

# **SBCCOG MEETINGS:** ATTENDANCE 2016 - 2017

City	Nov – 16 NO QUORUM	Jan - 17	Mar - 17	Apr - 17	May - 17	June - 17	July - 17
Carson					Davis-Holmes		
El Segundo		Fuentes	Fuentes	Fuentes	Fuentes	Boyles	
Gardena		Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine		Valentine	Valentine		
Hermosa Beach		Fangary	Fangary		Duclos	Fangary	
Inglewood			Franklin	Franklin		Franklin	
Lawndale	Osborne Suarez	Osborne	Osborne	Osborne	Osborne Suarez	Osborne Suarez	
Lomita	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles				Buscaino			
Manhattan Beach	Howorth	Powell			Lesser	Hersman	
Palos Verdes Estates	Vandever	Goodhart	Vandever		Kao	Vandever	
Rancho Palos Verdes				Misetich	Misetich	Misetich	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Emdee	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	
Rolling Hills	Mirsch	Mirsch		Dieringer	Dieringer		
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff Zerunyan	Huff	
Torrance		Weideman	Ashcraft	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	
County of Los Angeles-2 <sup>nd</sup> District		Riccitiello	Riccitiello		Riccitiello	Riccitiello	
County of Los Angeles- 4 <sup>th</sup> District		Velazquez			Velazquez		

Number of Active Agencies	18	18	18	18	17	18	18
Quorum Required (50% +1)	10	10	10	10	9	10	10
Number of Agencies Attending	8	14	11	12	16	13	

### SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017 SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THEATER 20285 S. WESTERN AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, TORRANCE, CA 90501

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Osborne called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

### **II. INTRODUCTIONS**

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

Drew Boyles, El Segundo Dan Medina, Gardena Hany Fangary, Hermosa Beach Ralph Franklin, Inglewood Jim Osborne, Lawndale Jim Gazeley, Lomita Nancy Hersman, Manhattan Beach

### Other elected officials in attendance:

Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale Mark Waronek, Lomita

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

Joe Hoefgen, Redondo Beach Josie Gutierrez, LA County Dep. of Public Works Nate Holmes, Office of Councilman Buscaino Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities Javiera Cartagena, SCAG Chris Cagle, SBWIB Gabriela Cid, Office of Rep. Barragan Joey Apodaca, Office of Rep. Lieu Nital Patel, Office of Sen. Bradford Andrew DeBlock, Office of Asm. Muratsuchi Gregory Farr, Caltrans Gary Gero, Los Angeles County James Vandever, Palos Verdes Estates Anthony Misetich, Rancho Palos Verdes Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates Kurt Weideman, Torrance David Riccitiello, LA County District 2

Richard Montgomery, Manhattan Beach Senator Steven Bradford, SD-35

Joe Eyen, Cerrell Associates Mike Bohlke, Metro Natalie Champion, SBCCOG David Leger, SBCCOG Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG Brooke Heri, SBCCOG Grace Farwell, SBCCOG Maelyn Evans, SBCCOG Cierra Washington, SBCCOG

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

Kim Fuentes confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes were made.

### V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

### VI. VIDEO from Chair Osborne re: Last Run of the Electric Train through the South Bay

Chair Osborne shared a vintage video of the last run of the electric train through the South Bay and pointed out notable locations.

### VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. May Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) Approved
- B. Metro ExpressLane Contract Extension (attachment) Approved
- C. Public Comment Policy (attachment) Approved
- D. Policy on Delegating Authority to Steering Committee (attachments) Approved
- E. Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (attachment) Approved
  - 1. Recommend Support AB 1572 & SB 268

# F. Monthly Reports – Received and Filed

- 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (attachment)
- 2. Transportation Report (attachment)

Item E was pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion on SB 268, which would restructure to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors to provide better representation. Steve Lantz explained that the bill would expand the Metro Board to 21 members from its current 13 voting members. The SBCCOG does not specifically support the proposed allocation of members, but continues to support the board restructuring in general to improve the fairness of representation for smaller cities compared to the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Supervisors. The most significant concern for the SBCCOG is that Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County not be given enough Board Members to create a supermajority between those two jurisdictions. Mr. Lantz reported that Metro continues to oppose the bill and has specific concern about the efficacy of a Board of Directors of that size.

Mark Waronek, Lomita Mayor and Supervisor Hahn Field Deputy, added that the Board of Supervisors agendized a five-signature letter opposing the bill. It only received four signatures because Supervisor Hahn did not join the group and feels that the South Bay deserves more representation on the Metro Board.

**MOTION** by Board Member Misetich, seconded by Board Member Weideman, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

# VIII. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Los Angeles County Sustainability Program

Gary Gero, Chief Sustainability Officer for Los Angeles County, presented on the County's Sustainability Program, primarily focusing on its Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) efforts. Mr. Gero explained that about 2 years ago, the Board of Supervisors asked County staff to prepare a feasibility analysis for a Los Angeles County CCA. After about a year, the report was delivered to the Board, laying out the benefits of the CCA, should it get implemented. At that point, the Board asked County staff to stop working on the plan and to expand the study to include interested incorporated cities within the County since they did not think it made sense to simply include the unincorporated areas of LA County in the program.

County staff then met with cities within the County over the following year and developed a CCA structure (a Joint Powers Authority), which was adopted in April 2017, with implementation taking place in 2018. The Board of Supervisors will provide a \$10M no-interest loan to start the program. Many cities are considering the prospect of joining. The cities of Rolling Hills Estates and South Pasadena have already voted to join. The County developed the structure of the JPA to be a 1-member, 1-vote structure, meaning that no matter the size of the member agency, their votes would be equal (except in very limited veto-related circumstances when a large jurisdiction may have a weighted vote). The first JPA meeting will be in late July or early August of 2017.

Cities who join the JPA will be able to set their own levels of renewable energy purchased, such as 50%, 75% or 100% renewable sources. The goal launch date for energy delivery will be January 2018 for Los Angeles County buildings. The County wants to make sure any "bugs" in the system are worked out before rolling out the program to other cities. The program hopes to be launched County-wide by the end of 2018.

Board Member Fangary asked Mr. Gero what this means for cities such as the City of Los Angeles who have their own municipal-owned utilities. Mr. Gero explained that the CCA program is only for cities without a municipal-owned utility.

Board Member Horvath asked Mr. Gero to briefly explain other sustainability areas the County is working on besides CCA. Mr. Gero added that the County is considering other things such as urban heat islands, Styrofoam bans, possible stormwater plans, and other bigger/cross-boundary things such as a regional sustainability plan and street designs.

### IX. SBCCOG Action Items

A. Dues Increase for 2017-2018

**MOTION** by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Gazeley, to **APPROVE** the dues increase for 2017-2018. No objection. So ordered.

### B. SBCCOG Budget for 2017-2018

Ms. Fuentes reported that after increases to some existing grants, the budget deficit has shrunk to about \$61,000 from when the budget was first introduced in May.

**MOTION** by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Huff, to **APPROVE** the SBCCOG budget for 2017-2018. No objection. So ordered.

### C. Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for the fiscal year 2017-2018, starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. They nominated Board Member Weideman for Chairman, Board Member Huff for 1st Vice Chair, and Board Member Horvath for 2nd Vice Chair. They also nominated four at-large members of the Steering Committee, including: Board Members Valentine, Fangary, Fuentes, and Lesser.

**MOTION** by Board Member Misetich, seconded by Board Member Franklin, to **APPROVE** the new slate of officers and at-large Steering Committee members as presented by the Nominating Committee. No objection. So ordered.

Board Members and representatives from legislative offices then presented Chair Osborne with Certificates of Recognition from their respective cities and offices, thanking him for his service as Chair of the SBCCOG. Chair Osborne said a few words about his year as chair as well.

### X. SBCCOG PROGRAM REPORTS AND UPDATES

### A. Homeless Initiative

1. Joe Hoefgen, Redondo Beach City Manager & SBCCOG delegate on Measure H Revenue Planning Committee

Mr. Hoefgen reported that the Board of Supervisors voted to allocate \$2M in funding for COGs/cities to do homeless outreach services in the first year of Measure H. This funding is separate from the SBCCOG/PATH funding. The goal of this funding is to create more planning/coordinating services. Mr. Hoefgen also reported that the Board of Supervisors voted to allocate \$1M for local law enforcement outreach teams. Mr. Hoefgen was thanked by the Board for his participation and work serving as a delegate.

# B. Broadband – July 13<sup>th</sup> Educational Seminar

Ms. Fuentes announced that the next brown bag lunch will take place on July 13<sup>th</sup> covering "Wireless Infrastructure & Small Cells: How Municipalities are Key to the 5G Revolution". Pending legislation (SB649) which seeks to reduce local authority over public property and local discretion on the aesthetic and environmental impacts of "small cells" will also be discussed.

### C. Other

Board Member Huff reported that through the SBCCOG's Senior Services Working Group, the SBCCOG was chosen to host a "Listening Session for the Purposeful Aging Los Angeles Initiative" on Thursday, July 27, 2017 from 2-4pm in the theater, prior to the next Board of Directors Meeting. AARP will be conducting the listening session which aims to assess the needs, wants, and priorities of older adults and intergenerational residents throughout the LA region. Participants will have the opportunity to share their insights on how their community can become more age-friendly today and share their ideas for making their community more age-friendly in the future. There will be a maximum attendance of 30-35 people.

### **XI. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS**

# A. Transportation Committee by Christian Horvath

### 1. Letter on Revised Measure M Guidelines

Board Member Horvath reported on the June Transportation Committee meeting. He announced that Steve Lantz and South Bay Public Works Directors met with Caltrans to discuss the permitting delays that several cities are experiencing with their South Bay Highway Program projects. It was a very productive meeting with what seems to be positive results. Board Member Horvath also reported that the Transportation

Committee authorized the transmittal of a follow-up letter to Metro on the revised Measure M Guidelines. The letter does not include new ideas, but it touches on the issues that were not included in the updated guidelines put forth by Metro staff. The letter serves as a reiteration of SBCCOG views. Horvath noted that the Measure M Policy Advisory Council did great work and was able to get Metro staff to incorporate many suggestions.

Steve Lantz then summarized the Metro Board actions on June 22<sup>nd</sup> when they adopted the Measure M Master Guidelines that provide a framework for the Administrative Guidelines that will be developed over the next year. Some SBCCOG suggestions weren't addressed, so it is unclear if they disregarded them or will be including those recommendations in administrative guidelines

Mr. Lantz reported on the following issues/topics:

- The COGs will have a role administering the four sub-regional programs and will be able to use up to 0.5% of the budget from each of those programs for administration.
- Although the formula for calculating Local Return was unchanged for cities with employment population larger than resident population, Metro staff noted that Local Return can be supplemented using sub-regional funds by coming to the SBCCOG to fund projects.
- The 1-mile from a state highway limitation was retained in the Highway Operational Improvement Program, but the funds will be made available to all cities on a case by case basis if nexus can be stablished between the proposed project and regional significance.
- In the Measure R South Bay Highway Program (SBHP), projects are evaluated based on a Level of Service (LOS) evaluation, which measures the change in the amount of vehicle delay a project will provide at an intersection. Measure M replaces LOS with a measure of the reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled, essentially trip reduction. This measure will allow Measure M projects to focus much more on the sub-regional travel benefits rather than the regional benefits.
- The 3% rail contribution will be calculated at 30% of final design, meaning that if there is a project that a local city wants done as part of the rail project, it must be in the EIR and design drawings by that point. The SBCCOG is working with Metro to get a Letter of No Prejudice for the Torrance and Redondo Beach Transit Centers, which would give those cities credit towards their 3% contribution even if they build those projects years before the 30% design is completed for the extension of the Green Line to Torrance.

Mr. Lantz also updated the Board on the Vista del Mar/Playa del Rey traffic calming projects. Mr. Lantz explained that over the last month, there has been an initiative by Councilman Bonin's office and the LA Dept. of Transportation, to reduce the number of lanes on Vista del Mar, Jefferson Blvd, Pershing Dr., and Culver Blvd from two lanes in each direction to one lane. There was no public review of these projects prior to implementation by the city. The changes on Vista del Mar were in response to a legal settlement related to a pedestrian fatality. The Council Office authorized the other streets using an exemption in CEQA that is possible when a bike path is added to a street. The streets other than Vista del Mar are being evaluated as pilot projects and will be reviewed at 30, 60, and 90 days. The changes are aimed to improve safety, reduce vehicle speeds and reduce the use of these streets as commuter route between the South Bay, Playa Vista, Santa Monica and West LA. The SBCCOG is taking a position of ensuring a transparent process because this initiative is a regional issue. A letter was sent to the LA Dept. of Transportation objecting to the process and requesting the inclusion of the South Bay in future deliberations.

### B. Metro Report by Board Member James Butts/ Mike Bohlke

Mike Bohlke reported that the Metro Board adopted the Measure M guidelines at their meeting today. He noted that the Measure M Policy Advisory Committee was strengthened by the participation of Jacki Bacharach and Steve Lantz, and really proved to help Metro turn a historical corner on collaboration with local cities/jurisdictions. Mr. Bohlke added that Metro staff went into the process resistant, but worked with the PAC and incorporated many suggested changes from the group. Mr. Bohlke also mentioned that the Measure M guidelines create a project implementation template based on what the South Bay is doing with Measure R in the SBHP. There were motions made at the Metro Board meeting to augment Local Return funding through the sub-regional programs; a softening of the 1-mile restriction to allow a waiver of the limit for projects that have a nexus to the state highways; expansion of the Visionary Seed Fund to allow the private sector to partner with a local entity; inclusion of active transportation projects in the Highway Operational Improvement Program (up to 10%); and the allowance of the use of any non-regional Measure

M funds to meet the 3% contribution for rail projects. Mr. Bohlke summed it up by saying that there is a lot of the South Bay in these guidelines.

Mr. Bohlke also announced that Mayor Butts was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of the Metro Board, which is the first time in Metro history a South Bay representative has been in an Officer position on the Metro Board.

### XII. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Franklin (Inglewood): The Clippers are considering a move to Inglewood, potentially bringing the number of professional sports teams in the city to 3 (Rams, Chargers and Clippers).

Medina (Gardena): The City will be holding ice cream socials throughout the summer.

### XIII. AGENCY REPORTS

### A. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee

Jeff Kiernan reported that cities were amended out the AB 1250, which was a major win for the League. The League is also fighting SB 649 which would severely limit a city's ability to regulate what goes on their light poles and public rights-of way and severely reduce the amount of fees a local jurisdiction can charge for permitting antennae on public facilities. The League also negotiated the Marijuana Trailer Bill to the Budget and ultimately was able to support it. The Budget was signed by Governor Brown with no major concerns for cities. Mr. Kiernan also announced that the LA Division will hold its installation ceremony on August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Artesia.

### B. CALCOG - Calif. Assn. of Councils of Governments

Board Member Huff thanked the Board for electing her to be the representative to CALCOG. She stated that CALCOG was very welcoming and seems like a very valuable organization to be a part of. They have historically served as a transportation focused group, but are expanding into other topics.

C. South Coast Air Quality Management District – No report given.

### D. SCAG & Committees

- 1. Energy and Environment No report given.
- 2. Transportation No report given.
- 3. Community, Economic, & Human Development –No report given.
- 4. Regional Council No report given.
- E. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission No report given.

### F. LA County Community Choice Aggregation Task Force

Board Member Horvath reported that Long Beach is considering the creation of its own CCA.

- G. Stormwater Funding Options Committee No report given.
- H. County Water Resilience Working Group No report given.

# I. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce

Board Member Huff reported that El Camino College spoke to the group about their Community Partnership Program.

# J. South Bay Workforce Investment Board

Chris Cagle reported that the SBWIB had funding cut by the State, but was able to receive additional grants for veterans services and other services, helping to offset those cuts. The SBWIB is also kicking in an additional \$15,000 for the South Bay Broadband Study to help continue the educational workshops and prepare for the next steps in the project.

# K. Base Retention Advisory Council

Board Member Fuentes reported that there will be a meeting at the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce office regarding BRAC.

## **XIV. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Javiera Cartagena announced that SCAG is having an all-day demographics event on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **XV. JULY SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS**

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

# XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Osborne adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm to Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

David Leger Assistant Board Secretary