

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee FOLLOW-UP AGENDA July 14, 2014

Attendees: Jim Gazeley (1st Vice Chair, Lomita), Jim Knight (2nd Vice Chair, Rancho Palos Verdes), Jim Osborne (Lawndale), Nanette Barragan (Hermosa Beach), David Lesser (Manhattan Beach), Steven Zuckerman (Rolling Hills Estates – non-voting), Jim Dear (Carson – arrived 1:05 pm), Jacki Bacharach, Steve Lantz & Wally Siembab (SBCCOG)

I. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA

- **ACTION:** Received and filed

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – CHANGE ITEM M – EXPRESS LANES CONTRACT EXTENSION TO EXPRESS LANES REVENUE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

IV. OVERVIEW OF IMPORTANT CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - 12:05 pm

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file - 12:10 pm

A. Steering Committee – June 9, 2014 meeting minutes attached

- **ACTION:** Approved **OSBORNE/KNIGHT**

B. Appointments to Outside Agencies

- Letters of Commitment Metro Service Council appointees – English outstanding (reminder sent 7/1/14)
- Letter of Commitment for LCC Legislative Committee – Dieringer outstanding (reminder sent 7/7/14) - **RECEIVED**

C. Grant Opportunities

- SGC grant – scope and budget preparation underway
- Geothermal with UC Davis – to be submitted by July 11 to meet the July 15 deadline
- SBESC services to DWP – negotiating over budget and scope

D. Award Submittals

- UCLA's Luskin Center for Innovation has recommended and prepared two award applications for the SBCCOG's EV work and our collaboration with them. They are the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award and the MOBI award from the University of Michigan.

E. Transportation Issues

- Monthly transportation update from Steve Lantz – attached

F. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities Report – attached

- **WEST BASIN UPPING THEIR CONTRACT TO \$175,000 AND LOWERING SOME OF THEIR GOALS**

- G. Dues & Assessment Receipts
 - Dues and assessment paid as of 7/7/14 – Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Torrance
 - **RECEIVED ASSESSMENT ONLY FROM LAWDALE – DUES BEING PROCESSED**
 - Dues only – El Segundo (**CITY MGR SAID THEY WOULD PAY ASSESSMENT**) & Rolling Hills

- H. Board meeting agenda development
 - July – AQMP, Barry Wallerstein; Regional Government & SBCCOG Orientation – draft attached
 - August – Cost of Power Supply in the South Bay, cost and interconnections & SONGS effect & Future Energy Needs for the South Bay & EEMIS Presentation
 - August or September - LA City Mayor & New Metro Chair Eric Garcetti would like to come to one of our Board meetings – we are in touch with his scheduler

- I. Status of Work Program Presentations to City Councils
 - Lawndale, Lomita & Carson completed
 - Still trying to schedule Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach
 - **PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ADD SOME COMMENTS ABOUT THE SBCCOG AND ITS VALUE TO YOUR CITY WHEN I COME TO YOUR CITY**

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- J. Appointment of a Finance Committee re: Balanced budget – **12:15 pm**
 - Approved at the March 2014 Board meeting was the following:
 - That the SBCCOG Board approve the current dues amounts as well as the special assessment, and continue to spend reserves to balance the operating budget for one more year.
 - That the Chair appoint a committee of Steering Committee members and city managers to review the dues amount and provide a recommendation by the end of 2014 in preparation for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
 - **ACTION:** AppointED members of the Ad Hoc Finance Committee per Board Direction – **OSBORNE/KNIGHT**

Accepted – Goodhart, Huff, Franklin, Dahlerbruch. Bakaly, Rock
 Will think about it - Osborne
 Calls in to DiVirgilio
 Declined – Knight, Gazeley, Valentine

HOW TO HANDLE: MOTION @ BOARD MEETING by Board Member Goodhart, seconded by Board Member Osborne, to tentatively approve Item VI-B as amended. No objection. So ordered. –RE-SUBMIT???? – BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR RESPONDING TO RE-APPROVE THE BUDGET WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL COME BACK. DEFICIT - \$73,000. TOTAL BUDGET IS \$2.7 MILLION – OPERATING BUDGET IS \$600,000.

- K. Approval of Invoices – available at the meeting – **12:25 pm**
 - **ACTION:** ApproveD invoices for payment – **OSBORNE/LESSER**
 - **SCE PAYMENTS OVERDUE (\$350,000)– NET 60 DAY PAYMENT TERM AFTER APPROVED INVOICE SIGNED OFF ON. 30 DAYS OR MORE TO DO INITIAL REVIEW. WE RESPOND THEN THEY TAKE ANOTHER 20 TO 30 DAYS. IT'S TAKING 4-5 MONTHS TO GET THE PAYMENTS. THIS IS A DIFFERENCE IN PRACTICE FOR 2 OF THE 4 CONTRACTS. WATER LEAK AND EECAP ARE THE PROBLEMS – UNDER THE P.O. AND THEY ARE THE PROBLEMS. MAYBE AMEND SUBCONTRACTS TO SAY WE DON'T GET PAID UNTIL WE GET PAID. OR GET UP FRONT RESERVE ON EACH OF THE SCE CONTRACTS.**

- L. Web Site Technical Support and Maintenance – **12:30 pm**
 - Memo attached

- **ACTION:** Recommended Board approval of the contract extension with Civic Resource Group (CRG) to complete Phase II enhancements and move the remainder of the budget which is coming from Measure R and Utility Partnership funds to ongoing technical support and maintenance - OSBORNE/GAZELEY

M. Metro ExpressLanes Contract Extension – 12:35 pm

- ~~An extension to the Metro ExpressLanes contract is expected this week. It will be sent separately if it arrives before the meeting.~~
- ~~**ACTION:** Recommend Board approve contract extension subject to legal counsel review~~

Metro is deciding this month how they will spend the toll lane revenues from the I-110. This issue will first be heard at this Wednesday’s Ad Hoc Congestion Reduction Committee and then at the full Board meeting on July 24.

The recommendation in the packet (item #36) states, among other things, that Torrance Transit Expansion of Line #1 and Line #4 is receiving \$2,235,911 (request was \$7,750,656) and West Carson Silver Line Station Access Improvements (a county project asking for \$762,000) will not be funded. However, it states that Metrolink will receive \$875,000 for their enhanced ticket distribution.

Staff contacted Mike Bohlke to find out why Metrolink would receive funding from the I-110 revenues. (Metrolink is getting funding from the I-10 revenues). He agreed that this was wrong and he let me know that “TENTATIVELY...he has discussed a Motion with some of the other Board deputies that gives \$762,000 to West Carson Silver Line Station and probably the residual to Torrance Line 4 project.”

Letter sent to several Mayors and board members from the affected cities asking for a letter supporting this position - to formally object to the funding of Metrolink with I-110 funds and asking that the transfer be made to the projects as Mike has outlined.

- **ACTION: SEND COMMUNICATION TO METRO BOARD MEMBERS RE: ALLOCATION OF I-110 REVENUES – NO METROLINK ALLOCATION – WE ALSO WANT INPUT ON ALLOCATION PROCESS WHEN IT COMES UP FOR CONSIDERATION. – KNIGHT/OSBORNE**
- **ORANGE LINE LETTER- FEASIBILITY STUDY OK – NO COMMITMENT – BACHARACH TO SEND LETTER**

O. Legislative Advocacy – 12:45 pm

- Legislative Matrix – attached – REMOVE AB 1893
 - **AB1147 – WARONEK TESTIFIED IN SACRAMENTO**
 - **AB 2188 – FOLLOW-UP RE: PROVISIONS**
 - **AB 2711 – BARRAGAN ASK FOR SUPPORT POSITION. LOAN TO HB TO PAY \$11.5 MILLION IF VOTERS VOTE NO. CITY WOULD PAY BACK ANNUALLY. ALLOWS VOTERS TO VOTE THEIR CONSCIENCE. CITY SUPPORTS THE BILL. NO INTEREST ON FUNDS. COULD BE 2%. BRING BACK TO NEXT MEETING FOR DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION.**
- **Comments/Follow-up on Legislative Briefing and Breakfast – GOOD ATTENDANCE AND DISCUSSION. INVITING LEGISLATORS FOR OCTOBER**

P. Special Events – 12:50 pm

- Scheduled
 - Space X – August 20
- Possible Future Go See Tours
 - Sea Lab & Desalination Plant in Redondo Beach – NOT AT THIS TIME - REMOVE

- Tour of Gas Company facilities near Ballona Wetlands – **RELATED TO SMBRC – NATURAL GAS STORED THERE. – PLAN FOR OCTOBER**
- Hawthorne Airport

JIM DEAR ARRIVED

- Possible study sessions – **YES BUT WHEN? FOCUS ON IMPORTANCE FOR COUNCILMEMBERS AND HOW THEY CAN MAKE USE OF THE INFORMATION - QUARTERLY**
 - Impressions of Hong Kong and What We Can Learn
 - GIS for elected officials
 - Understanding the Global Marketplace – diverse cultures in our communities
 - **ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND OUR RESEARCH**
- November – Thank You Reception for our Volunteers

VII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Q. SCAG update – 1:00 pm – WALLY -

POLITICS OF METRICS – METRICS USED TO JUSTIFY INVESTMENT.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IS OVER COUNTED. WILL HAVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS’ MEMO TO DISCUSS WITH HASAN RE: THIS ISSUE.

- **ZUCKERMAN – ADDRESS SCAG BOARD – BRIEF SCAG REPRESENTATIVES IF THEY DON’T CORRECT THIS.**
- **LESSER – PRACTICAL IMPACT? – SIEMBAB – MORE INVESTMENT IN PED AND BIKE AND AWAY FROM OTHER NEEDS.**
- **LANTZ – LRTP = BIKE AND PED WANT 20% TO GO TO THEM. TRANSIT IS ALREADY GETTING 78% AND IT’S ONLY 5-10%. GETTING FAR AWAY FROM REALITY OF HIGHWAY NEEDS.**
- **KNIGHT – TOD FUNDING PRIORITY STILL? SIEMBAB – WE ARE STILL TRYING TO GET THEM TO LISTEN TO US. THERE IS BIAS ADVOCATING SPECIFIC MODES AND NOT TRYING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM GLOBALLY. KNIGHT – FUNDING TO COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH DENSITY.**
- **LANTZ – SCAG MODELING IS TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH CONFORMITY WITH AQ REQUIREMENTS. PAST YEARS – MET CONFORMITY WITH BLACK BOX.**
- **SIEMBAB – SCAG’S SUSTAINABILITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS TOD AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION.**
- **SGC GRANT SHOULD HELP GET THIS DEFINED FOR THE REGIONAL PLANS**
- **SIEMBAB – WANTS TO DO STUDY SESSIONS FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS IN THE SOUTH BAY TO DISCUSS OUR STRATEGY AND NOT TOD. ZUCKERMAN – AGREES – HE KNOWS OF NO ALTERNATE MODEL AND HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE DENSITY BASED MODEL.**

R. Senior Services Working Group Update – 1:10 pm

- **LESSER – WHAT ARE OUR GOALS? BACHARACH – HELPED CITIES WITH THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE AND PROVIDE ECONOMIES OF SCALE FOR SERVICES SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION, IF POSSIBLE**

S. Homeless Initiative Update – 1:20 pm – NEXT MEETING

T. Other updates since agenda distribution – 1:25 pm

REPORT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

- **DEAR – SBCCOG IS GOOD FRAMEWORK BUT WE NEED PROTOCOL OFFICER, BI-LINGUAL PERSON (CHINESE). TALKED ABOUT MEETING A BILLIONAIRE AND THE WEALTH THAT THEY HAVE TO INVEST. NEW RICH. WHY NOT SOUTH BAY? CHINESE MONEY HAS GONE TO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. CHINA – COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT ROOTED IN AGRARIAN SOCIETY AND THEY ARE WORRIED THAT GOVERNMENT POLICY COULD CHANGE.**

- **ZUCKERMAN – ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN IN CHINA IS CAUSING PEOPLE TO GET MONEY OUT**
- **LESSER – WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE? ME – WAS PART OF THE WORK PROGRAM**
- **DEAR – CARSON CAN'T DO IT ALONE – NEED THE ATTRACTION OF THE REGION. CSUDH WANTS TO GO FROM 15,000 STUDENTS TO 25,000. MEETING A WEEK FROM TODAY. CARSON COULD CONSIDER FUNDING THIS PERSON FOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.**
- **DISCUSS WITH CITY MANAGERS**

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – August 11, 2014 @ 12:00 pm

PLEASE CONSULT WEBSITE IF YOU ARE NOT SURE ABOUT THE MEETING SCHEDULES

ADJOURN

West Carson Street Station Improvements Project

The County of Los Angeles (County) proposes to install a buffered bike lane along Carson Street, a bike route with sharrows along 220th Street and pedestrian related intersection improvements along Carson Street and 220th Street.

The proposed east-west bikeways will connect to the existing north-south bike lane along Vermont Avenue and create a network of bikeways around the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The proposed bike lane along Carson Street will connect to the City of LA's existing bike lanes between Western Avenue and Normandie Avenue, and the City of Carson's proposed bikeways between Figueroa Street and Santa Fe Avenue. The completion of the County and the City of Carson's project will create a 5 mile long regional bikeway along Carson Street, and improve access for residents to Metro's Silver Line Station, the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and other local destinations. The combination of the pedestrian and bicycle improvements proposed by the County and neighboring cities will greatly enhance safety and encourage more people to bike and walk in the region.

The proposed bike route along 220th Street was included in the County's Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) adopted in March, 2012. The County conducted extensive outreach throughout the BMP development process between 2010 through 2012, to engage and obtain input from residents and other stakeholders on the future bikeways in their community. These bikeways were then prioritized based on several factors, including their proximity to local destinations and transit hubs and potential to improve the community's access to these locations to meet their daily needs. The bike lane along Carson Street between Normandie Avenue and Figueroa Street was proposed after the adoption of the BMP based on discussions with the Cities of Los Angeles and Carson. In October 2012, the City of Los Angeles installed bike lanes on Carson Street between Western Avenue and Normandie Avenue. The City of Carson proposed a combination of bike lanes and bike routes along Carson Street between Figueroa Street and Santa Fe Avenue in their 2013 Master Plan of Bikeways. The buffered bike lane along Carson Street was proposed by the County to close the gap between the bikeways in the neighboring cities, and the bike lane will be included in the next amendment to the BMP. The resulting five mile long bikeway between Western Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue will be a regionally significant corridor that will connect residents to the West Carson Silver Line Station, the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and other destinations along Carson Street. See Attachment E for excerpts from the County and City of Carson's Bicycle Master Plans.

The proposed access improvement to the West Carson Silver Line Station also supports Metro's First Last Mile Strategic Plan (Plan). According to the Plan, approximately 91% of transit users are already walking or rolling themselves to Metro stations or to complete multi-modal connections. The Plan outlines the development of the Path, which is a proposed county-wide, transit access network designed to reduce the distance and time it takes people to travel from their origins to stations and from stations to destinations, while simultaneously improving the user experience.

NEXT MONTH – POWER RELIABILITY