

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Infrastructure Working Group April 25, 2012 – Meeting Notes

Attendees: Rob Beste, Chair (Torrance); Stephanie Katsouleas (El Segundo); Frank Bigdeli (Gardena); Akbar Farokhi & Alan Leung (Hawthorne); Glen Kau (Lawndale); Greg McPherron (Lomita); Crystal Killian (Los Angeles); Jim Arndt & Steve Finton (Manhattan Beach); Jim Goodhart & Floriza Rivera (Palos Verdes Estates); Steve Huang & John Mate (Redondo Beach); Craig Bilezerian & Ted Semaan (Torrance); Andres Navarez (LA County DWP); Fulgene Asuncion & Alan Patashnick (Metro); Mike Bohlke (Representing Metro Director, Pam O'Connor); Marcy Hiratzka & Steve Lantz (SBCCOG); Alex Geyer & Kim Johnson (Breen Engineering); Richard Mahoney (Group Delta); Alek Hovsepian (Iteris, Inc.); Ken Berkman (Psomas)

Chair Beste called IWG meeting to order at 12:05pm.

- I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of Minutes** – March Minutes were approved as presented. Chair Beste made an addition to the agenda: He announced that at the May 23, 2012 IWG meeting, there will be an update on the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan IRWMP. Chair Beste is the South Bay Sub Region Vice-Chair of the Greater Los Angeles County Region IRWMP Leadership Committee. He and Alternate Chair, Leighanne Kirk of West Basin Municipal Water District, will present updates on the collaboration of the Greater Los Angeles County regions, developing a plan that focuses on water resource management, while creating a platform for future funding. Grant applications will not be due until March of 2013. Funding will be available in 2014.
- II. **Green Construction Update** – Chair Beste reported that he is in on the green construction conference calls with Mike Bohlke and Metro. Only Metro projects are affected, not Measure R or Call for Projects. Mike Bohlke said that Metro staff is focusing efforts on outreach and assisting cities in meeting thresholds for 2015.
- III. **PUC Regulations on Street Lighting Update** – Chair Beste said that the Coalition is still in negotiations of Phase 2 of the Edison street light rate case. Redondo Beach has expressed an interest in joining the Coalition. Financial contributions are being sought after but participation and rallying support is more important at this time.
- IV. **Agency & Other Reports**
 - **SBCCOG** – Program update - Steve Lantz explained the confusion experienced by some city/agency staff who were not receiving meeting notices, due to a technical error. This has been resolved.
 - **SOUTH BAY TRAFFIC FORUM, LA County Dept. of PW** – Status – Andreas Navarez distributed the South Bay Traffic Forum Status Report for April 2012. Projects listed included the South Bay Intelligent Transportation System, the El Segundo Area Intelligent Transportation System, and various traffic signal synchronization program projects.
 - **Metro** – PMIS Update, Board Update was given by Steve. From last month's report given by Tasha Higgins and Fulgene Asuncion, some of the scope of work was missing. The SBCCOG, Metro, and Iteris approved the scope of work for that design effort (monitoring the projects' progress, not just the money.) Fiez Mir will be calling all the cities, and City Staff needs to take his calls. Alan Patashnick reported on Metro's *Status on Issues from October Short Range Transportation Plan Board Motion*. This motion looks at the ten year window 2013-2023. The goal is to have the budget presented to the Metro Board in winter of 2012-2013. Metro is requesting cities' help in reviewing and revising this before it is submitted. Martha Welborne will send letters to COGs, formally requesting this.
 - **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee** – Update - Steve Huang was unable to attend the latest TAC meeting, but Mike Bohlke was present, and reported that TAC was not aware of the Measure R subfunds/match to Ccall for Projects. The Committee has since been updated on this change.
 - **Caltrans** – Fulgene reported that she met with Caltrans and is waiting for their legal agreements, which are due by April 27.
- V. **Measure R Updates** – Due to the technical error mentioned above, Steve Lantz apologized for failing to send all city/agency staff the Early Action Projects & Identified Strategic Positioning Projects memo, which stated a deadline of April 6. All cities and agencies have since received the memo and accompanying documents, and are encouraged to submit any updates to Steve Lantz as soon as possible.
 - **Measure ITS Master Plan – Concept of Operations Lead Agency Workshop #2** – 5/10/12, 8:00 am – 2 pm SBESC **Steve said that not everyone likes the ITS program. We might not continue it.**
 - **Measure R Program Project Reporting / Risk Management Workshop** – 5/17/12, 8:00 am – 2 pm SBESC **we'll know what the software/report is going to look like, so we'll analyze that**
 - **Measure R SBHP Strategic Transportation Element Update** **date TBD. System metrics will tell us how to implement projects on a quarterly basis.**
- VI. **Measure R Project Spotlight – Hawthorne Boulevard** – Alan Leung presented. **Refer to PPT.**
- VII. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:37pm. The *next IWG meeting will be held on May 23, 2012. If you want to include an item in the agenda, please send e-mail to: Marcy@southbaycities.org by May 14, 2012.*