

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) - January 11th, 2023**

Attendees : Ted Semaan, Chair (Redondo Beach; William Mendoza (Gardena); Helen Shi, Erik Zandvliet, Katie Doherty (Manhattan Beach); Brenda Moun, (Torrance); David Leger, Steve Lantz, Aaron Baum, (SBCCOG); Bill Stracker, Andrew Choie, Nicole Mi, Andres Narvaez (LA County DPW); Danny Milla, (Cox Communications); Scott Longhurst, (Crown Castle); Diego Cadena, Wayne Richardson, (HDR); Bill Stracker (JM Diaz); Marc Violet (Michael Baker); Monica Killen, (MSN Engineers); Janna McKhann, (NexTech); Claudette Moody,(WSP).

- I. **Approval of November 9, 2022, IWG Meeting Notes** – Mr. Semaan called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. The November 9, 2022 meeting notes were approved without objection.

II. Agency & Other Update Reports

- a) SBCCOG: Mr. Leger announced that the General Assembly will be Thurs. Mar. 23 at 9 am at the Carson Community Center. The theme will be: “The South Bay Leading the Way in Resilience and Adaptability.” It will touch on impacts of climate change on the reliability of water sources and electric grid reliability and will highlight South Bay efforts to become a more resilient subregion. The SBCCOG is still looking for sponsors for the event. The first in a series of SCAG REAP funded Housing Education Forums is taking place Thursday 1/12. The SBCCOG’s Legislative Briefing is also taking place on 1/12.
 - 1) Local Travel Network Updates: Mr. Baum reported that the first group of cities are prepping their Measure M applications for the Phase I implementation. SBCCOG staff continues to reach out to community stakeholders to engage other cities and stakeholder groups. Branding of the LTN (Local Travel Network) was approved by the SBCCOG board in November 2022, selecting the “Rolling Turtle” as the design for the wayfinding signage. Cities will have some flexibility with color schemes.
- b) L.A. County DPW – South Bay Traffic Forum Update: Mr. Narvaez announced that LACDPW is revamping project delivery based on the director's goals and objectives. The changes aim to increase project delivery efficiency and hopefully begin construction on 2009-2011 projects. Mr. Narvaez touched on various project updates, noting that advertising for Prairie Ave is underway. The full project status report is available online here: <https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/HANDOUT ITS-TSSP-status-Janurary-2023.pdf>
- c) L.A. Metro Updates – no updates provided. Mr. Leger noted that Steve Gota and Ed Alegre would like to provide regular ITS Group updates. He will be adding an agenda item for those updates going forward.
 - 1) LA Metro Board Actions: Mr. Lantz reported that the Metro Board met Dec. 1st, 2022 and approved a land bank pilot program. It will include Metro owned property with the condition that property may be included only as long as it is done in coordination with the local jurisdiction in which the property is located. Cities with Metro property should contact Metro and establish rules for any development of Metro-owned land. The Board also approved a new fare structure including fare capping. Under the new simplified structure, a rider pays for a single boarding until hitting the daily cap. The program also includes weekly caps. Metro will continue with 50% off fare structure for certain groups who need assistance with the subsidy until June 2023.

- 2) Metro TAC & Streets and Freeways: No TAC updates provided. Mr. Zandvliet reported that the Streets and Freeways subcommittee met in November and received updates on several grant opportunities including the Reconnecting Communities program which has a deadline in April, along with the Clean California Program Cycle 2. ATP Cycle 6 statewide awardees will be announced, and those projects that did not receive funding will still be eligible for the local ATP program. The Inflation Reduction Act funds are slowly rolling out as well.

Mr. Leger added that the SBCCOG is looking for individuals to serve as alternates for the Metro TAC and Streets & Freeways subcommittee. Mr. Semaan also noted that a Vice-Chair to the IWG is needed.

- d) Caltrans South Bay Projects: No Caltrans staff were present. Mr. Leger shared the Caltrans update provided to the SBCCOG Transportation Committee, which is available here:

https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/HANDOUT_Caltrans-Updates.pdf

- III. **Measure R SBHP / Measure M MSP FY 2023-24 Annual Program Update:** Mr. Lantz announced that the Measure R process will be split from the Measure M schedule this cycle. Due to limited funding available, there will be no new projects under Measure R until the current projects are completed. “Costs to complete” projects are the only requests that will be considered for Measure R. New project requests are available in Measure M and funding applications need to be submitted by Jan. 16th, 2023. Measure R projects seeking additional funds will be approved in February, with Measure M program updates in April. Measure R recommendations will be taken up by Metro in the Summertime, with Measure M following in the Fall. If this causes a cash flow problem, it is possible to ask Metro to approve something sooner for active projects. Mr. Lantz reminded lead agencies that there is a local match for a project over \$20 million.
- IV. **Roundtable Discussion: Issues/Topics of Interest for 2023 IWG meetings:** Mr. Lantz asked the group to submit any ideas for spotlight speaker/topics for future IWG meetings, which could include consultant or agency experts. Ideas should be submitted to Mr. Leger. Mr. Leger noted that GeoTech will be presenting on a radar technology used to identify subterranean cavities that could result in sinkholes prior to a catastrophic road failure. Their technology also minimizes interruption to existing vehicular traffic.
- V. **SBCCOG Transportation Report covering December 2022:** Mr. Lantz highlighted a few key items including Metro’s federal “earmark” requests for several of their projects.
- VI. **3-Month Look Ahead:** Mr. Lantz noted that there will be a bus tour of the Gold and Exposition Line segments that are like alternatives being considered for the Green Line extension to Torrance. The tour is for elected officials, city staff, and commissioners from SBCCOG cities. The tour will be on March 2nd from 1-5pm leaving from and returning to the SBCCOG office. Priority is being given to elected officials, but all individuals interested in participating should contact Mr. Leger to reserve a seat on the bus.
- VII. **Announcements / Adjournment:** Mr. Semaan adjourned the meeting at 12:36pm. *Next meeting February 8th (Public)*

To propose an item for the next meeting agenda, e-mail to DavidL@southbaycities.org no later than February 27th

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