

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee

February 13, 2023

Meeting Minutes

*(Held at 2355 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite 125, Torrance, CA 90501 & virtually via Zoom)*

**COMMITTEE CHAIR PIMENTEL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:32 A.M.**

**I. Welcome / Self-Introductions**

**In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:**

Chris Pimentel, Chair (El Segundo)

Jim Butts (Inglewood)

Bill Uphoff (Lomita)

John Cruikshank (Rancho Palos Verdes)

Viviana Gomez (LA County D-4)

**Non-Voting Representatives**

Ted Semaan, IWG Chair (Redondo Beach)

Don Szerlip (Metro SB Service Council)

**Also in attendance:**

Elias Sassoon (El Segundo)

Erick Lee (Manhattan Beach)

Helen Shi (Manhattan Beach)

Jesse Reyes (Redondo Beach)

Shin Furukawa (Torrance)

Namrata Sen (Caltrans)

Sergio Carvajal (Caltrans)

Andrew Choie (LA County DPW)

Mark Dierking (Metro)

Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)

Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)

Wally Siembab (SBCCOG)

David Leger (SBCCOG)

Erik Rodriguez (SCAG)

Connie Turner (SCE)

Vikas Manocha (Econolite)

Bill Stracker (JM Diaz)

Rajat Parashar (Kimley-Horn)

Ray Hollar (Public)

**II. Public Comment** – no public comments received.

**III. Consent Calendar**

**A. January 9, 2023 Transportation Committee Minutes - APPROVED**

**B. Transportation Update Covering January 2023 – RECEIVED AND FILED**

**MOTION** by Committee Member Uphoff, seconded by Committee Member Cruikshank to **APPROVE** the consent calendar. Approved without objection.

**IV. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates**

**A. Infrastructure Working Group Update**

Mr. Semaan reported that the IWG met last week and the Measure R and M annual program updates, as well as a presentation by Metro on their I-105/I-405 Integrated Corridor Management project.

**B. Transit Operators Working Group Update**

Mr. Lantz reported that the Redondo Beach Transit Center held a ribbon cutting ceremony earlier in the month. Mr. Semaan added that everything is operational now, and that demolition of the old transit center is already underway.

**C. Metro Service Council** – no update

Mr. Szerlip announced that the Service Council meetings will be returning in person in March. Meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at the Residence Inn near the Marine Avenue C-Line station.

**V. Caltrans District 7 South Bay Projects Update**

Mr. Carvajal provided a written update on Caltrans projects which is available here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/HANDOUT\\_February-2023-Caltrans-Updates.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/HANDOUT_February-2023-Caltrans-Updates.pdf)

Mr. Carvajal also shared the following CTC updates and links:

Tabs of interest for the COG: Tabs 6-11 general reports and updates from officials & Tabs 15-22 policy matters

- [California Transportation Commission Meeting - January 25 - 26, 2023 | CTC](#)
- [Estimated Timed Agenda \(ca.gov\)](#)

Highlights for COG:

Tab Innovations in Transportation: Sensor Detection Technologies for Bicyclists and Pedestrians

- Tab 15: [Book Item Info \(ca.gov\)](#), [Sensys Networks \(ca.gov\)](#)
- Tab 18: [CT Book Item - Action \(ca.gov\)](#); [Complete Streets Action Plan 2022-23 \(ca.gov\)](#); [Complete Streets Action Plan \(ca.gov\)](#)

#### **VI. Measure R SBHP & Measure M MSP FY23-24 – requests for additional funding – APPROVED**

Mr. Lantz reported that requests for additional funding for existing projects were due December 1<sup>st</sup> and are included in the agenda packet. New Measure M project applications will be reviewed and funding recommendations will be presented to the committee in April. There were no changes to the scopes of projects, but projects have been experiencing significant cost increases, largely due to pandemic related inflation and supply chain issues.

**MOTION** by Committee Member Cruikshank, seconded by Committee Member Uphoff to **RECOMMEND BOARD APPROVAL** of the requests for additional funding. Approved without objection.

#### **VII. C-Line (Green) Extension to Torrance Draft EIR update**

Mr. Dierking reported that Metro will begin holding public meetings this week. The first one will take place on Wednesday in Lawndale. Public comments are due by March 27<sup>th</sup>. Metro staff will be making a presentation on the DEIR at the March 13<sup>th</sup> Transportation Committee. Mr. Lantz shared that at this time, Metro is looking for comments on the draft EIR. The SBCCOG will have an opportunity to comment on the route selection once a locally preferred alternative is recommended by staff in late Spring 2023.

Ms. Bacharach noted that the Steering Committee acts as the SBCCOG Board in March due to the General Assembly and the Board not meeting, so there may be a special joint meeting of the Transportation and Steering Committees where action on a comment letter could be taken.

#### **VIII. Three Month Look-Ahead – Received and Filed**

##### **A. March 2, 1-5 pm Green Line Bus Tour (the tour was subsequently cancelled)**

Ms. Bacharach announced that the SBCCOG's General Assembly will be held Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Carson Community Center from 9 a. m. – 3 p.m..

#### **IX. Announcements / Adjournment**

Committee Chair Pimentel adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. to March 13, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.