

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group  
November 28, 2012 Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:** Farrokh Abolfathi (Carson); Stephanie Katsouleas (El Segundo); Frank Bigdeli & John Felix (Gardena); Akbar Farokhi & Alan Leung (Hawthorne); Nasser Abbaszadeh & Miguel Alvarez (Lawndale); Jim Goodhart (Palos Verdes Estates); Steve Huang, Elaine Jeng, & John Mate (Redondo Beach); Craig Bilezerian, Beth Overstreet & Ted Semaan (Torrance); Paul Choy (LA County DWP); Fulgene Asuncion (Metro); Mike Bohlke (Representing Metro Director, Pam O'Connor); Marcy Hiratzka & Steve Lantz (SBCCOG); Alex Geyer (Breen Engineering); Jeff Heald (DKS Associates); Delbara Dorsey (Everfield Consulting); Rick Mahoney (Group Delta Consultants); Beverly Voran (Hard Hat Communications); Scott Carlson, Alan Clelland, & Alek Hovsepian (Iteris, Inc.); Claudette Moody (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Ken Berkman & Anissa Voyiatzes (Psomas); Lisa Van Dorpe (RBF Consulting); Carlos Cadena (WKE, Inc.)

In Chair Beste's absence, Ted Semaan called the IWG meeting to order at 12:00pm.

- I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of Minutes** – Minutes were approved as presented.
- II. **Agencies & Other Reports:**
  - **SBCCOG – Program update** - Steve Lantz had no report
  - **South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County Dept. of Public Works – Status** – Paul Choy distributed the County's South Bay Traffic Forum Status Report for November. Tasks in Progress include: the revised design report for Gardena's Traffic Management Center is still being reviewed, mylars are being distributed to cities for signatures for the South Bay Fiber Interconnect along Artesia Blvd., Vermont Ave, Manchester Ave, Western Ave, and Manhattan Beach Blvd. Alan Clelland reported that El Segundo's Advanced Traveler Information System, known as BlueCommute, has been transferred from the test environment to a production environment. The roll-out date will be December 3. All South Bay Cities will be asked if they would like to link this new service on their websites (customers have a choice of generic real-time information for free or \$0.99 a month to subscribe to a customized version.)
  - **Caltrans – Update** – Not present
  - **Metro – Mandatory PMIS Training Update, Board Update**- Fulgene Asuncion reported that Metro has encountered technical difficulties in the system's production version, and their IT Department is still working on this. Grantees should continue to submit monthly reports until they are provided a log in name / password to the new electronic report submittal system.
  - **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee – Update** – Ted Semaan reported the following from the TAC meeting: the 2013 CFP applications will be available online this month, MTA will have funding challenges for the Implementation Plan with the failure of Measure J to pass. Robert Calix talked about Metro's Congestion Mitigation Fee. Elaine Jeng reported that there will be no Freeway Subcommittee meeting in December 2012.
- III. **South Bay COG Boundaries** - (Attachment B) – Steve Lantz announced that the SBCCOG Board chose to approve the Steering Committee's recommendation to adopt the following boundaries:
  - The corporate boundaries of the 15 cities that are solely included in the South Bay.
  - The county unincorporated areas contained in the following communities of Districts 2 and 4 which were designated at the time that the county joined the SBCCOG: Del Aire, La Rambla, Lennox, West Alondra Park, West Carson, and Westfield.

- The Harbor City/San Pedro and Wilmington communities of the City of Los Angeles. The northern boundary of the City of Los Angeles 'strip' area of District 15 in the SBCCOG shall be as far north as the City of Carson extends (East Alondra Blvd.)

IV. **Measure R SBHP Project Spotlight - Marine Ave., City of Hawthorne (Attachments C1, C2)** - Alan Leung explained that the City is requesting additional Measure R funds and an amendment of the funding agreement to reflect a significant expansion of this project's scope. The City has agreed to contribute \$1 million dollars and the SBCCOG will be asked to contribute an additional \$2.1 million in Measure R. The Marine Ave. / Aviation Blvd. Project will mitigate congestion and improve traffic circulation through this intersection. The initial scope did not include widening of Marine. However, the city is proposing to widen Marine Avenue to improve the geometry and increase intersection capacity of Marine at Aviation Boulevard. This will require 23' of dedication from FAA right-of-way on the north side of Marine Avenue to accommodate a second westbound left-turn lane (resulting in double left-turn lanes), a 3rd westbound through lane and a dedicated westbound right-turn pocket. The project will relocate any conflicting utilities in the widening area such as the three Southern California Edison transmission poles and two West Basin water district water valves. This project will improve several different modes of transportation, improve traffic flow, increase pedestrian safety, and minimize flooding. The FAA is willing to give the City the right-of-way and is negotiating construction easement if the City takes care of the landscaping (gates and sprinklers). There will be no property acquisition costs, since the City is doing these improvements for the FAA. Edison, Northrop Grumman, West Basin, and the Cities of El Segundo and Manhattan Beach are also in the loop, as they are also affected. The project design will be completed at the end of 2014, and the City anticipates 6 months of construction. Steve Lantz emphasized that he wanted to use this process as an example for other cities that may have to request additional funding for their projects in the future. He acknowledged the City of Hawthorne for being so detailed in their explanation and request.

V. **Measure R Updates** – Steve Lantz made the following remarks:

- **SBHP Project Progress Chart (Attachment D)** - Redondo Beach has been experiencing procurement delays for its intersection improvement project at Artesia Blvd. and Aviation Blvd regarding a statewide provision in contracting out for architectural engineering services that required redrafting and recirculating. This issue has now been resolved and this project is back on track. The City of Lawndale has hired Nasser Abbaszadeh as the new Director of Public Works, and the SBCCOG anticipates that Lawndale projects will also get back on track.
- **Metro Call for Projects and PSR/PSRE Preparation Update (Attachment E)** - this chart reflects projects that have formally requested Measure R funds for the CFP local match. Gardena is now only proposing 1 park and ride lot (rather than 3) since park and ride lots are funded in the transit capital category of the Metro Call for Projects and Gardena Transit will also apply for bus replacements. In January 2013, the updated South Bay CFP list will go before MTA Board for a determination of eligibility. Steve Lantz asked any lead agencies who are applying for Metro's 2013 CFP and *not* requesting Measure R Funds as the local match, to let him know the reasoning behind that decision.
- **Three-Month Look Ahead (Attachment F)** - Measure R Oversight Committee, IWG, and the SBCCOG Board will not meet in December 2012. In 2013, the SBCCOG will be switching gears from qualifying projects for the Call for Projects to finishing the SBHP Implementation Plan Update. Policies and priorities that need to be changed will be discussed in January 2013.
- **Measure J ballot measure Update**- Mike Bohlke shared with the SBCCOG that GIS voting patterns showed that Measure J was not supported as strongly as Measure R was by South Bay voters or across the county. Mike Bohlke explained that Measure J failed by 18,000 votes (65% in support). He suggested that the SBCCOG support a lowering of the margin for transportation measure

passage statewide from 65% to 55% and encouraged the cities and SBCCOG to push for this issue to be included in their legislative agenda for the upcoming session.

- **Metro Measure R SBHP Budget Request (Attachment G)** – Staff has submitted a proposed budget to the SBCCOG Board that initially programs available Measure R funding through 2019 for SBHP program development, oversight, and delivery of current project commitments. The balance of the funding is proposed to be reserved until the SBCCOG knows what its matching commitments are for 2013 Call for Projects applications that are funded by Metro. MTA requires the SBCCOG to request (each December) funds for the following year. This budget request also reflects a change in the way the SBCCOG is managing the Measure R program. The administrative elements that have previously been provided by the Iteris team under the technical services contract will be converted to administrative work to be completed in-house. Steve Lantz and Marcy Hiratzka are requesting that their time on Measure R be increased to 75% of their hours. This will result in overall cost savings, and the consultants will be able to focus solely on technical assistance for the SBCCOG and project lead agencies. If both the SBCCOG and MTA Boards approve this, a new funding agreement will be executed and incorporated within the new Cooperative Agreement between Metro and the SBCCOG. We expect the approvals to occur after January 2013 and the transition to be completed when the current Iteris contract expires at the end of June 2013.

- VI. **2013 IWG Meeting Dates- (Attachment H)** – Steve Lantz reminded everyone that starting in January of 2013, the IWG meetings will be held on the THIRD Wednesday of the month, instead of the forth. The meetings will continue to be held at the Blue Water Grill with the same cash \$25 lunch cost, which was possible by excluding ice cream.
- VII. **Adjournment-** Ted Semaan adjourned the meeting at 12:36pm until January 16, 2013. If you would like to include an item in the agenda, please send e-mail to: [Marcy@southbaycities.org](mailto:Marcy@southbaycities.org) by January 8, 2013.