

South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – March 13, 2019

Attendees: Chair Stephanie Katsouleas (Manhattan Beach); Vice-Chair Rob Beste (Torrance); Gilbert Marquez (Carson); Lifan Xu & Cheryl Ebert (El Segundo); Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Prem Kumar (Manhattan Beach); Didar Khandker & Andy Winje (Redondo Beach); Greg Grammer & David Wahba (Rolling Hills Estates); Craig Bilezerian & Art Reyes (Torrance); Jimmy Shih (Caltrans); William Johnson & Melissa Turcotte (LA County DPW); Catherine Saint (Metro); Fernando Paludi (West Basin); Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG)

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of January 9, 2019 Meeting Notes** – Vice-Chair Rob Beste called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm. The January 9, 2019 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Reports**

SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach gave the following updates:

- General Assembly: the 20th General Assembly took place Thursday, February 28th and had the largest attendance ever. Topic suggestions for next year are welcome. The event may be moved to March in 2020.
- Broadband: Potential funding sources for the project continue to be identified.
- Shared Mobility: The shared mobility working group has developed potential guidelines for a shared mobility (bike and e-scooter) pilot project.
- SBCCOG: The SBCCOG was contacted by CSULB about hosting a discussion with a delegation of 19 officials from Inner Mongolia on big data at the end of March. The meeting will take place March 26th at 1:30pm at the SBCCOG office.

South Bay Traffic Forum, LA County DPW: No report given.

Caltrans: Mr. Shih reported that the 405/Crenshaw project is still on schedule and is expected to be listed for construction in March 2020. Work also continues on the 405/110 interchange project. Mr. Shih also noted that there is a webinar on State funding for Local Streets and Roads that totals approximately \$15 billion over the next decade.

L. A. Metro Updates

- **L.A. Metro Board:** Ms. Saint reported that the Measure R SBHP budget request will be going to the Metro Board in April. Ms. Saint also announced that the South Bay Measure M MSP project list review has begun. Individual meetings will be held with the jurisdictions after the reviews. The Metro Board recently approved \$30M in Measure M funds for North County programs. Mr. Dierking reported that there is a draft flyer on the materials table advertising delivery support workshops. The flyer is available here: http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_Delivery%20Support%20Workshops%20Draft%20Framework%20and%20Initial%20Schedule.pdf
- **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways Sub-Committee:** Mr. Beste announced that there was a presentation on Metro’s Reimagining LA County paper at the TAC meeting. Mr. Winje reported that the Streets and Freeways Subcommittee received a presentation on the Sepulveda Pass corridor project. There was also discussion on curbside mobility, ATP Cycle 4 awards (no South Bay cities were awarded), and a new VMT calculator software developed by the City of LA for planning purposes. More information on the VMT calculator and the software itself can be found online here (under “Project Documents”): <https://ladot.lacity.org/what-we-do/planning-development-review/transportation-planning-policy/modernizing-transportation-analysis>
- South Bay Representation on Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways Sub-Committee: One person volunteered to serve. The SBCCOG will send out another request for volunteers.

III. **Measure R SBHP**

- **Annual Program Evaluation Tool and Summary Table**
Mr. Lantz reviewed the updated APE report. If there are any errors noted, let David Leger know so the edits can be made. The report can be viewed online at: http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_February%202019%20APE.pdf

IV. **Measure M MSP**

- **Initial Tier 1 Measure M Subregional Program Project List**
Mr. Lantz reported that the project list was submitted to Metro on February 15th and noted that Metro has 60 days to

complete its review. Ms. Bacharach added that there are discussions underway as to the eligibility of fiber, adding that it's important to have this discussion about the flexibility within the Measure M guidelines. Mr. Lantz reviewed the key differences between Measure R and Measure M in terms of the SBCCOG's programs and roles, explaining that the Measure R SBHP is a **regional** program where the SBCCOG recommends projects to Metro for review and approval. Because Measure M MSPs are **sub-regional** by definition, Metro's role is to confirm eligibility of project applications and execute funding agreements for projects approved by the Metro Board, which leaves the cities/sub-region responsible for identifying and implementing eligible projects they see as important to the sub-region.

V. **Other Updates**

– **Metro's "Reimagining L.A. County: Mobility, Equity, and the Environment"**

Ms. Bacharach explained that all three stakeholder groups that make up Metro's Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) agreed that Metro had too many large items in the white paper. The PAC felt that the implementation and funding of the 28 by '28 list should be wholly separate from the policies that need further evaluation, particularly the issue of congestion pricing. Of the 28 projects on the 28 by '28 list, 8 projects need an additional \$26B in funding. The Metro Board directed Metro staff to continue working on identifying funding for the 8 projects, but identified 4 of those (one of which is the Green Line to Torrance) as transit projects they should focus on. In order to accelerate, Metro will request a 10% match from the local jurisdictions. The Metro Board did state that local return would not be used, which leaves Measure R and Measure M subregional as potential acceleration funding sources for the approximately \$125M needed.

– **Metro ExpressLanes**

Mr. Lantz reported that meetings are still ongoing between Metro/COG/City staff regarding the proposal to use surplus revenues from the I-110 ExpressLanes to fund the expansion of the ExpressLanes network throughout the county via a loan process. There are continuing developments that have shifted discussions on the specifics of how a loan might work. Further updates will be provided.

– **Metro's LA County Curbside Mobility Demand Discussion Forum**

Ms. Bacharach reported that Metro is working on a Goods Movement Strategic Plan and has met with COGs to begin partnering on developing the plan and potential funding sources. Ms. Bacharach asked for discussion topics that the cities would like to see discussed as part of the process.

VI. **Spotlight Presentation**

– **Measure W/ Safe Clean Water Program Funding Update**

Melissa Turcotte (LA County DPW) presented the structure of the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP), explaining that there are 3 programs to be implemented: Regional Program (about \$150M annually); Municipal Program (about \$120M annually); Flood Control District Program (about \$30M annually). As part of the municipal program, 40% of total revenue collected within each city goes back to the city and can be used for almost any stormwater related project, including maintenance. Ms. Turcotte also reviewed the anticipated timeline for SCWP implementation. For more details, the presentation is available online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_Safe%20Clean%20Water%20Program%20update.pdf

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

VIII. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Chair Katsouleas adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm until April 10, 2019 (public meeting). To include an item on the agenda, please email Steve Lantz (lantzsh10@gmail.com) by April 1, 2019.