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SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2014 - 2015

City	April - 15	May - 15	June - 15	July - 15	Aug - 15	Sept - 15	Oct - 15
Carson	Davis-Holmes	Davis-Holmes			Davis-Holmes		
El Segundo	Fuentes	Fuentes				Fuentes	
Gardena	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine			
Hermosa Beach	Fangary	DiVirgilio	DiVirgilio	Fangary	Fangary		
Inglewood	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin Butts		Butts	Franklin	
Lawndale	Osborne	Osborne	Osborne Pullen-Miles	Osborne	Osborne	Osborne	
Lomita	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles	Buscaino				Buscaino		
Manhattan Beach	Lesser	Lesser	Lesser	Howorth	Howorth	Howorth	
Palos Verdes Estates	Goodhart	Goodhart	Goodhart Vandever	Goodhart	Goodhart	Vandever	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Knight	Knight	Knight	Knight	Duhovic	Knight	
Redondo Beach	Aust	Aust	Horvath		Emdee Horvath	Emdee	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer	Dieringer		
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff Addleman	Addleman	Huff	Huff	Huff	
Torrance	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	
County of Los Angeles		Napolitano	Riccitiello		Napolitano		

Number of Active Agencies	17	17	17	17	17	17	
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	9	9	9	9	9	
Number of Agencies Attending	16	16	13	11	15	11	

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015
SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THEATER
20285 S. WESTERN AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, TORRANCE, CA 90501

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gazeley called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Suzanne Fuentes, El Segundo
Dan Medina, Gardena
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood
Jim Osborne, Lawndale
Jim Gazeley, Lomita

Amy Howorth, Manhattan Beach
James Vandever, Palos Verdes Estates
Laura Emdee, Redondo Beach
Jim Knight, Rancho Palos Verdes
Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Kurt Weideman, Torrance

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities
David Roberts, Los Angeles
Mike Bohlke, Metro
Danielle Valentino, Metro
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Aaron Baum, SBCCOG
Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Suzanne Charles, SBCCOG

Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG
Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Wally Siembab, SBCCOG
Chris Cagle, SBWIB
Hasan Ikhata, SCAG
Sally Hayati, Torrance resident

III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

– Ms. Bacharach stated that there was a clerical change to the minutes of August 27 in Item VIII-B (Measure R Recommendations on LRTP & Sales Tax to Metro Board), highlighted in yellow on page 8 of the meeting packet. Originally, the minutes had stated, “Renee Berlin from Metro said that she would allow for the SBCCOG to submit its official request no later than September 7, 2015.” The new language says, Renee Berlin from Metro confirmed that she did need the South Bay’s list as soon as possible because Metro staff needed to take this to the Metro Board in October.”

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

– Sally Hayati, a Torrance resident and a member of the Torrance Refinery Action Alliance (TRAA) and ExxonMobil Community Advisory Panel, expressed her concern for the large amounts of highly-toxic modified hydrofluoric acid being stored and used at the oil refineries in Torrance and Wilmington. Ms. Hayati said that the ExxonMobil Refinery explosion on February 18 and gas leak on September 8 (both in 2015) put the community at great risk of exposure, and that the use of modified hydrofluoric acid is prohibited in other regions. She added that communities beyond Torrance and Wilmington are also being affected. The TRAA has been collecting signatures against the use of this chemical and has documented evidence of its concerns. Ms. Hayati said that the EPA and AQMD are aware of the Alliance’s efforts in the South Bay, and provided visual aids of both refineries and the communities that are directly impacted, as well as literature on the TRAA and modified hydrofluoric acid. Board Member Weideman responded that the city of Torrance has scheduled a community workshop on October 13 to discuss health issues regarding the ExxonMobil refinery. He stated that representatives from ExxonMobil will be present.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. August Board Meeting Minutes (*attachment*) – Approved as amended**
- B. Contract Amendment with Jenkins & Hogin for Reimbursable Services (*attachment*) – Approved**
- C. Contract with Marlon Boarnet for Expert Advice for work on the Strategic Growth Council grant (*attachment*) – Approved**
- D. Correction on Contract with Luskin Center re: CEC ZEV MUD analysis grant previously approved in May, 2015 (*attachments*) – Approved**
- E. Finance Reserve Policy (*attachment*) – Approved**
- F. Resolution 2015-3 Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (*attachment*) – Approved**
- G. Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (*attachment*) – Received and filed**
- H. Correspondence Approved by the Steering Committee – Received and filed**
 - 1. Comments to CARB re: draft Cap and Trade Auction Proceeds Triennial Investment Plan**
- I. Monthly Transportation Report (*attachment*) – Received and filed**
- J. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (*attachment*) – Received and filed**

MOTION by Board Member Huff, seconded by Board Member Franklin, to **approve** the Consent Calendar as amended. No objection. So ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1A. Update on SCAG's 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy - Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director of SCAG, explained that the RTP/SCS is long-term vision for the next twenty years. 191 cities in six counties in Southern California are encompassed in the RTP/SCS, which is updated every 4 years and amended as needed. Developing the RTP/SCS allows federally-funded or regionally-significant projects to maintain their eligibility for federal funding. As population growth dictates housing and zoning regulations and economic development, Mr. Ikhata displayed the growth forecast from 2012-2040 (SCAG region versus LA county.) Population shifts by age cohorts indicated that over fifty percent of the population was, and will continue to be comprised of people between the ages of 21 and 64. Mr. Ikhata said that implications of changing demographics include: decrease of working class in the future, surplus of large-lot homes, increased demand for health care and social services, increased demand for housing choices in cities with many amenities, and preferences in transportation will change, due to the large number of millennials that favor low-travel urban lifestyles with emphasis on transit, ride-sharing, biking, and walking. Mr. Ikhata explained the new trend of shared mobility/shared economy, which is the rapid adoption of new communication technologies, such as Uber and Airbnb. He then spoke about emerging trends and opportunities for passenger rail and transit in Southern California. Maps of Southern California were shown from 1990, 2012, and 2040, depicting where rail lines have been and will become available over time. Over \$75 billion dollars in Goods Movement investments are anticipated (port access, freight rail capacity, grade separations, truck bottleneck projects, intermodal facilities, emission reduction strategies, etc.) Mr. Ikhata said that transit did not solve the traffic problem in Southern California and active transportation will not solve current and future traffic problems. Regarding financial issues, Mr. Ikhata said that the SCAG region system needs \$554 billion nominal dollars in core revenues to meet system needs in the future. The Draft 2016 RTP/SCS will be released in December 2015 with public comment period to follow, and anticipated final adoption in April 2016. Board Member Fuentes asked if federal grant funds may be used for taxi vouchers and Mr. Ikhata said that it is not allowed at this time. Board Member Knight asked how South Bay would be eligible to receive federal funding when the South Bay's transportation model does not meet the federal funding criteria. Mr. Ikhata said that the South Bay must meet the federal transportation criteria even if it is not requesting transportation funds. Fortunately, the federal government does not dictate *how* to meet the criteria, as long as GHG emissions are being reduced. Jacki Bacharach said that the SBCCOG has a Senior Services Working Group that addresses transportation strategies for seniors in the South Bay and is looking at creating a system of more vouchers to save public funds. She added the SBCCOG is considering writing a proposal for such a pilot program. Mr. Ikhata said that Uber and Lyft are willing partners, unlike the public sector (which loses revenue as a result.) Ms. Bacharach said that new technology is undercutting city funds, and these types of disruptive technologies are the focus of the SBCCOG's 2016 General Assembly.

2A. Findings from the SBCCOG's Battery Electric Vehicle Project - Wally Siembab, Director of Research at the SBCCOG, gave the results of a two-year study that was funded by AQMD, which tested the effectiveness of introducing Battery Electric Vehicles to forty-nine South Bay households. Mr. Siembab explained that this study was the second of the SBCCOG's three research and demonstration programs on electric vehicles, the first

being the Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Demonstration from 2010 – 2013 (funded by AQMD), and the third being the Multi-Family EVCS Demonstration from 2014-2016 (funded by CEC). AQMD's reasons for funding the NEV and BEV studies were accelerating Zero Emission Vehicle markets and reducing pollutants from burning fossil fuels. (The NEV study findings were also used in this presentation to compare with the BEV findings.) Four BEV vehicles were used in this study: one BMW Active E, one Honda Fit EV, and two Nissan Leafs. Each participating household tracked its standard gas-fueled vehicles' household destinations for two weeks before driving the BEV. Several factors were considered in order to account for balanced participation: household geographic location, level of income, single-family versus multi-family homes, and electric wiring systems to measure charging. Data collected and analyzed included: destinations by fuel type and distance from home, routes, speeds, dwell times, charging locations and times, emission reductions, hot spots, and vehicle miles traveled per household before and after BEV (by building type and driver's age.) Mr. Siembab said that the findings of the BEV study indicate that reducing petroleum consumption is very relevant to South Bay cities. Based on ten types of emissions from standard vehicles, there was an average of a 40% percent reduction of pollutants in participating households. L1 charging (110v) was found to be adequate at home. Public charging may require a mix of L1 and L2 (220V.) Mr. Siembab acknowledged negative findings from this study: battery electric vehicles are expensive, the range is reduced by 20-25% from what is expected, and the fuel gauge is not always accurate, which can make drivers nervous on return trips uphill. In addition, there was a lack of patterns in driving volume (age and location), a lack of an "average" household, and people do not understand what they need. Mr. Siembab reiterated that seventy percent of South Bay trips occur within a three-mile radius, and that dispersed destinations cause congestion, which is why the South Bay has the distinct challenge of trips that are too long to walk but too short for transit. Cities are encouraged to disseminate plug-in-electric vehicle information, strategically deploy public charging stations, electrify municipal fleets, implement policies on remodels and new construction, promote multi-modal options, and adopt and implement the land use and transportation chapters of Climate Action Plans. In the meantime, the SBCCOG will continue to acquire and analyze the plug-in-electric vehicle market data, pursue grants for projects of strategic importance for the South Bay cities, and provide resources to South Bay cities. SCAG is encouraged to share the SBCCOG's study findings with policy committees and support PEV projects through sustainability grant programs. Mr. Siembab listed four recommendations that the data supports: develop and demonstrate an online decision tool for households; improve the value proposition of BEVs (distinguish facts from perceptions); expand the market for BEVs; increase BEV options (see it not as a burden, but as an opportunity.) To close, Mr. Siembab showed a video clip of a BEV tester's post-participation thoughts and he also acknowledged the SBCCOG staff and contractors who assisted with this study. Board Member Franklin asked about the energy consumption that is used to charge BEVs at home and Mr. Siembab said the average is \$60 a month for electricity. Board Member Franklin also commented on the lack of gas tax revenue for street repairs. Steve Lantz said that the federal and state governments are considering a vehicle-miles-traveled tax to replace the gas tax, although it will be challenging to collect the data and ensuring privacy. Mr. Siembab distributed a list of current market BEVs and PEVs.

VIII. SBCCOG ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS, AND UPDATES

- A. Homeless Initiative** – Jacki Bacharach distributed a letter that the City Manager of Palos Verdes Estates received from the LA County Board of Supervisors Executive Office regarding the County's Homeless Initiative. From October to December 2015, the County will hold 18 policy summits to discuss nine topics regarding homelessness. County and city representatives, the VA, community stakeholders, and other experts are to be involved. Ms. Bacharach expressed concern that the funds that the South Bay has been hoping to get from the county will be allocated the funds to other entities and encouraged South Bay cities to make calls to Supervisor Ridley-Thomas and Knabe's offices which was the direction of the Steering Committee.
- B. Green Building Challenge** – Kim Fuentes announced that on September 23, the SBCCOG launched the South Bay Green Building Challenge, a competition designed to drive measurable sustainability improvements in the categories of energy, water, waste, and transportation within the business community. Sixteen participants have enrolled in the program. 900 commercial properties were targeted and the SBCCOG hopes to enroll 225 by February. South Bay Mayors (with the assistance of the local Chambers of Commerce) will be asked to send letters to business within their communities.
- C. General Assembly** – Jacki Bacharach confirmed that Former State Senator Sam Blakeslee will be speaking at the SBCCOG's 17th Annual General Assembly, the theme of which will be "Governing in an Era of Disruptive Technologies." Mr. Blakeslee is the founding Director of the Institute for Advanced Technology & Public Policy at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. CA State Treasurer Chiang has also been

invited to give remarks regarding financial impacts of such technologies. The SBCCOG is still looking for sponsors and exhibitors. This event will be held on February 26, 2016.

D. Meetings with CPUC Commissioner Liane Randolph & Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell – Jacki Bacharach recapped CPUC Commissioner Liane Randolph's visit to the SBCCOG office on September 11. Several City Managers and City Councilmembers were in attendance. Board Member Howorth said that the Commissioner acknowledged that the PUC is inaccessible and that she is making the effort to be more accessible to local government officials and staff.

Ms. Bacharach also said that she (joined by Board Member Fangary) met with Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell in Long Beach to brief the Assemblyman on the SBCCOG's various initiatives and efforts. As a result, the SBCCOG is arranging a tour of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center for legislators and the Board. Interested members should contact her.

E. Events Report:

- Because the Legislature is not currently in session, Senator Hall, Assemblyman Hadley, and Assemblyman O'Donnell will be attending the SBCCOG's Legislative Breakfast on Oct 8.
- The SBCCOG is holding its 2015 Holiday Light Exchange on November 12 and 13. The SBCCOG welcomes any businesses who would like to give a \$250+ donation; sponsors will receive a lot of publicity in return.
- Prior to the November 19 Board meeting, the SBCEC volunteer reception will be held at 4:30 in the large conference room of the SBCCOG office.
- At this afternoon's SEED Award ceremony, the SBESC was awarded the Steve Uselton Memorial Bridge-Builder Award. As the ceremony took place in Rancho Palos Verdes, Board Member Knight accepted the award on the SBESC's behalf.
- Flyers were distributed to promote West Basin's Issues and Drought Forum for Elected Officials, which will be held on October 9 from 8am-3:30pm at the Courtyard Marriott in Culver City.

IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Board Report – Mike Bohlke reported that the Metro Board approved the 2015 Countywide Call for Projects list and also approved the increase of the life of project budget for the Blue and Green Lines' Transit Passenger Information System. Regarding Item VIII.A (Homeless Initiative), Mr. Bohlke suggested that the SBCCOG Board Members make calls to Phil Ansel at LA County, the director of the County's homeless initiative.

B. Metro South Bay Service Council – Board Member Franklin reported that Metro gave a Bus Performance Report, rating bus cleanliness, on-time performance, complaints, traffic accidents, safety-related accidents, and average weekday bus ridership, and the South Bay received an overall "B+." On September 16, a public hearing was held to discuss the extension of the Silver Line to San Pedro. San Pedro residents were concerned about how to get to Downtown Los Angeles on time. On October 9, Metro staff will report back to the Service Council with subsequent recommendations, based on the public's comments.

C. South Bay Measure R Highway Program - Steve Lantz reported that SBCCOG staff and Iteris have been working with South Bay agencies (cities) to collect data for the FY 2016-20122 MTA SBHP Budget Request. Tentatively, twenty-four new project and nine new feasibility study requests have been submitted and they exceed available SBHP funds. Policy changes are being developed to determine how to prioritize funding. The Steering Committee and Infrastructure Working Group will be considering proposed policy changes as they pertain to the SBHP. The final budget request will be brought to the SBCCOG Board for approval on November and if approved, sent to Metro staff in December.

X. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

D. Medina: Gardena's 6th Annual Good, Wine & Cigar Festival is being held on September 26 on the City Hall Front Lawn at noon

E. Medina: Gardena's Heritage Festival and Street Faire will be held on October 3 at City Hall at 9am

F. Osborne: Lawndale's 3rd Annual Blues & Jazz Music Festival will take place at Jane Addams Park on September 26 at 1pm.

G. Howorth: Manhattan Beach's Hometown Fair is being held on Oct 3-4 at Valley Drive between 15th and 21st Streets from 10am-6pm.

H. Howorth: The LA Westside Chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus has selected Board Member Howorth to be honored as one of the twelve Women in LA for Advancing Opportunities of Women for Elected Office.

XI. AGENCY REPORTS

- A. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee** – Jeff Kiernan reported that the Legislature adjourned on September 11 and bills are in front of Governor Brown. He has until October 11 to sign or veto them. SB 107 (redevelopment dissolution) was passed and the League removed its opposition, as cities *have* been receiving loans as a result of SB 107. Other bills that were passed include: AB 254, AB 2, AB 266, AB 243, and SB 643. The special legislative session that Governor Brown called to address transportation is still in session. Assemblywoman Burke and Senator Allen are representing the South Bay. AB 718 (vehicles used for human habitation) is a 2 year bill. The League's Annual Conference will be held next week in San Jose. One of the Conference Resolutions to be discussed is a resolution referred to the League's Environmental Quality Policy Committee regarding a program in which Southern California Edison would automatically provide direct compensation to its customers affected by prolonged electrical power outages under specified circumstances. Mr. Kiernan said that Policy Committee openings will be announced soon.
- B. South Coast Air Quality Management District** – Not present
- C. SCAG & Committees** (*attachment*) Oral Committee Reports will include new information not in the attachment. No oral reports were given.
- D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission** – Board member Knight had nothing to report.
- E. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce** – Not present
- F. South Bay Workforce Investment Board** - Chris Cagle reported that the SBWIB's Rapid Response team arranged for 264 Boeing employees who were to be laid off to meet with several aerospace companies for new employment opportunities.

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 8	Legislative Briefing and Breakfast
October 15	Tour of AQMD Lab
November 12 & 13	Holiday Light Exchange
November 12	BEV Final Report for Stakeholders

XIII. OCTOBER SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

Consult website for specific times and places for other meetings – www.southbaycities.org

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Gazeley adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm to Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Marcy Hiratzka
Recording Secretary