South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee
Monday, November 3, 2025
Minutes

Attendees: Bernadette Suarez, Chair (Lawndale); Bill Uphoff, 1st Vice Chair (Lomita); Ray Jackson, 2nd Vice Chair (Hermosa Beach); Chris Pimentel – left at 12:38pm (El Segundo); Nina Tarnay (Manhattan Beach); Craig Quinn (Palos Verdes Estates); Zein Obagi (Redondo Beach); Britt Huff (Rolling Hills Estates); Annette Owens (Public); Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Wally Siembab, Natalie Champion, David Leger, Ronson Chu, Jake Romoff (SBCCOG)

I. CONFIRM THE QUORUM – 12:00 noon

II. REPORT OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA
- **ACTION:** ReceiveD and fileD

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – PRESENTATION ON THE HOUSING TRUST

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – 12:05 pm

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file – 12:10 pm

A. October 13, 2025 Steering Committee meeting minutes – attached
- **ACTION:** ApproveD **UPHOFF/JACKSON**

B. Contract amendment with Lackow Planning
- Amendment attached
- **ACTION**: RecommendED Board approval

C. Contract for General Counsel Legal Services
- Contract attached
- **ACTION**: RecommendED Board approval

D. Contract Amendment with Apple One Temporary Employment Services
- Amendment attached
- **ACTION**: RecommendED Board approval

E. Progress re: JPA agreement approvals
- On Council agendas in Lawndale and Lomita

F. Pending Grants
- Biodiversity Grant – concept review is pending agency questions
- Caltrans Sustainable Grant - application to be submitted in November

G. Monthly Reports – Receive and File
- City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings – attached

- Client Aid Recap Report **–** attached
- Time Limited Subsidy Recap Report – attached

VI. ACTION ITEMS

H. Scheduling a meeting with LA Councilman McOsker **12:15 pm**

- The request for a meeting was made immediately after the last Steering Committee meeting
- As of 10/29/25, although we have been informally told he will meet with us, there has been no communication from his scheduler or any other follow-up
- **ACTION:** Continue to work on scheduling the meeting

I. Homeless Services – **12:20 pm**

- Contract with Harbor Connects
  - Memo attached **(Pages)**
- **PRESENTATION ON THE TRUST. 1ST YEAR MEASURE A FUNDS CAN PAY THE COST BUT IT'S ULTIMATELY A TRUST BOARD DECISION FOR FUTURE YEARS. LACAHSA FUNDING AND BOARD COMPOSITION DEPENDS ON HOW MANY CITIES JOIN. BOARD WILL BE TECHNICAL. IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO ALLOW NON-ELECTED ALTERNATES.**
- **OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE DETERMINED - # OF PEOPLE ON THE BOARD, COUNTY JOIN?**
- **CONSIDER A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FOR ALL ELECTEDS AND CITY MANAGERS AND COMMUNITY DIRECTORS**
- **CONSIDER THE HAWTHORNE/INGLEWOOD PROJECTS WHICH COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE THIS YEAR'S PPO FUNDING**
- **ACTION:** RecommendED Board approval of Harbor Connects contract - **UPHOFF/QUINN**
- **ACTION: DETERMINE IF LEGISLATION IS NEEDED TO ALLOW FOR NON-ELECTED ALTERNATES ON THE TRUST BOARD.**

J. Board Meeting Agenda Development **– 12:25 pm**

- November 20 – draft agenda attached – **one week early (Pages)**
  - Volunteer Recognition
  - Discussion of the proposed housing trust
  - WSPA re: impacts of some of the refinery closures (both confirmed and rumored) on the state and particularly the South Bay
- January
  - Classification and Compensation Study
  - Baldwin Hills Conservancy Update
  - Cool Roofs Study presentation
- February
  - Our County Sustainability Plan presentation
- Special meeting possibilities
  - Alta Sea Wave Project
  - Sanitation District Water Treatment Plant Tour
  - Harbor-UCLA Tour of new facilities

K. General Assembly location and Speaker Suggestions – **12:30 pm**

- Quotes from venues are still being collected. They will be available at the meeting and the staff will have a recommendation

- **ACTION**: **AFTER REVIEW OF THE QUOTES, IT WAS AGREED TO SELECT THE WESTDRIFT HOTEL IN MANHATTAN BEACH**

L. Legislation – **12:40 pm**
- A new legislative session is starting
- **ACTION: P**ossible legislation to send to our representatives to advance our Programs
- **HOUSING OVERLAYS**
- **RELIEF FROM HCD PENALTIES ON RHNA**
- **PILOT FOR REBATES FOR MICROMOBILITY VEHICLES**
- **ISP INTERNET TAXES – 1% IN CITY ROW**

M. Approval of Invoices – attached **(Pages)** – **12:50 pm**
- **ACTION:** ApproveD invoices for payment **UPHOFF/JACKSON**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

N. Update on the Local Travel Network & E-Bike Safety Issues – **12:55 pm**
- **VERY SUCCESSFUL PRESENTATION TO HAWTHORNE CITY COUNCIL ABOUT THE VIRTUES OF THE LTN AND THEY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN DISCUSSING THIS FURTHER FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

WS – COSTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE – NEXT 10 REPORT. CHILD BORN 2024 WILL PAY $500,000 TO $1 MILLION IN THEIR LIFETIME FOR CLIMATE RELATED COSTS

O. Land Use and Transportation Update & REAP – **1:00 pm**
- Housing Trust Feasibility Study – cost vs. Benefit - **DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY**
- Commercial Redevelopment – **BETA TOOL BEING PREPARED FOR CITIES**
- Micro-Mobility Hubs - **SITE SELECTION UNDERWAY**

P. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – attached **(Pages)** – **1:10 pm**
- Capture the Cold Technology program – **7 CITIES INTERESTED – THIS PROVIDES A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT TO REDUCE AC COSTS CONNECTED TO HVAC UNIT**
- Report on the Technology Showcase for Members and Partners – October 29 - **8 CITY REPRESENTATIVES & LA SAN DIST.; 6 VENDORS. PRE-APPROVED BY LA COUNTY TRADE ALLIES**
- **DECEMBER 11 – RECOGNITION LUNCH**

Q. SBFN – **1:20 pm**
- Update on status of the network and the transition – **WAITING FOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM POSSIBLE BUYER**

R. Update on Senior Services – **1:25 pm**
- **NOVEMBER MEETING TO BE CANCELLED – NEXT MEETING JANUARY 27**

S. Pending Issues – **1:30 pm**
- Making Office Space available – **NOTHING TO REPORT. NO CURRENT INTEREST**

- **BALLOT PROCESSING TOUR – GREAT TOUR**

- **AI FORUM SERIES – MIX OF PEOPLE – LOOKING AT POLICIES FIRST. MORE EDUCATION TOO AND WHAT ARE CITIES USING IT FOR. MEETING QUARTERLY**
    - **RAY- PERMIT REVIEWS WITH AI – LOOK AT THAT**

- **FAN ZONES IN OUR CITIES??? - MB HAS SUBCOMMITTEE IN THEIR CITY RE: OLYMPICS – CENTRALLY LOCATED VIEWING PARTIES**

  FIFA WILL BE A TEST. NO SPECIAL THINGS FOR IT BUT LEARN FROM IT. ALSO NEED AN OFFICIAL LA 28 SPONSOR, NOT JUST ANYONE TO SPONSOR

  CAN ASK AT THE BOARD BUT CITIES ARE DOING THIS ON THEIR OWN

  HOSPITALITY HOUSES ARE COUNTRY SPECIFIC AND NOT PUBLIC

- **SCAG PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN – DOESN'T MENTION COG'S.**
    - **WILL COMMENT**

  Page 6 – who engages with SCAG
  PAGE 11 – TRANSPARENCY - Staff will also document, summarize, and report on public comments received through public engagement activities. This process demonstrates that input has been meaningfully considered and supports accountability and transparency in SCAG's decision-making. DOESN'T SAY THAT THEY ARE DOING ANYTHING WITH THE COMMENTS.

- **BOARD MEMBER OBAGI SHARED AN INVITATION FOR AN AIR TAXI HELICOPTER EVENT AT THE HAWTHORNE AIRPORT**
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- **THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF A FUTURE TOUR OF THE TORRANCE REFINERY**

VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES – 1:35 pm

- November 20 – Office Open House and Volunteer Reception – flyer attached **(Page 49)**
- December 11 – Energy and Climate Recognition Awards Luncheon – flyer attached **(Page 51)**
- January 22 - Cybersecurity Presentation

IX. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE – Monday, December 8, 2025 @ 12:00 noon – SBCCOG office

X. ADJOURNMENT – 1:45 PM