



**SOUTH BAY CITIES**  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

# Legislative Briefing

**January 14, 2021**

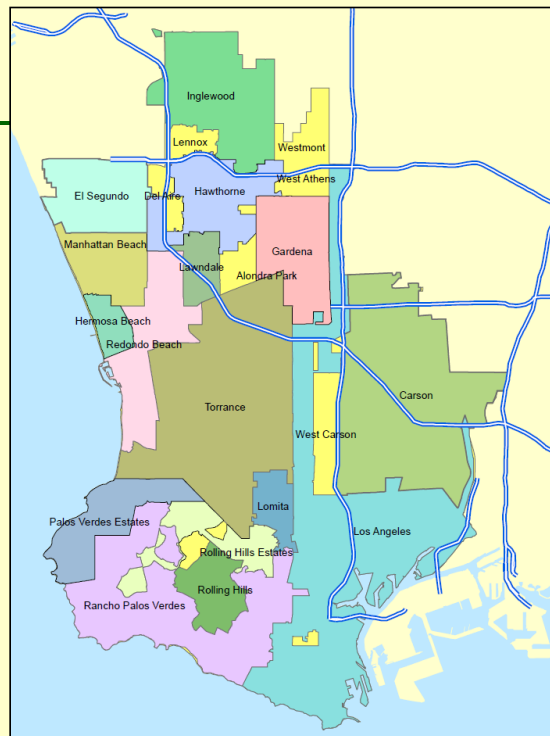
**Zoom!**

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## Update of South Bay Initiatives:

- Highlights since  
October 2020



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## SBCCOG Update

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- Housing: Principles for Legislation
- Research into Cities' Relationship with County Health Department
- South Bay Fiber Network
- South Bay Transportation Projects
- Homeless Services
- Environmental Programs - SBESC

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## Housing: Principles for Legislation

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- The state should allow local jurisdictions to meet housing targets in ways cities will determine how to reduce VMT, congestion, air pollutants and GHG emissions.
- In auto-dependent, transit poor neighborhoods, housing development will not just add density but also congestion and pollutants. Proposed legislation should require developers of buildings with 4 units or more to submit a ZE Mobility Plan to the local jurisdiction that demonstrates how its occupants will travel without consuming fossil fuels.
- State mandated development strategy violates principles of participatory democracy. State mandates public participation in GP and zoning ordinances and proposed legislation will over-ride those local policies with a one size fits all strategy.
- The housing policies in the pipeline benefit speculators and developers as well as lead to gentrification of our most vulnerable neighborhoods.

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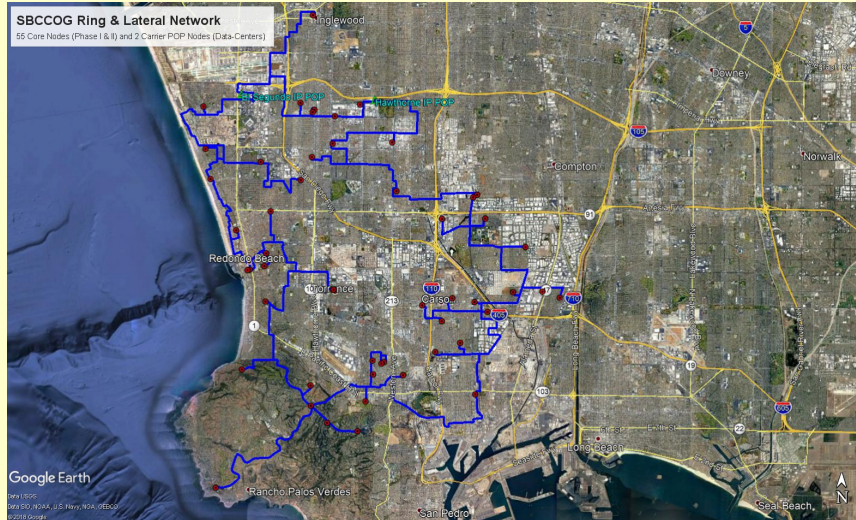
## Housing: Principles for Legislation

- Growth targets should consider carrying capacity of the infrastructure - water, sewers, etc.
- Learn lessons from COVID 19 – many jobs do not require being on site.
- City policies are not responsible for unaffordability of housing. Affordable housing is:
  - Difficult to build on land that is not affordable
  - Comes with a high cost of land, construction materials and labor
  - Is exacerbated by grossly unequal income distribution. There are twice as many vacant units as homeless people in LA City
- Allow cities to investigate reducing the cost of existing housing and the housing to be vacated from the upcoming silver tsunami
- The Smart Growth strategy will not produce the aspirational housing volume nor the VMT reductions in the South Bay. It will in fact reduce the quality of life.

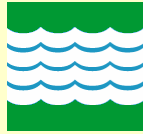
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## South Bay Fiber Network



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## South Bay Fiber Network

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- SBFN IS OPERATIONAL!
- Lateral Construction Continues:
  - 22 sites are now connected to the network
  - On pace for connecting 36 sites by Spring '21
- \$6.9 Million from SBCCOG's Measure M  
Subregional funds are being used for capital costs
- Participating agencies:
  - all 15 cities, BCHD, Lundquist (BioMed) Institute, SBWIB, LA Metro, LA County DPW, West Basin Municipal Water District
- Minimum service - \$1000/mo for 1 gigabit.
- Applications are being developed

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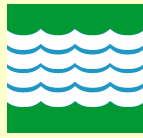
## South Bay Fiber Network

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**"VIRTUAL"  
CONNECTION CELEBRATION  
NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>**



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## South Bay Transportation Projects

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- Metro continues to address recovery from a large operating deficit due to sales tax and fare revenue shortfalls. Our ability to advance our projects will depend on how they decide to address their shortfall.
- South Bay agencies submitted five requests for additional MR and MM funds and two new projects. Staff will bring Metro Budget Request to Board in February.
- Measure R Transit Projects should be considered in July 2021 Metro Budget Request
- Green Line Extension to Torrance EIR Scoping Process is Underway.

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## Homeless Services for the South Bay - Highlights

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- Innovation Funds through LA County – Regional Programs
  - Education & Training:
    - Module 101: Introduction to Homelessness & Services for City Staff
      - In process of customizing slides for each city
      - Presented at recent Homeless Services Task Force meeting
    - Module 201: Strategies for Engaging People Experiencing Homelessness
      - In development process
    - Developed training module for businesses
      - Presented at recent SBACC meeting for input
  - Safe Parking Pilot Program – still looking for a city to partner
  - Home Sharing Pilot Program – Home Share South Bay

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## Homeless Services for the South Bay – Home Share South Bay

- Home Share South Bay is a pilot program to match homeowners with compatible housemates
- SBCCOG partnered with Silvernest, an online homesharing platform
- Focusing on finding interested homeowners to build base of homes
- To date - 20 housemates and 4 homeowners have signed up from the following cities:
  - Carson, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lomita, Redondo Beach, and Torrance
- Working with cities, community-based organizations, and faith-based community to promote program
- Home Share South Bay Landing Page: [www.silvernest.com/SouthBay](http://www.silvernest.com/SouthBay)



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## Senior Services

- Next zoom meeting of SBCCOG Senior Services Working Group is January 26, 2021 @ 9:30 am
- We have invited a speaker to answer questions about COVID testing and vaccines:
  - Are in-home test kits reliable and how to access free home kits?
  - Update on oral swab tests and accuracy
  - When will vaccines be available in the South Bay and how/where to get them?
  - Which vaccines will be available?
  - How do senior centers guide people to the correct answers?
- Cities are focused on keeping seniors connected

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## Environmental Programs - SBESC

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- **Climate Action Plans/Adaptation** – further work will take place this year on these plans for cities
- **Water Programs** – helping to provide water saving devices to residents focusing on the DAC communities and working with West Basin to conduct virtual Cash for Kitchen water audits
- **Energy Efficiency & Waste Programs** – planning comprehensive facility assessment reports for cities; providing information on food waste program; promoting programs through virtual forums, tours and how-to videos.

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## 21<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Thursday, March 18, 2021**

***"Intersections:  
Mobility, Land Use, Technology & Finance"***

**Information on sponsorships available**

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**Thank you!**  
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**See you**  
**April 8, 2021**