

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Notes – October 12, 2022 (Held via Zoom)**

Attendees: Gilbert Marquez (Carson); Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Selena Acuna (Hawthorne); Lucho Rodriguez (Hermosa Beach); Erick Lee, Erik Zandvliet, Helen Shi, Katie Doherty (Manhattan Beach); Ramzi Awwad (Rancho Palos Verdes); Andrew Winje (Redondo Beach); Art Reyes (Torrance); Sergio Carvajal, Caleb Brock, Daniel Burke, Reece Allen (Caltrans); Jeff Pletyak, Maggie Cheung (LACDPW); Steve Lantz, Aaron Baum & David Leger (SBCCOG); Tom O'Brien, Scott Jakovich (CITT); Constance Turner (SCE); Chris Buscarino (Advantec-USA); Adilia Miller (Arduzza); Dave Simpson (Cox); Alan Clelland (DKS); Asheesh Pradhan (Group Delta); Diego Cadena (HDR); Bill Stracker (JM Diaz); Jonai Johnson (Mark Thomas); Marc Violett (Michael Baker); Aaron Edwards (Nextech Systems); Cheryl DeMucci (Paragon Partners); Rajesh Soneja (Simplex CM); Claudette Moody (WSP)

I. **Self-Introductions and Approval of September 14, 2022 IWG Meeting Notes** – Mr. Winje called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. The September 14, 2022 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. **Agency & Other Update Reports**

A. SBCCOG: Mr. Leger reported that the SBCCOG will be hosting an open house on November 17th at 4:30pm to officially celebrate the opening of the SBCCOG's new offices. Pandemic delays prevented the open house from taking place previously. The SBCCOG Board will be considering use of SCAG REAP 2 grant funding to hire a consultant to support the development of the South Bay Regional Housing Trust. There will be a presentation at the October Board meeting on an energy efficiency recognition program being developed by the SBCCOG to recognize cities for projects and initiatives.

Mr. Baum announced that the South Bay Fiber Network project is nearing the completion of its initial implementation phase. A final work order is being considered for potential connections. A separate wireless pilot project is also being developed with Carson and Torrance to connect underserved areas of those cities. The SBCCOG is still awaiting a decision on a LATA grant application submitted to the CPUC which would help fund expansion of the SBFN into underserved areas of the South Bay.

1) Local Travel Network: Mr. Baum reported that the wayfinding/signage design is currently underway and reviewed potential signage options. The SBCCOG Board is expected to select a final signage design at the November 17th meeting.

B. South Bay Traffic Forum (LACDPW): Mr. Pletyak reported that the construction contract for the Prairie Ave TSSP project is expected to be awarded in December, with construction completed in December 2023. Plans are being reviewed for the other TSSP projects. He also provided brief updates on the County's Centracs and System Detection Analysis projects. The detailed updates are included in a written report available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/HANDOUT_ITS-TSSP-status-October-2022-final.pdf

C. LA Metro

1) LA Metro Board Actions – no updates provided

2) Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways

Mr. Marquez provided the following updates from the Metro TAC: Metro will be offering free transit service 10/7-10/9 for California Clean Air Day. Metro secured additional funding from the federal government for the K-14 free fare program. There will be a CTC meeting later in the month regarding guidelines for the SB 198 programs.

Mr. Zandvliet noted that the Streets and Freeways subcommittee has not met yet this month.

D. Caltrans South Bay Projects

Mr. Carvajal reported that there were no major updates since September. The CTC is meeting over the next two days and updates on their actions will be available in November.

III. **Measure R SBHP/Measure M MSP FY2023-24 Annual Program Update/Lead Agency Meetings**

Mr. Leger announced the SBCCOG is in the process of meeting with Measure R and Measure M project lead agencies to review project progress and potential funding needs as part of the annual program update process. Please reach

out to DavidL@southbaycities.org to coordinate a meeting time.

IV. **Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants & Funding Sources**

Mr. Brock presented a brief overview of Caltrans' Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program. Grants include the Sustainable Communities Competitive and Formula Grants, Strategic Partnership Grants, and Climate Adaptation Planning Grants. A call for applications will be released in December (date TBD) with applications due around February 2023. For more information, Mr. Brock's presentation is available here:

https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/PRESENTATION_Caltrans-Sustainable-Planning-Grant.pdf

V. **Spotlight Presentation: California Local Technical Assistance Program**

Dr. O'Brien introduced the IWG to the California Local Technical Assistance Program based at the Center for International Trade & Transportation at CSULB. The LTAP provides agencies with training, technical assistance, and technology transfer services to help them manage and maintain their roadway systems. Dr. O'Brien reviewed the structure of the LTAP; its service area; priorities and objectives; and various training courses and specialized trainings available through the LTAP. More detail is available in Dr. O'Brien's presentation online here:

https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/PRESENTATION_California-LTAP.pdf

VI. **SBCCOG Transportation Report Covering September 2022** – Received and filed.

VII. **Three-Month Look Ahead** – Received and filed.

VIII. **Announcements & Adjournment**

Mr. Winje adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m. until November 9th, 2022 (public meeting). To propose an item for the agenda, please email David Leger (DavidL@southbaycities.org) by November 1, 2022.