

**SBCCOG Board of Directors' Meeting  
Thursday, October 23, 2025 @ 6:00 pm  
SBCCOG Office**

**357 Van Ness Way #90, Torrance, California 90501  
& virtually via Zoom**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The Public Comment portion of the meeting is the public's opportunity to provide comments on non-agenda items within the jurisdiction of the SBCCOG/cities and each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. Comments on agenda items may be made following the staff report on the item and each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes per item. Time allotments may be reduced due to time constraints at the discretion of the Chair. When called on, please state: Your name and residence and the organization you represent, if appropriate. Written comments are also accepted by 5:00 pm the day of the meeting via e-mail to [natalie@southbaycities.org](mailto:natalie@southbaycities.org) Both written and oral comments will be part of the official record.

**SBCCOG Board Members:**

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**AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 pm**  
Bernadette Suarez, Chair
- II. VERIFY QUORUM AND VOTES NEEDED FOR ACTION (attachment) (Page 5)**
- III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY TORRANCE CITY CLERK**
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
- V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- VI. CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:10 pm**  
Matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. No separate discussion on these items. If discussion desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.
  - A. September 25, 2025 minutes (attachment) – Approve (Pages 7-15)**

- B. Eide Bailly Third Amendment for Financial Services (payment by the SBCCOG) (attachment) – Approve (Page 17)**
- C. Express Lanes Outreach Program (payment to the SBCCOG) (attachment) – Approve (Pages 19-21)**
- D. Emergency Beds for Inglewood (attachment) – Approve (Page 23)**
- E. Action Taken by the Steering Committee – Measure A Prepayments to Non-Profit Providers (attachment modified since the Steering Committee) – Receive and File (Page 25)**
- F. Legislative Matrix (attachment) – Receive and file (Pages 27-30)**
- G. Outstanding Dues as of 10/15/25**
  - 1. City of Los Angeles – in process
- H. SBCCOG Monthly Reports – Receive and File**
  - 1. City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings (attachment) (Page 31)
  - 2. Client Aid Report (attachment) (Pages 33-34)
  - 3. TLS (Time Limited Subsidy) Report (attachment) (Page 35)
  - 4. Media Report (attachment) (Pages 37-40)
  - 5. Transportation Report (attachment) (Pages 41-45)

**VII. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Waymo – Future Transportation in our Region 6:10 pm**
  - 1. Adam Lane, Waymo Public Policy Manager, State & Local
- B. Housing Trust Feasibility – 6:35 pm**
  - 1. Adam Eliason, Civic Home, SBCCOG consultant

**VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATE – 7:00 pm**

- A. Request from LA Council District 15 to amend the Joint Powers Authority to allow for a non-elected alternate for the LA City member (attachments) – Approve (Pages 47-61)**
- B. General Assembly site recommendation – Approve**
- C. SBESC Projects and Programs (attachment) (Pages 63-69)**
- D. Homeless Services**
  - 1. Measure A implementation
- E. Senior Services**
- F. Transportation Reports**
  - 1. Metro Report – Board member James Butts/Mike Bohlke
  - 2. Micromobility Programs and Projects
- G. REAP 2.0 Updates**
  - 1. Commercial Redevelopment to Housing
  - 2. Micromobility Hubs
- H. South Bay Fiber Network**
- I. AI Forum Series**
- J. COG Chairs/Officers meeting**
- K. Other**

**IX. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – 7:50 pm**

- October 29 – Technology Showcase – Energy Efficiency for Cities (*attachment*) **(Page 71)**
- October 30 – AI Forum Series (*attachment*) **(Page 73)**
- November 20 – Open House and Volunteer Recognition (*attachment*) **(Page 75)**
- December 11 – Energy and Climate Recognition Awards Luncheon (*attachment*) **(Page 77)**
- January 22 – Cybersecurity & Q and A with Experts including the FBI

**X. AGENCY REPORTS**

NOTE: Oral reports will only be made to clarify or amplify written reports

- A.** League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Britt Huff, Jeff Kiernan, Barry Waite) (*attachment*) **(Pages 79-80)**
- B.** South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Barry Waite) (*attachment*) **(Pages 81)**
- C.** Area G Emergency Management (Brandy Villanueva) (*attachment*) **(Pages 83-84)**
- D.** SCAG update (Erik Rodriguez) (*attachment*) **(Pages 85-88)**
  - 1. Community, Economic, and Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Mark Waronek)
  - 2. Regional Council (Mark Henderson, Mark Waronek, Drew Boyles)
  - 3. Transportation (Bill Uphoff, Asam Sheikh)
  - 4. Energy and Environment (Britt Huff)
- E.** South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle) (*attachment*) **(Pages 89-103)**
- F.** Metro Service Council (Don Szerlip) (*attachment*) **(Pages 105-107)**
- G.** County Department of Public Health (Alicia Chang)
- H.** AQMD update (Brandee Keith)
- I.** California Association of Councils of Governments – CALCOG (Britt Huff)
- J.** South Bay Aerospace Alliance (David Bradley/Rodney Tanaka)
- K.** Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy (Katrina Manning)
- L.** Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Dean Francois/ Zein Obagi)

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Board meeting - Thursday, November 20, 2025**

**Please come early for:**

**4 to 5 p.m. - Open House**

**5 to 6 p.m. - Volunteer Dinner**

**6 p.m. - Volunteer Recognition and Board Meeting**

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**SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2025**

City	June - 25	July - 25	August - 25	September - 25	October - 25
Carson	Hicks			Hicks	
El Segundo	Baldino				
Gardena	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka		
Hawthorne	Monteiro	Manning		Monteiro	
Hermosa Beach		Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	
Inglewood				<b>X</b>	
Lawndale	Suarez Talavera (alt)	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	
Lomita	Uphoff Waite (alt)	Uphoff	Waite	Uphoff	
Los Angeles	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Manhattan Beach	Tarnay	Tarnay	Tarnay	Tarnay	
Palos Verdes Estates	Quinn	Quinn	Quinn	Quinn	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Bradley	Bradley	Bradley	Seo	
Redondo Beach	Obagi	Waller	Waller	Obagi	
Rolling Hills		Dieringer			
Rolling Hills Estates	Stegura Huff (alt)	Stegura	Huff	Stegura	
Torrance	Kaji				
County of Los Angeles-2 <sup>nd</sup> District	Galicia	Galicia	Galicia (AB 2449 virtual)		
County of Los Angeles- 4 <sup>th</sup> District		LaMarque		LaMarque	
<b>Number of Active Members</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Quorum Required (50% +1)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>Number of Members Attending</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9 – no quorum in person</b>	<b>11</b>	

For informational purposes:								
Number of members present	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Number of affirmative votes required for action	7	7	8	8	9	9	10	10

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# **South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

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## **SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 25, 2025**

**IN-PERSON AT THE SBCCOG OFFICE**

**357 Van Ness Way, #90, Torrance, California 90501**

**RECORDING AVAILABLE ONLINE:**

<https://youtu.be/3GCiXY3AiQs?si=MbwtdCCu9qdAYJ4r>

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Suarez of Lawndale began with presentations and informational items at 6:07 pm, due to a lack of a quorum. Ronson Chu introduced the newest members to the SBCCOG Homeless Services team including Kevin Umaña and Kelly Permpoon.

The quorum was obtained, and meeting called to order, at 6:17 pm.

### **II. & III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

SBCCOG Senior Program Manager David Leger confirmed the posting of the agenda.

### **In attendance were the following voting elected officials:**

Cedric Hicks, Carson

Alex Monteiro, Hawthorne

Ray Jackson, Hermosa Beach

Jennifer LaMarque, LA County D4

Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale

Bill Uphoff, Lomita

Nina Tarnay, Manhattan Beach

Craig Quinn, Palos Verdes Estates

Paul Seo, Rancho Palos Verdes

Zein Obagi, Redondo Beach

Debby Stegura, Rolling Hills Estates

### **In attendance were the following non-voting elected officials:**

Tasha Cerda, Gardena

### **Also, in attendance were the following persons:**

Holly Osborne, South Bay resident

Jeff Kiernan, Cal Cities

Andy Sywak, Metro

Nila Negrete-Mitchell, Redondo Beach resident

Kelvin Rinera, NobleQuest

Dr. Maria Alfaro, NobleQuest

Ailene Rivera, NobleQuest

Lourdes Kriste, Metro

Roberto Machuca, Metro

Kevin Umaña, SBCCOG

Kelly Permpoon, SBCCOG

Shawn Fujioka, SBCCOG

Lara Gerges, SBCCOG

Anne Tsai, SBCCOG

Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG

David Leger, SBCCOG

Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG

Natalie Champion, SBCCOG

Ronson Chu, SBCCOG

Wally Siembab, SBCCOG

### **VII. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. 3rd Quarter Progress Report on Energy & Climate Recognition Program**

Ms. Fujioka presented the third-quarter progress update on the South Bay Energy and Climate Recognition Program. She reviewed the program's tiered recognition levels—bronze, silver,

gold, and platinum—explaining that platinum represents the highest distinction. To be recognized, cities must complete at least one eligible activity per category. Ms. Fujioka shared the current standings of member cities, noting that Manhattan Beach and Torrance have achieved platinum status while Gardena is advancing toward gold. She encouraged cities to move quickly to secure additional points before the program year’s end and discussed the various activities that help cities earn credit, including energy efficiency upgrades, residential outreach programs, and the implementation of climate action plans. Ms. Fujioka also explained that participation in the program requires enrollment in the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN), administered by Los Angeles County, which provides energy-saving services for public agencies, residents, and businesses. Ms. Fujioka concluded by inviting member cities to attend the 3rd Annual Energy and Climate Recognition Ceremony, scheduled for December 11 at the Lawndale Community Center, where achievements for 2025 will be formally recognized. The presentation is accessible using the following link: <https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/25131028/PRESENTATION SBECR Board Presentation 09.2025.pdf>

## **VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATE**

### **A. SBESC Projects and Programs (*attachment*)**

Ms. Fuentes reported that the application period for Cycles 6 and 7 of the Open and Slow Streets Competitive Grant Program was now open. She explained that the combined funding cycle offers \$10 million in competitive grants to support open and slow streets events throughout Los Angeles County, with a particular focus on community engagement in preparation for the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Ms. Fuentes noted that events do not need to be scheduled at the time of application and that a 30 percent local match is required. She stated that applications are open to all Los Angeles County jurisdictions, including cities, the County, and councils of governments. Community-based and non-profit organizations may also apply as co-applicants in partnership with a jurisdiction. She encouraged member cities to consider applying and referred interested applicants to Metro’s Open Streets Grant Program website for additional information. Information on this grant program is accessible using the following link: <https://www.metro.net/about/metro-open-streets-grant-program/>.

***A quorum was established at this time, and the meeting was called to order***

## **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Leger shared that Consent Agenda Item VI. D., Resolution 2025-3 - Records Retention Schedule, will be reviewed separately from the consent calendar agenda.

## **V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

South Bay resident Holly Osborne discussed the meeting notes from August regarding the Metro Report on the C Line extension and remarks regarding the C Line Extension Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), stating that she understood it would go before the Metro Board in October. Ms. Osborne asked that the record be clarified if the October timing was not intended to be taken literally and requested confirmation of any CEQA challenge windows mentioned previously.

## **VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. July 24, 2025 minutes (*attachment*) – Approved**

**B. August 28, 2025 meeting notes (*attachment*) – Approved**

**C. Resolution 2025-2 – Rescinding Resolution 2025-1 (*attachment*) – Approved**

- E. Civic Spark Contract Amendment (attachment) – Approved**
- F. Funding Agreement with Metro for REAP 2.0 Mobility Hubs Project (attachment) – Approved**  
*Approved Note: Following Steering Committee action, Metro informed the SBCCOG that SCAG granted a six month extension for the project through 12/31/2026. SBCCOG staff is awaiting the revised document with the new 12/31/2026 end date.*
- G.SBCCOG Agency Partnership Policy (attachments) – Approved**
- H. Board Officer Elections Policy and Procedures (attachment) – Approved**
- I. Metro South Bay Service Council Nomination Recommendation (attachment) – Approved**
- J. Legislative Matrix (attachment) – Received and filed**
- K. Actions of Steering Committee since last Board meeting (attachment) – Received and Filed**
- L. Outstanding Dues as of 9/17/25**
  - 1. City of Los Angeles – in process
- M. SBCCOG Monthly Reports – Received and Filed**
  - 1. City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings (attachment)
  - 2. Client Aid Report (attachment)
  - 3. Media Report (attachment)
  - 4. Transportation Report (attachment)

**MOTION by Board Member Stegura, seconded by Board Member Hicks, to APPROVE the Consent Calendar except Item D. No Objections. Abstentions on the Items A & B from Board Members Seo, Monteiro, and LaMarque. MOTION Passes.**

**D. Resolution 2025-3 - Records Retention Schedule (attachments)**  
 Mr. Leger explained that Section 4, which currently states that the *Executive Director may destroy any SBCCOG record document* should also include a phrase such as “or their designee” after “Executive Director.” Mr. Leger clarified that this adjustment would clearly allow for delegation of document destruction authority to staff rather than requiring the Executive Director to personally perform the task. He thanked Board Member Stegura who raised the concern.

**MOTION by Board Member Uphoff, seconded by Board Member Stegura, to Item D as amended. No Abstentions. No Objections. MOTION Passes.**

**VIII.SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATE**

**B. Homeless Services**

- 1. TLS report (attachment) – **Received and filed**
- 2. Measure A implementation updates

SBCCOG Senior Program Manager Ronson Chu provided an overview of the mounting strain on housing and homelessness systems, reporting that families were increasingly being turned away due to limited space and insufficient subsidies. He attributed this to ongoing funding constraints and the dominance of permanent housing programs, which were crowding out other critical funding streams. Mr. Chu noted that the CalAIM initiative was not being fully utilized and emphasized the need for greater fiscal transparency, including clearer salary reporting and more efficient spending practices. He stressed that representation and accountability from the County were essential, and that city programs must remain adequately funded. He confirmed that advocacy for city-level funding would be prioritized in the upcoming funding cycle. Board Member Waite inquired whether additional Measure A opportunities might become available and observed that homelessness was being exacerbated by the shortage of affordable housing. He described how high housing costs, economic inequality, and population decline—illustrated by

the recent loss of a congressional seat—had left many residents vulnerable to homelessness. Board Member Waite also emphasized the importance of early prevention strategies and improved systems for identifying at-risk individuals before crises escalate. Mr. Chu responded that a new \$2 million prevention program would soon be rolled out to strengthen early intervention efforts. Board Member Monteiro raised concerns about revenue reductions tied to Measure A and declining sales tax revenues, coupled with the elimination of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. He projected a 6% shortfall and warned that if CDBG funding cuts were implemented, local housing departments and related programs could be severely impacted. He also urged Board Members to contact their congressional representatives to advocate against such federal funding cuts.

### **C. Senior Services**

Mr. Chu shared that SBCCOG staff member Andrey Mulligan will begin assisting with Senior Services. He noted that the last meeting focused on Emergency preparedness and how seniors could shelter-in-place, in addition to caregiving and where seniors can access free resources for caregiving support.

### **D. Transportation Reports**

#### **1. Metro Report – Board member James Butts/Mike Bohlke**

Andy Sywak of Metro provided an update on Measure M and Measure R allocations, noting that additional funding had been approved for South Bay Cities. He highlighted the success of the SoFi Stadium shuttle program, which served 3,500 riders between LAX-Metro Transit Center and the stadium, and reported that four new A Line stations had opened, extending the system to become the longest light rail line in the world. Mr. Sywak stated that the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the C Line Extension was scheduled for release on September 12 and would go before the Metro Board as early as October, noting that final timing remained at the CEO's discretion. Board Member Obagi asked how long travel times were between Metro buses and SoFi Stadium, noting the lack of designated bus lanes. He inquired about plans for crowd management and transit efficiency for the upcoming World Cup and Olympic Games, including fan zones and VIP transport logistics. Mr. Sywak confirmed that event system planning was underway, emphasizing pedestrian pathways, crowd control zones, and coordinated access routes. Board Member LaMarque shared that a water taxi demonstration was scheduled for the following month and asked Mr. Sywak about Metro's plans for leasing and housing 3,000 buses from other municipalities for Olympic transportation needs. She also raised concerns about the security perimeter and "blast radius" planning around event facilities. Mr. Sywak confirmed that Metro is exploring the feasibility of a water taxi system, and although he did not know the specific number of buses being sought for the Olympics was able to confirm that Metro is looking throughout the nation for buses that could augment its own fleet for the period of the games. Board Member Obagi also asked for clarification regarding the Open and Slow Streets Competitive Grant, with Mr. Sywak explaining that the program provided a city with funding to temporarily close streets for community events. Mr. Sywak confirmed that chambers of commerce could apply as co-sponsors with their cities and emphasized that no pre-planned event was required to apply. He shared that the deadline was October 10 and that the total grant pool was \$10 million countywide with a 30% local match requirement. Board Member Obagi asked about extending the water taxi program, with Mr. Sywak referencing a recent *Los Angeles Times* article on a proposed pier-to-pier ferry service potentially extending routes as far south as Newport Beach. Board Member Jackson inquired about the SBCCOG's position on C Line Extension alignment issues. Mr. Leger clarified that the SBCCOG staff would not be recommending a change in its current position of supporting the project with no specific alignment preference. This was due to the conflicting opinions of member agencies. Any further

discussion would take place at the Transportation Committee at which point the Committee could make recommendations to the Board.

## **2. I-405 Auxiliary Lane Project (*attachment*) – Approve**

Mr. Leger provided a comprehensive report on the I-405 Auxiliary Lane Project – Wilmington Avenue to Main Street, outlining the discussion from the Transportation Committee and the updated information received from Metro. He explained that the key decision before the Board was whether to stop work on the project immediately or to see it through the environmental phase before determining next steps. The project remained in the environmental review stage, and while approximately two-thirds of the work had been completed, there was currently no lead agency willing to assume fiscal or project management responsibility. Mr. Leger clarified that SBCCOG staff would continue coordinating with Caltrans, Metro, and the City of Carson to explore options for sponsorship, as neither Caltrans nor any city had yet agreed to take on that role. He reminded the Board that \$10.4 million in Measure R Highway Program funds had been programmed for the project's environmental and design phases. Of that, \$4.8 million was designated for the environmental phase, and approximately \$3.1 million had already been spent. Metro estimated that completing the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) would not require any additional programming and would not affect other projects. Mr. Leger noted that if work stopped now, the partially completed document would have little value and the funds already expended would be effectively lost. Completing the EIR, by contrast, would preserve the investment, produce a usable environmental document valid for several years, and improve the project's competitiveness for future state or federal grant funding. Board Member Waite asked for clarification about the newly provided information and whether the funds could be reallocated through the next Call for Projects if work were stopped. He expressed support for completing the EIR to maintain project value. Mr. Leger explained that more detailed information was available in the staff report which was prepared after the Transportation Committee's recommendation. Board Member Obagi recalled that the Steering Committee had discussed whether it made sense to continue funding what is essentially a Metro project and asked if completing the EIR would position it for a federal grant. Mr. Leger responded that the Carson segment differed from the earlier Artesia auxiliary lane project because it incorporated bike, pedestrian, and transit improvements, making it more eligible for external funding opportunities. Mr. Leger also clarified that Caltrans had declined to act as the lead agency, which left the project without a sponsoring entity. Board Member Obagi asked whether SBCCOG could resume the project later if it chose to stop now. Board Member Hicks advised that the EIR must be completed now in order to retain its value. Board Member Waite further emphasized that after investing over \$3 million, it made fiscal sense to continue spending the remaining \$1.7 million to maintain value in the environmental document and leverage future opportunities. The Board discussed directing the SBCCOG to notify Metro to complete the draft EIR using the remaining Measure R Highway Program funds currently programmed to the project and to return to the Board for further direction prior to entering the design phase and acknowledged that the SBCCOG will not serve as the lead agency for the project due to the freeway being within Caltrans' right-of-way and concerns regarding financial liability for potential cost increases beyond SBCCOG's control.

**MOTION by Board Member Uphoff, seconded by Board Member Monteiro, to APPROVE the alternate recommendation stating That the Board of Directors notify Metro staff to complete the EIR with the remaining \$1.7 million of Measure R Highway Program funds programmed to the PA&ED phase and return to the SBCCOG for direction prior to entering into the design phase; and instruct SBCCOG staff to continue working with Metro and Caltrans to identify a responsible fiscal agency with the understanding that the**

**SBCCOG will not assume that role. Objection by Board Member Jackson. Abstention by Board Member LaMarque. MOTION Passes.**

### **3. Micromobility Programs and Projects**

SBCCOG Staff Anne Tsai provided an update on the Carson to the Sea Planning Grant, a Caltrans-funded initiative studying gaps in the Local Travel Network across Carson, Lomita, and San Pedro. She explained that the consultant team was finalizing the community engagement plan and preparing for a series of pop-up events and ride-and-drive experiences designed to collect public input. Ms. Tsai noted that the gap analysis was underway, and that the consultant team would introduce the project to the Transportation Committee at its November 3 meeting. Ms. Tsai described that while most network gaps were concentrated in Carson, unsafe conditions persisted in certain corridors connecting San Pedro, Lomita, and Harbor City, particularly along Western Avenue, which remains challenging for low-speed travel such as cycling or e-bikes. The consultant team would examine safety and infrastructure solutions along that corridor to support safer local mobility connections. She added that staff would also participate in the Prepared Peninsula Expo in October, bringing e-bike safety resources to the event. Ms. Tsai announced that the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant contract, valued at \$400,000, was expected to be executed in October, marking a significant milestone after more than a year of federal administrative delays. She stated that she and Mr. Romoff would present to the Steering Committee next month on the Local Travel Network.

## **E.REAP 2.0 Updates**

### **1.Commercial Redevelopment to Housing**

SBCCOG Staff Jake Romoff reported that the Commercial Redevelopment Project had completed meetings with all participating cities, with each identifying two priority sites for fit and feasibility studies. The consultant team had begun its analyses and developed a beta version of the Underutilized Site Inventory, a GIS-based mapping tool encompassing the entire South Bay. The tool includes multiple data layers that allow users to identify and filter underutilized properties suitable for redevelopment, supporting housing production, RHNA compliance, and long-term land-use planning. Mr. Romoff noted that the consultant team would soon conduct community engagement activities, including guided site walks with city staff, to gather on-the-ground input about the selected sites' feasibility and community needs. He explained that this engagement would help refine the fit studies and ensure redevelopment aligns with local context. Torrance, Hawthorne, and Carson were the three participating cities in the pilot phase of the commercial redevelopment project, each selecting two priority sites. Additionally, seven additional sites across the broader South Bay region would be evaluated using the GIS tool to expand regional impact and identify future redevelopment opportunities. Mr. Romoff also presented updates on the Mobility Hubs Project, led in collaboration with Studio 111 and Transito—a firm with extensive operational experience managing mobility hubs across Los Angeles, including *The Bloc* in downtown LA. The project's first phase involves conducting an origin-destination analysis to identify potential hub locations based on local travel patterns and connectivity needs. Subsequent phases will focus on community engagement, site visits, and design consultation, allowing city representatives and residents to provide input on accessibility, amenities, and service integration at each prospective site.

### **2.Housing Trust Feasibility Study**

Mr. Leger reported that the consultant for the Housing Trust Feasibility Study would present detailed findings at the October Board meeting, with a presentation to the City Managers in November. He recommended that members coordinate with staff in advance of the November Board meeting to ensure an informed discussion regarding next steps. He explained that the

initial focus would be on forming the organizational framework for a potential regional housing trust, clarifying that the SBCCOG Board itself would not serve as the governing body for the trust. Mr. Leger emphasized that trust development would involve creating a new independent board to oversee operations, and the initial structure could be designed to avoid administrative costs during startup. Board Member Monteiro inquired whether there would be a membership fee associated with joining the housing trust. Mr. Leger responded that there likely would be a dues structure, but that specifics had not yet been determined. He added that the trust's dues structure would ultimately depend on the number of participating cities as more members would reduce the dues each would have to pay. Board Member Waite asked about the relationship between the trust's formation and Measure A funding, noting that establishing the trust did not incur an immediate cost. Board Member Waite recommended evaluating the cost-benefit implications of Measure A allocations before moving forward with programming work. Mr. Leger noted that this is a viable approach as forming a "shell" of the trust would be significantly less expensive than rolling out programs immediately that would require specialized staffing and resource needs. Board Member Quinn inquired about the number of cities required to activate the Joint Powers Authority. Mr. Leger explained that the current JPA language for the trust requires four cities, but that state law requires two or more cities to establish a JPA. He noted that the City Managers felt that four members were a sufficient number that would warrant SBCCOG involvement in a more subregional approach than just two cities working together. He also emphasized the need to clarify the SBCCOG's role in relation to the JPA structure. Board Member Quinn asked whether cities would be required to participate. Mr. Leger confirmed that participation would be voluntary, with language allowing cities to opt in or out. Board Member Stegura asked whether approval required a majority vote by the SBCCOG Board, with Mr. Leger confirming. Mr. Chu noted that the Housing Trust would have legal authorities that SBCCOG itself does not possess, particularly in areas such as housing finance and project development, so there could be additional benefits of a trust that would not be possible through the SBCCOG's use of Measure A funds.

### **F.South Bay Fiber Network**

Mr. Romoff reported that there were no major updates on the broadband initiative. He noted that staff had closed out recent work in the City of Hawthorne and continued efforts to evaluate broadband expansion opportunities. Mr. Romoff stated that the team was interviewing multiple internet service providers (ISPs) that have expressed interest in lowering service costs to improve accessibility for residents. Board Member LaMarque asked whether the project team was still accepting proposals from interested ISPs. Mr. Romoff confirmed that proposals remained open, and staff would continue reviewing submissions to identify the most cost-effective and community-beneficial options.

### **G.AI Working Group (*attachment*)**

Mr. Leger announced that the SBCCOG would host the first in a new series of forums on Artificial Intelligence, aimed at exploring the benefits, opportunities, constraints, and cautions associated with AI adoption in local government. He emphasized that the meeting was open to all South Bay cities, inviting elected officials and city staff to participate and share their city's current uses. The inaugural session was scheduled for October 30 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the SBCCOG office, with a hybrid option via Zoom. Mr. Leger explained that the session would focus on how cities are currently using AI to improve efficiency and constituent services, as well as the positive and negative experiences they have encountered. The discussion would also explore topics for future sessions. Attendees were encouraged to register in advance at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/iw98XAbqRU-B7B5syRfDUw#/registration>.

## H. General Assembly

The 2026 SBCCOG General Assembly title is “Let the Games Begin: How Sports and Entertainment are Shaping the South Bay.” The event is scheduled for March 26, 2026, and members were asked to save the date, with registration and event details to be released in the coming months. Mr. Leger noted that staff were exploring venue options in the City of Inglewood, given its growing prominence as a regional hub for sports and entertainment. Board Members were invited to provide recommendations for potential venues suitable for hosting the event. Ms. Fuentes discussed the potential for leveraging the General Assembly to showcase the “South Bay renaissance” and attract tourism tied to upcoming large-scale events such as the World Cup and Olympics. She suggested collaborating with local tourism bureaus to develop packages and itineraries highlighting attractions and activities available to visitors. Ms. Fuentes also proposed using the GIS tool to create an interactive feature identifying things to do across the South Bay, helping visitors explore the area’s cultural, recreational, and commercial offerings. Ms. Fuentes further mentioned that some of the venues being considered could a reduction in the number of exhibits and exploring higher level sponsorship opportunities tied to the event theme, noting that the sports and entertainment focus could attract new partners.

Board Member Waite expressed enthusiasm for the concept, describing it as an exciting opportunity to highlight regional growth and collaboration. Board Member Monteiro referenced the Super Bowl as an example of how major sporting events can serve as catalysts for regional development and community engagement.

**I. Other** - None were stated

## IX. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- October 6 – SBACC Fall Mixer (attachment)

Ms. Fuentes referenced the event flyer and announced the upcoming South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (SBACC) and SBCCOG joint mixer, inviting business leaders, chamber members, and civic representatives from across the region to participate. She explained that the event was designed to foster collaboration, networking, and relationship-building among the business and civic communities. The mixer was scheduled to take place at the South Coast Botanic Garden, with check-in beginning at 5:00 p.m. and the event running from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Attendees would enjoy a relaxed evening of networking, including light refreshments and informal discussions focused on strengthening regional partnerships.

Registration is accessible using the following link: <https://www.sbacc.com/event-6316547?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=10/26/2025>

- October 16 – SBCCOG Legislative Briefing:  
Register using the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctf-CqjqrGdyfnGdhXJHrxwdsNvT9K92Q>
- October 22 – SBCCOG Orientation for City Staff (*attachment*) – Ms. Fuentes noted that the Orientation is designed to help city staff gain a deeper understanding of the SBCCOG’s mission, programs, and regional impact. The orientation will provide an overview of who the SBCCOG is, what it does, and how cities can benefit from its wide range of programs, initiatives, and partnerships.

Additionally, Ms. Fuentes announced details regarding the upcoming SBCCOG Open House, scheduled for November 20th, noting that it would coincide with the Board Meeting and Volunteer Reception on the same day to maximize engagement and participation.

Mr. Leger announced that the SBCCOG would participate in the upcoming South Bay Transit Summit on October 4, an event hosted by South Bay Forward in partnership with Torrance Transit and MoveLA as part of SoCal Transit Month. He shared that the event is free and open to the public and will include Metro representatives presenting updates on regional transit projects. Mr. Leger stated that the SBCCOG team would host a table at the summit to engage attendees, share information about regional programs, and promote awareness of ongoing transportation and sustainability initiatives. The summit will be held at the Torrance Transit Center from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., providing an opportunity for transit advocates, city leaders, and community members to discuss future mobility and transit coordination across the South Bay. He added that event details and a flyer would be posted on the SBCCOG website and encouraged members to share the information with their respective cities and networks. Interested participants can learn more and register at [southbayforward.org/sbts25](https://southbayforward.org/sbts25).

## **X.AGENCY REPORTS**

NOTE: Oral reports will only be made to clarify or amplify written reports

- A. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Britt Huff, Jeff Kiernan, Barry Waite) (*attachment*)
- B. County Department of Public Health (Alicia Chang) (*attachment*)
- C. AQMD update (Brandee Keith) (*attachment*)
- D. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Barry Waite) (*attachment*)
- E. SCAG update (Erik Rodriguez)
  - 1. Community, Economic, and Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Mark Waronek) (*attachment*)
  - 2. Regional Council (Mark Henderson, Mark Waronek, Drew Boyles)
  - 3. Transportation (Bill Uphoff, Asam Sheikh)
  - 4. Energy and Environment (Britt Huff)
- F. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle) (*attachment*)
- G. Metro Service Council (Don Szerlip)
- H. Area G Emergency Management (Brandy Villanueva)
- I. California Association of Councils of Governments – CALCOG (Britt Huff)
- J. South Bay Aerospace Alliance (David Bradley/Rodney Tanaka)
- K. Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy (Katrina Manning)
- L. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Dean Francois/ Zein Obagi)

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Suarez ended the presentations and updates at 7:22 pm until the next Board Meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Natalie Champion  
SBCCOG Staff

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**THIRD AMENDMENT TO PROESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

This 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement (“Agreement”) is made as of November 1, 2025 by and between the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, a California joint powers authority (“SBCCOG”) and Eide Bailly LLP (“Consultant”).

**RECITALS**

- A. SBCCOG and Consultant entered into a Professional Services Agreement as of November 1, 2023 wherein SBCCOG engaged the services of the Consultant to assist the SBCCOG with accounting services.
- B. The Agreement will expire on October 31, 2025, and the parties desire to extend the Term through October 31, 2026.
- C. SBCCOG shall pay for services based on a not to exceed budget of \$49,680 (\$4,140 per month) for the period of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows: The Agreement is hereby amended by extending the Term to October 31, 2026 unless earlier terminated pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement; and a revised not to exceed budget of \$49,680 (\$4,140 per month) for the period of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026.

Except as modified above, all other provisions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement to be effective November 1, 2025.

“SBCCOG”

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bernadette Suarez (Signature)  
SBCCOG Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

“Consultant”

Eide Bailly LLP

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Brad Rockabrand (Signature)

Date: September 18, 2025

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## Scope of Work

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) will provide outreach activities to distribute information, conduct outreach, and build awareness for the Metro ExpressLanes and schedule Mobile ExpressLanes Van appearances for the purpose of opening FasTrak transponder accounts. Information about J Line services and the ExpressLanes will also be included.

The ultimate goal of this work is to:

- Continue to build awareness and increase the number of FasTrak transponder accounts for vehicles using the I-110 corridor ExpressLanes;
- Encourage use of the Metro J Line, Gardena GTrans, and Torrance Transit bus services;
- Encourage carpooling and vanpools;
- Provide education and awareness campaigns discussing the upcoming Interstate 105 ExpressLanes;
- Encourage timely completion of projects awarded Net-Toll Revenue Grants; and
- Increase communication between Metro and the cities that were awarded the grants.

Using the SBCCOG extensive network these efforts will focus on the South Bay cities, residents, employers, public agencies, and multi-tenant buildings. Additionally, given the construction of the 105 ExpressLanes, the SBCCOG can assist in educational/outreach activities associated with the corridor. The South Bay is geographically positioned along the I-110 and portions of the I-105 to target the most likely users of these lanes and to increase vanpool commuters in the lanes.

### **SCOPE OF WORK**

SBCCOG will distribute related ExpressLanes information, conduct outreach, and increase awareness for the Metro ExpressLanes and the J Line. In addition, the SBCCOG will identify locations for the Mobile Van to open FasTrak transponder accounts.

#### **Task 1: Information Distribution, Conduct Outreach, and Increase Awareness**

Proactively contact employers, cities, school districts, and chambers of commerce. In addition, display Metro provided materials at the SBCCOG office and make them available to city offices and chambers in the South Bay.

- A. Potential site managers, event coordinators, and employers will be proactively contacted, and meetings will be arranged to distribute information and conduct outreach specifically about the Metro ExpressLanes. At each site, attendees will be provided with the MetroExpressLanes.net web address as the primary distribution channel for information about the ExpressLanes, upcoming I-105 project, FasTrak transponder accounts, and the J and C Line services.
- B. Metro flyers, brochures, etc. will be included in packets handed out at public events and speaking engagements. In addition, SBCCOG will distribute these materials to all South Bay cities and their respective chamber offices. At each event on engagement, the MetroExpressLanes.net web address will be promoted as the primary distribution channel for information.
- C. Metro ExpressLanes information will be displayed at the SBCCOG General Assembly along with the other programs of the SBCCOG programs. This event draws attendance by local elected officials, state legislative representatives, city management and staff, members of the media, and residents.

## Scope of Work

- D. Metro ExpressLanes information will be included in written and electronic publications such as the monthly e-newsletter, quarterly newsletters, posting on website, and summary of services. Metro created materials will be used. All electronic publications will include the MetroExpressLanes.net link, the Metro ExpressLanes Facebook link, and the Metro ExpressLanes X (formerly Twitter) account link.
- E. Metro will provide training and program updates for SBCCOG staff as needed. For more advanced follow-up, SBCCOG staff will refer individuals to Metro.

Deliverables (in an Excel workbook format provided by Metro) to be provided quarterly by SBCCOG to Metro:

- A list of all contacts, including name of business/city/chamber of commerce/school (or other) and number of employees.
- A list of events and outreach activities focused on Metro ExpressLanes, including name and location of event, number of attendees, and type of information provided.
- A list of materials distributed including type and number.
- A list of electronic materials distributed including to whom the communications were sent and if any recipients responded.

### **Task 2:** Presentations for the ExpressLanes and Appearances for the Mobile Van

Incorporate information on Metro ExpressLanes, FasTrak transponder accounts, and J and C Line services into existing SBCCOG presentations and outreach meetings. In addition, there will be a total of at least thirty-six (36) outreach events that will include two (2) Metro presentations focused specifically on the ExpressLanes program which should include the Mobile Van which Metro will make available with 30 days prior notification from SBCCOG.

- A. SBCCOG will follow up directly with interested individuals and schedule presentations for Metro staff. SBCCOG will record all interest contacts including name, date, contact information, and follow up actions.
- B. SBCCOG will work with its grassroots network to schedule Metro personnel at presentations at city locations, special events, and multi-tenant buildings as appropriate. Through these presentations, there is an opportunity to reach at least 50,000 individuals. SBCCOG has an active e-mail distribution list and will provide information regularly to this interest list.

Deliverables:

- A minimum of thirty-six (36) outreach events will be scheduled over the term of this contract to promote Metro ExpressLanes. Information to be included in reporting: date, location, and general information about the attendees, as well as the number of attendees and the materials distributed. Included in the 48 meetings shall be:
  - Two (2) presentations developed specifically to provide a Metro ExpressLanes focused meeting. The Mobile Van will be invited, and arrangements will be made subject to the van's and Metro staff's availability.
  - These presentations can be combined with a Rideshare Fair, Festival, other events, or stand alone. SBCCOG staff will confirm site viability prior to sending contact information

## Scope of Work

to Metro staff. Information to be included in reporting: date, location, contact name, phone number and e-mail address, as well as number of attendees.

### **Task 3: Net-Toll Revenue Grant Communications**

Proactively contact cities in the South Bay that were awarded grants as a part of the Metro ExpressLanes Net-Toll Revenue Grant (NTRG) program.

- A. SBCCOG should send quarterly email communications to each of the grantees awarded funding from the I-110 net revenue funding in Rounds 1, 2, and 3 of the NTRG cycles. The communications should include reminders to complete the required quarterly report and submit it to Metro staff.
- B. SBCCOG will send follow-up reminders to cities as requested by Metro staff. SBCCOG will provide grantees and Metro with assistance in coordinating communication in the event of staff changes or difficulty in sustaining communications.

Deliverables (in an Excel workbook format provided by Metro) to be provided quarterly by SBCCOG to Metro:

- A list of all NTRG contacts made by SBCCOG, including agency name, grantee contact, and grant name.
- A list of grantees that have not responded to SBCCOG contacts.

### **Task 4: Reporting**

Prepare quarterly reports and spreadsheets according to the Task description and deliverables.

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# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

October 23, 2025

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Measure H Budget Emergency Beds for Inglewood

## BACKGROUND

On the April 2025 Board Meeting, the Board approved a budget that allocated \$800,000 for Time Limited Subsidies (TLS) and Inglewood programs. At that time, Staff was still working with Inglewood to finalize their budget, and staff told the Board that they would come back at a later date with a more specific plan for that funding.

Since then, the SBCCOG and Inglewood have determined that funding for Emergency Housing Beds and Motel Vouchers would be the best approach to supplement their homelessness efforts. The Staff would like the Board to authorize \$350,000 of the \$800,000 previously set aside so that the city can initiate request for proposals for emergency housing beds. The remaining balance will continue to go towards TLS.

## RECOMMENDATION

Recommend Board approval of \$350,000 of the previously approved \$800,000 TLS/Inglewood budget line item to go towards emergency housing beds and motel vouchers for Inglewood.

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# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

October 23, 2025

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Approval of Measure A Prepayments to SBCCOG Non-Profit Providers

## BACKGROUND

The SBCCOG Board has previously approved the SBCCOG Measure A LACAHSAs Budget. Included in this budget is over \$3.0 million worth of Homeless Prevention Funds and Technical Assistance. At the September Board meeting, the Board also approved our Measure A contracts for St Margaret's Center, WLCAC, and HERO Community Services. These 3 community providers will be tasked with disbursing most of this large amount of funding. Because of this, we have built into their contracts a prepayment option so that the providers can have working capital.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Steering Committee approve pursuant to their contracts:

- \$80,000 prepayment to HERO Community Services
- \$150,000 prepayment each to WLCAC and ~~St Margaret's Center~~

NOTE: These payments will only occur once SBCCOG has received this funding from LACAHSAs.

## **SINCE THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:**

- **LACAHSAs payments have been received**
- **St. Margaret's Center has let us know they no longer require the prepayment so it has been removed from the recommendation.**

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# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

October 23, 2025

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Bills to Monitor – Status as of October 16, 2025

## NEW LAWS

GOVERNANCE		
<a href="#">SB 707</a> (Durazo)	<p><b>Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements. This bill would make significant changes to the Brown Act including, but not limited to:</b></p> <p>Create a new “eligible legislative body” including a city council with city population over 30k; a county board of supervisors with a county population over 30k; a city council of a city located in a county with a population over 600k; and the board of directors of a special district who has a website and meets any of the listed conditions related to population, full-time equivalent employees, or budget. An “eligible legislative body” would have to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide two-way phone/AV access for all meetings and halt meetings in the event of a service disruption</li> <li>- Translate agendas into all “applicable languages” defined as those spoken jointly by 20% or more of the population if 20% or more of the population in that city/county speaks English less than “very well”</li> <li>- Designate a physical location for “community translations” and allow members of the public to post their own translations without any standards/limits</li> <li>- Expand outreach efforts to groups not traditionally participating in public meetings</li> <li>- Create and maintain a dedicated, multi-language webpage for public meetings on its website</li> <li>- Develop and maintain electronic systems for agenda requests</li> </ul>	<p>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</p> <p>LCC: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</p>
HOUSING		
<a href="#">AB 253</a> (Ward)	<p><b>California Residential Private Permitting Review Act: residential building permits.</b> This bill would allow an applicant for specified residential building permits (1-10 residential units and having no floors used for human occupancy more than 40ft above ground level) to contract with or employ a private professional provider to check plans and specifications if the county/city building</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p> <p>LCC: NEUTRAL</p>

	department estimates a timeframe for this plan-checking function that exceeds 30 days, or does not complete this plan-checking function within 30 days.	
<a href="#">AB 507</a> (Haney)	<b>Adaptive Reuse: Streamlining: Incentives.</b> This measure would require local governments to ministerially approve adaptive reuse office-to-residential conversion projects statewide. It would also exempt these projects from all impact fees not directly related to the impacts resulting from the site's change of use from non-residential to residential or mixed-use.	OPPOSE  LCC: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED
<a href="#">AB 670</a> (Quirk-Silva)	<b>Planning and zoning: housing element: converted affordable housing units.</b> This bill would authorize a planning agency to include the number of units in an existing multifamily building that were converted to affordable housing by imposition of long-term affordability covenants and restrictions that require the unit to be available to persons of low, very low, extremely low, or acutely low income at an affordable rent or housing cost for at least 55 years.	SUPPORT  LCC: SUPPORT
<a href="#">AB 726</a> (Avila Farias)	<b>Planning and zoning: annual report: rehabilitated units.</b> This bill would allow a local government to include in its annual progress report on RHNA progress, the number of units of existing deed-restricted affordable housing with an average affordability no greater than 45% of area median income that are at least 15 years old and have been substantially rehabilitated with at least \$60,000 per unit in funds awarded from the city or, for unincorporated areas, the county, inclusive of forgiveness of principal or interest on existing debt. The units would not be considered in determining requirements for purposes of an application for streamlined, ministerial approval process under SB 35.	SUPPORT  LCC: SUPPORT
<a href="#">AB 893</a> (Fong)	<b>Housing Development Projects: Objective Standards: Campus Development Zone.</b> This measure would require local agencies to ministerially approve a residential project for low-income faculty, staff, and students if the project is proposed on parcels within a half-mile radius of a main campus for a UC, CSU, California Community College, or private postsecondary educational institute.	OPPOSE  LCC: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED
<a href="#">AB 1061</a> (Quirk-Silva)	<b>Housing developments: urban lot splits: historical resources.</b> This bill would limit some of the historical district exemptions for SB 9 projects (urban lot splits on single-family zoned parcels). Instead of disallowing SB 9 projects in historic districts, local governments may only disallow the project if it is on a historical landmark or if it is a contributing structure within a historic district.	OPPOSE  LCC: OPPOSE
<a href="#">AB 1154</a> (Carrillo)	<b>Accessory dwelling units: junior accessory dwelling units.</b> This measure would prohibit local agencies from having owner-occupancy requirements for Junior ADUs if they have sanitation facilities separate from the main residence and requires that the rental of a Junior ADU be for a term longer than 30 days, prohibiting them from being used as short term rentals.	OPPOSE  LCC: NEUTRAL
<a href="#">SB 79</a> (Wiener)	<b>Planning and zoning: housing development: transit-oriented development.</b> This bill would require cities to approve higher-density residential projects up to 7 stories near public transit stops ministerially regardless of local zoning codes, limit the use of local development standards on the	OPPOSE  LCC: OPPOSE

	proposed project, and allow transit agencies full land authority over residential and commercial development on property they own or lease.	
<a href="#">SB 358</a> (Becker)	<b>Mitigation Fee Act: Mitigating Vehicular Traffic Impacts.</b> This bill would require local agencies to reduce traffic impact fees by at least 50% if a proposed development project is located within a transit priority area or if a major transit stop is planned to be completed before or within one year from the scheduled completion and occupancy of the housing development or if the development project is located a half a mile from three or more from the following: a restaurant, coffee shop, supermarket, grocery store, hardware store, park, pharmacy, drugstore, or bar.	OPPOSE LCC: OPPOSE
REVENUE / TAXATION		
<a href="#">AB 888</a> (Rubio)	<b>California Safe Homes grant program.</b> This bill would establish the California Safe Homes grant program to be developed by the department to reduce local and statewide wildfire losses, among other things. The bill would require the department to prioritize specified needs when awarding grant funds, and would require eligible program applicants, which would include individuals, cities, counties, and special districts, to meet specified criteria. The bill would establish the Sustainable Insurance Account within the Insurance Fund, which would be continuously appropriated to fund the program. The bill would require 40% of the amount of the gross premiums tax collected from property and casualty insurance above the amount collected from those insurers in 2023 to be deposited into the account. By depositing general fund money into a continuously appropriated account, the bill would make an appropriation. The bill would require the department to collect specified information about the performance of the program and, on or before January 1, 2027, and every 2 years thereafter, to publish a performance report that would be posted to its internet website and submitted to the Legislature.	SUPPORT LCC: SUPPORT
<a href="#">SB 346</a> (Durazo)	<b>Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator.</b> This bill would require short-term rental facilitators, at the request of a city, to provide the property address of a short-term rental listing to a city and would provide cities audit authority for transient occupancy taxes collected and remitted by short-term rental facilitators.	SUPPORT LCC: SPONSOR
TRANSPORTATION		
<a href="#">AB 875</a> (Muratsuchi)	<b>Vehicle removal.</b> This bill would authorize a peace officer to remove an electric bike operated on the highway that is capable of speeds greater than any speed permitted for an electric bicycle as specified. This bill would also authorize a peace officer to remove a bicycle operated by a person who (1) is under 16 years of age and is operating a class 3 electric bicycle or (2) is operating, or riding upon, a class 3 electric bicycle without a helmet, as specified.	SUPPORT LCC: SUPPORT

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
<a href="#">AB 986</a> (Muratsuchi)	<b>State of emergency and local emergency: landslides and climate change.</b> This bill would include a landslide among those conditions constituting a state of emergency or local emergency.	SUPPORT LCC: SUPPORT
ENVIRONMENTAL		
<a href="#">SB 454</a> (McNerney)	<b>State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS mitigation program.</b> This bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, create the PFAS Mitigation Fund to support cities and local water agencies treat and remediate PFAS from water and wastewater supplies.	SUPPORT LCC: SPONSOR



September 2025	Attendees					
Monthly Meetings	City Managers Meeting	Infrastructure Working Group	Senior Services Working Group	Steering Committee	Transit Operators Working Group	Transportation Committee
Carson		G. Marquez		C. Hicks		C. Hicks
El Segundo	D. George	C. Ebert				E. Sassoon
Gardena		K. Kwak		R. Tanaka		R. Tanaka
Hawthorne		D. Torado	D. Brown			
Hermosa Beach	S. Napolitano			R. Jackson		R. Jackson B. Araujo
Inglewood	H. Singh					
Lawndale	S. Moore		Sirley Cuevas			
Lomita	A. Vialpando L. Hernandez		D. Spratley	B. Uphoff		B. Uphoff
Manhattan Beach		E. Zandvliet G. Gamboa		N. Tamay		
Palos Verdes Estates	K. Kallman		M. Morrow Jo K.	C. Quinn		
Rancho Palos Verdes	A. Mihranian					
Redondo Beach	M. Witzansky	L. Sablan		Z. Obagi	P. Meyer B. Magumcia	Z. Obagi
Rolling Hills	K. Banales			B. Dieringer		
Rolling Hills Estates	G. Grammer	J. Naughton K. Graham		B. Huff		B. Huff
Torrance	A. Chaparyan	B. Moun C. Cho	Z. Gent	J. Kaji		
County of LA		P. Smith E. Garcia M. Suska		B. Fish I. Galicia		A. Yoon B. Fish
Los Angeles						

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## Client Aid Recap

Date Submitted	Why this aid is needed and why other options will not work	The Client Aid request best fits the following option	Amount Requested	Client	City in SPA 8	Agency/ City	Outcomes
8/15/25	Client requires assistance with Move in costs for a new unit. Client and wife have 2 children a son and a daughter, they were living in an apartment in Carson. \$3780/month. They had been struggling paying rent when wife who worked in the film industry as a music composer and was laid off during COVID, the strike and then again experienced hardship when the fires disrupted business earlier this year. Wife has begun to be able to gain some employment but not enough for them to recover from the possibility of eviction. They owed a little more than \$6,000 in arrears. The family felt it would be a better route to locate a less expensive apartment to ease the Rather than face the eviction process, they were able to locate a new apartment and were approved for it. Their son currently attend school Carson High School and his daughter was enrolled into elementary in Carson.	Rental/Utility Deposits	\$4,358	Omar	Hawthorne	SBCCOG	Housed
8/19/25	Client recently moved to her new apartment and required assistance with her utility deposit for the gas company.	Utility deposit	\$120	JoAnn	Inglewood	St. Margaret's Center	Housed
8/20/25	Client is applying to an apartment, and required assistance with the application fee. Client currently pays out of pocket for his motel, gas and food, leaving nothing left over.	Rental/Utility Deposits	\$62	Matthew	Torrance	City of Torrance	TBD
8/21/25	Client requested assistance with 2 months rent arrears and late fees that she incurred while being out of work in March and April due to having eye surgery for glaucoma. Prior to the surgery, client has an on time rental history. Client has now returned to work full-time and would be able to continue with timely payments to her landlord.	Rental/Utility Deposits	\$4,400	Gilda	Lomita	SBCCOG /	Housed
8/28/25	Request for a 1 night motel stay for a client living on the street. Client has accepted a placement with SHARE housing and move in appointment was following day.	One night motel stay prior to a court date, job interview, housing appointment, or other exit event (approx. \$100/night)	\$97.97	Kathleen	Torrance	City of Torrance	Housed
9/2/25	The Client and her adult daughter were living in a 3-story home for 9 years and were paying 4600/month in rent. The client suffers from Multiple Sclerosis which has progressed since the beginning of the tenancy. Initially, property management had allowed the client to sublet the downstairs portion of this property, which would have decreased her rent payment. However, the musty moldy smell that permeated the unit prevented any interest in a viable tenant. After the case manager spoke with the client it was felt that the best course of action would be to locate a new unit that would accommodate the client's accessibility and health concerns and prove to be more affordable. They have located a new unit in Hermosa Beach and are asking for assistance to relocate to the new ground level 2-bedroom apartment that would better accommodate her mobility concerns and between her and her daughter's income be affordable. The 5,000 in assistance would cover the Security Deposit and part of the first month's rent. This would allow her to pay movers to assist with the relocation to the new apartment and the partial rent of September rent due to the owner of her old unit so that she could provide a 30-day notice that she plans to be out of the unit by the end of September.	Rental/Utility Deposits	5000	Melissa	Redondo Beach	City of Redondo Beach	Housed
9/2/25	SBCCOG received a referral from Rec and Parks Dept staff in Lennox via Holly Mitchell's office about the above client and her 3 school-age children who also live in Lennox. Client was laid off in June, which caused her to fall into arrears for the month of August. Client reported that she had applied and was recently notified that she has been hired by Crossroads and is scheduled to start on 9/2/2025. She will be working F/T and making \$30.00/hr. She also plans to continue to work her current part-time position for the Parks and Rec Department for an additional 6 hours a week. Between the 2 jobs, the client states that she is confident she will be able to maintain her current home and not have to relocate her children who are settled into their schools. As she will not receive her first check until the end of the month, September rent will also be owing. Her landlord is sympathetic to her current situation and is willing to allow her to make payments toward the balance arrears she will owe for September. The client is confident that she will be able to resume making rent payments on time in October and also add additional funds for the balance of her arrears for September.	Rental/Utility Deposits	\$5,000.00	Elvia	Lennox	Hetzer	Housed
9/2/25	The client, a 48-year-old woman, became homeless after an infection in both her hand and arm. This led to loss of income and ultimately her housing. She had been living in her car but has recently been able to return to work for LA County and was approved for a new unit in San Pedro. She is requesting support for one month's security deposit and first month's rent. This will help her be able to purchase a few necessary items for her new home.	Moving Assistance	\$3,600.00	Taylor	San Pedro	San Pedro Recovery Alliance	Housed
9/2/25	Client and her 8 children are in possession of a Section 8 voucher from HACLA. Client was approved for a unit and is requesting monies only for the security deposit. Client was able to pay her portion of the rent at move in. Client receives her current income from CalWorks.	Moving Assistance	\$4,478.00	Tawanna	135th and Figueroa	WLCAC/ SBCCOG OUTREACH	Housed
9/11/25	Prior to locating this housing opportunity, this client has been living in his car in city of Hawthorne, usually near the Hawthorne City Hall residential areas. Client is a 77-year-old AA male. He was receiving wrap-around services and housing navigation at the Hawthorne Access Center. He is currently a part-time employee with the City of Hawthorne. He was initially referred for services by Hawthorne Police Department and City staff. He lost his previous room, due to building burning down and lost everything. He experienced difficulty in finding a new room when his hours were reduced from full to part-time in the city. For the past six months, he has continued to report to work and attempting to save money but found it difficult to locate a new apartment on his p/t income. He recently has been hired part-time at the city of Lawndale and is now back to working full time this week. He has found a new apartment in the LA area for \$1,400.00 and has been accepted. Client He is requesting assistance with security deposit only as he was able to pay his first month's rent on his own.	Security Deposit	\$1,400.00	Honorable Prentis	Hawthorne	Hawthorne Access Center	Housed
9/17/25	Client is a 20 year old, who had no family support. She entered Tiny Homes of Hawthorne Shelter on June 25, 2025. Client was able to acquire a full-time job in the past month and has saved up for her first month rent, but will need assistance with security deposit. Client was staying outdoors, couching when possible and paying for rooms when working. However, that does not stop her from developing a vision for her future and taking the necessary steps to succeed. Client has joined the Marines and will be going to boot camp mid 2026. In the meantime, she attends basic training every Wednesday. Request is for Security Deposit only of \$1395.00	Security Deposit	\$1,395.00	Daisey	Hawthorne	Hawthorne Access Center	Housed
9/23/25	Client applied to an apartment and required assistance with the application fee of \$62.00. Client was initially approved for this unit and a \$200.00 holding fee was requested by Beach Front Properties. Client was provided a 4 day motel stay \$439.56 pending move in process. Although client is employed, he pays out of pocket for his motel, gas and food, leaving nothing left over.	motel stay and apartment hold fee	\$701.56	Matthew	Torrance	City of Torrance	Housed
9/23/25	3 night motel stay requested for this client pending placement at 3290 Tiny Homes. Case managers were concerned about her as she does not typically stay in one location.	3 day motel stay	\$329.67	Tiffany	Torrance	City of Torrance	Sheltered
9/23/25	Client's housing insecurity all began in 2021 when his hours working in healthcare were cut short, which eventually led to him being laid off in January 2022. Bryan works in oncology and for a year (from January 2022 to December 2023) he struggled to find any type of employment. Within that year, Bryan used credit cards to sustain himself and, as a result, he also built up a lot of credit card debt which he is now trying to pay off as well. He was able to finally land a job working at a warehouse in January 2024, but it came with a dramatic pay cut from his previous role. This new job only paid \$17.50, but Bryan was so desperate for a job after a year of not working he took the first offer he could get. He worked in the warehouse for a year and paid his rent but continued to struggle because his new income which was insufficient for his current needs. It was important to Bryan to continue paying as much as he could and his previous property management company was working with him to allow for him to catch up with his arrears. Understood his situation. In January 2025, Bryan was finally able to secure a job in his field and increase his income to a sustainable amount, however, the transition from his warehouse job to working at UCLA left him without income for a month and fell behind in his rent. A recent change in property management companies have left our client with a not so understanding situation and recently issued a 3 day notice for full payment of the arrears.	Rental Arrears	\$3,935.38	Bryan	Inglewood	SMC/ Lennox	Housed



## TLS Recap Report

City	Participant Initials	Background	Months to Date	Projected 12-Mo Cost
Lennox	CM	Client housing unstable after family sold house. Relocating to Antelope Valley. Needs help with relocation.	1	\$4,125
Torrance	DM	Client works, fell behind with expenses - car payments	1	\$8,000
Torrance	IC	Family of 4 (Mom + 3 kids). Previous apartment fire, lost home. Kids at TUSD. TLS is helping her get back on her feet after the fire, small stepdown in the TLS support in September and October because of ongoing stability.	5	\$24,812
Torrance	AH	Previous 3290 resident, aged out of Foster	4	\$22,750
LA City	JW	First engaged with the client in November. Living in an encampment and working with his cousin on a food truck to earn money to support his daughters. His mother, who could no longer drive, gave him her car, and he began sleeping in it. He was later approved for housing through our regular TLS program, but the unit was in SPA 8, which was experiencing staffing shortages. He waited nearly five months before the program was paused. During that time, we supported him with job applications, and he eventually secured a position with the post office. Although the client is still facing significant financial challenges (i.e., school debt and other bills), he has remained consistently compliant and deeply grateful throughout the process. He recently moved into his new apartment and was overcome with emotion. He's still processing the reality of being housed and is incredibly thankful.	3	\$11,370
LA City	JR	Referred to Miranda by Harbor Connects. Connected with Antonio in 10/2024. Has a service dog/cat. Receives SSDI and does uber deliveries to increase his income. This is his very first apartment!	2	\$6,489
Torrance	SS	Receptive to services and works a full-time job as well as a side job. They want the best for their children (in TUSD) and have been working to pay their credit debt while they've been in a motel. The participant needs some help with rent as they transition back to permanent housing and address financial challenges.	2	\$35,940
LA City	JL	JL and her son have been working with our program since January 2025 but we have so far been unsuccessful in getting them housed. JL is employed, makes enough to cover the rent for an apartment they were approved for, but could use some initial support as they furnish the apartment, etc.	3	\$11,612
LA City	TL	44yo, WLCAC been working with since October, currently in her car (for 1.5 years). She tried to stay with family member but that didn't work out. Was in a bad relationship, no parents. Lots of unforeseen circumstances that resulted in homelessness. Initial plan: 100% July prorate, August-Oct 100%, Nov: client takes over rent. Monthly income is \$3500, will need to furnish apt, car insurance, and has some student loan debt	3	\$10,085
LA City	HB	Client has been incredibly patient and cooperative since meeting client in the Month of April 2025 . He has been working and continue to keep his head held high during tough times . The client has full-time income and wants more in life . The client also stated that everything he do is for his 12 year old daughter who stays with mom , However he is very active in her life and would like to have a place of his own to spend time with his daughter .	3	\$6,120
LA City	GK	Client is currently living in her car with her children and has shown strong motivation to improve her situation. After learning that employment was required for TLS eligibility, she quickly secured a job in home care while continuing to receive CalWORKs benefits. She is responsible, actively working, and committed to getting her family out of homelessness. Her determination and follow-through make her a strong fit for the support and structure offered by the TLS program.	3	\$9,022
LA City	EW	Participant originally relocated from Las Vegas with the intention of living with family, but after that arrangement fell through, he was left without stable housing. As a result, he began drinking and ultimately ended up living in an encampment. Since then, he has shown significant progress. He is now sober, sleeping in a friend's car, and recently started working. His motivation to rebuild his life, secure permanent housing, and maintain employment makes him a strong candidate for the SBCCOG TLS Program, which can provide the structured support he needs to continue moving forward	3	\$6,997
Torrance	MK	Short term intervention; Lyft driver previously staying at motel	1	\$4,853
Hermosa Beach	AH	In film industry but has been unsuccessful in landing another job	1	\$9,000
Palos Verde	RW	Senior who needs housing stability until another senior subsidy comes along	1	\$14,500
Torrance	JL	In film industry but has been unsuccessful in landing another job Mother with 5 year old child	1	\$6,355
LA City	JG	Lost job last year. Mother of 4. Is working now. Looking to increase child support.	1	\$21,733.0

**Total Projected 12-Mo Cost**                    **\$213,762**  
**Total TLS Budget**                                    **\$500,000**

Notes

LA City includes the Wilmington, Harbor Gateway, San Pedro areas in the South Bay (i.e., CD15)

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## Media Report – September 1 to September 30, 2025

**Summary/Highlights:** Photos from SBCCOGs Homeless Services Team’s visit to the Redondo Beach Shelter and Homeless Court performed well on Instagram and Facebook, resulting in 48 engagements overall. LinkedIn social media content continues to generate high visibility, garnering 4,486 impressions for September. Easy Reader, Redondo Beach’s weekly community newspaper, published a story on Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach’s collaboration to contract mental health services for their cities, which the SBCCOG has been heavily involved in.

Platform	Followers	Published Content	Impressions	Engagements
<b>SBCCOG</b>				
X	551	12	358	27
Facebook	486	10	257	1,289
Instagram	496	7 Posts – 10 Stories	Content generated 5,828 views and 0 impressions (impressions metric is only provided for IG stories, not posts)	58
LinkedIn	997	8	4,486	135
<b>SBESC</b>				
X	591	22	367	13
Facebook	872	20	257	17

### Social Media Followers – Month-Over-Month and Year-Over-Year Comparison (gray text = last month)

SBCCOG	2024 Followers (as of December of 2024)	2025 Followers (as of 8/31/25)	Month-Over-Month % Change	Year-Over-Year % Change
X	534	551 547	+0.7%	+3.2%
Facebook	448	486 480	+1.3%	+8.5%
LinkedIn	739	997 966	+3.2%	+34.9%
Instagram	282	496 458	+8.3%	+75.9%
<b>SBESC</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>		
X	585	591 593	-0.3%	+1%
Facebook	871	872	+0.23%	+0.11%

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**Individual Post Performance (\*Indicates Boosted Content)**

<b>Top-Three Performing SBCCOG Facebook Posts</b>		
360 Impressions; 35 Engagements  Member City Event, Photo – Redondo Beach Shelter & Homeless Court	249 Impressions; 28 Engagements  SBCCOG/Partner Event, Photo – Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing Conference	79 Impressions; 12 Engagements  SBCCOG, Photo, South Bay Watch Story – New Office/ Upcoming Plans
<b>Bottom-Three Performing SBCCOG Facebook Posts</b>		
45 Impressions; 1 Engagement  Graphic/Non-Partner Post/South Bay Watch – Summer Issue	43 Impressions; 1 Engagement  Graphic/Member City Event – Inglewood Housing Section 8 Program Waiting List	45 Impressions; 0 Engagements  Photo/Non-Partner Post – Volunteers West Basin Recycling Tour

<b>Top-Three Performing SBCCOG X Posts</b>		
27 Impressions; 5 Engagements  Photo/Non-Partner Post – Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing Conference	39 Impressions; 5 Engagements  Photo/Non-Partner Post/South Bay Watch Story – “SBCCOG on the Move”	57 Impressions; 4 Engagements  Photo/Non-Partner Post– Energy Efficiency & Outreach Team Launch Commercial Direct Install Program
<b>Bottom-Three Performing SBCCOG X Posts</b>		
26 Impressions; 1 Engagements  Photo/Non-Partner Post – West Basin SBCCOG Volunteer Tour	22 Impressions; 2 Engagements  Graphic/Non-Partner Post – SBCCOG Admin Assistant Job Post	22 Impressions; 1 Engagements  SBCCOG Non-Partner Post, Graphic – SBCCOG 2025 Homeless Count Graphic

<b>Top-Three Performing Instagram Posts</b>		
1,154 Views; 13 Engagements  SBCCOG/Non-Partner Post, Photo – Homeless Services visit Redondo Beach Shelter/Homeless Court Post	680 Views; 16 Engagements  Graphic/Non-Partner Post – Unhoused Statistics Carousel Post	514 Views; 13 Engagements  Graphic/Non-Partner Post – Admin Assistant Apply Post
<b>Bottom-Three Performing Instagram Posts</b>		
408 Views; 5 Engagements  Photo/Non-Partner Post – Energy Efficiency & Outreach team Commercial Direct Install Project Launch Post	365 Reach; 7 Engagements  Photo/Non-Partner Post – Homeless Services Team Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing’s Annual Conference Post	345 Views; 3 Engagement  Graphic/Partner Post – City of Carson Women’s Health Conference Post

<b>Top-Three Performing SBESC Facebook Posts</b>		
47 Impressions; 4 Engagements Graphic/Non-Partner Post/South Bat Watch – Summer Issue	27 Impressions; 3 Engagements Photo/Non-Partner Post – West Basin Recycled Water Facility Tour	12 Impressions; 2 Engagements Graphic/Partner Repost – LACSD Too Toxic to Trash
<b>Bottom-Three Performing SBESC Facebook Posts</b>		
6 Impressions; 0 Engagements Graphic/Partner Repost – West Basin Firescaping Workshop	7 Impressions; 0 Engagement Graphic/Partner Repost – LADWP Air Condition Rebate	11 Impressions; 0 Engagements Photo/Partner Repost – WRD Labor Day Parade

<b>Top-Three Performing SBESC X Posts</b>		
36 Impressions; 2 Engagements Graphic/Partner Repost – WRD Student Art Contest Launch	24 Impressions; 2 Engagement Graphic/Partner Repost – West Basin Firescaping Class	7 Impressions; 1 Engagement Photo/Non-Partner Post – Commercial Direct Install in Gardena
<b>Bottom-Three Performing SBESC X Posts</b>		
20 Impressions; 0 Engagements Photo/Partner Repost – WRD Labor Day Parade	11 Impressions; 0 Engagements Partner Event – West Basin Firescaping Class	40 Impressions; 0 Engagements Graphic/Partner Repost – LACSD Too Toxic to Trash

**Top-Email Marketing Campaign**

**Note: open rate industry avg. = 15 to 25%; click-through rate = 2.5% (source: campaignmonitor.com)**

<b>Content</b>	<b>Exposure</b>	<b>Engagements (Clicks)</b>
South Bay Watch – Summer Issue	24,442 recipients (40% open rate – 8,655)	1.3% click through rate (280)

**Confirmed Earned Media Placements**

Outlet	Link	Headline	Date	Publication Quality	Relevance of Message to Brand	Mindshare (Brand Predominance in Article)	Sentiment/Tone (Positive or Negative)
Easy Reader	<a href="https://easyreadernews.com/redondo-beach-to-team-with-hermosa-for-beyond-police-mental-health-response/">https://easyreadernews.com/redondo-beach-to-team-with-hermosa-for-beyond-police-mental-health-response/</a>	Redondo Beach to team with Hermosa for beyond-police mental health response	9/4/25	High	High	Low	Positive
2UrbanGirls	<a href="https://2urbangirls.com/2025/09/inglewood-city-council-has-spent-72m-on-transit-connector-project/">https://2urbangirls.com/2025/09/inglewood-city-council-has-spent-72m-on-transit-connector-project/</a>	Inglewood City Council has spent \$72M on transit connectors project	9/18/25	Medium	Low	Low	Positive

#### Website Analytics – Overall and Top-10 Viewed Pages

Site (Overall)	Views	Users	Average Engagement Time
Southbaycities.org	6,518	2,878	47s
Pages	Views	Users	Average Engagement Time
Home Page	1,299	631	34s
Officers & Staff	214	149	1m00s
Project Coordinator Homeless Services	190	168	25s
Employment Opportunities	169	121	26s
404 (Page Deleted)	138	84	49s
Project Coordinator Housing Coordinator	166	78	57s
Board of Directors Meetings	137	77	21s
Calendar	136	94	34s
About the South Bay	128	107	12s
South Bay Demographics	115	89	23s



# MONTHLY SBCCOG TRANSPORTATION REPORT

A summary of recent federal, state, regional and local  
developments and trends in transportation

COVERING SEPTEMBER 2025

Edited by Anne Tsai

## Federal

### **Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Unveils New Plan to Fast-Track Advanced Air Mobility Vehicles**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy announced a new pilot program within the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to accelerate the deployment of advanced air mobility (AAM) vehicles. These new technologies have the potential to transform aviation, including expanding connectivity to rural American communities, reducing road congestion in urban areas, and enhancing emergency services or medical transport.

The pilot program, known as the Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing Integration Pilot Program (eIPP), will form public-private partnerships with State and local government entities and private sector companies to develop new frameworks and regulations for enabling safe operations.

The eIPP will include at least five pilot projects. It will run for three years after the first project becomes operational. Envisioned eIPP operations include piloted and unmanned approaches to:

- Short-range air taxis
- Longer-range, fixed wing flights
- Cargo
- Logistics and supply serving emergency management, medical transport or off-shore energy facilities
- Increasing automation safety

#### Additional Information:

As part of the eIPP, the FAA is seeking participants for a public-private partnership program to demonstrate the viability of new AAM technologies including electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft in ways that deliver new benefits to the American public.

Applicants must be a State, local, tribal or territorial government with a U.S.-based private sector partner or partners.

Participants will use piloted, optionally piloted, or unmanned AAM aircraft that will generally be over 1,320 lbs. and may be capable of carrying passengers. Participants will also include technologies enabling safe integration of these aircraft into the national airspace system.

Source: <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/trumps-transportation-secretary-sean-p-duffy-unveils-new-plan-fast-track-advanced-air>

## State

### **California electric-vehicle drivers will lose carpool lane privileges**

A popular perk for California drivers of electric and low-emission cars is coming to an end.

Beginning Oct. 1, motorists with a Clean Air Vehicle decal will no longer be able to drive solo in carpool lanes because the program was not extended by the federal government, according to the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

The carpool benefit was promoted as a cost-effective incentive to encourage Californians to buy clean and zero-emission vehicles. More than a million motorists have applied for the decal since it became available more than two decades ago. There are roughly a half million vehicles in California with active decals, allowing them to use the carpool lane alone. Last month, the DMV stopped issuing new decals and warned that the program could be ending.

Extending the program would have required approval from Congress and President Trump.

California is one of 13 states offering the benefit. Vehicles that qualified included fuel-cell electric, natural gas or plug-in electric cars.

Last year, Governor Newsom signed a bill that extended California's decal program until 2027, but the state will no longer be able to continue it without federal authority, the governor's office said. According to the California Energy Commission, 25% of new cars sold in the state are zero-emission vehicles.

Source: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-09-10/california-ev-drivers-will-lose-carpool-lane-privileges>

## Region

### **LA Metro Releases Final Environmental Impact Report for C Line Extension to Torrance**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) released the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the C Line Extension to Torrance, marking a major milestone in the project. Expanding rail service deeper into the South Bay, from the Metro K Line's Redondo Beach (Marine) station to the planned Torrance Transit Center station, the project would provide faster and more reliable connections while giving riders a 19-minute trip from Torrance to LAX. The project is funded in part by the voter-approved Measures R and M. While there are other funding sources as well, there is a gap in projected cost vs. committed funding.

Construction could start as early as 2027, and the extension is estimated to open in 2036.

The FEIR reflects input from more than 2,000 public comments and includes design refinements, clarifications and corrections. Metro also released updated cost estimates and a report about the real estate acquisitions that would be required to complete the project.

All of these materials are available on a website designed to make the FEIR easier to navigate. It includes frequently asked questions and a short video to help the public review the report and understand the next steps.

In May 2024, the Metro Board approved the proposed route, the Hybrid Alternative, also known as the Locally Preferred Alternative, to follow Metro’s existing Harbor Subdivision right-of-way. It combines elevated, at-grade (street level) and trench (below street level) sections. At key crossings, such as 170th Street and 182nd Street, the tracks will be placed below roadways in trenches to improve safety, reduce noise and avoid traffic delays for pedestrians and motorists.

Metro also has proposed improvements to an existing freight line to create a safer, quieter rail corridor. By making use of Metro-owned right-of-way, the route minimizes the impact to local property while balancing cost efficiency and community concerns.

The extension will allow riders to travel to Inglewood entertainment venues, including SoFi Stadium, the YouTube Theater, the Kia Forum, Intuit Dome, LAX and downtown Los Angeles with convenient transfers to Metro’s growing rail system serving Santa Monica, East Los Angeles and beyond. The alignment would extend the line approximately 4.5 miles from Redondo Beach (Marine) Station to the Torrance Transit Center and includes two new stations serving Redondo Beach and Torrance. Once in operation, the extension would support more than 11,500 daily trips, attract up to 1.49 million new riders annually and reduce vehicle miles traveled on local roads by nearly 19.5 million miles each year.

By 2045, jobs in the South Bay are projected to grow nearly twice as fast as the population, while congestion could increase by almost 30 percent. The C Line Extension to Torrance offers a cost-effective way to add capacity, ease traffic and strengthen the region’s economy.

The Metro Board of Directors is expected to consider certification of the FEIR and project approval this fall. If approved, Metro will move forward with design and engineering, First/Last Mile planning with cities and preparations for construction.

Since 2021, Metro has engaged South Bay communities through public meetings, virtual briefings, and local events. As the project advances, community outreach will continue through pop-ups and other engagement activities.

Source: <https://www.metro.net/about/la-metro-releases-final-environmental-impact-report-for-c-line-extension-to-torrance/>

## **LA Metro’s A Line Extension to Pomona Now Operational**

LA Metro has officially opened the A Line Extension, a 9.1-mile light rail section connecting Glendora to Pomona. The extension adds four new stations—Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, and Pomona North—improving transit access for communities across the San Gabriel Valley.

The project aims to strengthen connectivity between residential neighborhoods, educational institutions, recreational areas, and regional parks. It also provides a direct transfer point to Metrolink at Pomona Station, facilitating smoother travel between the Inland Empire and the Foothill Cities corridor.

The A Line Extension is expected to support local economic growth, reduce traffic congestion along major corridors, and provide environmentally friendly alternatives to car travel. The project also incorporates modern amenities at each station, including accessible platforms, bicycle parking, and safety features to enhance the passenger experience.

Service on the extended line is now fully operational, with trains running according to the regular A Line schedule. The A Line is the world's longest modern light rail line, now stretching 57.6 miles (92.7 km). It serves 48 stations, running east–west from Pomona to Pasadena and then north–south from Pasadena to Long Beach, providing extensive connectivity across Los Angeles County.

Source: <https://railway-news.com/la-metros-a-line-extension-to-pomona-now-operational/>

## Trends

### **Arc and Curtin Maritime electrify Ports of LA and Long Beach with \$160 million contract**

One of the largest fleets of electric tugboats will begin operating in the next few years thanks to a key partnership between startup Arc Boats and Curtin Maritime. The two companies signed a \$160 million agreement to build eight hybrid vessels that will redefine operating standards at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The tugboats to be developed in this collaboration will be equipped with hybrid-electric propulsion systems capable of generating more than 4,000 horsepower, backed by 6 megawatt-hour batteries. This configuration will enable high-level performance in complex port maneuvers, with a significant reduction in emissions and operating costs.

The first four tugboats will be in operation before the end of 2027. Once assembled by the Snow & Company shipyard in Seattle, the vessels will be deployed at the Western Hemisphere's busiest port complex, which handles about one-third of the country's maritime cargo.

The deployment aligns with zero-emission goals for the next decade, positioning this partnership as a strategic piece in the energy transition of U.S. port infrastructure.

Source: <https://inspenet.com/en/noticias/arc-and-curtin-maritime-electrify-ports-with-160-million-contract/>

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# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

October 23, 2025

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Request from LA Council District 15 to amend the Joint Powers Authority to allow for a nonelected alternate for the LA City member

## BACKGROUND

On August 21, 2025, LA City Councilmember McOsker sent us a letter requesting a change in the joint powers authority agreement to allow for a non-elected alternate for the LA City member seat. His letter is attached.

The Steering Committee considered the request and recommends approval with the caveat that the wording be the same as that for the alternates for the County Board of Supervisors seats which calls for either the chief of staff or a senior staff person for the alternate. The revised JPA agreement is attached with changes shown in red.

Any amendments to the JPA agreement must be approved by all of the members before they become effective so should this item be approved, it would be very helpful if councilmembers would help expedite the approvals in their city.

## RECOMMENDATION

Recommend Board approval of amending the SBCCOG joint powers authority agreement to allow the City of Los Angeles to have a non-elected senior staff alternate.

### Attachments:

- Exhibit 1: City of LA Request Letter
- Exhibit 2: Draft JPA 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment



TIM McOSKER  
Councilmember, 15th District

August 21, 2025

Ms. Jacki Bacharach  
Executive Director  
South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
357 Van Ness Way, #110  
Torrance, CA 90501

RE: City of Los Angeles, Council District 15: Alternate Member Request

Dear Ms. Bacharach:

As the representative of the 15th Council District of the City of Los Angeles, I represent the communities of Watts, Harbor Gateway, Harbor City, San Pedro, and Wilmington. My district is the only one in the City of Los Angeles that falls within the jurisdiction of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG). As the City's sole voice within this body, it is imperative that a representative of my district is always present at proceedings to advocate for the residents I serve.

The 15th Council District encompasses five distinct neighborhoods and is home to over 260,000 residents. Due to its size and geographic scope, my ability to attend every meeting of the SBCCOG is sometimes limited. Under the current Joint Powers Authority rules, I would be required to have another member of the Los Angeles City Council attend in my place when I must be absent. Still, given that my colleagues' districts are equally large and complex, this is difficult to accomplish.

The responsibilities and scope of my role, as well as the size of my district, are more akin to those of a Los Angeles County Supervisor than my Council counterparts in the other cities on the SBCCOG. To ensure my district has consistent representation on the SBCCOG Board of Directors, I respectfully request that Council District 15 of the City of Los Angeles be allowed to designate a non-elected alternate to attend and vote on matters on my behalf, similar to the system used by the County Supervisors.

I hope that you will consider my request to amend Joint Powers Authority Section 5(a)(2), which governs the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, to allow Council District 15 to appoint a non-elected alternate to the Board of Directors to represent me as the Councilmember when I am not available to attend. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Aksel Palacios, my Director of Port & Capital Projects, via email at [aksel.palacios@lacity.org](mailto:aksel.palacios@lacity.org).

Sincerely,

Tim McOsker  
Councilmember, 15th District

**~~FOURTH~~FIFTH AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT**  
**“SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS”**  
**(A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY)**

This ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement which is dated for identification purposes ~~August-October 2325~~, 2025~~44~~, is made and entered into by and between the public entities (collectively, “Members”) whose names are set forth on Exhibit A, pursuant to Section 6500 *et seq.* of Government Code and other applicable law:

**WITNESSETH:**

The parties hereto do agree as follows:

- Section 1. Recitals. This ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement is made and entered into with respect to the following facts.
- a. The South Bay Cities Council of Governments was formed effective as of April 1, 1995. A Notice of Joint Powers Agreement was filed with the California Secretary of State as of June 22, 1995, and assigned file number 1450. The objective of the organization is to explore areas of inter-governmental cooperation and coordination of government programs and provide recommendations and solutions to problems of common and general concern to its Members.
  - b. This joint powers agreement has been amended ~~three~~four times to make various changes to the rules governing the operation of the organization.
  - c. The Members now desire to further amend the joint powers agreement to effectuate additional changes to the rules governing the operation of the organization.
- Section 2. Creation of Separate Legal Entity. A separate legal entity is created within the meaning of Section 6503.5 of the California Government Code; this entity shall exercise its powers in accordance with the provisions of this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement and applicable law.
- Section 3. Name. The name of this separate legal entity shall be the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (“Council”).
- Section 4. Purpose and Powers of the Council.
- a. Purpose of Council. The purpose of the Council is to provide a vehicle for the Members to engage voluntarily in regional and cooperative planning and coordination of

government services and responsibilities, to assist the Members in the conduct of their affairs. It is the express intent of the members that the Council shall not possess the authority to compel any Member to conduct any activity or to implement any plan or strategy that the Member does not wish to undertake (except for the payment of dues). The goal and intent of the Council is one of voluntary cooperation among cities in the South Bay for the collective benefit of all.

- b. Common Powers. The Council shall have, and may exercise, the following powers:
- (1) Serve as an advocate in representing the Members of the South Bay Cities at the regional, state and federal levels on issues of importance to the South Bay Cities;
  - (2) Serve as a forum for the review, consideration, study, development and recommendation of public policies and plans with subregional or regional significance;
  - (3) Assemble information helpful in the consideration of problems peculiar to the Members;
  - (4) Employ Member resources or presently-existing, single-purpose public/private groups to carry out its programs and projects;
  - (5) Explore practical avenues for voluntary intergovernmental cooperation, coordination, and action in the interest of local public welfare and improving the administration of governmental services;
  - (6) Assist in coordinating subregional planning efforts and in resolving conflicts among the cities in the South Bay as they work toward achieving planning goals;
  - (7) Build consensus among the Members on the implementation of policies and programs for addressing subregional and regional issues;
  - (8) Serve as a mechanism for obtaining regional, state, and federal grants to assist in financing the expenditures of the Council;
  - (9) Make and enter into contracts, including contracts for the services of engineers, consultants, planners, attorneys and single purpose public/private groups;
  - (10) Employ agents, officers and employees;

- (11) Apply for, receive and administer a grant or grants under any regional, state, or federal program;
  - (12) Receive gifts, contributions and donations of property, funds, services and other forms of financial assistance from persons, firms, corporations and any governmental entity;
  - (13) Lease, manage, maintain, and operate any buildings, works, or improvements; and
  - (14) Delegate some or all of its powers to the Executive Director as provided below.
- c. Exercise of Powers. The Council shall, in addition, have all implied powers necessary to perform its functions. It shall exercise its powers only in a manner consistent with the provisions of applicable law, this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement and the Bylaws. For the purpose of determining the restrictions to be imposed on the Council in its manner of exercising its powers pursuant to Government Code Section 6509, reference shall be made to, and the Council shall observe, the restrictions imposed upon the City of Lomita.

Section 5. Creation of Governing Board and General Assembly.

- a. Creation of Governing Board. A Governing Board for the Council ("Governing Board") is created to conduct the affairs of the Council. The Governing Board shall be constituted as follows:
- (1) Designation of Governing Board Representatives. The city council or the Mayor (if the Mayor is so authorized by the Member's charter, ordinances or rules) of each of the city Members except for the City of Los Angeles shall in writing designate one person as the Member's representative on the Governing Board ("Governing Board Representative"). The Governing Board Representative from the City of Los Angeles shall be the elected city councilmember from the 15<sup>th</sup> District. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles shall designate the members of the Board from the 2nd and 4th Supervisorial Districts as its representatives on the Governing Board.
  - (2) Designation of Alternate Governing Board Representatives. The city council or the Mayor (if the Mayor is so authorized by the Member's charter, ordinances or rules) of each of the city Members except for the City of Los Angeles, shall designate one or more persons to serve as the Member's alternate representative

on the Governing Board ("Alternate Governing Board Representative"). The 15<sup>th</sup> Council District Representative of the City of Los Angeles shall designate their chief of staff or a senior staff person from their office as the City of Los Angeles's Alternate Governing Board Representative. The Supervisors from the 2nd and 4th Supervisorial Districts shall each designate their chief of staff or a senior staff person from their office as the County's Alternate Governing Board Representatives.

(3) Eligibility. No person shall be eligible to serve as a Governing Board Representative or Alternate Governing Board Representative unless that person is, at all times during the tenure of that person as a Governing Board Representative or Alternate Governing Board Representative, a member of the legislative body of one of the appointing Members, except for the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles Alternate Governing Board Representatives. Should any person serving on the Governing Board fail to maintain the status required by this Section 5, that person's position on the Governing Board shall be deemed vacated as of the date such person ceases to qualify pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5, and the Member shall be entitled to appoint a qualified replacement.

b. Creation of General Assembly. A General Assembly for the Council ("General Assembly") is created to discuss issues and make recommendations to the Governing Board. All elected officials of the legislative bodies of all Members shall be members of the General Assembly. The Chair of the Governing Board shall be the Chair of the General Assembly. A General Assembly may be called by the Chair of the Governing Board or by a majority of the Governing Board representatives.

Section 6. Use of Public Funds and Property. The Council shall be empowered to utilize for its purposes, public and/or private funds, property and other resources received from the Members and/or from other sources. Where applicable, the Governing Board of the Council may permit one or more of the Members to provide in-kind services, including the use of property, in lieu of devoting cash to the funding of the Council's activities.

Section 7. Functioning of Governing Board.

a. Voting and Participation. Through its Governing Board Representative, each Member may cast only one vote for each issue before the Governing Board except for the County of Los Angeles, which shall have two votes – one for District 2 and one for District 4. An Alternate Governing Board Representative may vote in the proceedings of the Governing Board only in the absence of that Member's Governing Board

Representative. A Governing Board Representative or Alternate Governing Board Representative seated on the Governing Board shall be entitled to participate and vote on matters pending before the Governing Board only if such person is physically present at the meeting of the Governing Board and if the Member which that Governing Board Representative of Alternate Governing Board Representative represents is not on inactive status (as defined in Section 21.b of this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement).

- b. Proxy Voting. No absentee ballot or proxy shall be permitted.
- c. Quorum. A quorum of the Governing Board shall consist of not less than fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of its total membership excluding inactive and suspended members.
- d. Committees. As needed, the Governing Board may create permanent or ad hoc advisory committees to give advice to the Governing Board on such matters as may be referred to such committees by the Governing Board. All committees shall have a stated purpose before they are formed. Standing committees shall remain in existence until they are dissolved by the Governing Board. Ad hoc committees shall be dissolved upon completion of their designated functions. Committees, unless otherwise provided by law, this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement, the Bylaws or by direction of the Governing Board, may be composed of representatives to the Governing Board and nonrepresentatives to the Governing Board.
- e. Actions. Actions taken by the Governing Board shall be by not less than fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the voting representatives of the Governing Board who are present provided that a quorum has been established, unless by a provision of applicable law, this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement, the Bylaws or by direction of the Governing Board, a higher number of votes is required to carry a particular motion.

Section 8. Duties of the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall be deemed, for all purposes, the policy making body of the Council. All of the powers of the Council, except as may be expressly delegated to others pursuant to the provisions of applicable law, this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement, the Bylaws or by direction of the Governing Board, shall be exercised by and through the Governing Board.

Section 9. Roberts Rules of Order. The substance of Roberts Rules of Order shall apply to proceedings of the Governing Board, except as may otherwise be provided by provisions of applicable law, this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement, the Bylaws or by direction of the Governing Board.

Section 10. Meetings of Governing Board. The Governing Board shall by resolution establish the dates and times of regular meetings of the Governing Board. The location of each such meeting shall be as directed by the Governing Board.

Section 11. Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs. The Chair of the Governing Board shall conduct all meetings of the Governing Board and perform such other duties and functions as required of such person by provisions of applicable law, this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement, the Bylaws or by direction of the Governing Board. The 1st Vice-Chair shall serve as Chair in the absence of the Chair and shall perform such duties as may be required by provisions of applicable law, this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement, the Bylaws, or by the direction of the Governing Board or the Chair. The 2nd Vice-Chair shall serve as Chair in the absence of the Chair and the 1st Vice-Chair and shall perform such duties as may be required by provisions of applicable law, this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement, the Bylaws, or by the direction of the Governing Board or the Chair. In addition, the 2nd Vice-Chair shall supervise the Treasurer in the performance of the duties assigned to him or her by Section 14 of the ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement.

A Governing Board Representative shall be elected annually to the position of Chair of the Governing Board, a second Governing Board Representative shall be elected to the position of 1st Vice-Chair of the Governing Board and a third Governing Board Representative shall be elected to the position of 2nd Vice-Chair of the Governing Board, at the first regular meeting of the Governing Board held in June of each calendar year. The terms of office of the Chair, 1st Vice-Chair and 2nd Vice-Chair shall commence on July 1 and expire of the succeeding June 30.

If there is a vacancy, for any reason, in the position of Chair, 1st Vice-Chair or 2nd Vice-Chair, the Governing Board shall forthwith conduct an election and fill such vacancy for the unexpired term of such prior incumbent. A vacancy shall be declared in the event the Member represented by Chair, 1st Vice-Chair or 2nd Vice-Chair is suspended or becomes inactive as provided in Section 21.

Section 12. Executive Director. The Governing Board may appoint by a vote of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total voting membership a qualified person to be Executive Director, on any basis it desires including, but not limited to, a contract or employee basis. The Executive Director shall be neither a Governing Board Representative, nor an Alternate-Governing Board Representative, nor an elected official of any Eligible Public Entity (as defined in Section 21(c) of this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement). The Executive Director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Council. The Executive

Director shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the Governing Board. The Executive Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Governing Board and may be relieved from such position at any time, without cause, by a vote of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total voting membership of the Governing Board taken at a regular, adjourned regular or special meeting of the Governing Board. The Executive Director shall perform such duties as may be imposed upon that person by the provisions of applicable law, this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement, the Bylaws, or by the direction of the Governing Board.

- Section 13. Designation of Treasurer. The Governing Board shall, in accordance with applicable law, designate a qualified person to act as the Treasurer of the Council. The compensation, if any, of a person or persons holding the office of Treasurer shall be set by the Governing Board.
- Section 14. Duties of Treasurer. The person holding the position of Treasurer of the Council shall have charge of the depositing and custody of all funds held by the Council. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be imposed by provisions of applicable law, including those duties described in Section 6505.5 of the Government Code, and such duties as may be required by the Governing Board. The Governing Board may engage a qualified person to assist the Treasurer in the performance of his or her duties.
- Section 15. Designation of Other Officers and Employees. The Governing Board may appoint or employ such other officers or employees as it deems appropriate and necessary to conduct the affairs of the Council.
- Section 16. Obligations of Council. The debts, liabilities and obligations of the Council shall be the debts, liabilities or obligations of the Council alone. No Member of the Council shall be responsible, directly or indirectly, for any obligation, debt or liability of the Council, whatsoever.
- Section 17. Control and Investment of Council Funds. The Governing Board shall adopt a policy for the control and investment of its funds and shall require strict compliance with such policy. The policy shall comply, in all respects, with all provisions of applicable law.
- Section 18. Implementation Agreements. When authorized by the Governing Board, affected Members may execute an Implementation Agreement for the purpose of authorizing the Council to implement, manage and administer area-wide and regional programs in the interest of the local public welfare. The costs incurred by the Council in implementing a program, including indirect costs, shall be assessed only to those Members who are parties to that Implementation Agreement.

Section 19. Term. The Council created pursuant to this ~~Fourth~~~~Fifth~~ Amended and Restated Agreement shall continue in existence until such time as this ~~Fourth~~~~Fifth~~ Amended and Restated Agreement is terminated. This ~~Fourth~~~~Fifth~~ Amended and Restated Agreement may not be terminated except by an affirmative vote of not less than fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the then total voting membership of the Governing Board.

Section 20. Application of Laws to Council Functions. The Council shall comply with all applicable laws in the conduct of its affairs, including, but not limited to, the Ralph M. Brown Act. (Section 54950 et seq. of the Government Code.)

Section 21. Members.

- a. Withdrawal. A member may withdraw from the Council by filing its written notice of withdrawal with the Chair of the Governing Board 60 days before the actual withdrawal. Such a withdrawal shall be effective at 12:00 o'clock a.m. on the last day of that 60-day period. The withdrawal of a Member shall not in any way discharge, impair or modify the voluntarily- assumed obligations of the withdrawn Member in existence as of the effective date of its withdrawal. Withdrawal of a Member shall not affect the remaining Members. A withdrawn Member shall not be entitled to the return of any funds or other assets belonging to the Council, until the effective date of termination of this ~~Fourth~~~~Fifth~~ Amended and Restated Agreement, except that a withdrawn Member shall be entitled to the balance of the annual dues paid for the year by that Member which were intended for the remaining part of that year. Withdrawal from any Implementation Agreement shall not be deemed withdrawal from the Council.
- b. Suspension/Inactive Status. A Member will be placed on Suspension or Inactive Status if the following events occur:
  - (1) Non-Payment of Dues. If a Member fails to pay dues within three months of the annual dues assessment as required under Section 23 of this ~~Fourth~~~~Fifth~~ Amended and Restated Agreement and the Bylaws, and after a 30-day written notice is provided to that Member, the Member shall be deemed to be suspended from this ~~Fourth~~~~Fifth~~ Amended and Restated Agreement and the Council. When a Member is suspended, no representative of that Member shall participate or vote on the Governing Board. Such a Member shall be readmitted only upon the payment of all dues then owed by the Member, including dues incurred prior to the suspension and during the suspension.

(2) Failure to Attend Meetings. If a Member is not represented by its Governing Board Representative or Alternate Governing Board Representative for three consecutive regular meetings of the Governing Board, that Member will be placed on Inactive Status until such time as its Governing Board Representative or Alternate Governing Board Representative next attends a regular meeting of the Governing Board.

c. Admitting Eligible Public Entities. Eligible public entities whose names are set forth on Exhibit C to this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement ("Eligible Public Entities") shall be admitted to the Council by 1) adopting this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement by a majority vote of the legislative body of the Eligible Public Entity and 2) properly signing this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement. An Eligible Public Entity may be admitted regardless of whether it adopted and signed this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement before or after the Effective Date (as defined in Section 28 of this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement). No vote of the Governing Board shall be required to admit an Eligible Public Entity.

d. Admitting Additional Members. Additional Members who are not Eligible Public Entities may be admitted to the Council upon an affirmative vote of not less than fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total voting membership of the Governing Board provided that such a proposed new Member is a city whose jurisdiction, or part thereof, lies immediately adjacent to one or more of the Eligible Public Entities. Admission shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Governing Board may deem appropriate.

Section 22. Non-Interference with Function of Members. The Governing Board shall not take any action that constitutes an interference with the exercise of lawful powers by a Member of the Council.

Section 23. Limitation of Liability. All agreements entered into by the Council shall contain a limitation of liability provision, providing that, except as voluntarily assumed by a particular Member, Members shall not be liable to employees, contractors and other third parties.

Section 24. Dues of Members. The Members of the Council shall be responsible for the payment to the Council, annually, of dues in the amounts periodically budgeted by the Governing Board, as and for the operating costs of the Council ("Dues"), as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 25. Disposition of Assets. Upon termination of this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement, after the payment of all obligations of the Council, any assets remaining shall

be distributed to the Members in proportion to the then obligation of those Members' obligation to participate in the funding of the Council.

Section 26. Amendment. This ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement may be amended at any time with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of all of the legislative bodies of the Members.

Section 27. Incorporation by Reference. Each Exhibit to this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement is incorporated into the agreement by this reference, as though it were fully set forth in the body of the agreement.

Section 28. Effective Date. The effective date ("Effective Date") of this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement shall be the first day of the first month following the date on which two-thirds (2/3) of the legislative bodies of the Members adopt and sign this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement.

That the Members of this ~~Fourth~~Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement have caused this agreement to be executed on their behalf, respectively, as follows:

**EXHIBIT A**

**[List of Member Agencies]**

Carson	Los Angeles (15 <sup>th</sup> Council District
County of Los Angeles	Representative)
El Segundo	Manhattan Beach
Gardena	Palos Verdes Estates
Hawthorne	Rancho Palos Verdes
Hermosa Beach	Redondo Beach
Inglewood	Rolling Hills
Lawndale	Rolling Hills Estates
Lomita	Torrance

**EXHIBIT B**

**[List of Member Agencies in the South Bay Corridor JPA]**

Carson	City of Los Angeles
El Segundo	Manhattan Beach
Gardena	Palos Verdes Estates
Hawthorne	Rancho Palos Verdes
Hermosa Beach	Redondo Beach
Inglewood	Rolling Hills
Lawndale	Rolling Hills Estates
Lomita	Torrance

## **EXHIBIT C**

### **[List of Eligible Public Entities]**

Carson	Manhattan Beach
El Segundo	Palos Verdes Estates
Gardena	Rancho Palos Verdes
Hawthorne	Redondo Beach
Hermosa Beach	Rolling Hills
Inglewood	Rolling Hills Estates
Lawndale	Torrance
Lomita	County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles (15 <sup>th</sup> Council District Representative)	

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# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

October 23, 2025

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director  
Kim Fuentes, Deputy Executive Director

SUBJECT: Environmental Activities Report – September 2025

## **I. PROGRAMS - TECHNOLOGY, PLANNING, & RESEARCH**

### **Energy Efficiency & Sustainability**

#### Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) AGENCY SUPPORT

*Contract period is January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025*

*Contract goal: Work Plan (including goals) underway for 2025*

Facility Equipment Inventory Program (FEI) – SBCCOG staff continue to work with cities to update FEI workbooks to help better understand current energy-using equipment. To date, 57 facilities were inventoried across 15 South Bay cities, 1 school district, and 1 special district have been completed and resulted in identification of over **940,000** potential kWh savings from lighting retrofits and **112** HVAC units that are overdue for replacement. From this work, staff were able to quickly facilitate installation of almost 60 Heat Pump Water Heater replacements since 2023. In addition, SBCCOG staff are facilitating installation of the new Capture the Cold ductwork technology offering (as low as \$6,000 before financing with as much as 40% energy savings).

**Energy Efficiency Project Status:** SBCCOG and SoCalREN project managers are working with the following to help move energy efficiency projects forward:

- City of Carson – SoCalREN is vetting Heat Pump Water Heaters through the SoCalREN incentive program. Waiting for city confirmation to move forward with Veteran’s HVAC and lighting upgrade project. Meeting completed to vet facilities for Capture the Cold technology – waiting on city for information on eligible units to then set up site audits. Finally, the SoCalREN presented information on EV charging IRA tax credits to the city staff in September.
- City of El Segundo – Installation of the aquatic Stadium pool heater project is wrapping up in September with the assistance of SBCCOG staff support on the incentive application. For the City Hall campus, the SoCalREN has finalized its review of a significant lighting overhaul. Considerable energy and financial bill savings have been identified, and the SBCCOG team is working with the

city to encourage them to move forward on this project. Multiple facilities are eligible for Capture the Cold technology as well.

- City of Hawthorne – The Police Department lighting project is about to start construction and Memorial Center HVAC project just completed.
- City of Hermosa Beach – One eligible HVAC unit for Capture the Cold technology was identified at the Community Center. The city may get back to SBCCOG on interest and meeting potential.
- City of Lawndale – Three eligible HVAC units for Capture the Cold technology were identified. The SoCalREN is coordinating meeting times with the city.
- City of Lomita – The SoCalREN is vetting HVAC units for Capture the Cold technology.
- City of Manhattan Beach – Heat Pump Water Heater vetted through SoCalREN program is moving through planning and permitting.
- City of Rancho Palos Verdes – Multiple eligible HVAC units for Capture the Cold technology were identified. The city has promptly returned energy data and the SoCalREN is scheduling site audits.
- City of Redondo Beach – Perry Park sports field lighting incentive application continues to not move forward due to missing information on existing equipment. The city is having difficulty obtaining required information from their records.
- City of Rolling Hills – Vetting Heat Pump Water Heater in SoCalREN incentive program.
- City of Torrance – Multiple eligible HVAC units for Capture the Cold technology were identified. The SoCalREN is scheduling site audits.
- Lennox Elementary School District – Lighting upgrades at five schools are moving forward under the Metered Savings Program. The district is also installing more free Heat Pump Water Heaters.

Energy Resilience Action Plan (ERAP) Program – The SBCCOG is working with the cities of **Gardena, Hawthorne, Lomita, and Manhattan Beach** to develop Energy Resilience Action Plans. The city-specific plans look at near- to long-term strategies to support community energy resilience, develop a retrofit plan to transform city owned facilities into community resilience centers, and provide a collection of resilience planning resources and references. Part of the project included surveying residents on what they would like to see at a potential resilience center and 302 surveys were received across all cities. SBCCOG staff presented the findings from this community outreach to city staff in September. The final ERAP plans will be delivered to participating cities in the coming months.

South Bay Cities Energy & Climate Recognition Program (SBECR) - The SBCCOG recently shared the Q3 Progress Reports with city staff and at the September Board Meeting, summarized below:

- **Platinum Recognition Level:** Manhattan Beach, Torrance
- **Gold Recognition Level:** Gardena
- **Silver Recognition Level:** Carson, El Segundo, and Lomita
- **Bronze Recognition Level:** Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, and Rolling Hills Estates
- **In Progress:** Inglewood, Lawndale, Palos Verdes Estates, and Rancho Palos Verdes

Cities can earn points towards this program year until the third Monday of November. Reach out to Shawn Fujioka at [shawn@southbaycities.org](mailto:shawn@southbaycities.org) for more information.

The SBCCOG will be hosting the Third Annual South Bay Cities Energy & Climate Recognition Program Award Ceremony on **Thursday, December 11, 2025**, at the Lawndale Community Center. Rita Kampalath, Chief Sustainability Officer for LA County, will attend as the keynote speaker. All elected officials and city staff who have been working with the SBCCOG on sustainability initiatives are invited. SBCCOG staff will distribute event information in the coming weeks.

Institute for Local Government's (ILG) Beacon Program - This program honors voluntary efforts by local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy, and adopt policies that promote sustainability. The SBCCOG worked with cities to gather energy data and develop applications. Awardees will be recognized at the League of California Cities Annual Conference in Long Beach in October.

#### FDEEE & Commercial Direct Install

Through the SoCalREN's new commercial programs, administered by Willdan, the SBCCOG is implementing a pilot program for the Food Desert Energy Efficiency Equity (FDEEE) and Commercial Direct Install programs in the City of Gardena. These programs provide free energy efficiency measures and installation at hard-to-reach and low-income low-access businesses. SBCCOG staff continue to conduct door-to-door outreach to eligible businesses. The team has audited 56 business facilities, and 26 projects have been signed off and are underway. Installations have started. The SBCCOG staff, in coordination with city staff, is also working with the Willdan team to create recognition communication items such as videos.

#### Cool Roof Pilot

Funded by the SoCalREN, the SBCCOG working with AESC Inc., technical consultant, is conducting a cool roof feasibility study. At the end of the project, up to 15 site plans will be developed with recommendations on the technology, benefits and co-benefits, funding sources, and site identification. The initial literature review has been completed and is on the SBCCOG website. AESC presented to city staff draft site selection criteria and ranked sites. Feedback from city staff was positive and 15 "most suitable" sites have been selected in Carson, Gardena, Inglewood, Lomita, Redondo Beach, and Torrance. SBCCOG staff are coordinating site walks with AESC engineers and city staff between October 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Multifamily & Kits for Kids

*Contract period is January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025*

*Contract goals: Contact, track progress, and outreach to local community organizations; track number of virtual events held and attendees; distribute program collateral to local community organizations.*

#### SoCalREN Multifamily and Hard-to-Reach-Direct-Install Energy Efficiency

SBCCOG continues to share program information with eligible multifamily housing properties. The SBCCOG and the County team have developed co-branded materials to bring to community outreach events. SBCCOG and County Staff are working to identify new customers for the program.

### Kits for Kids

Schools in disadvantaged areas or those that receive Title 1 funding are eligible to participate in the LA County Kits for Kids program, which provides free energy efficiency kits (LEDs, faucet aerators, and games) to third- and fourth-grade students to implement at home and \$1,000 to teachers who implement it in their classrooms. SBCCOG staff continues to facilitate South Bay school enrollments into the program. Inglewood USD and Hawthorne SD have confirmed participation for Fall 2025 amounting to almost **60** classrooms!!! Wiseburn USD is interested in participating in 2026. Efforts are underway to conduct celebration events at each school district before the end of the year.

### Southern California Gas Company Energy Pathways

*Contract period is May 19, 2024 – December 31, 2027*

SBCCOG staff continues to work with SoCalGas to promote gas energy efficiency assistance program opportunities and financing support to cities, school districts, and residents. Current day-to-day activities continue with the support from SoCalGas staff.

Program offerings and related marketing materials have been shared to support outreach to residents and businesses.

- Restaurant Energy Efficiency Starter Kit: Kit includes energy- and water-saving tools such as a pre-rinse spray valve, faucet aerators, gas valve handles, a Turbo Pot aluminum frying pan for efficient cooking, and a pocket thermometer for food service businesses.
- Commercial Building Energy Solutions and Technologies (C-BEST) Program: Provides technical assistance and incentives for businesses to implement natural gas-saving measures in commercial buildings.

## **Water Conservation**

### West Basin Municipal Water District Programs (West Basin)

*The contract period is July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026*

SBCCOG and West Basin staff met on September 15 and September 29 to discuss the implementation of programs and schedule of events for the new program year.

#### Educational Outreach Support - Exhibit Events

*Contract goal: 100 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc.*

*Status of goal: 31 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc.*

#### Support for Workshops, Events, & Webinars Educational Classes

*Contract goal: Up to 17 physical classes or virtual webinars*

Status of goal: 4

*Completed:* Wednesday, September 24, Veterans Memorial Park Garden Room – Culver City Garden Design Class

### *Upcoming Classes:*

- Thursday, October 9, 2025 - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm - *CA Friendly & Native Plant Landscape Training*, Lomita Library - Lomita
- Wednesday, November 19, 2025 - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm - *Transforming Lawns: A Sustainable Approach*, Darby Park - Inglewood

### Rain Barrel Giveaway

Contract goal: 4 Rain barrel distribution events.

Status of goal: 2 Rain barrel program distributions: 1) Saturday, September 13, Rain Barrel Program City of El Segundo and 2) Saturday, September 27, Rain Barrel Program City of Carson

SBCCOG staff have responded to phone inquiries on the dedicated West Basin line and set up the new registration system for upcoming events in October.

### Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD)

*The contract period is January 1-December 31, 2026*

*Contract goal:* promote WRD programs and support in-person events

*Status of goal:* ongoing

Ongoing promotion of WRD programs continues through SBCCOG's e-newsletters and other social media channels. In addition, SBCCOG posts WRD events on the website and sends out e-blasts to increase attendance at events. SBCCOG and WRD staff meet to coordinate communication efforts and upcoming informational campaigns.

### **CivicSpark Fellows**

The 2025-26 program-year will start on October 9, with three new Fellows working in the following areas: 1) Energy, 2) Communications, and 3) Transportation. The Energy fellow will support and manage various SoCalREN initiatives such as residential direct installation of energy-efficient appliances. The Communications fellow will support and manage various community engagement and communication initiatives to better inform the community of sustainability opportunities, homeless services, and other SBCCOG programs. The Transportation fellow will assist SBCCOG staff with design and implementation of the South Bay Local Travel Network and promotion of micromobility.

### **Waste Reduction**

#### Rolling Hills Organic Waste

*Contract period is April 8, 2024 – April 1, 2026*

The SBCCOG continues to work with the City of Rolling Hills to facilitate public education and outreach for their residents on organic waste recycling and food waste prevention. Funded by a

CalRecycle SB1383 grant, the technical consultant, EcoNomics, Inc, is developing outreach content. The first workshop, on July 16, 2025, was a success with 13 attendees filling the City Chambers. SBCCOG staff distributed the first round of composting equipment to the City of Rolling Hills residents. One final compost workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2025, as well as another round of equipment purchasing and distribution.

## Green Business

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### South Bay Green Business Assist Program (GBAP): Ongoing

The SBCCOG continues to provide information to local businesses on opportunities to implement sustainability programs while maintaining relationships and communication channels with businesses that have self-identified as environmentally conscience. Businesses receive information on the status of SBCCOG utility partners' programs and information posted on the SBCCOG website through a quarterly e-newsletter.

GBAP by city: Carson (18), El Segundo (55), Gardena (26), Hermosa Beach (12), Hawthorne (83), Inglewood (20), Lawndale (30), Lennox (10), Lomita (9), Manhattan Beach (10), Palos Verdes Estates (9), Rancho Palos Verdes (11), Redondo Beach (6), Rolling Hills Estates (6), Torrance (92), Los Angeles County – Community of Westmont (1) and District 15 (11) for a total of **409** businesses in the program as of September 2025.

## Climate Action

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SBCCOG staff, with support from volunteers and prior CivicSpark Fellows, continue to work with cities to finalize the draft 2019-2020 greenhouse gas inventory (GHG) emissions reports. A few drafts are under review by city staff. SBCCOG staff have completed 12 final reports which have been sent to cities and are posted on the SBCCOG website. SBCCOG is available to present findings to city committees and commissions. SBCCOG staff will be providing a presentation at Gardena's City Council Meeting on October 14, 2025.

Biodiversity grant opportunity: In support of the SBCCOG subregional adaptation plan, SBCCOG staff has been working with the LA County's Chief Sustainability Office and Jacobs consulting firm to submit an application to Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for developing a biodiversity plan with demonstration projects within the South Bay. The SBCCOG submitted a concept proposal to Rivers and Mountains Conservancy in September and is awaiting their review.

## Transportation

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Metro Express Lanes (MEL) (Contract period November 18, 2022 – November 17, 2025)

South Bay events are being held both virtually and in person. SBCCOG staff continue to prepare, update, and share the outreach calendar events to provide opportunities for Metro to share their Express Lane program. In September, the SBCCOG/SBESC distributed MEL materials at six events.

## **II. VOLUNTEERS**

Status of Program: 79.5 hours for September 2025

Some of the volunteer projects for the month of August included supporting outreach events and SBCCOG meetings, updating databases, and conducting program research. Volunteers also attended a West Basin training and toured the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility, where they got firsthand insight into West Basin's programs and technical procedures. The volunteer recognition event is being planned for Thursday, November 20, 2025, just prior to the Board meeting.

## **III. MARKETING, OUTREACH, & IMPLEMENTATION**

### **Outreach Events**

In September 2025:

5 - Networking Event

10 - In Person Community Event

0 - Business Event

1 - Workshops Event

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# Energy Efficiency Technology Showcase



**Wednesday, October 29, 2025**  
**8 - 10 a.m.**



**SBCCOG Offices**  
**357 Van Ness Way, Suite 110**  
**Torrance, CA 90501**



**Join us to get expert advice  
on your energy efficiency projects  
from SoCalREN's approved trade allies!**

### Confirmed Businesses include:

- Architects
- Electrical Contractors
- Energy Service Companies (ESCO)
- Engineers
- HVAC Contractors
- Lighting Contractors
- Plumbing Contractors
- Pumping
- Windows & Doors

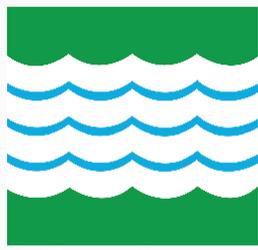
**RSVP Here:**



*Breakfast will be provided*

**Questions? Contact**  
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# SAVE THE DATE!

## Artificial Intelligence Forum Series

Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

3:30pm – 5:00pm

**SBCCOG Offices, 357 Van Ness Way, Suite 90 Torrance, CA 90501 or  
virtually via Zoom**

*Join us for the kickoff meeting of the SBCCOG's new AI Forum Series!*

*The goal of the series is to add value to city operations – both internal and public-facing, as well as to understand the upsides and downsides of using AI applications. This first session will highlight how South Bay cities are currently using AI and their early experiences. The meeting will also feature a roundtable discussion to shape topics for future sessions. The meeting is open to all, including elected officials, city managers, and staff from all departments.*

***Please register and indicate how you will be participating [HERE](#).***

For questions or to propose discussion topics for future meetings, please contact:  
David Leger, SBCCOG Program Manager at [DavidL@southbaycities.org](mailto:DavidL@southbaycities.org)

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# OPEN HOUSE & VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 20, 2025**



**SBCCOG Volunteers**

- 4 to 5 p.m. - Open House
- 5 to 6 p.m. - Volunteer Dinner
- 6 p.m. - Volunteer Recognition and Board Meeting

Please join us as we celebrate the move to our new office space and recognize our volunteers—with a special thanks to those who have contributed 50 hours or more.



**The SBCCOG's New Office Location**

***Meet the SBCCOG staff and talk to the team about their work related to the environment, homelessness, technology, transportation and land use, and more.***

**Location: SBCCOG Offices  
357 Van Ness Way, Suite 110  
Torrance, CA 90501**

**LIGHT HORS D'OEUVRES AND REFRESHMENTS  
SERVED AT OPEN HOUSE**

**DINNER SERVED AT VOLUNTEER RECEPTION  
AND BOARD MEETING**

**Please RSVP by Monday, November 13  
at [bit.ly/sbccogopenhouse](https://bit.ly/sbccogopenhouse)**

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**SOUTH BAY**  
ENERGY AND CLIMATE  
RECOGNITION PROGRAM



# South Bay Energy and Climate Recognition Program Award Ceremony

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments is pleased to host you for a celebration of your city's achievements in energy efficiency and sustainability. Lunch will be provided.

**Thursday, December 11th, 2025, 11am-1pm**



**Lawndale Community Center**  
**14700 Burin Ave**  
**Lawndale, CA 90260**



Keynote address by Rita Kampalath,  
Chief Sustainability Officer,  
Los Angeles County

**RSVP by November 25th**  
by scanning the QR code or emailing  
[eleanor@southbaycities.org](mailto:eleanor@southbaycities.org)



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**TO: SOUTH BAY CITIES COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**FR: JEFF KIERNAN, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES**  
**RE: CAL CITIES UPDATE FOR 10/23/2025 MEETING**

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### CAL CITIES ANNUAL MEMBER SURVEY NOW OPEN

Help drive Cal Cities' 2026 Advocacy agenda by completing our [annual membership survey](#). The survey takes 3 – 5 minutes to complete and will be used to help inform our goals and priorities for the coming year. The [survey](#) will be open until **October 31, 2025**.

<https://tinyurl.com/CalCitiesMembershipSurvey2025>

### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR THE ALL-CITIES HOLIDAY RECEPTION

The Los Angeles County Division will be co-hosting the All-Cities Holiday Reception with the California Contract Cities Association and the Independent Cities Association at the California Club in DTLA on Wednesday, **December 10**.

Join your local government colleagues from all over the County to spread some holiday cheer! Register [HERE](#).

### GOVERNOR'S SIGN/VETO ACTIONS OFFICIALLY END THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

October 13 was the Governor's deadline to sign or veto the 917 bills that were sent to his desk in the final days of the 2025 legislative session. Of those 917, the Governor signed 794 and vetoed 123, for a veto rate of 13% slightly less than the historical average veto rate of 16%.

**Veto [AB 339 \(Ortega\)](#) Local public employee organizations: notice requirements - **SIGNED****  
**Veto [SB 79 \(Wiener\)](#) Transit-oriented Development - **SIGNED****  
**Veto [SB 707 \(Durazo\)](#) Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements - **SIGNED****

**Sign [AB 1 \(Connolly\)](#) Residential property insurance: wildfire risk – **SIGNED****  
**Sign [AB 424 \(Davies\)](#) Alcohol and other drug programs: complaints – **SIGNED****  
**Sign [AB 476 \(Gonzalez\)](#) Metal Theft – **SIGNED****  
**Sign [AB 492 \(Valencia\)](#) Alcohol and drug programs: licensing – **SIGNED****  
**Sign [AB 620 \(Jackson\)](#) Zero Emission Vehicles: Rentals – **VETOED****  
**Sign [AB 650 \(Papan\)](#) Planning and Zoning: Housing Element: RHNA – **VETOED****  
**Sign [AB 986 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) States of Emergency: Landslides – **VETOED****  
**Sign [SB 346 \(Durazo\)](#) Transient Occupancy Taxes: Short-term Rental Facilitator – **SIGNED****  
**Sign [SB 454 \(McNerney\)](#) PFAS mitigation fund – **VETOED****  
**Sign [SB 456 \(Ashby\)](#) Community Beautification Act – **SIGNED****

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION ADVOCACY UPDATE

The Los Angeles County Division supported [AB 1](#) and [AB 888](#). These bills are focused on wildfire resilience and insurance affordability. AB 1 and AB 888 were both signed into law by the Governor.

## UPDATE ON CAL CITIES ACTION ALERTS

1. **SB 364 (Strickland) Billboards: maintenance: permits – NEUTRAL**

SB 364 expands the definitions of “customary maintenance provisions” of an outdoor advertising display under the Outdoor Advertising Act to include replacing or eliminating structural members, posts, and internal bracing of billboards.

**UPDATE: SIGNED**

2. **Cap and Trade Reauthorization – SUPPORT**

Cap and Trade has generated roughly \$30 billion over the last decade, resulting in grants to cities and others for transit, rail, transportation, air quality, affordable housing, safe drinking water, and organic waste programs.

**UPDATE: SIGNED.** More on the Cap & Trade reauthorization can be found [HERE](#).

3. **AB 339 (Ortega) Local public employee organizations: notice requirements – OPPOSE**

Requires the governing body of a public agency, board, or commission to give a recognized employee organization written notice of at least 60 days regarding contracts to perform services that are within the scope of work of the job classifications represented by the recognized employee organization.

**Status: SIGNED**

4. **SB 79 (Wiener) Transit Orientated Development - OPPOSE**

This measure would require cities to approve higher-density residential projects up to 7 stories near public transit stops ministerially regardless of local zoning codes, limit the use of local development standards on the proposed project, and allow transit agencies full land authority over residential and commercial development on property they own or lease with no requirement for affordable housing built in.

**Status: SIGNED**

5. **AB 650 (Papan) Planning and Zoning: Housing Element: RHNA – SPONSOR / SUPPORT**

This bill would allow local governments to begin the housing element update process six months earlier, provide greater certainty and reduce ambiguity in the housing element review process, and ensure that local governments have adequate time to respond to the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) review letters.

**Status: VETOED**

## CAL CITIES 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE WRAP UP

The 2025 Annual Conference is now completed, and it may end up being the largest conference Cal Cities has hosted in 20 years. Although no resolutions were brought forward for the General Assembly, approximately 3,000 city officials and vendors gathered to network and learn from one another over three packed days.

Congratulations to our new Cal Cities Board of Directors and to all of the award winners announced at the conference. This year Cal Cities announced three Legislator of the Year Awards, including our own Senator Ben Allen. Congratulations to Senator Allen and our other award winners, Assembly Members Diane Papan and Laurie Davies.

## **SBACC Report by SBCCOG Board Member Lomita Councilperson Barry Waite**

Henry Rogers provided an update on the legislative session, noting that 25 bills are currently on the Governor's desk awaiting signature or veto. He highlighted the key themes of the bills the organization is supporting or requesting a veto on, including economic growth, workforce flexibility, ports/maritime, clean energy, and housing. Rogers also reviewed the legislative scorecard, explaining the grading methodology and highlighting the performance of various state legislators.

Jeremy Harris presented the proposed slate of officers for 2026, which was approved by the board. The new slate includes Heidi Butzine as chair-elect, Julia Parton as treasurer, Jessica Vincent as secretary, and Kimberly Caceres continuing as immediate-past chair.

Treasurer Julia Parton provided an overview of the organization's financial position, noting a strong cash position and increased revenue from membership and sponsorships, particularly driven by the successful fall mixer event.

SBACC chair Kimberly Caceres and other participants shared updates on upcoming events, including the November installation ceremony, a Lomita State of the City address, and an AT&T event focused on copper theft issues. Chevron also provided an update on the recent refinery fire incident.

The meeting was adjourned after a final call for any other comments or announcements.

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# Area G Disaster Management Area Coordinator Report

Quarterly Report: July 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025

Report Date: October 1, 2025

Area G Disaster Management Area is composed of fourteen south bay cities: El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance. As an area, the cities work together on planning efforts, preparedness campaigns, alert and warning through Alert South Bay and much more. In addition to planning, mitigation and preparedness efforts, the cities quickly and effectively transition to response and recovery efforts during emergencies. Each city has many accomplishments and activities that have been conducted during the quarter. This report will only highlight a few of the larger area-wide activities and responses that were conducted during the quarter.

## Educational

1. The Great Shakeout October 16, 2025: At 10:16 a.m. on 10/16 join the world in preparing for earthquakes by practicing “Drop, Cover, and Hold On.” Learn the [Seven Steps](#) to prepare for, survive and recover from an earthquake. To register your agency’s participation in the Great Shakeout by visiting the [Shakeout website](#).



## Non-Emergency

1. Area G participated in Cal Water’s annual tabletop exercise on July 31, 2025
2. Area G hosted a Genasys evacuation map tabletop exercise with all of Area G cities and LA County Office of Emergency Management on August 21, 2025
3. Area G DMAC coordinated and taught the EOC Academy Cohort 2 Area G 12-day emergency management training and a capstone exercise between 9/2/25 – 9/29-/25.
4. Area G DMAC assisted with the onboarding of two new emergency managers within Area G.
5. Area G DMAC attended various meetings related to upcoming large events including FIFA World Cup communications planning, LA28 Olympics and Para-Olympics consequence management subcommittee meetings, and LA City Major Event taskforce meetings.



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### Emergency and Emergent Incidents

1. July 29, 2025 Tsunami response related to the Russian 7.8 Earthquake: Area G DMAC along with the 7 tsunami impacted communities (El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Palos Verdes Estates, and Rancho Palos Verdes) participated in hourly coordination calls with Cal OES and National Weather Service to get additional information related to potential inundation, evacuation phase, anticipated waves arrival from 7/29/25 7 p.m. through 7/30/25 at 3 p.m.
2. 2025 Mid-August Red Flag Warning August 20 – 23, 2025: Area G DMAC gathered situational awareness including impacts and resource needs from the 14 Area G cities to share with LA County Office of Emergency Services related to the mid-August red flag warning.



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### ACTION

#### Regional Council Adopts LA28 Games Program Framework

On Sept. 4, the SCAG [Regional Council adopted](#) the Games Mobility Program Development Framework, coalescing and confirming SCAG's planning priorities and activities in support of regional preparations for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. Aligning with the [Connect SoCal 2024](#) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy pillars of mobility, communities, environment, and economy, the framework identifies goals, objectives, guiding principles, and strategies.

As part of the staff presentation, representatives from LA28, Mission Viejo, and Culver City spoke about opportunities for non-venue cities to bring the LA28 Games to their communities. The following experts and leaders participated the discussion:

- Kome Ajise, Executive Director, SCAG
- Vic Nol, Director of Venue Cities, LA28
- Brian Goodell, City Councilmember, Mission Viejo
- Mayor Dan O'Brien, Culver City

As part of the program framework adoption, SCAG also launched a dedicated map of LA28 Games venues on the [SCAG website](#).

### ACTION

#### SCAG Launching Last Mile Freight Program Rebate Program

On Sept. 4, the SCAG Regional Council approved the [Last Mile Freight Program](#) Rebate Program with funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to support commercial deployment of Class 4/5 battery electric vehicles. In coordination with the South Coast Air Quality Management District, SCAG received \$51.5 million in funding from the Infrastructure, Vehicles, and Equipment Strategy for Climate, Equity, Air Quality and National Competitiveness project. The Regional Council action clears the way for SCAG to open the call for applications for the Rebate Program.

Read more about the Rebate Program in the September [staff report](#).

## **ACTION**

### **SCAG Accepts \$52.6 Million Solutions For Congested Corridors Program' Grant**

On Sept. 4, the Regional Council [approved receipt](#) of a \$52.6 million 2024 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) Grant Award from the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The CTC awarded the funding to SCAG, as the project applicant, in partnership with implementing agency Metrolink. Metrolink will use the funding to replace existing diesel locomotives with Tier 4 locomotives, the cleanest diesel technology currently available, that have the capability to transition to hybrid operations. These replacements will improve service reliability, reduce criteria pollutant emissions, and support long-term regional mobility, air quality, and sustainability goals.

The SCCP is a competitive statewide program designed to reduce congestion through multimodal, integrated corridor investments that improve mobility, safety, access, and sustainability. The awarded project advances goals included in the [Connect SoCal 2024](#) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy by reducing transportation-related emissions, improving passenger rail service reliability, and supporting mode shift from single-occupancy vehicles to rail transit.

## **INFORMATION**

### **Economic Roundtable Releases Quarterly Economic Update**

The SCAG Economic Roundtable met for its third 2025 quarterly discussion on Aug. 21. Highlights of the resulting report of the group's findings include:

- Job growth in the region continued to be modest and narrow. There appear to be no major layoffs or job losses region-wide, though only the Healthcare and Social Assistance sector is growing significantly.
- While effective tariff rates currently sit at 18.6 percent, a majority of the burden is being absorbed by corporations and has not hit consumers. Impacts of tariffs—as well as federal funding cuts to Medicaid and research—do remain major longer-term concerns.
- In the SCAG region, 28 percent of the construction labor force is made up of undocumented immigrants—this (and other) sectors are being disrupted by increased enforcement action.
- Expansive California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions show promise for reducing some of the procedural roadblocks for urban infill projects statewide. While housing production has been sluggish in 2025 and 12,971 residential units were lost in L.A. County's January wildfires, these exemptions provide a meaningful policy lever for boosting supply.

Read the entire Economic Roundtable Update for the third quarter of 2025 on [SCAG News](#).

### **SCAG Releases '2025 Transportation Safety Regional Existing Conditions' Report**

The September Transportation Committee and Regional Council meetings included an overview of the "2025 Transportation Safety Regional Existing Conditions Report," scheduled for [release](#)

[in October](#) to align with Walktober and support local jurisdictions in developing targeted, data-informed transportation safety policies and improvements.

The report analyzes traffic safety trends from across the region between 2014 to 2024 by identifying patterns and trends in historical roadway collision data, including pedestrian- and bicyclist-involved collisions and fatalities. To learn more about existing and upcoming transportation safety resources, visit SCAG's [Transportation Safety website](#).

## **NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **Regional Council Outlook for the Year**

During the September Regional Council meeting, Regional Council President Cindy Allen shared updates from the annual Executive/Administration Committee retreat, which took place last June. Priorities for President Allen's term as Regional Council President will be housing, preparation for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, and clean transportation technology. An outlook of Regional Council meeting topics and action items reviewed by the committee was also published in a [staff report](#).

### **SCAG Issues 2025 California Clean Air Day Proclamation**

The SCAG Regional Council on Sept. 4 [issued a proclamation](#) pledging SCAG's support for the 8th Annual California Clean Air Day on Oct. 1.

SCAG has participated in the annual California Clean Air Day in the past by signing the organizational pledge, encouraging SCAG's staff to take the California Clean Air Day pledge, and encouraging 197 member jurisdictions to engage in activities to improve the region's air quality on the Clean Air Day and beyond.

SCAG's regional planning policies, programs, strategies, and initiatives, as reflected in the adopted [Connect SoCal 2024](#) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and the 2025 [Federal Transportation Improvement Program](#) will continue to play an important role in achieving significant air quality improvements and protect public health in the SCAG region.

## **NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### **SCAG Represented on CalSTA Sustainable Communities Task Force**

Toks Omishaken, secretary of the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), recently [announced the creation](#) of the cross-sector CalSTA Sustainable Communities Task Force to recommend policies to better support implementation of regional Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS). SCAG Chief Planning Officer Sarah Jepson was appointed to the task force alongside 29 leaders from across the state representing state and regional agencies, local government, transit agencies, community-based organizations, housing and environmental advocates, and academic institutions. The task force will prepare a final report in November 2026 outlining recommendations for legislative, regulatory, and budgetary action to further SCS implementation toward reductions in greenhouse gases and vehicle miles traveled. Over the past year, SCAG and other metropolitan planning organizations have engaged with the California Air Resources Board around concerns related to SCS development and evaluation, and the need to revisit Senate Bill 375 to better support SCS implementation.

## **Region Facing New Transportation Conformity Challenges**

At the September Executive/Administrative Committee and Regional Council meetings, SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise [provided an update](#) on an emerging air quality issue. On June 12, three Clean Air Act waivers that allowed California to adopt and enforce stricter vehicle emissions standards than the federal government, subject to approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), were revoked.

Due to this change, California and the entire SCAG region are currently under a transportation conformity lockdown—meaning no new regional transportation conformity determinations can be made until the lockdown is lifted. Since then, 10 states joined California in filing a lawsuit to reinstate the waivers.

This lockdown could significantly impact transportation investments throughout the SCAG region because SCAG cannot add new projects or make certain changes to existing projects under the lockdown. If a solution is not in place by spring 2026, the lockdown will impact timing of SCAG’s 2027 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2, including projects associated with the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games needing new conformity analyses.

At a recent Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting, attended by U.S. EPA and California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff, SCAG learned that CARB is working on a solution, but there is no clear timeline on when that solution will be complete. SCAG will continue to report any updates on the situation.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

### **SEPTEMBER**

**16th** Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee

**18th** Technical Working Group

**23rd** Transportation Conformity Working Group

**24th** Safe and Active Streets Working Group

**24th** Modeling Task Force

### **OCTOBER**

**1st** 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop: Revisiting The Intergenerational Contract

**21st** Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee

**28th** Transportation Conformity Working Group

**29th** Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee



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## South Bay Workforce Investment Board

### Update Report for September 2025

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) continued to strengthen its role as a regional leader in workforce development during September, advancing inclusive job creation, apprenticeship expansion, and targeted outreach efforts across the South Bay. This month marked significant milestones in aviation pre-apprenticeship, disability inclusion, employer engagement, and environmental workforce planning.

Through new and ongoing initiatives, SBWIB remains committed to connecting residents with sustainable, high-quality career pathways while supporting employers across key sectors including aerospace, healthcare, construction, and advanced manufacturing.

#### **El Segundo**

Through ongoing collaboration with aerospace, healthcare, and IT employers, SBWIB advanced the development of structured earn-and-learn pathways for youth. Employers including Northrop Grumman and Lockheed Martin continued to support the region's aerospace apprenticeship ecosystem, and SBWIB was recently introduced to Heart Aerospace, an innovative electric aircraft manufacturer, to explore potential recruitment and apprenticeship partnerships.

SBWIB has been working with Manufacturing organizations to develop work-based learning experiences for high school and college students interested in aerospace and precision manufacturing careers. These partnerships reinforce El Segundo's standing as a key hub for the aerospace industry and help ensure that South Bay residents are prepared for high-demand technical occupations.

## **Torrance**

Through the California Opportunity Youth Apprenticeship (COYA) Implementation Grant, SBWIB partnered with El Camino College to support apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship development for youth in high-demand industries. During the July–September quarter, SBWIB and El Camino College collaborated on inclusive career pathway design, integrating dual-enrollment coursework and industry-aligned technical training that prepares students for registered apprenticeships.

El Camino College continues to serve as a key partner in supporting healthcare, manufacturing, and digital technology pathways, aligning with SBWIB’s broader effort to connect education with industry needs. The partnership also plays a major role in SBWIB’s regional apprenticeship planning under the Southern California Apprenticeship Network (SCAN), ensuring alignment with the California Apprenticeship System (CAS).

## **Hawthorne**

Twelve students from Da Vinci High School in the Wiseburn Unified School District became the first graduates of SBWIB’s Sky-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship Program, an initiative preparing youth for careers in aviation, aircraft maintenance, and assembly.

The program’s three-track model—covering work readiness, technical skills, and work-based learning—gave students firsthand exposure to aviation careers. Students toured the Sling Aircraft Factory, participated in drone piloting exercises, and received individual flight lessons at the Sling Pilot Academy at Torrance Airport.

Funded by the Howmet Aerospace Foundation, Sky-Flex provides a powerful introduction to the aviation and aerospace industries, combining classroom instruction with hands-on experience that inspires students to pursue careers in the growing aerospace sector.

## **Carson**

SBWIB’s Carson One-Stop Business and Career Center partnered with Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes and the Carson Citizens Cultural Arts Foundation to host a successful Job Fair on August 29th at the Carson Event Center. The event connected more than 1,100 job seekers with nearly 70 employers across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Over 100 on-the-spot interviews were conducted, and employers reported plans to hire up to 200 participants following the event.

In addition, SBWIB and the City of Carson have just successfully submitted an application for \$500,000 through the U.S. EPA’s FY26 Brownfields Job Training Grant Program. If awarded, the program will recruit, train, and place unemployed and underemployed Carson residents into well-paying environmental careers. SBWIB aims to enroll 72 participants, graduate at least 50 residents (a 70% completion rate), and place at least 35 graduates into environmental jobs. These outcomes will deliver measurable benefits for Carson families while strengthening the city’s local economy and environmental workforce capacity.

## **Inglewood**

SBWIB was awarded a \$993,000 Disability Access, Equity, and Inclusion (DAEI) grant through the California Employment Development Department (EDD) and Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). This initiative expands employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities throughout the South Bay by providing access to career counseling, paid work experience, apprenticeships, and supportive services.

SBWIB and DOR will co-enroll participants across Inglewood, Carson, Gardena, and Torrance AJCCs, ensuring coordinated case management and access to wraparound resources. “This investment ensures that individuals with disabilities in our region have equitable access to training, support, and pathways into high-demand industries,” said Jan Vogel, SBWIB Executive Director.

## **General Updates**

SBWIB continues to lead multiple regional efforts to expand apprenticeship and workforce access:

- **NASA Partnership:** SBWIB’s collaboration with NASA on the development of a proposed Aerospace Workforce Hub continues to progress. The initiative aligns local CTE programs with NASA’s identified skilled technical needs in machining, composites, orbital systems, and cybersecurity, introducing youth to high-demand aerospace pathways.
- **Recently SBWIB registered 22 new occupations with the State of California which can be found in the attached list. Spanning multiple industries.**
- **SCAN Regional Leadership:** SBWIB continues to facilitate monthly convenings through the Southern California Apprenticeship Network (SCAN), providing a forum for employers, educators, and workforce partners to coordinate apprenticeship expansion and align with California’s statewide apprenticeship goals.

Through these combined efforts, SBWIB continues to deliver measurable workforce outcomes that strengthen South Bay communities and support equitable access to quality careers

# South Bay Cities

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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
AM Clouds/  
PM Sun  
76°/68°



**Saturday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
76°/68°



**Sunday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
78°/69°



## A National Day of Remembrance



LAX Airport Police joined their partner safety and security agencies at the airport to honor and remember the lives lost on 9/11. Together, we remember the fallen, honor the heroes, and reaffirm our commitment to never forget. Photo courtesy LAX Facebook page.

## Ongoing Issues, But Much to Applaud

By Ron Sokol

The Invocation at the September 9th meeting of the Hawthorne City Council was very poignant: Praying for positive change, peace, and healing, as the community deals with many challenges and adversities. Positive news was first up:

Through the good work of Hawthorne's Public Works Department and the advocacy of Council member Katrina Manning, Holly Park has obtained a \$1 million grant, which will replace not just a notably outdated restroom, but also build a new, attractive structure with a drinking fountain, storage area, office, electrical room, and snack bar. The surrounding landscape will also be upgraded, with attractive drought-tolerant plants. It is anticipated that the work will start at the beginning of 2026 and be completed in time for the summer.

Pat Donaldson stepped forward, President of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce. She brought two new members, Michael Diaz, who has an excellent mobile car detailing service, and Deanna Gerald, a certified artificial intelligence consultant. Both were well received.

Norm Haynie then addressed the Council. He is a well-experienced developer, who the Superior Court has recently appointed as "the neutral" to oversee the myriad orders issued to require the Hawthorne Mall to get fully up to code. Norm said: "It is my job to find a solution to that eyesore of the last 25 years. I want to work with the City to understand your goals and objectives, and make sure the future is consistent with that..." Surprisingly, however, Mayor Vargas was not fully receptive. He was concerned that Mr. Haynie's approach might be to bypass the City Attorney, who had successfully handled the litigation. Later in the meeting, the Mayor came to understand that Norm will, in fact, be directly conferring in the near term with Hawthorne's City Attorney and City Manager.

To be clear: The Los Angeles Superior Court has issued a very formidable, final Injunction against the owners of the Hawthorne Mall property, such that there is a real likelihood that the 35 acres which constitute the Hawthorne Mall are going to be transformed in due course into something truly beneficial to the

community. The City of Hawthorne has now issued an informative press release about the successful conclusion of the case. Mr. Haynie could play a vital role as the neutral working at the direction of the Court.

But, as the opening Invocation indicated, not all is as good as we may hope. Council heard once more from several people about the negative fallout and hurtful impact of the ICE raids. Just one of the downsides: The food giveaway, which City Clerk Dayna Williams-Hunter has been part of, is postponed for now because of safety concerns. Council listens to the community and will continue to do what it can to improve things. My impression is that not everyone will be satisfied with what has been and will be done. There is anger and anguish in equal measure about what ICE did. And, a concern we all share – are we going to have more visits?

Council member Reyes English wants to get the word out: September is Emergency Preparedness Month. Numerous disasters could cause havoc here, not the least of which is an earthquake. Mayor Vargas will be travelling later this month to a conference on disaster preparedness to be held in El Paso, Texas, which has been subject to flooding.

Reyes English also discussed Operation Gobble, which involves turkey giveaways. Stay tuned for the date, which will be in November,

before Thanksgiving, and will take place in the parking lot adjacent to the Betty Ainsworth Sports Center. The City and the Chamber of Commerce will work together, and a toy giveaway will also be planned for December.

Cert training, which initiates with a "meet and greet", is going to be set. City Manager Von Norris will work on the date. This was another action item that Council member Reyes English wanted to ensure the community was aware of.

Discussion then ensued as to "taking a little time off" at the holidays. But, if City Hall closes, might that negatively impact those who need City services? It was decided that City Hall will close **from December 22 to January 2**, but several of the days in that time frame are holidays anyway. Further, City Manager Norris reminded that the City managed through the rigorous COVID-19 shutdown. It is essential to get the word out about when City Hall will temporarily close at year-end, but as Mr. Norris said, "our work doesn't stop."

Council member Faye Johnson has been away for a little while, helping her daughter get situated at college. She expressed a lot of kudos, including for how well the State of the City went, the funds raised for the Police Department's K-9 Unit, and the improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard. In addition, she lives

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Mayor Vargas Touts State of the City. Image provided by Ron Sokol.

## Kiwanis Club Salutes Guide Dogs of America



Hawthorne Kiwanis gifted a large variety of toys for dogs who help children with autism, sightless persons, and Veterans with PTSD. Photo courtesy Ron Sokol.

## Students and Employers Participate in the 25th Annual Job Fair Hosted by the SBWIB at El Camino College

On Wednesday, April 30th, over 1,400 high school and college-age students gathered at El Camino College (ECC) for the 25th Annual Blueprint for Workplace Success Youth & Young Adult Job Fair, presented by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) in partnership with ECC. The event saw participation from students representing more than 20 local high schools in the South Bay region, as well as several hundred students from El Camino College. In total, over 100 businesses were registered, offering a wide range of employment opportunities to local youth.

The job fair provided students with the chance to connect directly with employers, resulting in more than 150 students being offered employment on the spot and over

3,000 job leads provided to attendees. Many of these students were also scheduled for second interviews, significantly increasing their chances of securing meaningful, long-term employment.

SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel addressed the attendees, stressing the importance of making a strong first impression. "Look the interviewer in the eye, shake their hand, and take this opportunity to learn about the career pathways that could lead to future employment," Vogel said.

Dr. Brenda Thames, President of El Camino College, also welcomed participants, emphasizing the value of the event for young job seekers. "This job fair process continues to be successful in enabling young job seek-

ers to gain first-time employment," Thames said. This year marked the third consecutive year that SBWIB brought the event to the ECC campus.

Torrance City Councilmember Sharon Kalani reminded students that while landing a job is a goal, the journey itself is just as important. "Today, you've already taken the first step by attending this job fair," Kalani remarked. "The skills you're developing and the connections you're making will serve you well as you move forward in your career."

Beyond meeting employers, students participated in interactive workshops led by major organizations like Disneyland and the FBI. These workshops allowed participants to explore career paths and learn firsthand

about the skills and qualifications needed to succeed in these exciting industries.

The Youth Job Fair not only provides immediate employment opportunities but also serves as an important resource for students looking to build long-term career pathways. Many of the employers attending the event were seeking entry-level employees, offering young people a chance to develop essential skills and gain valuable work experience. For many teens, this job fair represents their first real-world job experience, a crucial steppingstone to future success.

This annual event is a cornerstone of SBWIB's commitment to helping young people in the South Bay region develop the skills

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✿ Celebrate Mom on May 11 ✿



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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**SUMMONS**  
**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:** JENSINA FUERTE and DOES 1 through 75, inclusive **YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:** MARCO RUIZ, MAXIMILIANO RUIZ **NOTICE!** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.  
 You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.  
 There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do

not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **CASE NUMBER:** 21STCV23954  
 The name and address of the court is: Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012.  
 The name address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: Trevor J. Herrera Esq. 301 West First Street, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 832-4811  
**STATEMENT OF DAMAGES (Personal Injury or Wrongful death)**  
 To: Jensina Fuerte  
 Plaintiff: Marco Ruiz  
 Seeks damages in the above entitled action, as follows:

**1.General Damages**  
 Pain, suffering, and inconvenience \$25,000.00  
**2.Special damages**  
 A. Medical expenses (to date) \$10,000.00  
 B. Future medical expenses (present value) \$5,000.00  
 Date: 04.16.25  
 Trevor J. Herrera, Esq.  
**STATEMENT OF DAMAGES (Personal Injury or Wrongful death)**  
 To: Jensina Fuerte  
 Plaintiff: Maximiliano Ruiz  
 Seeks damages in the above entitled action, as follows:  
**1.General Damages**  
 Pain, suffering, and inconvenience \$25,000.00  
**2.Special damages**  
 A. Medical expenses (to date) \$10,000.00  
 B. Future medical expenses (present value) \$5,000.00  
 Date: 04.16.25  
 Trevor J. Herrera, Esq.  
 Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15/24  
**HH-28931**

**Order to Show Cause for Change of Name**  
**Case No. 25TRCP00179**  
 Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES  
 Petition of: REGINALD ALBERT RICHARDSON for Change of Name  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**  
 Petitioner REGINALD ALBERT RICHARDSON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
 REGINALD ALBERT RICHARDSON to RICHARD ALLEN RICHARDSON  
 The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
 Notice of Hearing:  
 Date: June 13, 2025, Time: 8:30 AM., Dept. E. Room: 500  
 The address of the court is:  
 TORRANCE COURTHOUSE  
 825 MAPLE AVE  
 TORRANCE, CA 90503  
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Torrance Tribune  
 Date: April 8, 2025  
 Alan B. Honeycutt  
 Judge of the Superior Court  
 Torrance Tribune Pub. 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8/25  
**HT-28923**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**LAWRENCE LELAND LYNN**  
**CASE NO. 25STPB04189**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LAWRENCE LELAND LYNN  
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by STEVEN RAY LYNN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that STEVEN RAY LYNN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/12/2025 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 62 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90012.  
 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state

your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
 Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
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**HT-28923**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**MABLE JOYCE WRIGHT CASE NO. 25STPB04413**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MABLE JOYCE WRIGHT aka MABLE J. WRIGHT aka MABLE NEAL WRIGHT  
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JASON BERNARD WRIGHT SR. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JASON BERNARD WRIGHT SR. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
 The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 5/19/2025 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 4 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS

ANGELES, CA, 90012.  
 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
 Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
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**HI-28933**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**LELAND ANDERSON**  
**CASE NO. 25STPB04501**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LELAND ANDERSON.  
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NICOLE SCIACCA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NICOLE SCIACCA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/22/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 62 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the

court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
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**HH-28935**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**ZULMI GARDIZI AKA ZULMI GARDEZI**  
**CASE NO. 25STPB03886**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ZULMI GARDIZI AKA ZULMI GARDEZI.  
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GULGHUTTI GARDIZI in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SYD NESSARY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/19/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may

be in person or by your attorney.  
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
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 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
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**HH-28936**

**NOTICE CALLING FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**District: HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Project Identification: Fresh Produce**  
**RFP No: FS25-26-3**  
**Mandatory Pre-Bidders Conference**  
 May 8, 2025; 10:00 am Sharp!  
**HSD Learning Center**  
 13928 Komblum Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250  
**Question Deadline for RFTs:**  
 May 14, 2025; 4:00 pm Sharp  
**RFPS DUE BY: May 27, 2025; 2:00 pm Sharp!**  
 Submit Bids to: Hawthorne School District  
 Attn: Aneska I. Kekula  
 13021 S. Yukon Ave.,  
 Hawthorne, CA 90250  
 Bidding Documents Available at:  
<https://www.hawthornesd.org/departments/purchasing/bids>  
 Tentative Board Approval Date: June 11, 2025  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Hawthorne School District of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Owner" or "District", will receive prior to the above stated time and date sealed proposals, for work generally described as: **Request for Proposals No. FS25-26-3 Fresh Produce.** All proposals shall be made and presented only on the forms presented by the Owner. RFPs shall be received in the **Office of the**

**Hawthorne School District, Purchasing Department at 13021 S. Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, California 90250,** at the above-stated time and place, and there will be no formal bid opening. Any proposal received after the time specified above or after any extensions due to material changes shall be returned unopened. There will be a mandatory **Pre-Bidders Conference on May 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM Sharp, at HSD Learning Center, 13928 Komblum Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250.** Any Service Provider bidding on this RFP who fails to attend the entire mandatory conference will be deemed as a non-responsive Service Provider and will have its Proposal returned.  
 It is each Service Provider's sole responsibility to ensure that their proposal is delivered on time and received at the location specified above. Any proposal received at the designated location after the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals shall be returned to the Service Provider unopened.  
 No Withdrawal of Proposals. No Service Provider shall withdraw its Proposal for a period of ninety (90) days after the award of the Contract by the District's Board of Trustees. During this time, all Service Providers shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Proposals.  
 Waiver of Irregularities. The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, make an award, or make multiple awards, or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any

Proposal or in the bidding.  
**Award of Contract:** The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Trustees to the Service Provider that meets the qualifications established by the RFP documents.  
**Inquiries and Clarifications:** The Service Provider is advised that all inquiries and clarifications about the RFP shall be submitted to the district in writing prior to the question deadline noted above. The District will respond at its earliest possible opportunity. Verbal communication by either party with regard to this RFP is invalid. Inquiries shall be sent in writing to Aneska I. Kekula at [ikekula@hawthorne.k12.ca.us](mailto:ikekula@hawthorne.k12.ca.us) or mailed to Aneska I. Kekula, at Hawthorne School District, 13021 S. Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250. Service Providers are solely responsible for ensuring that their written inquiry is received prior to this deadline, and the District is not responsible for any delays or errors in delivery. Service Providers are responsible for reviewing the district's websites and incorporating any and all clarifications provided therein into their proposals.  
**Publications:** HSD Website at <http://www.hawthorne.k12.ca.us/Proposal>  
 Herald Publication: 1st Publication: May 1, 2025; 2nd Publication: May 8, 2025  
 Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 5/1, 5/8/25  
**HH-28938**

Notice is hereby given, StorQuest Self Storage will sell at public sale by competitive bidding the personal property of:  
 Kaleb Halfer  
 Tiffany Davy  
 Demetrius Huntsman  
 Handanu Ardhata  
 LEONARD FULTON  
 Michelle Bernard  
 James Taylor  
 Brandon Lewis  
 Property to be sold: misc. household goods, furniture, tools, clothes, boxes, toys, electronics, sporting goods, and personal content. Auction Company: [www.StorageTreasures.com](http://www.StorageTreasures.com). The sale ends at 10:00 a.m., May 23rd, 2025, at the property where said property has been stored and which is located at StorQuest Self Storage 4959 W 147th St, Hawthorne, CA 90250. Goods must be paid in cash and removed at the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.  
 5/8, 5/15/25  
 Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub 5/8, 5/15/25  
**HH-28943**

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**ABANDONMENTS:**  
\$125.00

**ABC NOTICES:**  
\$125.00

**DBA (Fictitious Business Name)**  
\$75.00

**NAME CHANGE:**  
\$200.00

**Job Fair** *from page 3*

and experience necessary for career success. industries, explore career options, and secure their first job – all in one day.  
 By facilitating connections between students and employers, the Job Fair offers a valuable opportunity for youth to learn about different  
 – *Provided by South Bay Workforce Investment Board*



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# Some Things Are Too Toxic to Trash!

A free countywide Household hazardous and E-Waste Collection event is taking place in Hawthorne on September 20, 2025:

**WHAT:** County of Los Angeles residents will have the opportunity to safely dispose of household hazardous waste such as antifreeze, unused pharmaceuticals, car batteries, used motor oil, paint, pesticides, home-generated sharps waste such as hypodermic needles, pen needles, syringes, lancets, and intravenous needles, universal waste including household batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, and electronic waste (e-waste) such as TVs and monitors, computers, VCRs, stereos, and cell phones at the next free Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

**WHO:** The free Countywide Household Hazardous & E-Waste Collection Event Program is brought to residents by the County of Los Angeles and presented by Los Angeles County Public Works and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts in cooperation with the City of Hawthorne and the neighboring cities of Carson, Compton, Culver City, El Segundo, Gardena, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance.

**WHERE:** Betty Ainsworth Sports Center

3851 W. El Segundo Boulevard (El Segundo Boulevard and Doty Avenue) Hawthorne

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 20, 2025 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**WHY:** Los Angeles County Public Works and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts conduct more than 40 free Household Hazardous Waste & E-Waste Collection Events annually throughout the County to provide residents with a convenient way to rid their homes of unwanted hazardous materials. Because hazardous waste can pollute the environment, it is illegal to discard these items in trashcans, sinks and storm drains. The Collection Events are part of a campaign to promote public awareness of proper disposal practices of household hazardous and e-waste and to provide a convenient, free disposal option.

#### LINK:

For more information, go to: <https://www.lacsd.org/services/solid-waste/household-hazardous-waste-collection/hawthorne-09-20-25>

Or, contact Los Angeles County Public Works at (888) CLEAN LA or [www.CleanLA.com](http://www.CleanLA.com) or Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts at (800) 238-0173 or [www.lacsd.org/HHW](http://www.lacsd.org/HHW).

## SBWIB Awarded \$993,000 to Expand Opportunities for People with Disabilities

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) has been awarded a \$993,000 grant through California's Disability Access, Equity, and Inclusion (DAEI) Initiative, a statewide effort designed to break down barriers and expand employment opportunities for people with disabilities. This initiative, launched by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) and the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), is part of a broader strategy to ensure individuals with disabilities have equitable access to the workforce services and career opportunities they deserve.

The funding will support individuals across the South Bay region through SBWIB's network of America's Job Centers of California (AJCCs). Participants will benefit from career counseling, vocational training, paid work experience, apprenticeships, supportive services, and employer connections that can lead to long-term, sustainable careers.

"This investment ensures that individuals with disabilities in our region have equitable access to training, support, and pathways into high-demand industries," said Jan Vogel, SBWIB Executive Director. "People with disabilities bring incredible talent and resilience

to the workforce, and with the right support, they can thrive in careers that strengthen our entire community."

#### Meeting a Critical Community Need

The South Bay region is home to more than 680,000 residents, and nearly 13%—or 88,000 people—identify as having a disability. Many face significant barriers to employment, including stigma, lack of accessible transportation, limited awareness of available programs, and employer bias. National data shows that people with disabilities are unemployed at nearly twice the rate of those without disabilities.

By investing in targeted outreach, inclusive services, and partnerships, SBWIB aims to close this gap and create new pipelines into industries such as healthcare, manufacturing, aerospace, digital media, and education.

#### How the Program Works

Through the DAEI grant, SBWIB will expand inclusive services across its four AJCCs in Inglewood, Carson, Gardena, and Torrance. These centers will serve as hubs where individuals with disabilities can receive personalized support, explore career

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## Entertainment

### Check It Out

#### Reflection: A Twisted Tale by Elizabeth Lim

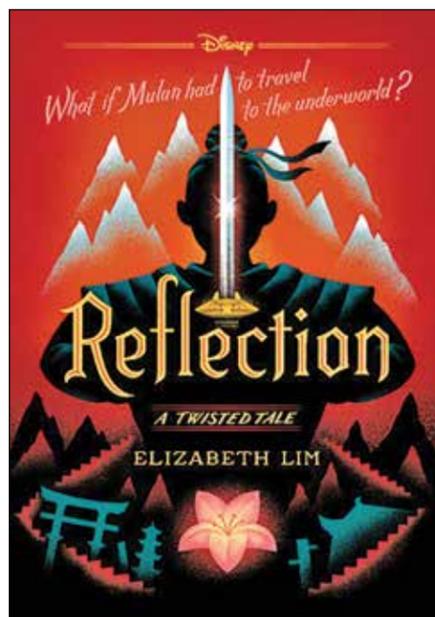
By Kim Harris, El Segundo Middle School Library Assistant El Segundo Middle School

*Reflection: A Twisted Tale* by Elizabeth Lim is a reimagining of Mulan's story after the snowstorm and the fight against the Huns takes place in the Disney movie *Mulan*. It is a middle grade/YA book with many plot twists and turns and integrates Chinese Mythology throughout the book. If you have seen the movie *Mulan*, you know that she disguises herself as a boy to fight in her father's place against the Huns. She learns how to fight, makes friends within her unit, and secretly falls in love with her Captain, Shang. When Captain Shang is mortally wounded protecting Ping (Mulan's alias in the Imperial Army) by Shan Yu in battle, Mulan must travel to the Underworld, Diyu, to save Shang from death. However, King Yama, the ruler of Diyu, will not willingly give Shang up. Every soldier and Chinese family have a guardian. Mu Shu the dragon is Mulan's guardian and ShiShi the stone lion is Shang's family's guardian. ShiShi and Mulan travel to Diyu to retrieve Shang's spirit and must escape by sunrise or become King Yama's prisoner forever.

Mulan blames herself for Shang's mortal death because Shan Yu meant to kill her. Shang stepped in front of her and took the blow rather than letting Mulan die. After dragging Shang across China to travel to the Royal Palace, Shang suffers while dying. ShiShi, Shang's guardian lion, teams up with Mulan to travel

to the Underworld Diyu to save Shang's soul. She encounters many obstacles and goddesses along the way to find Shang. The demons and others who inhabit Diyu try very hard to stop Mulan from rescuing Shang. They make her go through mazes, try to trick her and lead her astray. The Goddess of Forgetfulness, Meng Po, tries many times to convince Mulan that she needs to leave and let Shang stay in Diyu. She shows Mulan illusions of home and tries to get Mulan to drink tea that makes you forget everything in the past. Mulan doesn't fall for it and escapes with Shang and ShiShi's help.

My favorite part of the book is when Mulan meets her ancestors, Ren, Mei and Liwei. They help her along her journey and remind her that her family is always nearby and supportive in her decisions. Mulan managed to fool everyone in Diyu disguised as Ping. When Meng Po and Li Shang find out about her deception, both are surprised and dismayed that they didn't see through the disguise. Mulan harbors a lot of self-doubt throughout the book. She knows she made the right decision pretending to be Ping to protect her father but is fearful of the reactions and consequences she must face when returning home. How does Mulan deal with her deception? Do others understand her decision? Read the book to find out! I really enjoyed the integration of Chinese mythology and the continuation of the story of Mulan. Because I am not familiar with Chinese mythology, it was nice to read more about it and learn about Chinese culture. If you like the movie *Mulan*, this is the book for you! *Reflection: A Twisted Tale* and other books are available for checkout utilizing your library card. Check out the library to find a great book! •



Reflection: A Twisted Tale by Elizabeth Lim.



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## Kali Hotel and Rooftop Has Been Topped Off



The ceremonial steel beam was raised, signaling completion of the building's structural frame. This new landmark will come to life ahead of premier sporting events in 2027 and beyond. Hollywood Park, where people can live, work, play and soon stay. Photo courtesy Hollywood Park Facebook page.

metro.net/clineext

### Next stop: more rail in the South Bay.

#### The Final EIR for the C Line Extension to Torrance Project is Now Available

Metro has released the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the C Line (Green) Extension to Torrance Project. The Final EIR addresses more than 2,000 public comments submitted during the Draft EIR review period.

#### What's Next?

Metro will collect and compile public input on the project to share with the Metro Board before the Board takes an action on the project. At a public meeting, anticipated in fall 2025, the Metro Board will vote to consider certification of the Final EIR and approval of the project.

Please sign up for updates, learn more, view the Final EIR, and stay engaged by visiting [metro.net/clineext](https://metro.net/clineext). Share your comments on the project through the following channels:

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pathways, and access training that leads to employment.

#### Participants will be offered:

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- Employer engagement opportunities that introduce participants to companies committed to inclusive hiring.
- Paid work experience, internships, and apprenticeships to build real-world skills.
- Supportive services such as stipends, technology, and accommodations to overcome barriers to participation.

A key element of the initiative is SBWIB's partnership with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). Together, SBWIB and DOR will co-enroll participants, streamline services, and provide benefits counseling so individuals can make informed decisions about work, training, and long-term career planning.

#### Building Inclusive Career Pathways

The project will also expand partnerships with local colleges, nonprofits, and employers to create inclusive career pathways. El Camino College and West Los Angeles College will provide accessible vocational training and connect students with disabilities to job opportunities. Community-based organizations

will help with outreach to underrepresented populations, while employers will play an advisory role to ensure training aligns with industry needs.

SBWIB will also host employer inclusion training, helping companies better understand workplace accommodations. "Employer awareness is one of the biggest barriers people with disabilities face," Vogel said. "By working directly with businesses, we can create more welcoming workplaces and open doors for qualified, talented individuals."

#### A Lasting Impact

The \$993,000 grant will have an immediate and long-term impact. Hundreds will benefit through co-enrollment with other SBWIB and DOR programs. Beyond the grant period, SBWIB will leverage additional funding to sustain services, ensuring individuals with disabilities can continue to access opportunities for years to come.

"This is more than a grant—it's a statement of values," Vogel emphasized. "It says that California is serious about these programs, and that the SBWIB is committed to being a model for how workforce systems can meet the needs of every resident."

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**An employer and stakeholder consortium** which brings together those interested in **growing and expanding apprenticeship across Southern California** and:

- creates employment opportunities for job seekers,
- uplifts underrepresented communities and those with employment barriers,
- provides employers with a quality pipeline of world-class local talent.

## SCAN's purpose:

We provide a forum for business, government, educators, workforce boards, community-based organizations, labor, and other interested parties to come together to share information, access resources and work together to grow apprenticeship programs across Southern California and the State—to support the State's apprenticeship enrollment and placement goals of 500,000 apprentices by 2029.

## Attend monthly meetings:



### Become an Active Member

Monthly virtual SCAN meetings occur the second Thursday of the month from 12:00-1:00pm PT on Teams. The meetings are an opportunity to learn about resources and connect with others across the region around apprenticeship.



### Share Apprenticeship Needs

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Metro South Bay Service Council Monthly Meeting Review for October 10, 2025  
Overview Compiled by Donald Szerlip, Chairman

A Safety Tip was given by Transportation Planning Manager Matt Lazo. He reminded everyone to let passengers exit before entering and to not block the doors on busses and trains.

Minutes from the September 12, 2025 meeting were approved.

An overview of the LIFE Pass program was given by the program's Director Heidi Jackson. The LIFE Pass provides transportation assistance to low-income individuals throughout Los Angeles County. Participants receive a 90 Day Pass (new participants only) plus 20 free regional rides per month. Patrons can sign up and renew LIFE Pass programs on-line. Devon Deming, Deputy Executive Officer, gave an overview of the GoPass Program which offers students at participating K-12 and Community College Districts unlimited free rides on Metro bus and rail, as well as on 19 additional transit agencies through LA County. At long last, Beach Cities Transit has joined the program. Other participating South Bay Agencies include Gardena Transit (GTrans), Lawndale Beat and Torrance Transit. The GoPass TAP card works at any time, including evenings and weekends. Both programs discussed do extensive community outreach to gain participants.

Brian Calvert from ICF Consulting gave an outline of the project to install Zero Emission Bus Charging Infrastructure at Division 18. Currently the project is undergoing a Business Case & Equity Analysis. With a Metro Board review and approval in early 2026, the project will move into its Design and Procurement Phase. Construction is projected to begin in 2027 with Operation and Maintenance targeted for 2028. Metro is seeking a SB 922 Statutory Exemption under CEQA.

The Service Council discussed creating a support letter for changing the Vermont/Athens Station Parking Lot to Paid Parking. Though staff presented many of the answers to the questions posed by the Council at the September meeting when this was initially discussed, there was no comment from Supervisor Mitchell's office. This item was carried over until receipt of the Supervisor's comments.

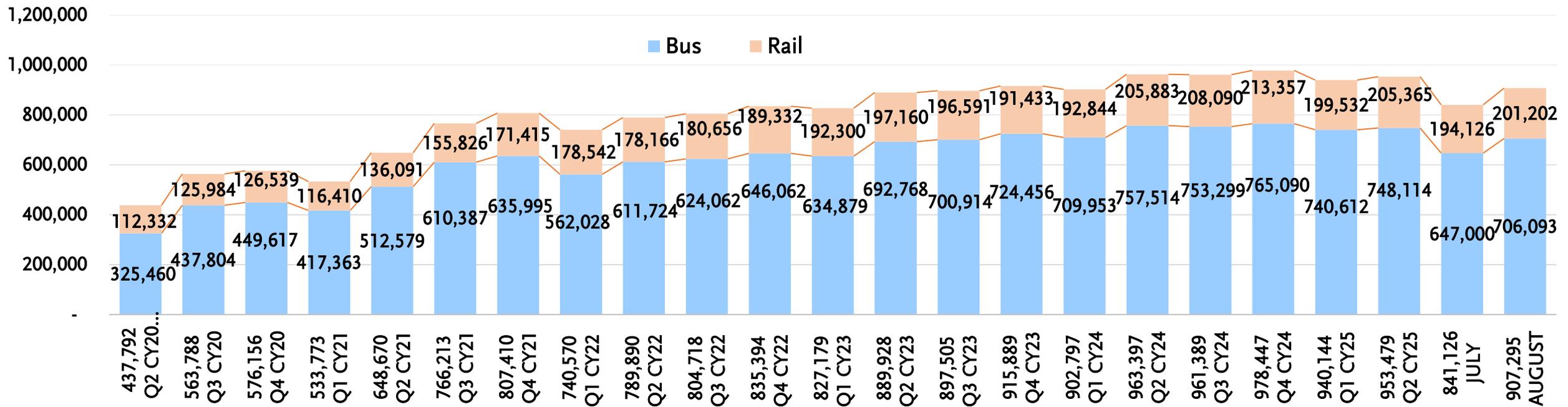
The Council next discussed the options for changing of the day and time of the monthly meetings. After extensive discussion the Council took no action. The preferred available meeting time is the first Thursday of each month at 5 PM. Our newest member, Andrea Reilly, said that she has a standing conflict on that day and time. The Council then considered meeting on the third Monday of each month. Mondays have holiday conflicts and the third Monday would not allow for timely feedback to Metro Board Committees. This item was carried over.

The Council discussed going dark for December. Staff recommended we carry this item over in the hopes there will be a decision about future meeting day and time at our next meeting.

Regional updates were presented by Wayne Wassell, Service Planning Director, Transportation Planning Manager Matt Lazo and Dolores Ramos, Service Councils Senior Manager. Highlights included average weekday ridership in the South Bay Council area in August of 218,699 patrons. This is only exceeded by those in the Westside Council area. Systemwide weekday boardings for August were in excess of 907,000. Cancelled service, usually as a result of drivers calling in sick, remains below 2% on all lines. Metro Stops and Zones has facilitated the relocation of 1,500 stops to the far side of the intersections during the past year. Bus priority lanes are being installed along Florence Avenue from West Blvd to the Florence A Line station. Lanes will be active weekdays between 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Numerous events supported by Metro were highlighted including the Roots & Routes Marketplace at Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station, CicLAvia and the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Soul.

The meeting concluded following Council Member Comments and Public Comments on Non-agenda Items. During Member Comments a request was made for staff to bring a letter supporting the C Line FEIR onto our next agenda for consideration.

Respectfully submitted on October 16, 2025  
Donald Szerlip  
Chair - Metro South Bay Service Council



### August Total Ridership % Change 2025 over 2024

- Bus: -7.9%      Rail: -2.2%
- Monitoring ridership for impacts from workers returning to full time office attendance, impacts of ICE activity.

### Aug Avg Daily System % of Pre-Pandemic Ridership

2025	2019	%Pre-Covid
• DX: 907,295	1,169,680	78%
• SA: 667,206	755,167	88%
• SU: 573,658	605,214	95%

### Average Weekday Ridership By Line – Aug 2025

Line	Aug 2025	% Recovery	Aug 2024	% Recovery	Aug 2019
A/E/L	114,859	71.3%	115,802	71.9%	161,139
B/D	60,170	47.1%	65,690	51.5%	127,642
C/K	26,173	89.3%	23,856	81.4%	29,295

Recovery compares 2025 and 2024 against 2019 with A/E/L compared as a group due to Regional Connector, using June 2018 for A Line due to New Blue impacts. K Line began operation in Oct 2022. Century/Aviation Station opened in Oct 2024 and LAX/MTC opened in June 2025

### Ridership Analysis Relative to Equity Focus Communities (Metro 2022 EFC Map):

- Bus – Percent of all weekday bus activity within Equity Focus Communities increased from 73% in Oct 2019 to 79.1% in August 2025 (bus stop data available month to month)
- Rail – Percent of all weekday rail activity within EFCs increased from 51.7% in FY19 to 76.4% in August 2025 (rail station data available month to month)

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