-CURRY) BROADBAND SERVICES. CALIFORNIA ADVANCED SERVICES FUND: ON THE GOVERNOR'S

 DESK SUPPORT
 - SENATE ALLEN: AYE; BRADFORD: AYE; KAMLAGER: AYE
 - ASSEMBLY BURKE: AYE; GIPSON: AYE; MURATSUCHI: AYE; O'DONNELL: AYE
- AB 43 (Freidman) Speed Limits: On the Governor's Desk Support
- AB 773 (Nazarian) Street Closures and Designations: On the Governor's Desk Support
- AB 970 (McCarty) Planning and Zoning. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Permit Application.

 Approval: On the Governor's Desk Oppose
- SB 4 (GONZALEZ) COMMUNICATIONS. CALIFORNIA ADVANCED SERVICES FUND. DEAF AND DISABLED TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM. SURCHARGES: ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK SUPPORT
 - SENATE ALLEN: AYE; BRADFORD: AYE; KAMLAGER: AYE
 - ASSEMBLY BURKE: AYE; GIPSON: AYE; MURATSUCHI: AYE; O'DONNELL: AYE
- SB 28 (Caballero) Rural Broadband and Digital Infrastructure Video Competition Reform Act of 2021: On the Governor's Desk Support
- SB 341 (McGuire) Telecommunications Service. Outages: On the Governor's Desk Support
- SB 426 (Rubio) Municipal separate storm sewer systems: financial capability analysis: 2-year bill LA County Division Support
- SB 556 (DODD) STREET LIGHT POLES, TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLES, UTILITY POLES, AND SUPPORT STRUCTURES.
 - ATTACHMENTS: ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK OPPOSE
 - Senate Allen: NV; Bradford: AYE; Kamlager: NV
 - ASSEMBLY BURKE: AYE; GIPSON: AYE; MURATSUCHI: NV; O'DONNELL: NO

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South Bay Workforce Investment Board Update Report - September 2021 for the SBCCOG

Re-Opening of One-Stop Business and Careers Centers

The SBWIB re-opened its four One-Stop Business and Career Centers, a teen center and YouthBuild Center that serve adults and youth in the 11 South Bay cities. Appointments are encouraged, but not required and all services will continue to be offered virtually as needed. For in person visits, face masks will be required for the time being. The SBWIB receives guidance from Los Angeles County related to COVID; if orders are issued in the future regarding precautionary measures that are necessary, the SBWIB will amend its policies and may return to providing remote only services.

Work Readiness Training

The SBWIB has created a customer service training that is entirely online utilizing its successful Blueprint for Workplace Success model. The class is available to South Bay municipalities for employee training at no cost for one year. The class is self-paced, interactive, available in English and Spanish, and includes a pre- and post-assessment and comprehension quiz for each module. Please contact the SBWIB at (310) 970-7700 for additional information.

Pre-Apprenticeship

The SBWIB received a \$50,000 grant from the Howmet Aerospace Foundation to expand the Pre-Apprenticeship program in the aerospace, bioscience and IT industries over the next year. The SBWIB exceeded expectations of the current grant by 230% with 10 Bio-Flex and 13 Aero-Flex pre-apprentices completing the program. One of the pre-apprentice graduates was hired recently by Sling Pilot Academy in Torrance and enrolled into an apprenticeship program (see apprentice's testimonial video HERE). Some of the nine pre-apprentices at Northrop Grumman who are part of El Camino College's Machine Tool Technology program will likely be hired, potentially into apprenticeships.

The SBWIB is working on a grant to help local advanced manufacturing employers bring on new talent and help individuals connect to jobs in advanced manufacturing. The SBWIB will enroll individuals who live in District 4 into the three-track Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship Program. Track I provides work readiness training through the SBWIB's Blueprint for Workplace Success class. Track II is about technical skills training with a flexible curriculum that is tailored to meet the needs of the apprentice and the employer. Track III consists of on-the-job training at an advanced manufacturing employer. The SBWIB will either pay the individual 70 hours of paid work experience or reimburse the employer for 80 hours of on-the-job training if the employer

hires them. Advanced manufacturing companies and participants interested in this opportunity may contact the SBWIB at (310) 970-7700 for additional information.

A cohort of 16 students from Hawthorne High School's 'School of Manufacturing and Engineering' have been participating in the Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship program and will graduate next month.

The SBWIB is partnering with the County DPSS General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW) TAYportunity Program to enroll transition aged youth, ages 18-24, into pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs. The team has enrolled six participants to-date and expects to enroll at least five more next month.

Apprenticeship

The SBWIB is partnering with the City of Torrance on a homeless project to provide training for their social workers at no cost through El Camino College.

The SBWIB is working with the Hospital Association of Southern California, CSU Dominguez Hills, Cal State LA and Prime Healthcare to develop a Clinical Laboratory Scientist apprenticeship program to meet the local hospital's critical and consistent need for this role.

Youth Programs

The SBWIB provides work-based learning support to high school students at Centinela Valley School District. This includes nine Academies & three Career Technical Education Pathways at Hawthorne High, Lawndale High and Leuzinger High. The work-based learning support includes providing industry guest speakers, industry related field trips, internships, pre-apprenticeships, and more. The team delivered career presentations to the graduating class of Lloyd High School in Lawndale last month about career opportunities after graduation and will host a Career and Academy Expo / Partner Breakfast event on September 14th.

The SBWIB is continuing to provide services under the three-year Youth Reinvestment Grant to assist 150 at-risk youth in Inglewood, Hawthorne and Lennox by February 2023. To date, the SBWIB has served 86 participants.

Prison to Employment Program

The SBWIB serves as the lead in a program called, Prison to Employment Program (P2E), and provides fiscal and administrative support for the Los Angeles region that includes assisting with coordinating services for the seven workforce development boards in the county. The goal of the program is to improve the process by which formerly incarcerated and justice-involved individuals reenter society and the labor force. To date, the program has enrolled 1800 participants, surpassing the targeted goal of serving 705 individuals by 2020 and 442 have been enrolled in transitional unsubsidized employment.

SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE



INVESTMENT BOARD

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Dear partner,

Welcome to the "South Bay Workforce Newsletter," the electronic newsletter of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB). This information-packed eNewsletter will bring you up to date on happenings within our organization, including upcoming virtual events, encouraging stories of success and achievements throughout the South Bay area.

We encourage you to visit our social media outlets for additional resources, which may be found below.

Sincerely,

Jan Vogel Executive Director SBWIB

Apprenticeship Testimonial - Torrance: Edwin Gamez



Edwin Gamez, Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) Mechanic at The Airplane Factory in Torrance, shares his experience in the SBWIB Aero-Flex Apprenticeship Program.

Mr. Gamez had recently graduated from West LA College, with their assistance, was referred to the SBWIB Aero-Flex program and The Airplane Factory, got employed and was enrolled into the Aero-Flex Pre-Apprentice program and then later enrolled as an Apprentice.

Visit <u>www.sbwib.org/aero-flex</u> for more on the SBWIB Aero-Flex program

Watch Edwin's video testimonial here

NEW Job Openings & Job Fairs Webpage



It is our goal to provide essential workforce services to support the public. With COVID-19, many South Bay Employers are in immediate hiring demand. The SBWIB has taken a number of steps to ensure the public has access to the resources they need.

We welcome you to view our new South Bay Job Openings & Job Fairs webpage.

Visit site here



Torrance Transit

Torrance Transit is hiring!

Apprentice Relief Bus Operator

For more information, contact (310) 618-2915

www.TorranceCA.gov/jobs

Aero-Flex Participant Recruitment

We have an exciting new opportunity to participate and gain work experience in the aerospace/ manufacturing sector if you meet these qualifications:

- You are 18-24 years of age when you enroll
- You reside in one of the following zip codes found on the flyer
- You are interested in gaining new skills or have been facing challenges finding work or are underemployed
- You are a current or a former student interested in manufacturing
- You are open to full-time work upon completion



What is Aerospace:

Aerospace is a dynamic and diverse field that encompasses all the research, design, manufacture, and operation of aerospace products and related systems concerning both aircraft and space flight.

You will learn about this exciting industry and experience what it would be like working in this career for an aerospace company

Requirements:

- Proof of Residency* (Utility Bill)
 California ID/ Driver's License with Current Address
 Social Security Card
 Birth Certificate, Certificate of Naturalization

- Alien Resident Card, or Passport
 Proof of Family Income (Last 6 months)
 Proof of Selective Service Registration (Males 18 and older)
- High School Diploma (High School Graduates Only)

Must reside in Los Angeles County Supervisory District 4.

ollowing zip codes: 90009, 90045, 90080, 90083, 90094; 90201, 90239, 90240, 90241, 90242, 90245, 90247, 90248, 90254, 90256, 90266, 20269, 20274, 90275, 90277, 90278, 90280, 90229, 90299, 90290, 90201, 90202, 90203, 90204, 90205, 90205, 90207, 90208, 90209, 90205, 902







If this sounds like you, we encourage you to apply for the Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship program!

It's a great way to connect with top employers in the LA area and gain experience as you explore career pathways in the aerospace industry. You will gain technical and work-readiness skills and add industry-recognized credentials to your resume.

It's easy to apply. Just contact the SBWIB at (310) 970-7700.

View flyer here Visit the SBWIB Aero-Flex Program site here

Aero-Flex Employer Recruitment



The SBWIB is partnering with LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn and the Rio Hondo America Job Center to place participants in a preapprenticeship (internship) under the Aero-Flex program.

We welcome any advanced manufacturing businesses in LA County to participate! We can help support the initial wages of preapprentices/interns at your worksite. Eligibility criteria includes that the preapprentice/ intern must be between 18-24 years old, reside in District IV (Hahn's district-map), and be looking for full-time employment. The SBWIB can send you applicant resumes to review or you can select

any applicants that meet the above criteria.

Build your workforce pipeline and capture wage subsidies available to help you grow and expand your business.

<u>View flyer here</u> <u>Visit the SBWIB Aero-Flex Program site here</u>

CVUHSD's 5th Annual Community Partner Breakfast

The SBWIB and Centinela Valley Union High School District are hosting the 5th Annual Community Partner Breakfast.

All businesses are welcome to attend and may register **here**

<u>View flyer here</u>



Apprenticeship Testimonial - Lizbeth Rios



Meet Lizbeth Rios, one of the first SBWIB Aero-Flex Apprenticeship Program graduates! Ms. Rios completed her apprenticeship in Aerospace Engineering under the sponsorship of Tooling U-SME and participated with Impresa Aerospace. As a graduate, she received her certificate of completion from the United States Department of Labor and the California Department of Apprenticeship Standards.

Congratulations to Lizbeth Rios!

Visit www.sbwib.org/aero-flex for more on the SBWIB Aero-Flex program

Watch Lizbeth's video testimonial here

SBWIB Re-Opens for In-Person Visits at their One-Stop Business & Career Centers and Youth Centers

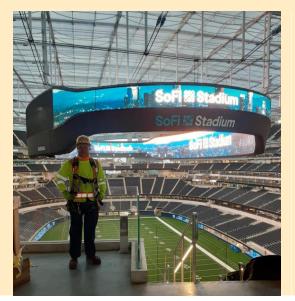
"We are extremely proud to have the public returning for in-person employment and vocational trainina services, including access to computers for job searching, taking typing tests and receiving resume writing assistance at our One-Stop Centers in Inglewood, Torrance, Carson and Gardena," said SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel. Mr. Vogel further noted that appointments are encouraged, but not required and all services will continue to be offered virtually as needed. For in person visits face masks will be required for the time being.



Visit the SBWIB site here



Success Story - Meet Jose Gomez



"I am grateful for the support I received from the CUPP program and my parole agent."

Read Jose's story here

SoFi Stadium Staffing Opportunities

SoFi Stadium offers the following staffing opportunities:

- <u>Nonprofit/school partnership</u> Like many stadiums, SoFi provides an opportunity for a non-profit or school to volunteer with a group of anywhere from 20-100 volunteers and then the non-profit receives 8-10% of the concession stand profits. Volunteers need to be 18 or older. (<u>More information/flyer here.</u>)
- <u>Weekly Job Fairs</u> Hiring fairs that take place at SoFi every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5-7 pm. They hire on the spot. (<u>More</u> <u>information/flyer here.</u>)

Success Story - Meet Marjorie Brisco

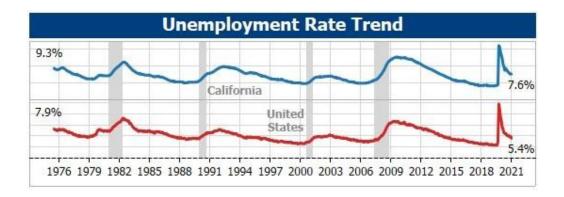
"Unleash the potential that is in another and you unleash the potential that is in you." ~Matshona Dhliwayo

Read Marjorie's story here



LA County Economic Summary

California Labor Market Indicators				
Metrics	June, 2021	July, 2021	Change	
Unemployment Rate	7.6%	7.6%	=	→
Labor Force	18,877,200	18,927,500	50,300	1
Employment	17,437,600	17,493,600	56,000	+
Unemployment	1,439,600	1,433,800	-5,800	+
Nonfarm Jobs	16,414,600	16,529,000	114,400	+



California's Labor Market Information is provided by the Labor Market Information Division (LMID) through the State of California Employment Development Department. LMID promotes CA's economic health by providing information to help people understand CA's economy and make informed labor market choices.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Los Angeles County decreased over the month to 10.4 percent in July 2021 from a revised 10.6 percent in June 2021 and was below the rate of 17.5 percent a year ago. Civilian employment increased by 11,000 to 4,579,000 in July 2021, while unemployment decreased by 10,000 to 530,000 over the month. The civilian labor force remained unchanged over the month at 5,108,000 in July 2021. All of the above figures are seasonally adjusted. The unadjusted unemployment rate for the county was 10.2 percent in July 2021.

The California seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.6 percent in July 2021, 7.6 percent in June 2021, and 13.2 percent a year ago in July 2020. The comparable estimates for the nation were 5.4 percent in July 2021, 5.9 percent in June 2021, and 10.2 percent a year ago.

View the full summary here

Success Story - Meet Rodney Hironymous



"I am so grateful for the support received from the center. I am always available to tell others about my experiences and highly recommend your programs to anyone in need."

Read Rodney's story here

SBWIB YouthBuild

Empower Yourself and Build A Stronger Community! Anyone between the ages of 16 and 24 years old interested in obtaining their high school diploma, prepare for college, and wants to receive leadership skills and job training, contact the SBWIB YouthBuild Program today!

Receive:

- Job readiness and training in construction
- College readiness skills
- Leadership development/life skills training

You may be eligible for an AmeriCorps Educational Scholarship of up to \$1,638.

For more information and to register contact may be found below.





Success Story - Meet Monica



"SBWIB YouthBuild is a program of opportunity, and all you need to do is take it. Don't be afraid to achieve your goals. Do it for yourself. Prove to yourself that you can grow. You may make mistakes, not everyone is perfect. If you were depressed at one point, just like me, who couldn't attend school, just try one more time. You won't regret it. This is me giving you that push. Take it and become better."

Read Monica's story here

Torrance Adult School

Torrance Adult School (TAS) made a few updates to the Fall 2021 term schedule and class locations.

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Core programs have moved back online:

- ALL ESL classes have been moved to online instruction and will begin the week of August 30th.
- ALL High School Diploma/Equivalency (ABE/ASE) classes have been moved to online instruction and will begin the week of August 30th.
- CTE computer classes will be online.
- CTE medical classes for Essential Workers will be both online and in-

person on select days. This includes Medical Terminology, Medical Assistant, Medical Billing & Coding, and Pharmacy Technician.

ENROLLMENT is still open:

- ESL and ABE/ASE To enroll, please complete the online enrollment form: <u>www.tusd.org/tas/enrollment-page/</u>.
- CTE To enroll, please complete the online enrollment form: <u>www.tusd.org/tas/enrollment-page/</u>.

Our Microsoft Excel and Word, Accounting, Technology for Work & School, **Medical Terminology**, **Medical Assistant**, **Medical Billing & Coding** classes are still open for enrollment and will remain for a few more weeks!

California Homeless Hiring Tax Credit

California businesses hiring workers who are homeless can get up to \$30,000 a year in tax credit starting in 2022 under a budget bill signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on Friday, July 16.

Under this plan, a qualified employer can claim up to \$30,000 in tax credits annually, assisting both individuals experiencing homelessness and businesses that need additional support to recover from the economic impacts of the pandemic.

"Establishing a tax credit between \$2,500 and \$10,000 per qualified homeless individual hired will create access to meaningful employment and pathways to careers for as many as 3,000 individuals," the governor said in a statement.

Businesses must pay at least 120% of the state's minimum wage to be eligible and must also get certification from a homeless service provider for each hire.

Quick Information here
Read the article here
AB150 Text here
View FAQ's here

Thank You to Our Sponsors



The SBWIB presented its 25th Annual Awards Ceremony before a virtual audience of nearly 300 participants, last fall that featured both live and pre-recorded speakers in a one hour presentation.

Proceeds from donations support our youth programs and teen centers. Visit our site to view a recap and services offered from all our sponsors.

Awards Ceremony site here

Connect with Us!

For the latest information and events taking place in the South Bay Area, be sure to check us out on social media at the following outlets:

LinkedIn: South Bay Workforce Investment Board, South Bay 1-Stop

Twitter: @SouthBayWIB, @SouthBayJobsCA, @SBWIBYB

Facebook: South Bay Workforce Investment Board - SBWIB, South Bay Jobs,

Gardena One-Stop, Carson One-Stop, Hawthorne Teen Center,

Inglewood Teen Center, SBWIB YouthBuild

Pinterest: SouthBayWIB

Instagram: SouthBayWIB, Inglewood Teen Center, Hawthorne Teen Center,

SBWIB YouthBuild

YouTube: South Bay Workforce Investment Board

For more information and resources, be sure to visit









AN EMPLOYER-CENTRIC EARN & LEARN MODEL

Aero-Flex was formed to develop an employer-driven pre-apprenticeship framework that would meet the workforce development needs common to the aerospace/advanced manufacturing industry.

Employers:

- Flex curriculum to your needs
- Build a flexible, dynamic workforce with common skill base
- Access to a pool of candidates with workreadiness and entry-level technical skills
- A nationwide program
- Employer-defined training plan
- Obtain funding to support training
- Scale program throughout the organization

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Requirements:

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- Birth Certificate, Certificate of Naturalization

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- Proof of Selective Service Registration (Males 18 and older)
- High School Diploma (High School Graduates Only)

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South Bay Workforce Investment Board To enroll, contact us!

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^{*}Must reside in Los Angeles County Supervisory District 4.

SCAG Energy & Environment Committee meeting, Sept. 2, 2021 reported by Britt Huff, City Council/Rolling Hills Estates,

In addition to our usual EEC committee meeting on September 2, committee members were invited to attend the Regional Council meeting to hear the keynote speaker. Jack Dangermond, President and Founder of Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri), presented on the forthcoming launch of the pilot system of the Regional Data Platform (RDP). The RDP is a signature element of the Regional Council-directed Future Communities Initiative, a work program adopted in 2017 to accelerate SCAG's leadership in technology and open/big data to promote a more connected region. The RDP will provide access to data and applications to help SCAG and its local jurisdictions understand shared challenges and identify solutions, including through more robust civic engagement and coordinated planning at the local and regional scales.

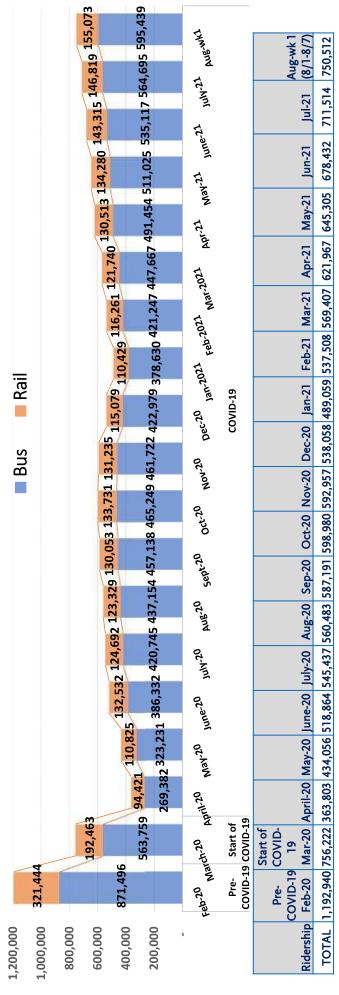
At the Energy & Environment Committee the following reports were given:

- Lolly Lim, Researcher and Project Manager from the UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation
 presented an overview of the project series "Measuring the Impacts of Climate Change on
 Vulnerable Communities to Design and Target Protective Policies," funded by the Strategic
 Growth Council Climate Change Research Program. The project focuses on measuring the
 potential impacts of extreme heat on vulnerable populations and communities and identifying
 policy gaps that could be filled to enhance resilience and facilitate adaptation throughout the
 state.
- 2. Alex Stockton, Air Pollution Specialist, California Air Resources Board, briefed the Committee on the latest California Climate Investments (CCI) Annual Report. The CCI Report compiles statistics about state funding from California's Cap-and-Trade Program across all program categories and across all California counties. The presentation included key findings on CCI funding in the SCAG region. It also provided estimates of the GHG reductions expected from project investments and provided key statistics on benefits to disadvantaged communities, demand for funding, and leveraging, fiscal data and program accomplishments. 2020 was a record year for California Climate Investments with nearly \$3.1 billion in projects implemented, including more than \$1.5 billion to benefit disadvantaged and low-income communities. The many benefits to Californians include improved public health, fire prevention, affordable housing and energy efficiency, as well as significant reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases. Cap-and-Trade Auction proceeds are placed in the State Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), then appropriated by the Legislature and distributed to more than 20 different state agencies to eventually be awarded to individual projects.
- 3. Daniel Woo, MPH, MS, LEED AP, Team Lead, and Meredith Milet, MPH, Epidemiologist, from the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) Climate Change & Health Equity Section, presented an overview of the health equity framework guiding climate change efforts and describe how CDPH is embedding public health and health equity considerations in statewide climate change policy and planning. Climate change-related impacts are disproportionately affecting those already experiencing inequities. Staff shared what the Climate Change and Health Equity Section is doing at the state level to support local and regional partners in taking action to prevent the worst impacts of climate change and prepare for the unavoidable climate impacts on our communities.

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Systemwide Weekly Ridership Update



6/27/21

- Increased overall service from 5.6 million revenue service hours (annualized) as of December 2020 to 6.5 million revenue service hours
 - Resumed front door boarding in addition to keeping rear door boarding
 - Issued & clarified instructions to operators that buses are free

9/12/21 (Upcoming)

Increase overall service from the 6.5 million revenue service hours (annualized) as of June 2021 to 7.0 million revenue service hours

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