

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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**SBCCOG Board of Directors' Meeting  
Thursday, April 28, 2016 @ 6:00 pm  
SBCCOG Office  
20285 Western Avenue  
Torrance, California 90501**

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## AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER & SALUTE TO THE FLAG (6:00 PM)**  
Jim Gazeley, Chair
- II. **INTRODUCTIONS**
- III. **CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY TORRANCE CITY CLERK**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
- V. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- VI. **CONSENT CALENDAR (6:05 pm)**  
Matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.
  - A. **March Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approve (Pages 5-12)**
  - B. **Metro South Bay Service Council Selection Recommendation (attachments) – Approve (Pages 13-14)**
  - C. **Resolution 2016-3 Designating the SBCCOG Treasurer (attachment) – Approve (Page 15)**
  - D. **Resolution 2016-4 Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (attachment) – Approve (Page 17)**

- E. Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (attachment) – Approve (Pages 19-26)**
  - 1. Support SB 1229
  - 2. Oppose SB 876, AB 2501, AB 2522, AB 2693

- F. Monthly Reports – Receive and File**

- 1. **South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (attachment) (Pages 27-34)**
  - 2. **Transportation Report (attachment) (Pages 35-40)**

- VII. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Long Beach Container Terminal – video (6:05 pm)**

- VIII. SBCCOG ACTION ITEMS – Jacki Bacharach**

- A. SBCCOG 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Strategic Plan & Annual Work Program - Successful Collaborations and Plans for 2016-2017 – Approve (6:10 pm)**
  - B. 2016-2017 Dues (attachment) – Approve (6:40 pm) (Pages 41-42)**
  - C. Metro Proposed Sales Tax – review priorities and possible position (6:45 pm) – Approve**

- IX. SBCCOG PROGRAM REPORTS AND UPDATES (7:00 pm)**

- A. Homeless Initiative
  - B. Green Building Challenge
  - C. Disruptive Technology impact assessment
  - D. Travel Pal
  - E. June Board meeting date
  - F. Other

- X. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS**

- A. Metro Report by Board member James Butts/Mike Bohlke (7:10 pm)
  - B. Service Council report by Ralph Franklin, Chair (7:15 pm)
  - C. South Bay Measure R Highway Program, Steve Lantz (7:20 pm)

- XI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (7:30 pm)**

- XII. AGENCY REPORTS (7:35 pm)**

- A. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Bea Dieringer & Jeffrey Kiernan)
  - B. South Coast Air Quality Management District (Judy Mitchell, Joe Buscaino & Stan Myles)
  - C. SCAG & Committees (attachment) **(Pages 43-46)**
    - Note: Oral Committee Reports will include new information not in the attachment.**
    - 1. Energy and Environment (Judy Mitchell, Jim Osborne)
    - 2. Transportation (Dan Medina, James Gazeley)
    - 3. Community, Economic, & Human Development (Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek)
    - 4. Regional Council (Judy Mitchell, Dan Medina, James Gazeley)
  - D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (John Rea/Suzanne Fuentes)
  - E. LA County Community Choice Aggregation Task Force (Christian Horvath)
  - F. Stormwater Funding Options Committee (Amy Howorth)
  - G. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Britt Huff)
  - H. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)

- XIII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**XIV. MAY SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS**

Consult website for specific times and places for other meetings – [www.southbaycities.org](http://www.southbaycities.org)

**XV. ADJOURNMENT in memory of Larry Rudolph, Lawndale Councilman 1986 - 2016**

**Next Board meeting - Thursday, May 26, 2016**

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**X: Inactive (missed last 3 meetings in a row)**  
**Inactive Membership is automatically re-instated by attending a meeting**

**SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2015 - 2016**

City	Aug - 15	Sept - 15	Oct - 15	Nov - 15	Jan - 16	March - 16	Apr - 16
<b>Carson</b>	Davis-Holmes		Davis-Holmes		Davis-Holmes	Davis-Holmes	
<b>El Segundo</b>		Fuentes	Fuentes			Fuentes	
<b>Gardena</b>	Medina	Medina	Medina	Terauchi	Medina	Medina	
<b>Hawthorne</b>				Valentine		Valentine	
<b>Hermosa Beach</b>	Fangary		Fangary	Fangary	Fangary	Fangary	
<b>Inglewood</b>	Butts	Franklin	Franklin Butts	Franklin	Butts		
<b>Lawndale</b>	Osborne	Osborne		Osborne Pullen-Miles	Osborne	Osborne	
<b>Lomita</b>	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	
<b>Los Angeles</b>	Buscaino		Buscaino				
<b>Manhattan Beach</b>	Howorth	Howorth			Howorth		
<b>Palos Verdes Estates</b>	Goodhart	Vandever	Goodhart				
<b>Rancho Palos Verdes</b>	Duhovic	Knight	Knight	Knight	Misetich		
<b>Redondo Beach</b>	Emdee Horvath	Emdee	Horvath	Emdee	Horvath Emdee	Horvath	
<b>Rolling Hills</b>	Dieringer		Dieringer		Dieringer	Dieringer	
<b>Rolling Hills Estates</b>	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff Mitchell	
<b>Torrance</b>	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman		Weideman	Weideman	
<b>County of Los Angeles</b>	Napolitano				Ricciello		

<b>Number of Active Agencies</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>Quorum Required (50% +1)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>Number of Active Attending</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments**  
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016  
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 6:05 pm.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

**In attendance were the following voting elected officials:**

Lula Davis-Holmes, Carson	Jim Gazeley, Lomita
Suzanne Fuentes, El Segundo	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Dan Medina, Gardena	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Hany Fangary, Hermosa Beach	Kurt Weideman, Torrance
Jim Osborne, Lawndale	

**Non-voting elected officials**

Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates

**Also in attendance were the following persons:**

Tod Short, BASE Architecture	Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
Veronica Locke, Lawndale	Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Nathan Holmes, LA Councilmember Buscaino	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
David Roberts, LA Councilmember Buscaino	Jennifer Zivkovic LaMarque, SBCCOG
Joe Eyen, Carrell Associates	Chris Cagle, SBWIB
Mike Bohlke, Metro	Javiera Cartagena, SCAG
Henry Gonzalez, Metro	Paul Hennessy SCE
Danielle Valentino, Metro	Damon Hannaman, SCE
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	Francisco Martinez, SCE
Natalie Champion, SBCCOG	Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental
Suzanne Charles, SBCCOG	James Lee, Torrance Transit
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG	Harold Williams, West Basin MWD

**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** – Jacki Bacharach announced that item VI.E of the consent calendar would be moved to be discussed under item XI. C., South Bay Measure R Highway Program Report.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Jacki Bacharach introduced Grace Farwell of the Environmental Services Center (ESC) to demonstrate various consumer lighting options using a new educational display unit. The new display will be used at community outreach events including upcoming Earth Day events in April and as demonstrated can show the various beneficial aspects of LED lighting. Jacki Bacharach advised that the ESC staff is available to make a similar demonstration for any member city upon request.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR** .

**A. January Board Meeting Minutes (*attachment*) – Approved**

- B. **Renewal of Contract with SBWIB for Temporary Workers through their GAIN Program** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- C. **Dominguez Channel Memorandum of Agreement** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- D. **Southern California Gas Company Purchase Order for joint work with DWP** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- E. **Revisions to Metro Project Priority list for Proposed Sales Tax and Policy Recommendations** (*attachment*) – **Moved to Item IX.C.**
- F. **Letter to Office of Planning and Research Concerning SB 743 Implementation** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- G. **Letter to AQMD re: Concern over Recent Personnel Decision** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- H. **Letter to Federal Aviation Administration re: helicopter noise** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- I. **Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG** (*attachment*)
  - 1. **AB 1800 support** – **Approved**
- J. **Report of Time Critical Actions Taken by Steering Committee** (*attachment*) – **Received and filed**
- K. **Monthly Reports** – **Received and Filed**
  - 1. **South Bay Environmental Services Center Report** (*attachment*)
  - 2. **Transportation Report** (*attachment*)

Item E was removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed under Metro items. After a brief discussion regarding item 6. C. (Dominguez Channel MOU) in which it was clarified that all the cities listed are those that have some responsibility for the Channel, there was a **MOTION** by Board Member Osborne, seconded by Board Member Fangary, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar, as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

## **VII. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. **SCE’s Infrastructure Investment Overview of the South Bay Region** – Francisco Martinez Government Affairs Manager, SCE, introduced Paul Hennessy, SCE District Manager for the South Bay who gave a slide presentation regarding SCE’s Reliability Report dated January, 2016. Mr. Hennessy stated that the utility constantly tracks and monitors electric outages and explained the two main metrics used by SCE to score themselves: the System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) and the System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI). He noted that South Bay is in the lower 2/3 of all districts and acknowledged its many “momentary” outages. Mr. Hennessy summarized that the “Circuit Reliability Management” process involves: 1) analyzing the outage data, 2) selecting the worst circuits (there are 299 total in the sub-region), 3) identifying improvements to be made for each circuit, 4) developing work orders; and, 5) constructing the improvements. Mr. Hennessy emphasized: South Bay is one of the largest and busiest districts; fusing circuits is the quickest way to provide improved service; the spending for 2016 is expected to be similar to the current trend, with O & M going down and capital spending going up. In response to several questions, Mr. Hennessey and Mr. Martinez stated: South Bay is so busy because the subregion used to be in two districts that were combined and now the population is one of the largest. Regarding the outage claims process - all individuals should file an independent claim and SCE is working with Assemblyman Hadley’s office on a pending bill that would require utility companies to post an annual report of all outage related claims on their website; SCE does, similar to PG&E, have a minimum amount of money to be available to pay persons who have suffered a loss from an outage; SCE has for over 10 years gotten more proactive in identifying deteriorated poles and equipment and when they go out to examine, they look at all the equipment. Lastly, progress is being made on an SCE owned LED street light upgrade project in Redondo Beach and Mr. Martinez noted he is personally working with Councilmember Ginsberg on this. Jacki Bacharach thanked the speakers and reported that she is working on setting up a roundtable meeting regarding electric reliability with SCE and is also looking at someone from SCE corporate who can speak to South Bay City managers.
- B. **South Coast Air Quality Management District: (moved from XI.C.)**  
**Judy Mitchell**, Councilperson from Rolling Hills Estates addressed the Board as the South Bay representative on the South Coast Air Quality Management District as well as CARB (California Air Resources Board). Ms. Mitchell commented on the recent change in leadership at SCAQMD, explaining she voted against termination of Executive Officer Barry Wallerstein, believing that his departure is a big loss. The current Financial Officer, Michael O’Kelly, has been named interim Executive Officer. After a

more permanent interim officer is appointed, the District will conduct an executive search for a permanent replacement. This leadership change comes at a time when there have been other changes at the Board, and at a crucial time as the District is completing an update of the Air Quality Management Plan. Critical compliance actions will be required as the District is responsible for submitting attainment plans for two specific pollutants in the South Coast District to CARB which will be incorporated into a SIP (State Implementation Plan). The attainment plans are due in July and October and the AQMP will likely come before the Board this fall. Ms. Mitchell believes that, with leadership changes, CARB will be looking very closely at these attainment plans and while it is somewhat uncomfortable for her as she sits on both the District and CARB boards, she believes both groups' staff to be very competent and work well together. A very important issue is the future of Exxon Mobil – there are concerns on two sides: for public safety as well as loss of revenue. A meeting will be held April 2, at 9 am at Torrance City Hall to consider the refinery starting up safely again; she encouraged attendance. While at this meeting there won't be a decision regarding the refinery's use of catalyst acids, the District is conducting a study through a consultant to look for alternatives that can be used by the plant. Regarding the Aliso Canyon gas facility in Porter Ranch, CARB is taking over handling the plan for mitigation funding. Two tiers of mitigation are being considered by CARB: funds would be used to mitigate methane released in the central valley in the first tier and in the second tier, use funds to address pollutants within the South Coast District.

- C. LA County Park Funding Proposal, Joe Eyen, Cerrell Associates,** spoke on behalf of the Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District about a proposed November ballot measure and emphasized he is here solely for educational purposes. He explained that funding for parks for the last 20+ years is drying up as Prop A expired last year and "Baby A" will expire in 2019. Together the past funding totaled about \$80 million for LA County so there will be a large funding void. The last proposed measure "P" was criticized as not having an adequate needs assessment. For this proposal, 189 study areas covering many cities have been established with much public involvement. A comprehensive Needs Assessment will be completed in May and submitted to the Board of Supervisors in June. In response to questions, Mr. Eyen responded: he is not sure how much is being asked for now as compares with Proposition A, and he is not aware of the details of how the needs assessment analyzed what each city needs. Chair Gazeley stated that his Parks Director has been involved on a committee and Ms. Bacharach noted that John Jones, Torrance Community Services Director and Chair of the SBCCOG's Parks and Recreation Working Group, has been representing the SBCCOG on a committee and is working with the individual cities. Mr. Eyen noted that many public community meetings have been held that concluded in February. More information will be provided by Mr. Eyen to Ms. Bacharach for dissemination.
- D. Update on MS4 Permit Activities.** Mr. Ray Tahir – TECS Environmental Services presented an update on the MS4 Permit, providing a background including adoption in 2012, on the MS4, its requirements (WMPS and EWMPs- watershed management programs) and legal challenges. A petition by 37 cities to the State Regional Water Board was rejected (June, 2015) and subsequently 3 law suits have been filed by the cities of Duarte, Gardena and group of environmental organizations. The main issue is that the Permit, through WHPPS and EWPPS requires compliance actions by cities regarding very strict TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Loads) limits and the cost to implement mitigations including infiltration controls to meet water standards (Green Streets) is very expensive and there is not enough financial support available. Mr. Tahir summarized the legal arguments of the lawsuits. Mr. Tahir does not believe the intent of the law was to require a strict compliance/violation mechanism, but more of an iterative process where various bmps are tried until the desired result is achieved. Regarding the law suits: the city cases have been assigned to an Orange County judge and notices will be sent out soon to the County and all cities in the County requesting that they join in the lawsuit. More cities are needed in the lawsuit to demonstrate widespread discontent. Some cities are considering intervening on the side of the Water Board, but he believes this effectively supports the EWMPs. At a meeting this week of the San Gabriel Valley COG Legislative Caucus, it was recommended that our state senators request that the Regional Water Board stay (suspend) the Permit, suspending the need for cities to spend more money on WMP or EWMP compliance. Cities are encouraged to contact their state senators and encourage them to join with other senators in this effort. Brief question and answer discussion followed. Board member Medina explained regarding paying for the lawsuit – now Gardena is liable for \$200k, the estimated litigation cost



and if other cities join in the suit, this cost will be split up - this will pay for a Writ of Mandate but they are hoping that a stay coming from legislators but failing this it will cost another \$25k for the cities to request a stay from the court. Mr. Tahir responded to other questions: regarding city exposure. Mr. Tahir will provide his power point presentation to Ms. Bacharach to share with cities. A Lawndale resident inquiring about "blackwater" in Gardena was advised to speak after the meeting with Board member Medina.

#### **VIII. SBCCOG ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS, AND UPDATES**

- A. Homeless Initiative– Ms. Bacharach reported that PATH received the final contract with LA County for providing services in the South Bay on Feb 18 which will run to February 17, 2017. A meeting with city staff and another with electeds were held in January and subsequently there have been more individual meetings with city staff and groups. More meetings can be held upon request. A hotline number will be established in April. A meeting on April 6 has been rescheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>.(subsequently changed to May 11) PATH has been asked to prepare a written report of everything they have done which is expected next week. Board member Horwath reported Redondo Beach has been meeting weekly and will be submitting information for the May 4<sup>th</sup> agenda; Board member Fuentes will be attending a meeting hosted by Los Angeles County (they have recently adopted a Strategic Plan). The issue of coordinating efforts among agencies and cities is being discussed as a coordinated entry data base is being developed. Jacki Bacharach requested that Board Members and cities share the meetings they will be attending so this can be coordinated for the South Bay. As soon as the hotline is fully implemented, she will give out to the cities.
- B. Green Building Challenge. Ms. Bacharach reported there are now 111 businesses participating. It has been effective for city leaders to personally visit businesses and encourage their participation or suggest names of businesses that the SBCCOG staff can contact. She also suggested that city leaders note their businesses that are participating and thank them. Participants will be honored at a breakfast scheduled for September 28.
- C. General Assembly Lessons Learned. Ms. Bacharach received input from Board Members: presentations by Hermosa Beach City Manager Bakaly and Jory Wolf of City of Santa Monica were outstanding as well has the SBCCOG's attorney Michael Jenkins' moderation of the technology panel discussion (Fangary); the musical tribute to Don Knabe was great (Gazeley). Ms. Bacharach indicated she will follow up on the Santa Monica fiber optics project and in closing thanked Deputy Director Kim Fuentes and all the staff for a great job. If interested, the Daily Breeze ran an article on the event which can be accessed from its website. The website also includes some of the musical tribute. In two months Jacki noted she will be asking the Board for ideas for next year's General Assembly.
- D. Senior Services Working Group. Board Member Huff reported that the group met last Tuesday, and the speaker topics were: homelessness (PATH), reverse mortgages and LA County Freedom grant funding. It was discussed that there has been much reform of reverse mortgages and they have become much more beneficial for seniors. Ms. Bacharach noted SBCCOG staff looked into the County grant program for senior transportation but found that it doesn't look too promising for South Bay participation since the County is looking for a single service provider for the whole county.

#### **IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS**

- A. **Metro Report** – This item includes item VI.E moved from the consent calendar. Mike Bohlke spoke first, reporting on the Metro meeting earlier in the day, and including a motion made by Inglewood Mayor Butts that Measure R projects will be accelerated ahead of potential ballot measure projects so they do not languish and the commitment to voters can be kept. In its new expenditure plan, Metro has a listing of all projects and of the Measure R Projects in the third decade (So Bay Green Line, East Side extension and Sepulveda Corridor). The Green line extension has been pushed back by 3 years from 2028 to 2031. The money in Measure R for the Green Line Extension was supposed to be available in 2028. Mayor Butt's motion would mean the third decade Measure R Projects would have to be accelerated so that the potential ballot measure money becomes available to those projects as early as 2018 as they go through the preliminary process to become construction ready. This will affect South Bay because he believes effectively the Green Line project will be ready before both the Sepulveda Corridor tunnel project and East Line extension. Don Knabe joined in the motion, and with these 2 areas added to South Bay, 43 cities are represented on the motion. This is an aggressive approach, one that he feels is needed because delaying projects in South Bay is not acceptable. Several other motions are expected by the end of May and these motions will be accumulated and then decided by the Metro Board starting in June.

Mr. Bohlke emphasized that voter trust is very important as new measures come forward the issue of sunset is important. The current sunset is extended to 2057 in the new measure, but it has been suggested that maybe there should be a longer extension - 45 or 50 years. Although this gives more money to bond with (it still is finite) and could accelerate some projects the problem is if you have a sunset you still have the same problem with new measures as we have had with Measure R in that projects in outlying years won't be funded without additional time to pay back the bonds so yet another measure is needed.

Steve Lantz explained that the time frame is very short - the Board recommendations need to be ready in May for Metro to decide in June. It was suggested that a SBCCOG Board Member transportation workshop occur at 4:30 pm prior to the April regular Board meeting. There being no objections it was so ordered. Mr. Lantz drew the Board's attention to LRTP policy priority recommendations from the Steering Committee which relate to changes in funding of ExpressLanes including the 1-110 and I-105 extensions. It was found that the South Bay was alone in listing these as priority projects to be funded and because they are alterations to the state highway system it was recommended that they be removed from the South Bay sub-region funded list and put on the regional funding list and the money that was allocated from the South Bay be returned to the South Bay in our other project areas..

**MOTION:** by Board Member Weideman, seconded by Board Member Horvath, that the ExpressLane extension projects currently on the South Bay section of the Metro Priority List be funded within the Metro regional program rather than as sub-regional elements, and that the funding that would have been used on the ExpressLane projects (\$251,500,000) remain in the South Bay for other Transportation System and Mobility Improvements. The ExpressLane projects affected include the I-110 extension to the I-405 and I-110 interchange and a new I-105 ExpressLanes from the I-405 to the I-605.

Discussion followed regarding the motion. Board Member Weideman stated his support for the motion including keeping the funding of 251 million dollars for the ExpressLane projects in the South Bay for use for other transportation system and mobility projects, and moving the 110 and 105 ExpressLane extensions to the Regional funding program – to give South Bay more flexibility. Board Member Dierenger was concerned about removing the 110 ExpressLane extension, because it serves the South Bay and should stay on the sub-regional list, or, if removed perhaps it might not be built. Mr. Lantz explained that the initial thinking in listing this project for sub-regional funding was based on an assumption that other sub-regions would also fund the extensions, and when that didn't happen, it did not seem appropriate that such a regional serving improvement be only on a funding list by South Bay.

Mr. Bohlke explained that Metro promised that the cities would have flexibility in putting these priority lists together and therefore this adjustment is appropriate – it's up to the Board to decide its priorities. Board Member Medina questioned concern whether it would be included – and it was explained that this is a funding issue. Jacki Bacharach emphasized that the I-105 extension should not be funded without contribution from the Gateway COG at a minimum. Ms. Bacharach also emphasized that everything that have been the SBCCOG's priorities won't be done until the second 15 years - after the voters approve a new measure.

Board Member Dierenger expressed concern about commuter congestion on the I-110 and the need for an ExpressLane and Jacki Bacharach suggested that this subject, along with several other issues should be discussed in more detail at the workshop next month. At this time the recommendation is only to change this one aspect about the two ExpressLanes projects and there will be much to be discussed over the next six weeks. Mr. Lantz explained that public hearings will also be held on Metro's spending plan. The meeting most convenient to South Bay will be Thursday April 14, at 6-8 pm, at the Carson Community Center, Room C. Jacki Bacharach explained this is an urgent matter tonight because she thinks that it's important to give Metro an early head's up that this is an important issue with South Bay and the overall plan may need modification, with this in mind. Mr. Lantz added that making this change now will free up some funding for other sub regional improvements that would benefit South Bay.

**ACTION:** Chair Gazeley called for the question, which resulted in the following hand vote: Yes: 9 (Board members Davis-Holmes, Fangary, Fuentes, Horwath, Huff, Osborne, Valentine, Weideman and Chair Gazeley), No: 1 (Board member Medina); Abstain;1 (Board member Dierenger)

Mr. Lantz noted, regarding the South Bay Measure Highway Program, that four cities, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, Inglewood, Redondo Beach are behind on their Measure R reporting, and they have been notified that extensions of budgets may be needed which must be acted on by the SBCCOG Board.

- B. Service Council report. No report.
- C. South Bay Measure R Highway Program. Covered in Item B above.

## **X. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Medina – The City of Gardena will be hosting its 30<sup>th</sup> (oldest and only in South Bay) Cinco de Mayo parade on April 30

## **XI. AGENCY REPORTS**

### **A. League of California Cities**

**1. LA Division Legislative Committee.** Board Member Bea Dieringer reported highlights of legislation and related topics covered at the March 22 LA meeting, including: LA County BOS adopted Homeless Initiative (plan in place); Update on Legislative Transportation/Local Streets and Roads Funding Proposals (a various number of bills being proposed); LA County Parks Funding Measure (ballot not ready yet); AB 2614-Bonta (dropped by author); on the LA League Division tracking list: Proposal by the Governor, which she has concerns with, for a ballot measure that would allow release of 2<sup>nd</sup> strike prisoners before 80% of sentence served. Several other bills of concern : AB 21-(chaptered); AB 45-Mullin regarding household hazardous waste (In Senate Environmental Quality Committee); AB 278 – Bonta etal (chaptered); AB 278 – Hernandez regarding elections (amended); AB 718 – Chu regarding homeless sleeping in cars (inactive); SB 876 – Liu which would pre-empt local authority also regarding homelessness (in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee); No Place Like Home Senate Initiative (League supports in concept); Fix Our Roads Coalition (League supports). Board Member Dierenger noted that all pending bills must be out of policy committees by April 22.

- B. Cities Associations' Stormwater Funding Options Committee – Not present
- C. South Coast Air Quality Management District: SEE ITEM VII.B.
- D. SCAG & Committees: **Note: Oral Committee Reports will include new information not in the attachment.** Javiera Cartagena, South Bay regional affairs officer, reported on a recent SCAG legislative trip to Sacramento and announced 2 events, including the General Assembly May 5-6 in La Quinta and the day before the Assembly, an Active Transportation Symposium for elected officials who are interested in encouraging walking and biking and encouraged any interested persons to contact her.
  - 1. **Energy and Environment** – No oral report.
  - 2. **Transportation** – No oral report.
  - 3. **Community, Economic, & Human Development** – No oral report.
  - 4. **Regional Council** – Judy Mitchell reported regarding today's meeting noting that the 2016 RTP, which will be sent to Regional Council on April 7, was a main topic. Two main RTP issues discussed were high speed rail (keep or take out?) and the I-710 No. Tunnel which is very controversial with San Gabriel COG cities. There was also discussion regarding VMT as an appropriate funding mechanism, and a potential MAP (annual million air passengers) cap for LAX going from 78 MAP to as much as 98 MAP. Chair Gazeley thanked Judy Mitchell for arranging a SCAG tour of the all-electric automated Long Beach Container facility which is undergoing testing and she will look into arranging a similar tour for the Board.
- E. **Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission** – No oral report.
- F. **South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce** – Brit Huff reported she recently attended a regional February/March meeting at which legislation was discussed.
- G. **South Bay Workforce Investment Board** - Chris Cagle distributed quarterly and annual WIB reports and then discussed two new programs including an online business tool, South Bay Training.org, that allows business owners and employees, for a nominal rate to get online training as well as a comprehensive program with the LAAFB to give enhanced transition assistance to airmen, their spouses as well as youth who are relocated or separated from their jobs. The WIB expects to have a signing ceremony in May. Jacki Bacharach added that the WIB is assisting the SBCCOG by identifying a possible funding source for a feasibility study to implement enhanced broadband service in the South

Bay. Mr. Cagle explained that the connection for funding is being able to show that retaining businesses in the subregion is directly related to being able to provide high speed broadband service. Cities are encouraged to provide letters of support for funding the study.

- H. **LA County Community Choice Aggregation Task Force.** Board Member Horvath reported that the County is moving forward very quickly, moving to have a CCA up and running before the year is out. They have data back from SCE and Sierra Club is facilitating town hall meetings throughout the County, and unions are on board and Luskin and Berkeley labor centers also engaged. Much needs to be worked out and more information will be provided next month; more details are available from Jacki Bacharach in a 2-page pdf.

**XII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Bacharach announced two scheduled upcoming events including on March 30, a tour of AQMD Lab and on April 14 the quarterly Legislative Breakfast Briefing. Speaker Bill Allen will be scheduled for an upcoming Economic Roundtable meeting.

**XIII. APRIL SBCSBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS**

Consult website for specific times and places for other meetings – [www.southbaycities.org](http://www.southbaycities.org)

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Gazeley adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm to Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 6:00 pm, with the transportation workshop preceding.

Rosemary Lackow  
Recording Secretary (Interim)

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 28, 2016

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Metro South Bay Service Council Recommendation to Metro

## Adherence to Strategic Plan

*Goal B: Regional Advocacy.* Advocate for the interests of the South Bay.

## Background

The Metro South Bay Service Council meets monthly to monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of the Metro transit services in the South Bay as well as hold public hearings for Metro on route alignments and fares.

Membership on the Service Council is not transferable or assignable and is for a 3-year staggered term. Service Councils can have up to 9 members and as few as 5 members. This year in June, the 3 members whose terms are expiring are: Palos Verdes Estates Councilmember Jim Goodhart, Carson resident Roye Love and Gardena Deputy Executive Transit Director Paula Faust. Additionally, Devon Deming, representing employee transportation coordinators, has resigned so a fourth position may be filled for a 1-year term. Those members whose terms are expiring can be nominated again. There are no term limits. The boundaries of the South Bay region include the SBCCOG cities with the addition of the Watts/Willowbrook and LAX areas of L.A. City. The nominees must either live or work within the South Bay region boundaries.

Nominations were received from the following people, listed in alphabetical order:

1. Robert Burlingham – LAWA (nominated by Devon Deming to replace her as the business rideshare person)
2. Ernie Crespo – Gardena Transit (nominee of municipal operators to replace Paula Faust)
3. Elaine Jeng – former member, Redondo Beach
4. Leilani Kimmel-Dagostino – Torrance
5. Roye Love – incumbent, Carson
6. Rickey Lovely – Carson Transportation/Transit manager
7. Dan Medina – Gardena Councilman
8. Charles Nelson – Carson

More information about the Service Council membership as well as statements of interest and resumes from the nominees can be found with the April Steering Committee packet

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[http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/steering\\_committee/Revised%20Metro%20Service%20Council%20Packet.pdf](http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/steering_committee/Revised%20Metro%20Service%20Council%20Packet.pdf)

## RECOMMENDATION

Per SBCCOG policy, all candidates were invited to attend the Steering Committee for a 3-minute statement or to send a statement to be read if they could not attend.

After the interviews and statements were read, the Steering Committee recommended the following people to fill the expiring and vacated terms on the Metro South Bay Service Council:

1. Robert Burlingham – LAWA
2. Ernie Crespo – Gardena Transit
3. Elaine Jeng – former member, Redondo Beach
4. Roye Love – incumbent, Carson

Upon Board approval, recommended names are sent to Metro whose Board makes the final selection.

**Resolution No. 2016 - 3**

**A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
Designating a Treasurer of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

The Governing Board of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments does hereby receive and order as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Article V, Paragraph B of the Bylaws of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments ("SBCCOG"), the Accounting Manager of the City of Lomita, Susan Kamada, is hereby designated the Treasurer of the SBCCOG starting April 28, 2016.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.

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James Gazeley  
Chair

Attest:

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SBCCOG Board Secretary

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**Resolution No. 2016 - 4**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF MONIES IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND**

WHEREAS, The Local Agency Investment Fund is established in the State Treasury under Government Code section 16429.1 et. seq. for the deposit of money of a local agency for purposes of investment by the State Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council/Board of Directors hereby finds that the deposit and withdrawal of money in the Local Agency Investment Fund in accordance with Government Code section 16429.1 et. seq. for the purpose of investment as provided therein is in the best interests of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the deposit and withdrawal of South Bay Cities Council of Governments' monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund in the State Treasury in accordance with Government Code section 16429.1 et. seq. for the purpose of investment as provided therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The following Board officers holding the title(s) specified herein below or their successors in office are each hereby authorized to order the deposit or withdrawal of monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund and may execute and deliver any and all documents necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this resolution and the transactions contemplated hereby:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Susan Kamada	Treasurer	_____
James Gazeley	Chair	_____
James Osborne	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	_____
Kurt Weideman	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	_____
James F. Goodhart	Immediate Past Chair	_____

Section 2. This resolution shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded by City Council/Board of Directors by resolution and a copy of the resolution rescinding this resolution is filed with the State Treasurer's Office.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the City Council/Board of Directors of South Bay Cities Council of Government, Los Angeles County of State of California on April 28, 2016.

Attest:

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SBCCOG Board Secretary

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# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 28, 2016

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Bills to Monitor and for Action – Status as of **April 20, 2016**

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

<p>AB 718 (Chu)</p>	<p>Local government: powers. Would prohibit the legislative body of a city, county, or city and county from prohibiting or otherwise subjecting to civil or criminal penalties, or removing or impounding a motor vehicle by reason of, the act of sleeping or resting in a lawfully parked motor vehicle. The bill would also find and declare that the provisions of the bill address the health and safety of homeless individuals, a matter of statewide concern, and that therefore, they apply to charter cities, charter counties, and charter cities and counties.</p>	<p>OPPOSE (7/23/15) (Ltr to author 7/30/15)</p>	<p>9/10/15 Sent to Inactive File 7/14/15 Senate Third Reading</p>
<p>AB 907 (Burke)</p>	<p>Career training: adult students. Would authorize the Superintendent of Public Instruction to certify, by name, any regional occupational center or program, county office of education, or adult education program, that provides a program of training to prepare adult students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation, to legally authorize the center, program, or office to provide an educational program beyond secondary education, as specified.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (7/23/15) (Ltr to Sen Educ 7/30/15)</p>	<p>6/11/15 Senate Education Committee</p>

AB 1800 (Hadley)	Utility outage compensation claims: annual posting. This bill would require each electrical corporation and local publicly owned electric publicly owned utility to annually post on its Internet Web site specified information site specified information relating to utility outage compensation claims for the previous year. These requirements would be applicable to those outages that the ISO, the commission, or the utility has determined are the fault of the utility.	<b>MONITOR</b>	4/5/16 Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
SB 876 (Liu)	Homelessness. This bill would afford persons experiencing homelessness the right to use public spaces without discrimination based on their housing status and describe basic human and civil rights that may be exercised without being subject to criminal or civil sanctions, including the right to use and to move freely in public spaces, the right to rest in public spaces and to protect oneself from the elements, the right to eat in any public space in which having food is not prohibited, and the right to perform religious observances in public spaces, as specified.	<b>RECOMMEND OPPOSE</b>	4/5/16 Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

ENVIRONMENT

AB 2501 (Bloom)	<b>Housing: density bonuses. This bill would require local government to adopt procedures and timelines for processing a density bonus application, provide a list of documents and information required to be submitted with the application in order for it to be deemed complete, and notify the applicant whether it is complete. By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would prohibit a local government from requiring additional reports or studies to be prepared by the developer as a condition of the application. Would also require each component of any density calculation that results in fractional units to be rounded up to the next whole number.</b>	<b>RECOMMEND OPPOSE</b>  LCC opposed	Assembly Local Government Committee Hearing Date: 4/20/16
AB 2522 (Bloom)	<b>Land use: attached housing development. Requires a housing development (defined as either a residential development, a mixed use development, or transitional</b>	<b>RECOMMEND OPPOSE</b>	4/19/16 Assembly Local Government Committee

	or supportive housing) for households up to 150 percent of median income to be a permitted use “by right” (meaning project not subject to local discretionary review other than design review, thus not subject to CEQA) if it is on property that is part of city’s residential inventory of land suitable for residential development and either the rezoning has been completed or three years have passed since the city’s housing element was adopted.	LCC opposed	
AB 2693 (Dababneh)	Contractual assessment: financing requirements. Existing law defines "property assessed clean energy bond," commonly known as a PACE bond, to mean a bond that is secured by a voluntary contractual assessment or by certain special taxes on property, as specified. This bill would delete the reference to bonds secured by special taxes.	OPPOSE (ltr sent to Asm Com 4/13/16)  LCC & CSAC oppose, SBCCOG chair approved	Assembly Banking & Finance Committee Hearing Date: 4/25/16
SB 32 (Pavley)	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit. This bill would require the State Air Resources Board to approve a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit that is equivalent to 80% below the 1990 level to be achieved by 2050, as specified. The bill would authorize the state board to adopt interim greenhouse gas emissions level targets to be achieved by 2030 and 2040. The bill also would state the intent of the Legislature for the Legislature and appropriate agencies to adopt complementary policies that ensure the long-term emissions reductions advance specified criteria.	MONITOR	9/11/15 Assembly Natural Resources Committee
SB 1229 (Jackson)	Home-generated pharmaceutical waste: secure drug take-back bins. Under existing law, the Medical Waste Management Act, the State Department of Public Health regulates the management and handling of medical waste, including pharmaceutical waste, as defined. The act generally prohibits a person from transporting, storing, treating, disposing, or causing the treatment of medical waste in a manner not authorized by the act. A violation of that provision is a crime. This bill would provide that a collector, as defined, is not liable for civil damages, or subject to criminal prosecution, for maintaining a secure drug take-back bin on its premises if the collector, in good faith and not for compensation, takes specified steps,	RECOMMEND SUPPORT  Supported by LA County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Task Force	4/21/16 Senate Third Reading

	including that the collector regularly inspects the area surrounding the secure drug take-back bin for potential tampering or diversion, to ensure the health and safety of consumers and employees and the proper disposal in the waste stream of home-generated pharmaceutical waste, as defined, contained in the bins.		
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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

AB 1745 (Hadley)	Public Safety: funding. This bill would appropriate \$85,000,000 from the General Fund in the State Treasury to be allocated by the State Controller to each city's and city and county's Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account. The bill would require the county auditor for a county to allocate moneys received from that appropriation to the county, each city within the county, and certain special districts, as specified. The bill would authorize a local agency that receives funds from that allocation to use the funds for front-line law enforcement activities, including drug interdiction, anti-gang, community crime prevention, and juvenile justice programs	MONITOR	Assembly Public Safety Committee Hearing Date: 4/20/16
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**TRANSPORTATION**

AB 620 (Hernandez)	High-occupancy toll lanes: exemptions from tolls. This bill would require LACMTA to take additional steps, beyond the previous implementation of a low-income assistance program, to increase enrollment and participation in the low-income assistance program, as specified, through advertising and work with community organizations and social service agencies. The bill would also require LACMTA and the Department of Transportation to report to the Legislature by December 31, 2018, on efforts to improve the HOT lane program, including efforts to increase participation in the low-income assistance program.	MONITOR (2/8/16) OPPOSE (1/28/16) (Ltr to author 1/29/16)	218/16 Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
AB 779 (Garcia)	Transportation: congestion management program: AMENDED 8/19/15 This bill would revise the definition of "infill opportunity zone" to not require that it be within a specified distance of a	OPPOSE (6/25/15)	8/24/15 Senate Appropriations Committee

	major transit stop or high-quality transit corridor. The bill would revise the requirements for a congestion management program by removing traffic level of service standards established for a system of highways and roadways as a required element and instead requiring measures of effectiveness for a system of highways and roadways. The bill would also require the program to analyze the relationship between local land use decisions and regional transportation systems, instead of analyzing impacts of the land use decisions on the transportation systems. The bill would delete existing law's prohibition on including an estimate of the costs of mitigating the impacts of interregional travel and the requirement that the program provide credit for local public and private contributions to improvements to regional transportation systems. The bill would also require, to the extent the program identifies capacity enhancements, the evaluation of the potential for capacity enhancement to induce additional travel.		
<b>AB 1591 (Frazier)</b>	<b>Transportation Funding: This bill would create the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission to adopt performance criteria to ensure efficient use of the funds available for the program. The bill would provide for the deposit of various funds for the program in the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, which the bill would create in the State Transportation Fund, including revenues attributable to a \$0.225 per gallon increase in the motor vehicle fuel (gasoline) tax imposed by the bill, including an inflation adjustment as provided, an increase of \$38 in the annual vehicle registration fee, and a new \$165 annual vehicle registration fee applicable to zero-emission motor vehicles, as defined.</b>	<b>MONITOR</b>	<b>2/1/16 Assembly Transportation Committee</b>
ACA 4 (Frazier)	Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval. The California Constitution conditions the imposition of a special tax by a city, county, or special district upon the approval of 2/3 of the voters of the city, county, or special district voting on that tax, except that	SUPPORT (5/25/15) (Ltr to Asm Rev & Tax sent 6/1/15)	8/19/15 Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File

	<p>certain school entities may levy an ad valorem property tax for specified purposes with the approval of 55% of the voters within the jurisdiction of these entities. This measure would provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for local transportation projects, as defined, requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition. The measure would also make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes. This measure would also provide that it shall become effective immediately upon approval by the voters and shall apply to any local measure imposing, extending, or increasing a special tax for local transportation projects submitted at the same election.</p>		
<p>SBX1-1 (Berryhill)</p>	<p>Environmental quality: transportation infrastructure. Would generate about \$4.5 billion annually for transportation for state highways and local streets and roads maintenance. Would exempt from these CEQA provisions a project that consists of the inspection, maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation, replacement, or removal of existing transportation infrastructure if certain conditions are met, and would require the person undertaking these projects to take certain actions, including providing notice to an affected public agency of the project's exemption. Would also, in an action or proceeding seeking judicial review under CEQA, prohibit a court from staying or enjoining a transportation infrastructure project that is included in a sustainable communities strategy or an alternate planning strategy and for which a programmatic EIR has been certified unless it makes specified findings. For purpose of these provisions, the bill would specify that a transportation infrastructure project includes a project that consists of new construction of transportation infrastructure or a project that consists of the inspection, maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation, replacement, or removal of existing transportation infrastructure.</p>	<p>MONITOR</p>	<p>9/4/15 Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Development Committee</p>



REMOVED FROM MATRIX

SB 786 – Allen – Adult education: Adult Education Block Grant Program. This bill was stalled in the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense file in August and all of the dates in the bill were for 2015 so if it becomes active, it will have to be different than originally written. SBCCOG supported the bill 7/15.

**April/May Legislative Deadlines**

**Apr. 22** Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to fiscal committees **fiscal bills** introduced in their house

**May 6** Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to the Floor **nonfiscal** bills introduced in their house

**May 13** Last day for **policy committees** to meet prior to June 6

**May 27** Last day for **fiscal committees** to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house

Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet prior to June 6

FEDERAL

HR 935 (Hahn)	National Freight Network Trust Fund Act of 2015. Amends the Internal Revenue Code to establish the National Freight Network Trust Fund, from which expenditures shall be made to fund awards under the National Freight Network Grant Program. Appropriates to the Fund amounts equivalent to 5% of the import duties imposed under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. Establishes such Program in the Department of Transportation, under which the Secretary of Transportation shall make grants to states, regional or local transportation organizations, or port authorities to assist projects that improve the performance of the national freight network. Directs the Secretary to evaluate and select projects on a competitive basis by considering their potential to generate national economic benefits, improve the performance of key corridors and gateways, reduce congestion, improve transportation safety, and enhance the network. Requires the Secretary to update the national freight network every five years.	MONITOR	2/13/15 House Transportation & Infrastructure & Ways and Means Committees Sub-committee on Railroads, Pipelines & Hazardous Materials
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HR 1697 (Hahn)	Electric Charging and Refueling Act. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the tax credit for electric vehicle recharging property. Under specified conditions, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount equal to 50 percent of the cost of any qualified electric vehicle recharging or refueling property placed in service by the taxpayer during the taxable year.	MONITOR	3/26/15 House Committee on Ways and Means
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# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 28, 2016

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director  
Kim Fuentes, Deputy Executive Director

SUBJECT: Environmental Activities Report

## Adherence to Strategic Plan:

*Goal A: Environment, Transportation, and Economic Development.* Facilitate, implement and/or educate members and others about environmental, transportation, and economic development programs that benefit the South Bay.

## I. PROGRAMS - TECHNOLOGY, PLANNING, & RESEARCH

### **Climate Action Planning**

#### Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Grant

There are five measure development components of the SGC grant – Land use, transportation, waste, greening, and energy generation/storage.

Land use and transportation (under the direction of Wally Siembab):

1. Drafted a letter to cities to gauge interest in traditional and SBSS land use and transportation strategies
2. Further refined and sought comments on the Sustainability Framework from subcontractor, USC Professor Marlon Boarnet
3. Tabulated EV registrations from 2010 through 2015
4. Reviewed Shaheen Team matrix for integration into Sustainability Framework
5. Requested additional data assistance from subcontractor, CSUSD Professor Bruce Appleyard

In terms of work on the Land Use strategy:

1. Analyzed businesses per acre for 144 centers
2. Performed an acreage per intersection analysis

Greening: SBCCOG staff is working with Professor Diane Pataki at the University of Utah to obtain a technical review of Greening measures. She is an ecologist who studies the role of vegetation in the functioning of cities.

Energy Generation and Storage Chapter: SBCCOG staff continues to finalize the Energy Generation and Storage and is now compiling the research gathered and templates created into a comprehensive format. Presentation to cities to start strategy sign-offs is anticipated at the June 2016 Livable Communities/CAP Working Group.

## Energy Efficiency

### Energy Leader Partnership (ELP)

**2016 Goal:** 1,511,338 kWh

**2016 Status:** Completed 499,152 kWh (33% of goal)

**2016 paid out incentives to cities:** \$72,334

SCE is in the process of preparing a \$70,223 incentive check for the City of Torrance's 479,923 kWh reduction project for exterior and interior lighting. Based on SCE, the city will receive credit for Q1 2016 and move to Gold status.

*In the Pipeline...currently over 4 million kWh*

City	Current Tier Level	kWh Savings in Project Pipeline
Carson	Gold	1,485,301
Hermosa Beach	Silver	367,088
Inglewood	Gold	970,829
Manhattan Beach	Platinum	62,825
Rancho Palos Verdes	Gold	38,269
Redondo Beach	Silver	120,916
Torrance	Silver	963,254

SBCCOG staff has completed evaluating cities' interest levels in a bulk-purchasing request for proposal (RFP) for energy efficient field lighting and found that there is some interest by cities. Kevin Sakamoto from South Coast Lighting and Design will be bringing samples and demonstrating the different ballfield lighting at the next Energy Management Working Group (EMWG) on April 27th. At this meeting, he will assess the feasibility of developing a discount plan for outdoor lighting. A bulk purchase would not be appropriate due to the customized outdoor lighting requirements that vary according to city requirements and outdoor conditions.

### Southern California Gas Company (SCG)

**2016 Goal:** 10,000 therms

**2016 Status:** Completed 5,648 therms

**2016 paid out incentives to cities:** \$3,400

Planning phase:

- City of Hawthorne – chiller controls upgrade at Memorial Center
- City of Carson – two pool heater replacement
- Marymount California University – replace pool boiler with solar thermal
- Wiseburn USD – new high school with two new meters, construction underway
- Redondo Beach USD – gas fired furnaces and HVAC, classroom in construction

Installation in progress

- Torrance USD – new pool with pool heater and potentially pool cover

## HERO

The spreadsheet below covers the activity from each jurisdictions' launch date through March 31, 2016

### Program Activity through March 31, 2016

Member	Launch Date	Eligible Housing Units *	Total Applications Received	Applications Approved	Approved Amount	Funded Projects	Funded Amount	Jobs Created***	Type of Products			Solar kW Installed	Annual kWh Saved	Annual CO2 Reduced (Tons)
									Energy	Water	Renewable			
Carson	5/23/14	23,852	1,003	643	\$40,642,069	329	\$8,287,096	71	551	29	88	205	781,705	493
El Segundo	5/23/14	4,312	25	20	\$3,380,614	10	\$230,688	2	10	3	2	2	19,051	15
Gardena	5/23/14	14,921	355	240	\$14,718,038	117	\$2,704,957	23	171	6	16	32	189,961	120
Hawthorne	5/23/14	14,245	283	203	\$14,512,149	101	\$2,354,902	20	159	3	14	30	182,130	125
Hermosa Beach	5/23/14	7,734	34	26	\$5,611,725	10	\$241,279	2	11	0	6	15	35,518	15
Inglewood	5/23/14	22,779	720	488	\$29,974,938	247	\$6,391,035	55	410	24	30	68	419,118	284
Lawndale	5/23/14	7,879	73	51	\$3,277,352	21	\$334,224	3	27	0	4	11	35,588	19
Lomita	5/23/14	6,028	63	53	\$4,985,263	28	\$642,770	5	42	3	10	32	75,624	51
Manhattan Beach	5/25/15	13,945	42	38	\$8,531,776	16	\$380,216	3	25	0	4	13	45,685	47
Palos Verdes Estates	5/28/15	4,999	18	17	\$3,694,631	5	\$264,388	2	7	3	2	7	15,123	7
Rancho Palos Verdes	5/23/14	17,759	126	108	\$17,135,890	44	\$1,073,863	10	66	5	8	20	95,078	81
Redondo Beach	3/24/15	21,253	108	85	\$11,063,983	37	\$738,087	6	50	2	12	28	85,796	50
Rolling Hills	5/23/14	718	4	4	\$1,131,678	2	\$119,637	1	2	0	0	0	995	0
Rolling Hills Estates	5/23/14	3,064	30	28	\$5,020,922	16	\$516,239	4	22	1	6	20	49,586	37
Torrance	5/23/14	39,118	412	339	\$34,559,670	186	\$4,164,679	35	259	11	50	127	406,343	249
<b>Total</b>		<b>202,606</b>	<b>3296</b>	<b>2343</b>	<b>\$ 198,240,697</b>	<b>1169</b>	<b>\$28,444,062</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>1812</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>2,437,299</b>	<b>1593</b>

\* Eligible housing units based off Total Single Family Homes minus 5 units or more from the Department of Finance City/County Population and Housing Estimates, 1/1/2013.

\*\*\* 1 job for every \$117,000 invested.

### Energy Upgrade California Community Outreach Ambassador

Contract goals: 8 outreach events and 6 presentations to be completed by Nov. 30, 2016

Status of goals: 2 outreach events have been identified (1 will be held in April); 4 presentations have been completed (2 are scheduled to be completed in April).

The theme and topic for April: Home Improvement / Home Upgrade and Energy Savings Assistance Program. Articles with this theme will be sent to cities for inclusion in their publications.

### Green Building Challenge

Contract goals: 170 - 270 participants by August 2016

Status of Goal: 117 participants enrolled in the South Bay Cities Green Building Challenge

There are 117 participants enrolled in the South Bay Cities Green Building Challenge and the current program focus is continued outreach to new participants and program management to engage existing participants. In March, 12 new businesses have enrolled in the Challenge and over 17 business outreach meetings were held, including a presentation to Leadership Torrance and at Union Bank's first "Save Green by Going Green" event for business banking customers and banking staff. Councilmember Jim Goodhart joined staff at a business meeting in Palos Verdes Estates, and Councilmember Jim Osborne joined staff on an outreach walk in Lawndale. The program partners and participants were featured in a front-page article in the Daily Breeze on March 27th. Four Green Building Challenge participants participated in Direct Install this month. The SBCCOG met with SCE and SCG for a mid-program review to provide an update on program progress and begin discussing program continuity.

The GBC program newsletter was sent twice in March. Current participant standings by city: Torrance (26), Lawndale (13), El Segundo (13), Gardena (12), Redondo Beach (11), Rancho Palos Verdes (6), Manhattan Beach (5), Hawthorne (5), Palos Verdes Estates (5), Carson (5), Inglewood (4), Hermosa Beach (4), Lomita (3), Rolling Hills Estates (3), and Lennox (2).

## **Water Conservation**

West Basin Municipal Water District Programs (West Basin) Contract year is Sept. 1 through Aug. 31

### Water Reliability (WR)

Contract goal: 427 WR support cards to be collected by August 31, 2016.

Status of goals: 399 cards collected as of March 31, 2016

Contract goal: Up to 30 WR presentations to be scheduled.

Status of goals: 21 have been scheduled as of March 30. (Note: this goal is dependent upon West Basin's availability.)

Contract goal: Up to 20 tabletop WR business briefings to be scheduled.

Status of goals: 5 as of March 30.

Letters of support received in the month of March (4)

### Cash for Kitchens

Contract goals: 40 kitchen audits to be completed by Aug 31, 2016.

Status as of March 31, 2016: 27 audits completed.

Contract goals: 50 follow-up visits at 50 previously audited sites.

Status as of March 31, 2016: 32 follow-up visits completed.

Activities for March included SBCCOG staff contacting the following businesses: Palos Verdes Beach and Athletic Club (Palos Verdes Estates), Palos Verdes Golf Club (Palos Verdes Estates), Palos Verdes Tennis Club (Palos Verdes Peninsula), Malaga Cove Market (Palos Verdes Estates), Sunrise Senior Living (Hermosa Beach), Jimmy's (Torrance), Georgio's Pizza (Torrance), Big Mike's (Torrance), Billy's Café (Torrance) and Goldilocks (Carson).

Contract goals: 2 training sessions to be completed by August 31, 2016.

Status as of March 31, 2016: 0 training sessions.

SBCCOG Staff will work with West Basin staff to schedule the first Cash for Kitchens training session on April 2016.

### Rain Barrel

Contract goal: 5 rain barrel events.

Status of goal: Goal met.

### Car Wash

Contract goal: "Re-enroll" current 8 car wash companies that are participating in the program.

Status of goal: Goal met – re-enrollments of: Dominguez Car Wash (Carson), Go Eco Express Car Wash (Lawndale), Rock n Roll Car Wash (Hermosa Beach), Bellagio Car Wash (Lawndale), Crenshaw Imperial Car Wash (Inglewood), Green Forest Car Wash (Hawthorne), Lennox Car Wash (Lennox) and Gardena Car Wash (Gardena).

Contract goal: strive to enroll up to 2 new car wash companies by August 31, 2016.

Status of goal: 0 new car wash companies.

SBCCOG staff visited the following Car Wash business in March to promote the program: Riviera Car Wash (Redondo Beach)

#### California Friendly Landscape Training (CFLT)

Contract goal: minimum of 6; maximum of 12

Status of goal: 4 completed.

SBCCOG staff sent e-blasts and took registrations for a CFLT that took place in Culver City on 3/12/16. SBCCOG staff is working with West Basin and WRD to plan and schedule a Spanish-language CFLT in the Spring. Per West Basin, 5 greywater classes will be offered in late Spring/Summer and will count toward the CFLT contract goal. SBCCOG staff is working with West Basin on determining dates for the workshops.

#### Smart Controller Exchange Events

Contract goal: 3

Status of goal: 2 have been scheduled – April 2nd and May 7th.

#### Lunch & Learn Workshops

Contract goal: 2 workshops

Status of goal: 2 additional Smart Controller Exchange Events will take the place of the Lunch & Learn Workshops

#### Water Harvest – Goal Met (October 2015)

#### MWD Caucus Meeting

The March meeting included an update on the 2016 Legislative Session, given by Michael Boccadoro, President, West Coast Advisors. He discussed legislation introduced in 2015, including SB 20 (Pavley) California Water Resiliency Investment Act and SB 163 (Hertzberg) Wastewater Treatment: recycled water. He then presented the new legislation and discussed project funding, the Delta, desalination, Special District/Water District governance, and CEQA.

#### Sanitation Districts

Contract goal: Schedule 5 Sanitation Districts-related presentations to be completed by December 31, 2016.

Status of goal: 1 presentation completed

#### **Transportation**

##### Vanpool Program

Contract goal: 72 outreach events; 18 information/formation meetings to be completed by October 31, 2018.

Status of Goal: 8 outreach events; 1 information/formation meeting

March marked the first month of Metro’s new 3-year extension to the Vanpool outreach program. SBCCOG staff participated in 1 rideshare event and distributed collateral material at 7 other SBCCOG outreach events during this time period. Additionally, SBCCOG renewed the vanpool formation process with Harbor UCLA Hospital through an analysis of commuter trip data; follow-up efforts with the Hospital for vanpool formation are anticipated in the next several months. Similar efforts continue with the Terranea Resort. SBCCOG Staff continues to coordinate and explore efforts to identify and target Green Building Challenge companies for transportation related “Lunch and Learn” events in April, 2016. SBCCOG staff is working with Metro to test/pilot the use of targeted social (Facebook) media adds to promote vanpool related outreach efforts.

Metro ExpressLanes (MEL)

The goal of the MEL Contract is to continue to build awareness and increase the number of FasTrak® transponder accounts for vehicles using the I-110 Corridor ExpressLanes as well as encourage use of the Silver Line bus services and vanpools.

Status of goal: 34 community events; 3 MEL email updates; 4 SBCCOG Newsletters

SBCCOG invited and MEL participated and distributed materials at the Harbor UCLA Rideshare Event. SBCCOG staff met with the MEL support Team to discuss marketing opportunities and Metro’s timeline for the “re-branding” of the Metro Express Lane outreach (July, 2016). SBCCOG continues to inform and recommend marketing and outreach opportunities to the MEL’s marketing team.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Siting and Installation - CEC grant (under the direction of Wally Siembab and his team)

This program focuses on identifying and eliminating the barriers to electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS) at multi residential dwellings (MUD). Review and notes to the Luskin Draft assessment of EVCS MUD installation occurred during this reporting period. Additionally, outreach efforts shifted to identifying and soliciting information from property owners regarding their issues and attitudes for developing EVCS on their respective properties. SBCCOG staff and the Project Team met with South California Edison to review their new “Charge Ready” program and to solicit assistance in understanding the critical aspect of “power to the panel”. The project team began to explore ancillary EVCS siting opportunities (near clustered or dense concentrations of MUD properties) involving public government parking lots as well as potential commercial properties.

II. MARKETING, OUTREACH, & IMPLEMENTATION

Workshops, Trainings & Exchanges

The following chart lists an overview of all workshops held in March 2016:

Event Date	Event Name	No. Attended/ No. of RSVPs	Marketing Info. (how did they hear about the workshop):	Staff Lead
3/12/16	California Friendly Landscape Training - Culver City	30/55	Email: 18 Flyer: 2 Friend or Family: 7 Local Publication: 9 Social Media: 13 Website: 5	No Staff



			Other: 1	
3/31/16	Making Your Home Healthier and More Comfortable...the Energy and Water Efficiency Way	22/30	Email: 22 Flyer: 2 Friend or Family: 1 Social Media: 1 Website: 4	GFG

A SCE LED Lighting Workshop is schedule for April 7 at the SBCCOG’s South Bay Environmental Services Center. SBCCOG staff is working with Torrance CitiCABLE news regarding a film story about free workshops such as this one. The next SBCCOG-hosted Basic HVAC SCE seminar has been scheduled for August 26, 2016.

Outreach Events

- **2** community events
  - Scheduled to attend 11 community events in April
- **4** presentations/workshops (SBCCOG overview)
  - Scheduled to give **2** presentations/workshops in April (SBCCOG overview)
- **3** overviews of SBCCOG/Water Reliability business briefings or group presentations
  - Scheduled to give **1** overview of SBCCOG/Water Reliability group presentation in April
- Calendar year-to-date through March 2016:
  - **5** - Community events
  - **2** - Business events
  - **2** - Employee events
  - **9** - Business card / business briefing events
  - **8** - presentations / workshops

**Kiosk - Peninsula**

Partner program and volunteer program information was highlighted throughout the month of March.

**Media**

Press Releases

SBCCOG staff scheduled an interview with Daily Breeze reporter regarding the SBCCOG’s Green Building Challenge resulting in a headline front-page article in the print edition of the Easter Sunday Daily Breeze as well as Daily Breeze on-line edition.

Earned Media Received as of February 29

- “Businesses Get ‘Green’ Boost,” Daily Breeze, March 27, 2016 (Front page headline)
- “How South Bay businesses are using a tech game to be more energy efficient,” Daily Breeze On-line edition, March 26, 2016
- “Join in the Fun, Comradery and Meaningful work of a South Bay Environmental Services Center Volunteer Recruitment Begins” Gardena 101 Newsletter, February 2016
- “Fun, camaraderie and meaningful work as a South Bay Environmental Services Center Volunteer,” City of Hawthorne Newsletter, Spring 2016 (English/Spanish)
- “Be a South Bay Environmental Services Center Volunteer,” Rancho Palos Verdes Newsletter, Spring 2016

Social Media

As of March 30, 2016 social media following is as follows:  
Twitter: 404 followers, 1,921 impressions\*

Facebook: 495 likes, 5,446 impressions  
LinkedIn: 93 followers, 714 impressions  
*\*Impressions: the number of times a post has been viewed*

**Top Tweet** earned 497 impressions

Coverage 4 #GreenBuildingChallenge via  
[@DailyBreezeNews](#) Thx [@BCHD](#)  
[@9RoundSouthBay](#) [@TerraneaResort](#) for  
ur input! [ow.ly/100dZy](http://ow.ly/100dZy)

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Tweet Translation: tweet focused on Green Building Challenge Daily Breeze news article along with a link to the article and mentions business that provided positive testimonies on the program. The idea is to have as many businesses listed so the tweet will be picked up and retweeted.

### Facebook Paid Advertising

During the month of March, SBCCOG “boosted” 2 Facebook posts in support of our Energy Upgrade California outreach. Boosting is a paid service that pushes our posts onto individuals’ Facebook feeds even if they are not following our page. Through this effort, 4 new people started following our page and heightened engagement was realized including more likes and clicks resulting in reaching 8 times the size of our normal audience.

### **Volunteer Program**

#### Volunteers

Volunteer hours for the month of January 2016 are as follows:

- 113.5 hours
- Grand total as of 3/31/16 = 15,412.68 (Starting April 2008)

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 28, 2016

**TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors**

**FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director  
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Transportation Director**

**RE: SBCCOG Transportation Update –April 2016**

## **Adherence to Strategic Plan:**

*Goal A: Environment, Transportation and Economic Development.* Facilitate, implement and/or educate members and others about environmental, transportation and economic development programs that benefit the South Bay.

## **FEDERAL**

### **Pedestrian Death Rate Rises Across Nation**

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) on March 8th released a study projecting that that the number of pedestrian fatalities in 2015 jumped by 10 percent over 2014, a year-to-year increase that comes after a 19 percent increase from 2009 to 2014. Although full-year statistics are still be compiled, during the first 6 months of 2015, there were 2,369 pedestrian fatalities across the nation. Pedestrian deaths totaled 15% of all traffic fatalities, up from 11% a decade ago, and overall traffic deaths declined by about 4 percent during the same period. The report partly attributes the change partly to improvements in vehicle safety equipment. However, cheaper gas in a stable economy means more people are driving and, with the emergence of “walkable communities”, nearly a million more people are walking or biking to work.

Other significant factors have been reported. Distracted driving and walking puts pedestrians particularly at risk. A study completed by Public Health Reports in 2010 said that pedestrian fatalities caused by distracted drivers had increased by 50 percent over five years. Walking after dark accounted for 72 percent of fatalities in 2014 with the deaths happening between 6 p.m. and midnight. In addition, more than three-quarters of deaths happened somewhere other than an intersection. The four largest states — California, Florida, Texas and New York — accounted for 42 percent of the overall pedestrian deaths. California led the way, with 347 people killed.

### **U.S. Drivers Are Distracted More Than Half the Time They're Behind the Wheel**

Until sometime in the early 2000s, the U.S. had fewer traffic fatalities per mile traveled than most developed countries. That’s changed. If we’re measuring by road traffic deaths per 100,000 people, the U.S. is currently ranked 17th out of 29 high-income nations for which data is available.

The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) published a report in February with a finding that people behind the wheels of passenger vehicles are distracted more than 50 percent of the

time. That doubles their risk of a crash. Nearly 70 percent of the crashes the researchers analyzed involved “some type of observable distraction. To complete their study, the Virginia Tech researchers, placed cameras, sensors and radar in the vehicles of more than 3,500 study participants for a three-year period. Researchers observed exactly what happens before a crash, capturing more than 35 million miles of data in all. The VTTI researchers estimate that potentially 36 percent of incidents— 4 million of the almost 11 million crashes that happen in this country annually — could be avoided if no distractions were present.

The main culprit, of course, is the cell phone. Dialing a cell phone raised the odds of an accident by a factor of 12 compared to what the researchers call “model driving,” or driving while “alert, attentive, and sober.” Texting increased the crash risk by a factor of six. Chatting on the phone more than doubled the risk of an incident. Just reaching for a handheld cell phone increased the odds of an accident nearly five times.

By comparison chatting with a teen or adult passenger in the vehicle only raised the risk by a factor of 1.4 while driving while sad, crying, in an emotionally agitated state increased the risk of an incident by nearly 1000 percent compared to model driving. Drug and alcohol use was observed just 0.1 percent of the time, but it increased the risk of crash by a factor of 40.

### **Miami-Dade County Merges Public Works, Transportation Into One Agency**

Miami-Dade’s transportation and public works agencies were merged in April 2016 in hopes that having Traffic Operations, Construction and Maintenance, Highway Planning, Passenger Transportation Regulation and the County Engineer all under one roof can facilitate more of a complete streets approach that will consider many mobility needs in a single project — crosswalks, traffic-calming initiatives, bicycle infrastructure and the like.

The processes to build out a network of fully automated light signals, or add express bus service to highways, or create reversible lanes could all be streamlined when they’re happening under the umbrella of a single department. Some are hoping the merger will also make technology adoption easier, hastening Miami’s rise to smart city status.

### **Orlando Suburb Is First City In Nation To Subsidize Uber Rides**

Altamonte Springs, an Orlando suburb, on March 21 became the nation’s first city to pay a portion of the fare for all trips with Uber within its limits. The city has budgeted \$500,000, partly from local businesses, for a year-long study during which it will pick up 20% of all Uber rides in city limits, and 25% for those to or from its SunRail transit station.

The goal is to integrate the on-demand ride service into the transportation network, get cars off the road and induce people to use mass transit in an effort to spend less on street repairs. Some economics and public policy experts who study Uber are skeptical due to a lack of data on increased demand caused by the subsidies. If the city decides to continue the program past its initial year trial, the city will open the contract to other bidders.

### **Millennials Are Finally Buying Cars**

Headlines in 2010 proclaimed the end of the car culture for millennials who would prefer car share and use transit rather than purchasing an auto. But new auto sales data suggests millennials are now

buying cars in big numbers. They just had a late start. Now the largest generation in the U.S., millennials bought 4 million cars and trucks in the U.S. last year, second only to the baby boomers, according to J.D. Power's Power Information Network, which defines millennials as those between 21 and 38 in 2015.

In the country's biggest car market, California, millennials outpaced boomers for the first time. Millennials' share of the new car market jumped to 28 percent. It's a very different story from 2010, when millennials — who make up around 30 percent of the population — bought just 17 percent of new cars.

Apparently the delay was in caused by the advent of graduated licensing laws, which make teens practice driving in stages before granting a full license, and the economy. The teen unemployment rate rose from 15 percent to 26 percent between 2006 and 2012. It's now at 8% and interest rates and gasoline prices are down.

## **STATE**

### **Caltrans and FHWA Create Council for Transportation Innovation**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) signed a charter on March 24<sup>th</sup> to create The California State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC). The new organization is the 52<sup>nd</sup> partnership negotiated across the country to advocate for and oversee the rapid development of innovations in the transportation sector with a goal of delivering a safer, more efficient and sustainable transportation system.

The STICs are composed of a multi-stakeholder leadership team who works together to evaluate well-researched and proven technologies that are ready to be implemented in the field. Technologies, tactics and techniques that are selected will be employed and promoted to become standard practice within the transportation community at the local, regional or statewide level. Each State operates its innovation deployment council, task force, committee or group based on its unique business needs and approaches to meeting those needs.

### **California's Electric Highway Is Growing**

In February, the California Energy Commission (CEC) proposed awards of \$8.87 million to four companies to install a network of DC fast-charging stations along major highways in California. ChargePoint, Recargo, EVConnect and NRG EV Services were awarded grants to install DC charging stations along different routes and sections including Interstate 5, State Route 99 and Highway 101. The CEC is expected to put each of the four projects to a final vote on April 13.

The common perception of electric cars is that they can serve well for local driving, but regional or national trips are prohibitive due to limited range and long recharge times. The combined development of affordable longer range EVs and abundant highway-based quick-charging could change that scenario.

Washington and Oregon began installing fast-charge stations in 2012 at 20-mile to 60-mile intervals along I-5, I-90, I-84, and a handful of important stretches of state routes. However, the vast majority of California's fast-charge stations are clustered in and around urban areas, leaving long stretches of I-5 and other key roads totally uncovered. The CEC initial network narrowed a field of 35 proposed installations down to nine specific proposed awards. The grant requires completion by 2020.

Navigant Research projects that in California, the growth in electric car sales will be from about 3 percent of overall sales today to between 15 and 22 percent by 2024.

### **Commuter Bicycling Report Shows Slight Growth in California, Los Angeles**

The Alliance for Biking and Walking published its 2016 Benchmarking Report in March, which ranks states and cities across the nation on key statistics including the percentage of people commuting by bike. According to the report, California's bike commute mode share now ranks fourth among the fifty states, up from sixth in 2014. At 1.1 percent of all California commute trips, the number of bike commuters is slightly up from the 1 percent in the 2014 report. L. A. city's bike share was also 1.1%.

California's 1.1% bike commute mode share has considerable challenges to meet the statewide 4-5% commuter biking goal.

## **REGION**

### **Long Beach Opens Bike Share Program**

The City of Long Beach opened its Bike Share Program to the public on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Long Beach Bike Share, powered by CycleHop and Social Bicycles, is funded by a \$2.3 million Call for Projects grant from L. A. Metro matched with \$565,000 in city funds. When fully implemented, the program will include 50 stations equipped with a total of 500 bikes. The area will first launch with 100 bicycles at 10 stations. Stations will be added to the system as the city identifies more areas that can benefit from the program. The city expects the initial investment to cover purchase 500 bicycles and expects the program to operate without cost to the city.

### **Acting FTA Administrator McMillan Named Los Angeles Metro's Planning Chief**

L. A. Metro announced March 3<sup>rd</sup> that Therese McMillan, the current acting administrator of the Federal Transit Administration, is LA Metro's new chief planning officer. McMillan joined the FTA staff in 2009 as deputy administrator. She began heading the agency in 2014 after former Administrator Peter Rogoff moved into the Department of Transportation's number-three role of undersecretary for policy.

Prior to joining the FTA, McMillan worked in San Francisco as deputy executive director of policy at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the nine-county area. During that period, she was also an instructor in transportation funding and finance at the Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University.

### **L. A. City Council Approves Fix and Release Sidewalk Repair Plan**

Los Angeles City Council approved a plan on March 29<sup>th</sup> to fix broken and buckled sidewalks across the city, then gradually hand off responsibility for future repairs to property owners -- an idea known as "fix and release."

City attorneys are now supposed to draft a new ordinance that would put the plan in motion, including rescinding a decades-old rule that put the city on the hook for sidewalks ruptured by street trees. State law says that the adjacent property owner is responsible for sidewalk repairs, but L.A. took on responsibility for repairing sidewalks damaged by street trees more than 40 years ago then failed to keep up with the needed repairs. Those failing sidewalks also spurred a major lawsuit by

advocates for the disabled, who argued that impassable walkways violated their rights to access in the city under federal law. To settle that case, Los Angeles has pledged to spend more than \$1.3 billion over the next three decades to smooth its sidewalks.

The new program will begin in July. Under the new policy, L.A. will first pay to repair sidewalks next to commercial, industrial and residential properties, whether or not the damage was caused by a street tree. After the initial repairs are made, the city will offer a warranty period during which it will guarantee one more repair, meant to prevent homeowners and businesses from facing immediate problems. The warranty will not apply to damage caused by the negligence of anyone other than the city. The warranty period will last two decades for residential properties and five years for commercial and industrial property. City officials also plan to establish a cap on the amount that L.A. would spend on sidewalk repairs at each site to prevent the city money from being consumed by a few especially expensive or vast projects.

After the warranty ends, the property owner will be on the hook for future fixes. And to encourage people to fix their sidewalks quicker and stretch city funds, L.A. also plans to offer property owners a rebate if they choose to repair their buckled sidewalks before the city does, reimbursing them for roughly half of the average cost per square foot of repairs if they make fixes during the first three years of the new program. L.A. will also waive permit fees for such work.

The repair plan passed unanimously, 14 to 0, with Councilman Jose Huizar absent. The final wording of the new ordinance will return to city lawmakers for another vote before it becomes law.

### **MIT Study Proposes Eliminating Stoplights**

A team from MIT published a study on March 18<sup>th</sup> in the journal *PLoS One* examining a radical proposal: Get rid of the stoplights completely. The paper proposes replacing traffic signals with a "slot-based" intersection, or SI, where cars and infrastructure communicate through an algorithm that choreographs a graceful dance of vehicles through an intersection – rather like an automated version of the boarding process used by Southwest Airlines.

"Slot-based" scheduling is already in use everywhere from air traffic control to business management. The basic idea is that actors in a system are grouped into batches or platoons, and the speed of their movement is carefully controlled to move them more efficiently through a space. The authors demonstrate in the study how it could double the efficiency of intersections and cut delays "to almost zero."

A sensor-equipped car would need to communicate its trajectory—right, left, or straight—to a central algorithm controlling the intersection, which would group it into a "batch" of other cars going in the same direction. The central software system would control the speed of each platoon, using cruise control-style software that already exists in most cars, to determine the correct speed of your car as it moved through the intersection. The system could even be applied to bikes or walkers who are trying to cross busy intersections.

### **GM and Lyft Unveil A New Strategy To Lure Shared Ride Drivers: Free Cars**

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, GM and Lyft announced the two companies are teaming up in a new Express Drive program under which Lyft drivers will be able to rent vehicles from GM from one to eight

weeks at a time—potentially for free. Under the pilot program in Chicago, if a Lyft driver completes more than 65 rides in a week, they pay no rental fee, insurance or maintenance costs (although drivers do pay for their own gas). If drivers complete fewer rides, they will pay \$99 a week to rent the car.



# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 28, 2016

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors  
FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee  
RE: Increase to Annual SBCCOG Member Dues

## Adherence to Strategic Plan:

*Goal D: Organizational Stability.* Be a high performing organization with a clear path to long-term financial health, staffing continuity and sustained board commitment.

## BACKGROUND

It is necessary at this time to ratify the amount for next year's dues so that the draft 2016-2017 budget can be prepared for presentation to the Board at the May meeting.

At the February 8, 2016 the Steering Committee (acting as the Board of Directors in months when there is no Board meeting) approved a motion to consider a 6.4% increase in the SBCCOG dues for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. This increase (totaling \$20,000) is predicated upon maintaining sufficient reserves and doing so by increasing the reserves by 2% for the next 2 years until we reach 6%. Our current reserves are at 3.6% and this increase will keep us on target to get to 4%.

There has been a 60 day notice of the dues increase pursuant to the Bylaws. Also, the Bylaws require an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the total voting membership of the Governing Board to be approved.

Attached please find a chart with the current dues that your city is paying as well as the new amount with the proposed increase.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Steering Committee recommends that the Board increase dues by 6.4% for 2016-2017 per the attached table.

**SBCCOG DUES Calculations for FY 2015-2016 based upon proportional  
increase of 6.4%.  
Increases dues total by \$20,000.**

			NEW DUES - 2016-2017				
	CITY	Current Amount invoiced to Member Agencies in FY 15-16	Increase \$20,000/yr.	Proposed increase 2016-2017 (% change)	CPI increase 2002-2015 (% increase)	Dues amount 2002	Value of 2002 Dues plus assessment amount in 2015 \$
1	CARSON	\$ 21,360	\$ 22,727	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 14,739	\$ 24,481
2	EL SEGUNDO	\$ 13,178	\$ 14,021	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 10,082	\$ 15,404
3	GARDENA	\$ 17,358	\$ 18,469	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 12,494	\$ 20,051
4	HAWTHORNE	\$ 21,817	\$ 23,213	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 15,167	\$ 25,039
5	HERMOSA BEACH	\$ 9,608	\$ 10,223	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 6,741	\$ 11,045
6	INGLEWOOD	\$ 32,344	\$ 34,414	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 25,018	\$ 37,892
7	LAWDALE	\$ 11,398	\$ 12,128	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 6,916	\$ 12,774
8	LOMITA	\$ 8,555	\$ 9,103	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 5,756	\$ 9,760
9	LOS ANGELES	\$ 36,758	\$ 39,111	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 29,149	\$ 43,282
10	MANHATTAN BEACH	\$ 13,880	\$ 14,768	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 9,419	\$ 15,859
11	PALOS VERDES ESTATES	\$ 8,077	\$ 8,594	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 5,309	\$ 9,177
12	RANCHO PALOS VERDES	\$ 12,361	\$ 13,152	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 7,818	\$ 13,950
13	REDONDO BEACH	\$ 19,294	\$ 20,529	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 14,306	\$ 22,416
14	ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	\$ 7,143	\$ 7,600	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 4,435	\$ 8,037
15	ROLLING HILLS	\$ 4,942	\$ 5,258	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,692
16	TORRANCE	\$ 36,758	\$ 39,111	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 29,149	\$ 43,282
17	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	\$ 37,668	\$ 40,079	6.4%	30.47%	\$ 30,000	\$ 44,392
		<b>\$ 312,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 332,500.00</b>			<b>\$ 229,998.00</b>	<b>\$ 362,531.67</b>

Southern California Association of Governments

# SPOTLIGHT



Legislation and Policy Affecting Our Region

April 7, 2016

**RC Report**

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE  
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**



**ACTION – RC VOTES TO ADOPT PROPOSED FINAL 2016 RTP/SCS AND PROPOSED FINAL PEIR**

The Regional Council voted today to approve and adopt the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS). The Regional Council also voted to certify the Plan's Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR).

Today's meeting concludes more than three years of policy discussions at the board and Policy Committee level, extensive coordination with SCAG's local jurisdictions, County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) and other partner agencies, as well as significant public outreach.

The approved plan identifies \$556.5 billion in regional investments that will advance mobility, sustainability, and economic competitiveness for Southern California's future. The plan's transportation projects will boost the local economy through hundreds of thousands of new jobs annually and the plan's land use strategies would also provide residents with more mobility options by encouraging growth near high quality transit.

"This plan provides the framework for how we as a region are going to accommodate 4 million additional people over the next 25 years," said SCAG President Cheryl Viegas-Walker.

Viegas-Walker called the approval of the 2016 RTP/SCS "a historic step forward for our region." She thanked the many stakeholders who provided public comments and the elected leadership for their commitment to the region and to the Plan development process.

"This is an important update we do every four years," said Hasan Ikhata, SCAG's Executive Director. "It's so critical to pass to future generations a blueprint for future development - one that will help ensure that the most basic yet vital needs will be met, while also thinking about how we can continue to grow sustainably with respect to our environment and air quality as well as our infrastructure investments."

### What's Next

SCAG thanks the many stakeholders and partners that helped contribute to the Final 2016 RTP/SCS. SCAG will submit the Final 2016 RTP/SCS and associated Final 2016 RTP/SCS PEIR to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, California Air Resources Board and other reviewing agencies, with the expectation of receiving certification by early June.

## 2016 RTP/SCS Where are we now



## NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### GUEST SPEAKERS ADDED FOR REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Register today for SCAG's upcoming Regional Conference and General Assembly, happening May 5-6 at the La Quinta Resort & Club. Guest speakers just announced include Dan Walters, prolific political journalist and mainstay at the Sacramento Bee, and Steve Swatt, veteran political analyst and author of the award-winning book *Game Changers: Twelve Elections that Transformed California*. This year's conference sessions include panels "Monetizing Waste," "Beyond the Sharing Economy—What's Mine is Yours...For Hire," "What is Driving the Future," and "Southern California: Affordable & Livable—Can Gentrification Help?" The conference is free for elected officials and city managers in the SCAG region. The early bird registration rate of \$250 has been extended to April 13—take advantage of the discount while it lasts and register today. April 13 is also the last day to secure a room at the La Quinta Resort & Club at the special conference rate. Stay tuned for announcements about panelists, the Sustainability Awards and more, coming soon. For more information about the program, you can view a [PDF of the full conference agenda](#).

### SCAG-SCLC DELEGATION VISITS SACRAMENTO TO ELEVATE REGIONAL ISSUES

On March 16 and 17, SCAG and the Southern California Leadership Council led a delegation of local leaders to meet with state legislators on regional priorities most impactful to Southern California. Nearly 20 elected officials from the Regional Council met with over a dozen members of the legislature to discuss issues including fixing California's structural funding deficit; efforts to modernize CEQA; and support of AB 2170, SCAG's bill to allocate new federal freight funds into the successful Trade Corridor Improvement Fund to accelerate project delivery in California's most congested trade corridors. SCAG also hosted an evening reception attended by newly elected Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon and other legislative leaders to address these priorities and encourage state lawmakers to consider the region's funding needs for developing local projects necessary to prepare for the State High-Speed Rail's Southern California segments. For more information on what was shared with state legislators, [download the information packet here](#).

### SCAG PRESIDENT TESTIFIES BEFORE CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

On Monday, April 4, President Cheryl Viegas-Walker testified before the Assembly Transportation Committee in support of Assembly Bill 2170, which would deposit new money from the federal government into a successful program that invests in freight infrastructure. "California must continue to invest in its trade corridor infrastructure," Viegas-Walker told the committee. "More than \$70 billion in significant projects have been identified in six counties in Southern California alone. Freight infrastructure is the lifeblood of our state's economy, and we have underfunded it for too long." Goods movement is particularly significant for Southern California, which is home to the largest container port complex in the United States – the San Pedro Bay Ports – and several international ports of entry along the Mexico border. Directly or indirectly, goods movement represents one-third of all jobs and economic activity in the six-county SCAG region.

### UPDATE ON STATE HIGH-SPEED RAIL DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN

On Friday, March 25, the region's county transportation CEOs and SCAG Executive Director Hasan Ikhata met with California High Speed Rail Authority Board Chairman Dan Richard, Authority CEO Jeff Morales and Secretary Brian Kelly of the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to express Southern California's collective disappointment and concern about the lack of progress in delivering the commitments identified in the Southern California Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). On Monday, March 28, Ikhata testified at the Assembly Transportation Committee hearing to emphasize that the MOU commitments must be funded by Prop. 1A and dedicated high-speed rail Cap-and-Trade funds. Moving forward, SCAG will continue to work with the County Transportation Commissions, the Authority and CalSTA to identify an immediate action plan to advance the MOU projects. SCAG will further request, through comments on the Draft 2016 Business Plan, that this action plan be incorporated into the Final 2016 Business Plan.



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### April

- 19th** Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
- 21st** Technical Working Group
- 26th** Transportation Conformity Working Group

### May

- 5th-6th** SCAG 2016 Regional Conference & General Assembly
- 10th** Audit Committee
- 17th** Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
- 19th** Technical Working Group
- 24th** Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 25th** Modeling Task Force
- 30th** Memorial Day Holiday-SCAG Offices Are Closed

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