

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee December 12, 2022 Minutes

Attendees:

Board members: John Cruikshank (Chair, Rancho Palos Verdes), Rodney Tanaka (2nd Vice Chair, Gardena -arrived @ 12:55), Drew Boyles (El Segundo), Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne – left @ 1:30), Bernadette Suarez (Lawndale), Bill Uphoff (Lomita), Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado (County SD 2), Hildy Stern (Manhattan Beach)

Other: Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi, Erick Ponce Furlos (Assemblyman Muratsuchi), Mark Dierking (Metro), Alicia Chang and Lindsey Lastra (County Dept. of Public Health), William Stracker, consultant, J.M. Diaz

SBCCOG Staff: Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Wally Siembab, Steve Lantz, David Leger, Natalie Champion

- I. CONFIRM THE QUORUM - 12:00 pm
- II. REPORT OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA
 - ACTION: Received and filed UPHOFF/VALENTINE
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – ADD ALICIA CHANG FROM DPH @ 1:30 PM
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE
- V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are received & filed – 12:05 pm
 - A. Steering Committee October 10, 2022 meeting minutes attached UPHOFF/VALENTINE
 - ACTION: Approved
 - B. SoCal REN (payments to the SBCCOG)
 - Contract Amendment - attached
 - Renewal of Master agreement - attached
 - ACTION: Approved
 - C. IT Managed Services Provider (payment from the SBCCOG)
 - Memo & Recommended Proposal attached
 - ACTION: Approved
 - D. Usage of SBCCOG conference room for SBACC Board of Directors Meetings
 - Letter of agreement attached
 - ACTION: Approved
 - E. Amendment No. 1 to Facility and Equipment Usage Agreement between SBCCOG and SCAG
 - Contract amendment attached to use SCAG video equipment
 - ACTION: Approved
 - F. City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings – attached
 - G. Media Report – attached

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- H. Thanks to Assemblyman Muratsuchi for successfully carrying AB 2432 - Neighborhood electric vehicles: County of Los Angeles – a step to implement the Local Travel Network – 12:10 pm
- **MURATSUCHI ENJOYS WORKING WITH THE SBCCOG BECAUSE OF OUR GREAT IDEAS – BROADBAND AND THEN LTN – ANOTHER GREAT IDEA**
- I. Request for Legislation in the coming state session - 12:25 pm
- **CRUIKSHANK – GREAT OPPORTUNITY. MEASURABLE OUTCOME IS IMPORTANT. WE NEED 3-5 KEY POINTS FOR OUR MESSAGING AND THIS SHOULD BE ONE OF OUR KEY POINTS.**
 - **ME – NO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – CRUIKSHANK IS OK WITH THAT**
 - **UPHOFF – OVER WHAT PERIOD OF TIME – 3-5 YEARS. MEASURABLE OUTCOME.**
 - **VALENTINE – LOVES THE IDEA. MORE POWERFUL IN A SPECIFIC TIMEFRAME FOR OUR MEETINGS WITH LEGISLATORS – EITHER IN SACRAMENTO OR VIA ZOOM**
 - **MURATSUCHI – INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS ALLOW FOR MORE IN DEPTH DISCUSSIONS WITH LEGISLATORS**
 - **ACTION: Approved for forwarding to our legislative delegation with meetings to be scheduled with their offices in January (new legislation must be submitted by January 20) – AND GET LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM CITIES – UPHOFF/VALENTINE**
- J. Look Ahead re: Green Line Extension – 12:35 pm
- **EIR release expected in January– will be controversial in the South Bay – memo attached**
 - **ACTION: Consider sponsoring a bus tour through residential areas of the Gold Line and Expo Line that have impacts similar to those that would occur on the Green Line South and,**
 - **ACTION: Withhold any formal position on the alignment at this time - **CONSENSUS****
 - **SUAREZ – MY EXPLANATION WAS RIGHT. WALKS HAVE BEEN HELPFUL. EXISTING ROUTE IS LITERALLY IN PEOPLE’S BACKYARDS. LAWDALE FEELS THE MOST IMPACTED.**
 - **LANTZ – METRO HAS CONTROL OVER THE FUNDS BUT WE NEED TO RECOMMEND WHAT ALTERNATIVES THERE ARE.**
 - **DIERKING – DRAFT IS COMING OUT END OF JANUARY. NO STAFF RECOMMENDATION. LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE DECISION IS SCHEDULED FOR SPRING OR SUMMER OF NEXT YEAR. RIDERSHIP OPTIONS AND FINANCIAL COSTS WILL BE OUT AT THE END OF JANUARY.**
 - **CRUIKSHANK – DO TOUR IN FEBRUARY – SUAREZ AGREES AND ALSO THE ACTUAL AREAS IN LAWDALE. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD.**
 - **CRUIKSHANK MOVED BUS TOUR IN FEBRUARY – SECOND – UPHOFF. WORK WITH MITCHELL’S OFFICE FOR A DATE**
- K. Opportunities to Serve – 12:45 pm
- **Positions Vacated by Olivia Valentine leaving office**
 - **South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce**
 - **South Bay Aerospace Alliance – UPHOFF WOULD LIKE THE POSITION (Rodney Tanaka is the alternate)**
 - **DON’T KNOW IF RODNEY WANTS TO BE DELEGATE**
 - **Potential Western Sector AQMD seat – SEND OUT INFO RE: THIS – CHECK WITH RICHARDSON**
 - **ACTION: In January send out notice so that new councilmembers are included**
- L. Board Meeting Agenda Development – 12:50 PM
- **Open House – November 17 TY to staff**
 - **January**
 - **SBCCOG orientation and review of SBCCOG Committees – annual report and who members**

are for newly elected officials and all board members – time for introductions?

- Department of Public Health quarterly reports – Lindsey Lastra
- Consider equity principle for SBCCOG – **TO ADDRESS STATE GRANTS AND OTHERS WHO ASK ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION’S COMMITMENT**

■ February

- Green Line extension EIR (April for recommendation)
- Mid-Year Budget & Report of Finance Committee

■ March – General Assembly

■ April

- Status of each city’s efforts re: Energy and Climate Recognition Program
- Department of Public Health quarterly reports – Lindsey Lastra

■ Special meetings

■ January 12

- Legislative Briefing – 9 am to 10:45 am – **hybrid - DIVIDE BY STATE AND FEDERAL – EVERY OTHER ONE? BOYLES AGREED. STATE WOULD BE BEST. ORAL REPORTS WOULD BE STATE AND OTHERS CAN BRING INFO FOR CHAT. QUESTIONS AND KEY POINTS FROM SBCCOG.**

- Housing Education Forums – noon to 1 pm – virtual

■ Possible net metering meeting

■ bus tour

■ Future meeting possible speakers:

- Sheriff Luna
- Mayor Karen Bass, City of Los Angeles
- Supervisor Hahn, Chair of the Board of Supervisors
- Supervisor Mitchell
- Stephanie Wiggins, Metro CEO
- Signal Synchronization applications with the SBFN – What’s Happening in Manhattan Beach
- How Villages help to age in place

■ Hybrid meetings until 1/24?

- BB&K took a deeper dive into the question of whether the Board may continue to meet virtually after the Governor lifts the state of emergency (scheduled for February, 2023). The attached memo concludes that the legislative bodies of the SBCCOG may continue meeting virtually (if they so choose) until AB 361 expires in early 2024 so long as they make specific findings on their agendas, similar to the findings they make now.
- Additionally, since the findings would rely on social distancing, that would be required for the in-person portion of the meeting.
- **ACTION:** Review and provide direction – **KEEP THINGS THE WAY THEY ARE**

UPHOFF – LOMITA WILL CONTINUE WITH HYBRID MEETINGS.

CRUIKSHANK – OTHER CONFERENCE ROOM COULD HELP WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING. BE IN PERSON AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

M. Approval of Invoices – to be sent separately – 1:00 PM

- **ACTION:** Approved invoices for payment **UPHOFF AND VALENTINE**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

N. Local Travel Network – 1:05 PM

- **Update on Presentations (local + State/Regional)**
- **Dr. Lyou, in response to SBCCOG presentation, proposed that the state should be funding these types of micro mobility and use the South Bay program as a model or template for other regions in the state. Hilary Norton advocated for more Cap and Trade funding being dedicated to micro-mobility and expanding options for seniors and other dependent populations. Also, there were comments about changing some of the Strategic Growth Council program guidelines to support micro-mobility.**

- It would appear that Jacki will be working with the CTC staff on possible further legislative and administrative actions to foster and support the concepts of micro-mobility.
- **OTHER PRESENTATIONS: HERMOSA BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, MANHATTAN BEACH COMMISSION – BOTH WELL RECEIVED. SBCCOG SENIOR SERVICES WORKING GROUP – WAY TO MAINTAIN MOBILITY. LWV TRI-CITIES IN JANUARY.**
- **Status of Technical Consulting Work (i.e., the law enforcement focus group; TAC; etc.) – E-BIKES ARE THEIR MAIN ISSUE. NO NEV ISSUES. PUTTING IN REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR EDUCATION AND SAFETY. EL SEGUNDO POLICE WORKING WITH LA COUNTY BICYCLE COALITION RE: CLASSES – MAYBE WE CAN EXPAND THAT. MORE COMING WITH STATE REBATES.**
- **Measure M Applications – MB, RB AND EL SEG ANTICIPATED. ASKING FOR MORE MONEY FROM METRO TO PLAN GETTING IN AND OUT OF EL SEGUNDO**
- **TALKING TO CIRCUIT**
- **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**
 - **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT**
 - **TRANSIT AND RAIL PLANNING GRANT – MORE PRODUCTIVITY WITH FIRST/LAST MILE – SAVES MILES AND TIMES**
 - **CLEAN MOBILITY GRANT**
- **UPDATES TO TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND REFER POLICY THERE**
- **UPHOFF – TIE IN WITH OLYMPICS**

O. South Bay Fiber Network – 1:10 pm

- **LATA Grant Award - \$498,949 – review next steps – WALLY DISCUSSED LATA GRANT NEEDS ASSESSMENT. FEASIBILITY STUDY - NOT UNIVERSAL SERVICE. UNIVERSAL ACCESS,**
- **Work order #6 with LA County transport circuit**
- **Status of wireless pilot project for businesses**

P. SCAG REAP 1.0 and 2.0 Update – 1:20 pm - JONATHAN GAVE THE UPDATE

- **REAP 1.0 projects – ADU, Commercial Redevelopment, Housing Education**
- **REAP 2.0 projects pending – earmark of \$585,856, formal applications due in February 2023 but possibly postponed until March - Anticipating funding to be available by June, 2023.**
 - **Housing Trust Fund formation steps**
 - **Implementation of Commercial Redevelopment into Housing using Other to Residential Toolkit**
- **Metro REAP 2.0 project funds – applied for Three Mobility Projects to Support Neighborhood Oriented Development and Sustainable Housing in the South Bay**
 - **Educational support for Micro-Mobility and the Local Travel Network implementation**
 - **Feasibility Study for the Siting and Development of 4 Neighborhood Mobility Hub Pilot Projects in Disadvantaged Communities in the South Bay**
 - **State of Micro-Mobility and Housing Study in the South Bay – data collection and evaluation**

Q. Homeless Services report – 1:25 pm

- **Client Aid status of disbursements – attached**
- **Update for meetings to advocate for pilot project to remove some of the barriers to use Section 8 vouchers – MET WITH GOVERNOR'S REP. MORE INVOLVEMENT IN 2023 FOR CITIES TO WEIGH IN**
- **Hawthorne Ground Breaking**
- **West Haven Supportive Housing**

- FIELD TRIPS STILL BEING PLANNED – ONE WILL BE TO ORANGE COUNTY FOR CARE COURT
- NEED MORE FREQUENT REPORTS FROM DMH LIKE WE ARE GETTING FROM DPH
- UPHOFF – HOW DOES COUNTY MEASURE SUCCESS?
- CHU – ASKED LAHSA FOR YEARLY GOAL AND HE GOT REPRIMANDED FOR THIS.
- THIS PAST YEAR SBCCOG HOUSED 20% - 2023,WANT TO INCREASE TO 30% OR MORE

R. ALICIA CHANG FROM DPH @ 1:30 PM – 3RD COVID WINTER – MORE OTHER ILLNESSES

- S. Update on South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – attached – 1:30 PM
- CONVERSATION WITH ENERGY COALITION RE: MICROGRID AND ENERGY STORAGE. LOOKING FOR INTERESTED COMMUNITIES (USE FED ENVIROSCREEN). NEED TO DETERMINE THE INTEREST DAC COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH BAY. NEED AN ENGAGED PARTNER.
 - STAFF DOING SITE VISITS RE: FACILITY EQUIPMENT – GOING WELL. PROVIDING TURF REMOVAL OPPORTUNITIES TO WBMWD FROM THESE VISITS
 - SOCIAL REN – RESILIENCY HUBS – FITS INTO OUR LARGER VISION – LOOKING AT RPV AND EL SEGUNDO
 - CRUIKSHANK – LIKES PRESENTATIONS TO HIS CITY COUNCIL
 - WORKING ON AWARDS PROGRAM WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS AND CITY COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONS

T. Update on Senior Services - 1AGE FRIENDLY CITIES GRANT COMING UP NEXT YEAR.

- U. SPA 8 Working Group - Supervisor's rep, DMH, DPS, DHS – quarterly meetings
- After a meeting with Beach Cities Health District staff, it was agreed that we would move this working group to staff level. Staff from SBCCOG, BCHD and LA County will be meeting quarterly and SBCCOG will report out to the elected officials at the Board meetings after those meetings.

V. General Assembly Planning Update – FINE TUNING THE PROGRAM. IDENTIFYING SPEAKERS. 2 PANELS, KEYNOTE AND CLOSING SHORT PANEL. NORMAL TIME FRAME. PROGRAM 10, LUNCH 12:30, KEYNOTE, CLOSING PANEL. STATE GOALS THAT CONFLICT- EV CONVERSION/GRID/AC, ETC. WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SOUTH BAY? EX. LTN. BIODIVERSITY IN GIVE AWAYS.

W. Finance Committee – 1:50 PM – BILL UPHOFF WILL JOIN

- 1st meeting is December 15 @ 5 pm - virtual

X. Monthly Transportation Report – attached – 1:55 pm – STEVE – TIME TO START LOOKING FOR CHARGING STATIONS. HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS DIESEL BEING PHASED OUT. WILL BE ELECTRIC AND HYDROGEN. CARB WANTS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR SUSTAINABLE IN DAC'S – FIND OUT MORE
UPHOFF – WHAT CHARGING DO WE NEED?

VII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES – 2:00 PM
CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE USING OUR OFFICE FOR SATELLITE LOCATION FOR MEETINGS

IX. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE – Monday, January 9, 2023 @ 12:00 noon – hybrid