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SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2019 - 2020

City	Sept - 19	Oct - 19	Nov - 19	Jan - 20	Feb - 20	Apr - 20	May - 20
Carson				Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	
El Segundo		Pimentel	Boyles	Pimentel	Boyles	Boyles	
Gardena	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina Tanaka	Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Valentine Monteiro	Valentine	Monteiro	Monteiro	Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach		Massey			Massey	Armato	
Inglewood		Franklin	Franklin Butts	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin Butts	
Lawndale	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez Osborne	Suarez	Suarez		
Lomita	Gazeley		Gazeley	Gazeley		Gazeley	
Los Angeles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Manhattan Beach		Stern	Stern		Stern	Stern	
Palos Verdes Estates	Lozzi	Kao		Kao	Kao	Kao	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Alegria		Alegria	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff Mitchell	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	
Torrance	Rizzo	Rizzo	Rizzo	Rizzo	Rizzo	Chen Furey	
County of Los Angeles-2 nd District	Johnson		Johnson			Johnson	
County of Los Angeles- 4 th District		LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	

Number of Active Agencies	17	15	17	16	17	17	17
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	8	9	9	9	9	9
Number of Agencies Attending	11	13	14	13	15	16	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Horvath called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:08pm.

II. INTRODUCTIONS**In attendance were the following voting elected officials:**

Cedric Hicks, Carson	Kenny Kao, Palos Verdes Estates
Drew Boyles, El Segundo	John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills (6:13pm arrival)
Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates (7:10pm departure)
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood	George Chen, Torrance
Jim Gazeley, Lomita (7:30 departure)	Lacey Johnson, SD-2
Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach	Jennifer LaMarque, SD-4

The following non-voting elected officials were in attendance:

James Butts, Inglewood
Patrick Furey, Torrance

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Denny Shaw, AQMD	Godfrey Offoegbu, Torrance Transit
Stephen Sawyer, Charter/Spectrum	James Lee, Torrance Transit
Norm Emerson, Emerson & Associates	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Mark Dierking, Metro	Wally Siembab, SBCCOG
Mike Bohlke, Metro	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Claudette Moody, WSP	David Leger, SBCCOG
Javiera Cartagena, SCAG	Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
Sarah Patterson, SCAG	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Kim Turner, Torrance Transit	Ghia Horton, SBCCOG

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

Due to the time-sensitive nature of this item, Ms. Bacharach requested the Board of Directors add the Measure M MSP Metro Budget Request Amendment item ([available here](#)) to the agenda under item 9-D. The issue being considered was brought to SBCCOG staff's attention by the Public Works Director of Redondo Beach due to its impacts on the delivery of a Measure M funded project.

MOTION by Board Member Huff, seconded by Board Member Boyles, to **ADD** discussion of the Measure M MSP Metro Budget Request Amendment item to the agenda under item 9-D. No objection. So ordered.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. February Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approved**
- B. Contract with The Pun Group to provide audit services (attachment) – Approved**
- C. Amendment to Office Lease for Additional Space (attachment) – Approved**
- D. Appointments to Outside Agencies (attachment) – Approved**
- E. Letter to Metro re: NextGen Service Changes in South Bay (attached) – Approved**
- F. Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (attachment) – Approved**

1. Support AB 2103
2. Oppose SB 902
- G. Response to City of Carson re: Stopping Transit Service during Pandemic (*attachment*) – Approved
- H. Update on Office Move (*attachment*) – Received and Filed
- I. Monthly Reports – Receive and Filed
 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (*attachment*)
 2. Transportation Report (*attachment*)
 3. Reports from Outside Agencies
 - a. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Bea Dieringer & Jeffrey Kiernan) (*attachment*)
 - b. SCAG & Committees (*attachments*)
 1. Energy and Environment (Judy Mitchell, Jim Osborne)
 2. Transportation (Dan Medina, James Gazeley, Drew Boyles)
 3. Community, Economic, & Human Development (Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek)
 4. Regional Council (Judy Mitchell, Dan Medina, James Gazeley)
 - c. Air Quality Management District (Judy Mitchel, Joe Buscaino & Denny Shaw)
 - d. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle) (*attachment*)

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

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Sharing City Responses to the Coronavirus and Telework Experience

Board Members shared their city’s responses to the pandemic discussing a variety of efforts including: telework for non-essential staff; team policing for police department to reduce risk of transmission; limits to the number of staff in areas such as the public works yard; virtual council meetings. Various cities have also started delivering groceries to at-risk groups such as seniors to help reduce their exposure. All cities expressed deep concerns over revenue losses due to the economic shutdown except Rolling Hills stating that they are slightly more insulated due to the city having no commercial businesses/sales tax revenues. Ms. Bacharach noted that she is currently meeting weekly with the City Managers group during the pandemic.

B. 20-21 Work Program

Ms. Bacharach presented the proposed 2020-2021 SBCCOG Work Program. She reviewed the SBCCOG mission with the Board and proposed a small addition to the organization vision to read “The South Bay region is environmentally sustainable **and resilient**, with improved mobility options, and a healthy economy, due to the local government collaborations and advocacy facilitated and supported by SBCCOG.” Ms. Bacharach also touched on current SBCCOG programs and accomplishments over the past year. The 2020-21 work program has three program priority focus areas including: regional broadband network initiative and applications; Measures R & M and micromobility and the Local Travel Network; and the South Bay Environmental Services Center. Ms. Bacharach also focused on special initiatives/programs including continued response to COVID-19; Homeless Services; and Senior Services.

For more detail, Ms. Bacharach’s presentation is available online:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_2020-2021%201st%20draft%20work%20program%20-%20master-compressed.pdf

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Boyles, to **APPROVE** the 2020-2021 Work Plan with the proposed modification to the organization vision. No objection. So ordered.

VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. South Bay Fiber Network

1. Status of request from Metro for additional funds (*attachment*)

Ms. Bacharach reported that the project is in construction and should be live by July 1. The SBCCOG requested an additional \$2.5M in South Bay Measure M MSP funds from Metro to complete construction of the project due to higher than expected costs. The Metro Board approved the request earlier today by a wide margin. Ms. Bacharach thanked those who submitted letters of support. Board Member Butts added that Metro Board Member Najarian took the item off the consent calendar, against the advice of

his staff, and noted his opposition to the request. Board Member Butts noted that Supervisor Hahn was a fierce supporter of the project during the discussion. Chair Horvath thanked both of them for their continued support. Others that were thanked for making public comments: Torrance Mayor Pat Furey, Manhattan Beach Public Works Director Prem Kumar, South Bay WIB Executive Director Jan Vogel and Chris Cagle and Redondo Beach Public Works Director Ted Semaan.

2. Magellan contract amendment for additional services (attachment) – APPROVED

Ms. Bacharach explained that Magellan has been an invaluable advisor to the SBCCOG during the development of this project. The contract has been fully billed thus far and it is being recommended that this amendment be approved to allocate another \$15,000 through June 30th. The funding would come from the Measure M MSP funding just allocated by the Metro Board.

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Armato, to **APPROVE** the 2020-2021 Work Plan with the proposed modification to the organization vision. No objection. So ordered.

3. Payment to Inglewood for South Bay Fiber Network Advance to Metro (attachment) – APPROVED

Ms. Bacharach noted this item is the next payment to Inglewood for the funding advance they provided the SBCCOG in order to have the cashflow to pay the SBFN invoices.

MOTION by Board Member Cruikshank, seconded by Board Member Hicks, to **APPROVE** the payment to Inglewood. No objection. So ordered.

B. SBCCOG Policy Recommendations on State Housing Policy (attachment) – APPROVED

Ms. Bacharach explained that this paper recommends making the neighborhood-oriented development part of the state housing policy. The paper recommends consideration of things such as regional telework communities. The SBCCOG received a SCAG grant many years ago to conduct a carrying capacity study to determine water supplies, sewer capacity, etc. Also recommended is that the SBCCOG be used as a pilot to update the carrying capacity study and determine its importance for understanding impacts of development and increased density. The paper also advocates evaluation of impacts of COVID-19 on housing before more legislation mandates solutions, including reconsideration of transit-oriented development (TOD).

Board Member Dieringer expressed her concerns with some of the recommendations in the paper and anything advocating beyond maintaining local control. Chair Horvath noted that the SBCCOG has been on the leading edge of strategies that are beyond TOD. The paper is trying to effectuate options, promoting local control, as opposed to having a one-sized fits all and an older mode of thinking required of all cities throughout the state.

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Valentine, to **APPROVE** the paper for circulation to State Agencies and the Legislature. Objection by Board Member Dieringer. Abstentions by Board Members LaMarque and Johnson. Motion passed.

C. Homeless Services

Ms. Farwell provided the Board an update on Project Roomkey which is a State program being conducted in partnership with LA County. The County is working to identify 15,000 motel/hotel rooms in which vulnerable asymptomatic homeless individuals would be housed during the pandemic. The highest priorities are those in shelters who cannot self-isolate, followed by those living on the streets. In SPA-8, there are currently 3 hotels participating in the program: one in San Pedro, one in Lomita, and one in Lawndale. Each hotel is connected with a service provider to provide those residents services while they are in the hotel. The contract is for 3 months currently. There were some attempts by local elected officials to prohibit hotels from participating which prompted LAHSA to file an emergency court filing in Federal Court. There are negotiations going on currently to address issues raised.

D. Senior Services (attachment)

Ms. Bacharach reported that there will be a Senior Services Working Group meeting held via Zoom at the end of the month. SBCCOG staff also compiled a list of services for seniors during the pandemic which has proved very helpful for city staff.

E. Other

Ms. Bacharach announced that dues will not be raised this year.

IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Re-allocation of South Bay Subregional Equity Funds – APPROVED

Ms. Bacharach and Mr. Lantz reported that the SBCCOG was recently contacted by Metro CEO Phil Washington to alert the subregion to a \$90M cost overrun on the Crenshaw/LAX rail project. Metro Policy requires staff to evaluate the use of local funding sources to address a cost increase to Measure R/M projects prior to other countywide sources that could impact other subregions. Metro has identified South Bay Measure M Subregional Equity Program (SEP) funds as a potentially available source of funds. SBCCOG and Metro discussed the SBCCOG proportional share of the cost, calculated at 37%, equating to \$33.3M. Considering that the SBCCOG Board has already recommended use of the SEP funds for the Centinela Grade Separation Project, Metro committed to recommending a full-funding strategy and implementation timeline for that project that includes a maximum of \$96.7M in SEP funds. The SBCCOG share towards the cost overruns is also contingent on other subregions' contribution based on their proportional share. The letter received by Metro is available online [here](#). The proposed SBCCOG response letter is available [here](#).

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Boyles, to **APPROVE** the response to Metro. No objection. So ordered.

B. Metro Report

Board Member Butts reported that there was a lot of perfunctory work at the Board meeting, but that the SBFN item was the big deal of the day. Mr. Lantz added that there is a letter in the agenda packet that urges Metro to implement those aspects of the NextGen plan that make sense to do during the pandemic. Remaining changes would be carried out over the next two years.

Board Member Franklin noted that there will be webinars in May on the proposed changes. Please send any comments before the May 8th Service Council meeting.

C. Metro Service Council Appointments (*attachment*)

Chair Horvath reported that there will be a subcommittee/interview panel formed which will evaluate nominees via Zoom. Recommendations will be brought to the May Steering and Board meetings.

D. Measure M MSP Metro Budget Request Amendment

Mr. Lantz explained that the SBCCOG received notification from Redondo Beach staff that recent construction bids for their Transit Center came back significantly higher than expected leaving a \$2.75M budget shortfall. SBCCOG staff prepared the memo available [here](#) that details impacts on the Measure M MSP budgets. The project is shovel ready and could break ground in July.

MOTION by Board Member Huff, seconded by Board Member Hicks, to **APPROVE** the Measure M MSP Metro Budget Request amendment. No objection. So ordered.

X. AGENCY REPORTS

NOTE: Oral reports are only made to clarify or amplify written attachments. All reports that were submitted or handed out are available online here: <http://southbaycities.org/committees/board-directors/board-directors-meeting-60>

A. SCAG Committees

- 1. Transportation** (James Gazeley, Drew Boyles)
- 2. Community, Economic, & Human Development** (Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek)

Ms. Bacharach noted that the OCCOG said that SCAG may be reconsidering RHNA housing numbers. She asked the Board to provide the Chair authority to look at the issue and to send a letter to support the delay in the RTP to consider impact of COVID-19.

MOTION by Board Member Boyles, seconded by Board Member Kao, to **APPROVE** granting the Chair authority to submit a letter to SCAG if it's needed. No objection. So ordered.

B. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission – No report given.

C. Stormwater Funding

1. CCCA/LCC Stormwater Funding Options Committee – No report given.
- D. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce** – No report given.
- E. South Bay Aerospace Alliance** – No report given.
- F. KHHR (Hawthorne Airport) Committee re: Community Impacts** – No report given.
- G. California Association of Councils of Governments**

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kiernan shared handouts (available [here](#) and [here](#)) that the League of CA Cities released on the fiscal impacts of COVID-19 on cities. There will be a webinar briefing tomorrow on the issue.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm to Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom until further notice.

David Leger
Assistant Board Secretary