South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – April 11, 2018

Attendees: Chair Stephanie Katsouleas (Manhattan Beach); Vice-Chair Rob Beste (Torrance); Richard Garland (Carson); Akbar Farokhi & Alan Leung (Hawthorne); Glen Kau (Hermosa Beach); Louis Atwell (Inglewood); Ted Semaan, Didar Khandker, Gene Kim, & Brad Lindahl (Redondo Beach); James Lee, Mark MacDougall, & Godfrey Offoegbu (Torrance Transit); Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); Lance Grindle, Robert Torres, Jane White, & William Johnson (LA County DPW); Mike Bohlke, Shrota Sharma, Kali Fogel, & Isidro Panuco (Metro); Steve Lantz, Jacki Bacharach, Buck Doyle & David Leger (SBCCOG); Carlos Ortiz (Advantec); Scott Dellinger & Stephanie Roberts (Atkins); Lan Saadatnejadi (LRS Program Delivery); Steve Anderson (MAARS); Cal Zachman (MNS Engineers); Margaret Novak (Michael Baker Int'l); Charlene Palmer & Juanita Martinez (NCE); Chris Buscarino (Parson); Linda Hunter (Rincon); Wayne Richardson (Tetra Tech); Scott Robinson (TrafficCast); Diego Cadena (WKE); Kenny Chao (DKS); Thais Blumenthal & Kate Balingit (Waze)

Steve Lantz called the meeting to order at 10:16 am. A workshop on working with Waze was help preceding the business portion of the IWG meeting. Presentations on Waze services and RIITS were made during the workshop.

I. **Spotlight Presentation**
    – **Working With Waze**
       Thais Blumenthal gave a presentation on the Waze Connected Citizen's Program, which is an ongoing partnership between Waze and various international government agencies to share publicly-available data. Ms. Blumenthal explained the history of the program, instances where the Program has been utilized, and benefits of joining the program. Waze and the government agencies share Waze generated data on things such as incidents and road closure reports, which can allow the agency to respond quicker to accidents and congestion. It can also help identify recurring congestion which can allow the agency to invest in better infrastructure improvements. Waze users are able to see current conditions on the roads, allowing them to drive safer and be more knowledgeable about agency approved road construction, special events, and even natural disasters such as a flood.

       Kate Balingit gave a brief presentation on Waze's Carpool program, which allows a user to either offer a carpool ride or ask for a carpool ride to a location via a real-time smartphone application. The algorithm matches a driver with a rider to help minimize the added time for the driver's normal commute. This program is not meant to be an on-demand tool such as Uber or Lyft. The program is being used by companies to help identify ridesharing opportunities for employees, as well as being tested by government agencies to help promote tourism by offering special incentives to pick up or drop off visitors at various locations. A rider will pay via Waze for their ride, and a driver will get reimbursed at 53 cents/mile for each ride. Waze pays each driver at the end of the month, acting only as a payment facilitator. Waze is not currently making any money off the program.

       For more detail on both Waze programs, the full presentation is available online at:
       http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_Waze.pdf

    – **LA County RIITS**
       Kali Fogel gave a brief presentation on the Regional Integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems (RIITS) network, which supports information exchange in real-time between freeway, traffic, transit and emergency service agencies to improve management of the Los Angeles County transportation system and better serve the traveling public. RIITS has an agreement with Waze and is participating in the Connected Citizen Program, exchanging data on road closures, incidents, unique events, and

major traffic events. For more detail, Mr. Fogel's full presentation is available online at: http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_RIITS_0.pdf

II. **Self-Introductions and Approval of March 14, 2018 Meeting Notes**. Stephanie Katsouleas convened the business portion of the IWG at 11:45am The March 14, 2018 meeting notes were received and filed.

III. **Agency & Other Reports**

SBCCOG: Jacki Bacharach gave the following updates:

– Regional Broadband meeting on April 26th for IT and Public Works Directors. The draft RFP will be available at the meeting for review and comment. The tentative schedule projects the RFP going to the SBCCOG Board in May for release in June. The RFP asks for what it would take (cost and construction) to connect city halls to a high-speed and lower cost fiber optic network backbone.

– ExpressLanes: There was a meeting with several Metro Board members and their staff on the issue of the ExpressLanes Net Toll Revenue and the 105 ExpressLanes Project. The SBCCOG staff is advocating to improve the current I-110 ExpressLanes using Net Toll Revenues prior to using that money to expand the network of new ExpressLanes (e.g.: I-105 and others across the county). Ms. Bacharach noted that Metro will be reviewing a change to the clean-air vehicle access in the ExpressLanes from the policy that lets zero emission vehicles use the lane at no cost to a policy that provides a discount for these vehicle types (they must receive a discount of at least 10% per federal policy).

– The SBCCOG is being asked to participate in 2020 Census work. More information will be provided at a future meeting.

– 2019 General Assembly: The 2019 GA will take place Thursday, February 28th.

South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW: Robert Torres provided an update on the status of the County's ITS projects, which include the South Bay CCTV & Fiber Project (completed), Centracs System for Cities of Carson and Hawthorne, and IEN for Cities of Torrance and Redondo Beach. Mr. Torres also provided updates on the Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Projects. For details on the status of specific projects, the full report can be found on the SBCCOG website at: http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_South%20Bay%20Traffic%20Forum%20April%202018.pdf

Caltrans: Jimmy Shih gave a brief update on Caltrans' projects. He reported that I-110/I-405 auxiliary lane construction contract is to be awarded in April 2018. The I-405/Crenshaw Blvd project is currently in design and Caltrans has been coordinating with the City of Torrance. This project is expected to be ready to list for construction bids in March 2020. Caltrans is applying for Congested Corridor Program funds through SB1 for the I-405/Crenshaw Blvd project. Mr. Shih noted that a new PDT meeting for the PCH repaving project is being scheduled. This new meeting will include project submittals from the local jurisdictions.

L. A. Metro Updates

- **L.A. Metro Board** – Mr. Panuco reported that the Metro Board is considering awarding three contracts for microtransit projects to plan, design, and test the concept. He also noted that the end of the fiscal year is approaching and asked for cities to make sure they are submitting their quarterly invoices, as well as beginning work on identifying needed Funding Agreement extensions for SBHP projects.

– **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee –** TAC: Ted Semaan reported that City Councils need to adopt resolutions for SB1 by May 1st to be eligible for funding. TAC appeals will be held in May. No report from Streets and Freeways Subcommittee.

IV. **Measure R SBHP Reporting / Oversight**
  – **Annual Program Evaluation Tool and Summary Table**
    Mr. Lantz briefly reviewed the APE Table, noting that in the next iteration, there will be a specific milestone for "Caltrans Permitting". Additionally, there will be a summary on expenditures, similar to the older Risk Report. Chair Katsouleas asked about the projects that are being considered for takeover by Caltrans as part of the PCH repaving project, wondering if those projects could be removed from the list as the decision is being made. Mr. Lantz and Mr. Panuco both stated that until the project is officially transferred, the City is still being held responsible since they have entered into the funding agreement with Metro.

    The report can be viewed online at:
    http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_Attachment%20B%20March%202018%20APE%20Report.pdf

V. **Measure M Updates**
  – **Measure M Policy Advisory Committee Update**
    Mr. Lantz reported that originally, the PAC was reporting to the Metro Board on Measure M policies, but when the work shifted to development of administrative guidelines, the committee has been advising Metro staff. Now that the guidelines are completed, the PAC is shifting its focus the Metro Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. There is discussion as to whether the PAC should be dissolved as a Metro Board advisory committee and/or restructured as to its purpose and membership. Beginning in July, the meetings will take place quarterly rather than monthly.

VI. **"Dig Once" Trenching Task Force Update**
  – Mr. Lantz explained that there was discussion between Cities and Utilities regarding trenching policies in the South Bay. There was discussion as to the types of trenching needed and the Utilities were asking for a coordinated trenching policy throughout the South Bay. A survey was sent out to cities about their trenching policies. Mr. Lantz asked for the surveys to be returned as soon as possible so a follow-up meeting can be held. Kali Fogel also noted that RIITS handles some trenching issues, such as when you are connecting two data systems.

VII. **Metro ExpressLanes Funding Update** – report was given during SBCCOG update.

VIII. **Three-Month Look Ahead –** Received and filed.

IX. **Announcements & Adjournment**
    Chair Katsouleas adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p. m. until May 09, 2018 (Agency-only meeting). The meeting was adjourned to go into a workshop on Measure M MSP development. To include an item on the May IWG agenda, please email Steve Lantz (lantzsh10@gmail.com) by April 30, 2018.