

**SBCCOG Board of Directors' Meeting
Thursday, August 28, 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. Both written and oral comments will be part of the official record.

SBCCOG Board Members:

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ACCESSING THE MEETING:

VIRTUAL: For the public and guests, receive Zoom meeting credentials in advance by using the below link to RSVP:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqdemtqD4rGtbjByVXITR_i2jhXNm08lVd Or by phone dial (669) 444-9171 and enter Meeting ID: 867 2056 5102; Passcode: 895604

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. July 24, 2025 minutes (attachment) – Approve (Pages 7-15)**

- B. Contract with Sanitation Districts** (*attachment*) – Approve (Pages 17-19)
- C. SBCCOG Agency Partnership Policy** (*attachments*) – Approve (Pages 21-24)
- D. Board Officer Elections Policy and Procedures** (*attachment*) – Approve (Pages 25-26)
- E. Legislative Matrix** (*attachment*) – Receive and file (Pages 27-35)
NOTE: The Steering Committee took these positions because the legislature will be concluding its session on August 31, 2025
 - 1. Support: AB261, AB 300, SB 454, SB 346, SB 74
 - 2. Oppose unless amended: SB 707
 - 3. Oppose: AB 1061
- F. Outstanding Dues as of 8/21/25**
 - 1. City of Los Angeles – in process
- G. SBCCOG Monthly Reports – Receive and File**
 - 1. City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings (*attachment*) (Page 37)
 - 2. Client Aid Report (*attachment*) (Page 39)
 - 3. Media Report (*attachment*) (Pages 41-45)
 - 4. Transportation Report (*attachment*) (Pages 47-52)

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Reduce Carbon Emissions by Reducing Power Demand:
Micro-Mobility, Household Appliances and Building Retrofits – 6:15 pm**
 - 1. Wally Siembab and Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
- B. Clearwater Tunnel Update – 6:35 pm**
 - 1. Martha Tremblay, Assistant Chief Engineer, Sanitation Districts of LA County

VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATE – 6:50 pm

- A. General Assembly Topic and Title** (*attachment*) – Approve (Page 53)
- B. SBESC Projects and Programs** (*attachment*) (Pages 55-60)
- C. Homeless Services**
 - 1. TLS report (*attachment*) – Receive and file (Page 61)
 - 2. Measure A implementation updates
 - 3. Review Homeless Services contract template updates (*attachment*) – Receive and file (Pages 63-68)
 - 4. Measure A Contracts for Homeless Services (*attachment*) – Approve (Page 69)
- D. Senior Services**
- E. Transportation Reports**
 - 1. Metro Report – Board member James Butts/Mike Bohlke
 - 2. Micromobility Programs and Projects
- F. REAP 2.0 Updates – 7:35 pm**
 - 1. Commercial Redevelopment to Housing
 - 2. Housing Trust Feasibility Study
- G. South Bay Fiber Network**

1. Resolution 2025-2 – Rescinding Resolution 2025-1 (*attachment*) – **Approve (Pages 71-72)**

H. Other

IX. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – 7:55 pm

X. AGENCY REPORTS

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

- A. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Barry Waite) (*attachment*) **(Pages 73-74)**
- B. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Britt Huff, Jeff Kiernan, Bea Dieringer) (*attachment*) **(Pages 75-77)**
- C. County Department of Public Health (Alicia Chang) (*attachment*) **(Pages 79-83)**
- D. SCAG update (Erik Rodriguez)
 1. Regional Council (Mark Henderson, Mark Waronek, Drew Boyles)
 2. Community, Economic, and Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Mark Waronek)
 3. Transportation (Bill Uphoff, Asam Sheikh)
 4. Energy and Environment (Britt Huff)
- E. Metro Service Council (Don Szerlip)
- F. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)
- G. AQMD update (Brandee Keith)
- H. Area G Emergency Management (Brandy Villanueva)
- I. California Association of Councils of Governments – CALCOG
- 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, September 25, 2025

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SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2025

City	April - 25	May - 25	June - 25	July - 25	August - 25
Carson	X	Hicks (AB 2449 virtual)	Hicks		
El Segundo		Baldino	Baldino		
Gardena	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Monteiro		Monteiro	Manning	
Hermosa Beach		Jackson		Jackson	
Inglewood	Butts	Butts			
Lawndale	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez Talavera (alt)	Suarez	
Lomita	Uphoff	Uphoff Waite (alt)	Uphoff Waite (alt)	Uphoff	
Los Angeles	X	X	X	X	
Manhattan Beach	Tarnay	Tarnay	Tarnay	Tarnay	
Palos Verdes Estates	Quinn	Quinn	Quinn	Quinn	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Bradley	Bradley	Bradley	Bradley	
Redondo Beach	Obagi	Waller	Obagi	Waller	
Rolling Hills				Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Stegura	Stegura	Stegura Huff (alt)	Stegura	
Torrance	Kaji	Mattucci	Kaji		
County of Los Angeles-2 nd District		Galicia	Galicia	Galicia	
County of Los Angeles- 4 th District		LaMarque		LaMarque	
Number of Active Members	17	17	17	17	
Quorum Required (50% +1)	10	10	10	10	
Number of Members Attending	12	15	13	13	

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

This grey chart (number of members present/number of affirmative votes required for action) is just a reference chart and doesn't have anything to do with the actual attendance from the chart above.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 24, 2025

IN-PERSON AT THE SBCCOG OFFICE

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

NO RECORDING IS AVAILABLE SINCE THIS WAS AN IN-PERSON ONLY MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Suarez of Lawndale called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

II. & III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Bacharach confirmed the posting of the agenda.

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Rodney Tanaka, Gardena
Katrina Manning, Hawthorne
Ray Jackson, Hermosa Beach
Irma Galicia, LA County D2
Jennifer LaMarque, LA County D4
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale
Bill Uphoff, Lomita

Nina Tarnay, Manhattan Beach
Craig Quinn, Palos Verdes Estates
David Bradley, Rancho Palos Verdes
Brad Waller, Redondo Beach
Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Debby Stegura, Rolling Hills Estates

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Adam Eliason, Civic Home
Andy Sywak, Metro
Jeff Kiernan, Cal Cities
Matt Lazo, Metro
McKenzie Neely-Wright, AT&T, Inc.
Mike Bohlke, Metro
Sara Deen, PVP USD
Andrey Mulligan, SBCCOG
Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
David Leger, SBCCOG

Eleanor Murphy, SBCCOG
Kevin Truong, SBCCOG
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Jake Romoff, SBCCOG
Karen Kanda, SBCCOG volunteer
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Ronson Chu, SBCCOG
Wally Siembab
Zoran Trifunovic, SBCCOG

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

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

Ms. McKenzie of AT&T, Inc. presented the goals related to the recent purchase of the Luman fiber network and landline telephone service. She reported that the proposal had passed out of the Assembly and was scheduled for a Senate hearing on July 15, where it received a 9–1 vote in favor. The measure was moving forward to the Judiciary Committee and would subsequently proceed to the Appropriations Committee. Ms. McKenzie noted that the item had been added to the agenda for the August 18 meeting. She emphasized the initiative's focus on modernizing

home telephone services and requested that members provide letters of support to advance the proposal.

Ms. Brianna Egan of South Bay Forward emailed a public comment in advance of the meeting sharing written and verbal feedback regarding the proposed Measure M Multi-Year Sub-Regional Programs (MSP) Project Selection Criteria. In the email and documents shared Ms. Egan urged the Board to revise the MSP selection criteria to prioritize safety, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction, and mode shift, while eliminating outdated Level of Service (LOS) metrics. The letters attached to her public comment recommended adding bus rapid transit (BRT) lanes, express bus services, Class IV bike lanes, bicycle highways, and traffic calming measures to the project examples, as well as developing a comprehensive regional transportation plan similar to those of the San Gabriel Valley COG and Westside Cities COG to guide future funding priorities. She asked the Board to incorporate these recommendations into the MSP selection criteria and consider them in the upcoming annual update process through the Infrastructure Working Group. The public comment is accessible using the following link: https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/24130507/PUBLIC-COMMENT_Email-3-Letters_South-Bay-Forward.pdf

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

There was a request to remove Item G. Outstanding Dues from the Consent Calendar and to add an update on the Fiber network to the end of the reports.

MOTION by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Stegura, to REMOVE Item G from the Consent Calendar. No Abstentions. No Objections. MOTION Passes.

A. June 26, 2025 minutes (*attachments*) – Approved

B. Fifth Amendment with McGowan Consulting for Integrated Pest Management website posting and marketing in support of the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group and the Peninsula Watershed Management Group (funds to the SBCCOG) (*attachment*) – Approved

C. Consultant for REAP 2.0 Micro Mobility Hubs Project (*attachment*) – Approved

D. Audio Visual Equipment for the Office (*attachments*) – Approved

E. HR Compensation and Classification Study (*attachments*) – Approved

F. Legislative Matrix & 2 Year Bills (*attachments*) – Received and filed

H. 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*)

Regarding Item D, Board Member Dieringer emphasized the need to obtain approval for the sound equipment prior to any move and to ensure such approval is factored in before submission in the future. Ms. Bacharach responded that the conference room was under construction until July 1 but that SHARP, our audio-visual consultant, had analyzed the room after it was finished. She noted that the actions taken will hopefully facilitate having the audio-visual system operational by August. Board Member Dieringer inquired about the construction details of the move, including the room's dimensions and existing equipment, and stressed that these factors should be taken into account.

MOTION by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Uphoff, to APPROVE the Consent Calendar. No Abstentions. No Objections. MOTION Passes.

G. Outstanding Dues as of 7/15/25

The Board discussed the City of Carson's decision not to renew its SBCCOG membership while still expressing interest in receiving program funds. Ms. Bacharach reported that the non-renewal letter has not been rescinded. She highlighted Carson's annual dues of approximately \$36,000 and detailed significant membership benefits, including \$200,000 in savings from the Heat Pump Water Heater Program, an estimated \$650,000 annual allocation from the Local Allocation Program, Measure M project funding totaling nearly \$29 million, and access to various memberships and resources. Board Member Bradley inquired about Carson's response to outreach and Board Member Jackson stated that several Board members had attempted to make contact without success. Board Member Bradley recommended sending a letter to the entire Carson City Council. Board Member Uphoff questioned whether Carson was entitled to receive earmarked funds, to which SBCCOG Staff David Leger confirmed the SBCCOG Board's authority over fund allocation approvals. Board Member La Marque emphasized the importance of Carson in hosting the General Assembly. Board Member Bradley noted it was unusual that the City ceased communication, with Board Member Jackson urging against disengagement. Ms. Bacharach highlighted the need for formal ratification of the letter and supported Board Member Stegura's request to seek legal counsel regarding the release of Measure M funds and the eligibility of non-member cities to participate. Additionally, Ms. Bacharach noted that Carson, the City of Los Angeles, and Redondo Beach (pending August 5 Council action) had outstanding dues as of July 15, 2025.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Housing Trust Feasibility Study Update

Chair Suarez introduced Mr. Adam Eliason, founding principal of CivicHome and an experienced affordable housing consultant, to provide an update on the Regional Housing Trust initiative. Mr. Eliason discussed the rationale for creating the Housing Trust, emphasizing the benefits of collaboration, technical expertise, and coordinated efforts among cities to secure additional housing funding. He noted that meeting housing goals is becoming more challenging and that the Housing Trust would offer a long-term, flexible funding source capable of pooling capital from multiple streams to address regional housing needs. Mr. Eliason outlined the process for establishing the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee and shared findings from recent needs assessments, including rising displacement issues and an affordable housing gap requiring 34,179 units. He explained that rent burdens consume 30% or more of household income for many residents and identified qualifying occupations for affordable housing. He detailed the structure and establishment of housing trusts, noting there are 78 in California and nearly 800 nationwide. Benefits include helping cities meet RHNA requirements, reducing state penalties, and providing direct project funding. He cited examples of potential funding sources such as LACAHSAs and Measure A and described the process and schedule for setting up the Trust, with plans to present final recommendations and a strategic plan to the Board for approval. Board Member Waller inquired about benefits for non-participating cities; Mr. Eliason responded that such cities would be limited in what they could receive. Board Member Uphoff noted that the SBCCOG would manage initial allocations from LACAHSAs and Measure A. Ms. Bacharach indicated that more details would be provided by SBCCOG Staff Ronson Chu and addressed questions regarding costs, noting cities would need to decide on participation based on funding availability and responsibilities. Board Member Jackson asked about funding availability, and Mr. Eliason explained that the Trust would function like a bank, handling assessments, compliance, technical assistance, and allocations. Board Member Stegura questioned the value

for smaller cities able to meet RHNA independently; Mr. Eliason said participation could provide access to Trust-managed programs and technical assistance. Board Member La Marque inquired about the nonprofit aspect, to which Mr. Eliason responded that capacity building would be considered. Chair Suarez asked if Strategic Plan Advisory Committee meetings were open to Board members, and Ms. Bacharach confirmed that SBCCOG Board members could attend.

B. Civic Spark Fellows final report

1. Kevin Truong

Kevin Truong presented his CivicSpark fellowship projects supporting SBCCOG's energy and climate initiatives. He reviewed his work on greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories, including data validation, preparation of draft reports, and providing webinars and presentations to city staff. He reported that the next steps would include updating Climate Action Plans, developing emissions forecasts, and pursuing grant opportunities. Mr. Truong also provided an update on the Energy Resilience Action Plan (ERAP), which included coordinating energy audits with city staff, conducting community outreach, and collecting over 210 resident survey responses regarding desired services at resiliency hubs. He noted that the next step would be to finalize and share ERAP reports. Mr. Truong further discussed compliance with AB 802 by working with city staff to review utility data and prepare benchmarking reports for ten cities. He highlighted his role in organizing quarterly Energy Management Working Group meetings with city and school district staff to explore facility improvements, energy efficiency programs, and available incentives. Additionally, he shared progress from the South Bay Energy and Climate Recognition Program, including Torrance's attainment of Platinum status. He also referenced his contributions to GIS projects, including supporting the Story Maps archive and creating a poster on West Basin's Water Bottle Filling Station Program.

2. Zoran Trifunovic

Zoran Trifunovic reported on his contributions as a CivicSpark Fellow with SBCCOG, focusing on communications, outreach, volunteer coordination, and program implementation. He stated that he authored and published three press releases, produced numerous articles, and developed a Social Media Policy for SBCCOG. He worked with Colleen to produce social media analytics and noted that more than 200 social media posts had been published across four platforms. He also highlighted the outreach team's impact, reporting that SBCCOG hosted over 120 outreach events and met its contract deliverables with LACSD through Speaker's Bureau presentations. Mr. Trifunovic described his role in managing monthly partner meetings and overseeing the volunteer program. He noted that volunteer engagement had doubled, supported by the launch of a volunteer hour-tracking tool, updated reporting, and field trip activities. He emphasized that this was the highest level of volunteer hours tracked since 2016. Mr. Trifunovic also reported on environmental program implementation, including the Commercial Direct Install Program that audited 40 businesses and returned 22 proposals, as well as organic waste management and public education initiatives. He highlighted the City of Rolling Hills' first organic waste workshop, which was very well attended. Additionally, Mr. Trifunovic described his GIS contributions, including the creation of a West Basin GIS map capturing all SBCCOG events since 2020 and archiving Story Maps to preserve program records. He concluded by noting that he has transitioned to a full-time Project Coordinator role with SBCCOG and plans to continue expanding outreach, environmental programming, and sustainable resource management efforts.

C. Introduction to a Technology Service

Mr. Siembab presented a video of a non-existent company, BioNautica, and highlighted its realistic look as well as the cost differences between conventional production and AI-assisted

production. He explained that traditional production costs range from \$500,000 to \$1 million, whereas the BioNautica video was completed using AI tools such as Google VEO3 and ChatGPT at a direct cost of \$160. He emphasized the importance of critical thinking in evaluating AI outputs and underscored the need to democratize access to AI tools to avoid concentration in the hands of wealthy organizations. Mr. Siembab highlighted potential municipal applications of AI, including anticipating questions from elected officials, predicting outcomes of investment and policy decisions, reviewing building plans, and forecasting public resource needs. He also noted concerns that Hollywood's role as a regional wealth driver is being diminished and that AI requires significant electricity consumption, potentially necessitating micro-grids to sustain quality of life. Ms. Bacharach asked if the Board was interested in establishing an AI Working Group. Chair Suarez expressed support, and Board Member Uphoff cautioned about unintended consequences. Board Member Tarnay referenced Hawthorne's chatbot system, noting it had been helpful in saving staff time, and Ms. Manning affirmed that chatbots were beneficial given city staff workloads. Board Member Waller indicated his interest in joining the AI Working Group and exploring custom AI applications, particularly those that could reduce staff burden. Board Member Jackson inquired whether the Working Group would provide suggestions for the Board, with Mr. Siembab responding that it would serve as a testing ground for the SBCCOG and provide updates on municipal AI applications. The Board agreed to consider forming the AI Working Group in the Fall, with interested members asked to notify Ms. Bacharach.

VII.SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATE

A. SBESC Projects and Programs (*attachment*)

SBCCOG Deputy Director Kim Fuentes reported that the LA County Office of Sustainability awarded an environmental grant to support a South Bay Biodiversity Plan. She explained that the project would provide recommendations for integrating biodiversity features into open spaces across the South Bay, with an educational component to be developed in collaboration with universities and city staff. Board Member Manning noted that the Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy expressed interest in presenting at a future Board meeting. She also referenced the grant process, a new funding tool, and additional funding opportunities. She shared that the City of Hawthorne had recently received a grant to remodel an area within the city. Board Member Dieringer inquired about the types of projects that would be included under the grant, and Ms. Fuentes reiterated that the focus would be on enhancing open spaces. Board Member Manning emphasized the importance of the new grant process and funding availability for cities. The Board agreed that updates on the grant implementation, project opportunities for open space improvements, and potential collaborations with local organizations should be brought forward for further discussion at future meetings.

B. Homeless Services

1. Measure A Programs and Budget and Contracts from County & LACAHSa (*attachments*) – Approved

- a. Draft LA County Local Solutions Fund Contract - entire document available here:
https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/17153024/13-full-document_LA-County-Local-Solutions-Fund-Contract-FULL-MOU-1.pdf
- b. Draft Local Solutions Fund MOU with Vendors Template (Hawthorne Sample)
- c. LACAHSa MOU

SBCCOG staff Ronson Chu presented the homeless count and provided an update on the status of homelessness in the South Bay. He reported that under the LAHSA Board Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the LA County Local Solutions Fund Contract, the SBCCOG would be receiving \$11.1 million in funding. He explained that he would meet with each city to determine commitments and clarified, in response to Board Member Jackson's inquiry, that

funds must be expended within the fiscal year. Mr. Chu stated that the majority of funds would be directed toward income subsidies, constituent outreach, and technical assistance to help cities leverage CalAIM funding and build capacity. He emphasized the importance of mandatory data coordination for reporting and highlighted the need for additional finance and accounting support. He noted that ideas for the Program Planning and Operations (PPO) budget were being solicited and that meetings with city staff, housing authorities, and developers were planned to craft a comprehensive strategy. Mr. Chu also informed the Board that prevailing wage requirements would apply to all construction projects. He reviewed eviction data, citing 2,585 cases in the South Bay, with a 99% eviction rate when tenants lacked legal representation. He highlighted the work of Stay Housed LA in the region, noting that SBCCOG funding would supplement their efforts in prevention legal services and rental income subsidies. He also explained that CalAIM reimbursements could be used to cover transitional rent for up to six months. Ms. Bacharach confirmed that the funding program documents had been reviewed by legal counsel and would be incorporated into the budget. Board Member Dieringer requested to review the redlined version of the MOU to identify substantive changes, with Mr. Chu clarifying that such changes primarily involved indemnification clauses. Mr. Chu indicated the final version would be brought back to the Board. Board Member Huff asked about employment-related opportunities tied to wraparound subsidies, and Mr. Chu noted that employment-related qualifications could be further detailed. The Board agreed to continue reviewing the LA County Local Solutions Fund Contract and associated MOU to ensure clarity on program activities, legal protections, and employment-related provisions. Staff was directed to bring back additional details, including redlined documents and draft budget allocations, for Board review at a future meeting.

MOTION by Board Member Quinn, seconded by Board Member Dieringer, to APPROVE the final version presented for information purposes for the Measure A Programs and Budget and Contracts from County & LACAHS. No Abstentions. No Objections. MOTION Passes.

C. Senior Services

Mr. Chu reported on the Senior Services meeting held on Tuesday during which the City of Torrance discussed initiatives related to senior transit services and PACE funding to support seniors. He also noted that the Beach Cities Health District was exploring opportunities to improve services in alignment with these initiatives.

D. Transportation Reports

1. Transportation Committee report
 - a. Measure M MSP Local Allocation Program Policies (*attachment*) – **Approved**
 - b. Objective Measures for Measure M MSP Project Selection Criteria (*attachment*) – **Approved**

Ms. Bacharach shared the ongoing work related to Measure M and emphasized the importance of updating the project selection criteria. SBCCOG Staff David Leger shared a presentation on the Measure M Local Program policies and project selection framework. He explained that the Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) is divided into Highway Efficiency Operational Improvements (HEOI) and Transportation System & Mobility Improvements Programs (TSMIP 1 & 2). The presentation outlined how projects are currently scored and how revisions would improve equity, sustainability, and alignment with regional goals. Mr. Leger also mentioned recommendations from stakeholders listed under public comments.

The presentation is accessible using the following link: https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/24200157/PRESENTATION_07.2025-MM-Policy-Board-Update.pdf

MOTION by Board Member Stegura, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to APPROVE Measure M MSP Local Allocation Program Policies and the Objective Measures for Measure M MSP Project Selection Criteria. No Abstentions. No Objections. MOTION Passes.

2. Metro Report – Board member James Butts/Mike Bohlke

Mike Bohlke presented on the SoFi Stadium transit operations and referenced ongoing discussions with Metro regarding funding allocations and claw-back provisions. He noted that Metro had expressed concerns about councils of governments (COGs) holding unused funds and indicated that Metro expected COGs to contribute to the Subregional Investment Program in preparation for the 2028 Olympics. For the record, Mr. Bohlke read a statement submitted by Mayor Butts accessible using the following link: https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/16232912/Mike-Bolke-Metro-Report_Butts-Comments.pdf He further noted that Metro staff had scheduled meetings with COGs in September to address contract close-out matters. Ms. Bacharach reported that all COG directors had convened to discuss funding design and prioritization for projects already in progress. Board Member Uphoff mentioned that the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National League of Cities had developed a template that could be adapted for use by the SBCCOG.

Andy Sywak of Metro introduced Matt Lazzo, who presented the shuttle service to SoFi Stadium for the 2025–2026 NFL season. Mr. Lazzo outlined the shuttle path opening August 9, 2025, and explained operational logistics including C & K Line platform escalators that would connect passengers from rail to stadium egress. In response to questions, Mr. Lazzo confirmed that the rail lines would operate until midnight in ten-minute increments. Board Member Bradley inquired whether Metro would subsidize the shuttle service, noting the irony of providing subsidies to a multi-million-dollar NFL enterprise. Board Member Jackson asked why a dedicated bus lane had not been established. Mr. Sywak responded that Arbor Vitae Street is a four-lane corridor and dedicating one lane would reduce mobility by 50%. Ms. Bacharach encouraged Board members to participate in the upcoming LAX Metro Station Tour. Mr. Sywak also noted Metro's deployment of smart restroom facilities, increases in ridership, and the opening of new A Line stations. He further highlighted that the K Line is currently the longest continuous rail line in the nation. The presentation is accessible using the following link: https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/24200154/PRESENTATION_SoFi-Stadium-Shuttles-for-NFL-Season-2025-26.pdf

3. Micromobility Programs and Projects

a. Local Travel Network

i. LTN Project Management & Technical Services RFQ Consultant Bench - (*attachment*)

Approved

b. E-Bike Safety Issues

Ms. Bacharach reported on staffing challenges in cities related to project implementation and noted the lack of staff capacity in cities to adequately support the LTN work. To address this issue, the SBCCOG has established a consultant bench to assist cities in conducting Local Transportation Network (LTN) activities. She emphasized that the bench of vetted consultants will be made available directly to the cities to ensure timely progress providing them more staff assistance. Cities would contract with bench consultants directly. Board Member Dieringer inquired about the amount of funds spent by the SBCCOG on this effort. In response, Ms. Bacharach clarified that the funding originated from Measure M allocations and confirmed that the City of Lomita was currently making use of these resources.

MOTION by Board Member Jackson, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to APPROVE LTN Project Management & Technical Services RFQ Consultant Bench. No Abstentions. No Objections. MOTION Passes.

E. REAP 2.0 Updates

1. Commercial Redevelopment to Housing

Ms. Bacharach reported that the selected consultant was confirmed, and the project would be moving forward.

SBFN Updates

Ms. Bacharach informed the Board that the previously selected firm, RSG, for the fiber network has been unable to secure financing and would no longer be proceeding with buying the fiber network. As a result, she has been working with American Dark Fiber, the current owner/operator who has assured uninterrupted reliable service will continue. They are also working with SBCCOG on finding a new operator and expansion plans. Ms. Bacharach further noted that, due to this development, the previously adopted resolution would need to be rescinded. Mr. Mike Jenkins was assigned the responsibility of drafting the rescinding resolution for Board review. However, she suggested postponing the formal rescission resolution for one month and planned to return at the next Board meeting with the revised resolution.

E. Office Move Updates (*attachment*)

Mr. Leger reported on the audio-visual (AV) project, noting that the final costs had been reviewed and confirmed to be within budget. The Board acknowledged that Mr. Leger had done an excellent job in managing the project to completion. The Board reviewed and approved the Steering Committee's recommendation to proceed with the SHARP AV system at a cost of \$68,115.85 plus tax, with funding to come from the SBCCOG's fund balance. The system will address sound quality issues for both in-person and virtual participation. Ms. Bacharach mentioned that the newly equipped room would now be available for rental use, providing an additional resource and potential revenue stream for the organization.

IX. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 31 Tour of LAX/Metro Station – 10 am

August 14 Legislative Briefing – virtual, 9 am

Jeff Kiernan of Cal Cities discussed the upcoming League Dinner with Board Member Huff, being installed as President by LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn. The swearing-in ceremony at the dinner will be on August 7 at the PV Golf Club. Senator Ben Allen is confirmed to attend in person. Mr. Kiernan provided an update on SB 445, emphasizing its focus on high-speed rail and noting that he had notified the cities regarding its progress.

Board Member Dieringer reported that AB 470 had been opposed by the LA Division, raising concerns about copper land lines. She mentioned ongoing discussions with Senator Ben Allen but stressed that broader opposition was still needed.

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, Bea Dieringer) (*attachment*)
- b. SCAG update (Erik Rodriguez) (*attachment*)
 - i. Regional Council (Mark Henderson, Jim Gazeley, Drew Boyles)

- ii. Community, Economic, and Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Mark Waronek)
- iii. Transportation (Bill Uphoff, Asam Sheikh)
- iv. Energy and Environment (Britt Huff)
- c. Metro Service Council (Don Szerlip) (*attachment*)
- d. County Department of Public Health (Alicia Chang) (*attachment*)
- e. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle) (*attachment*)
- f. AQMD update (Brandee Keith)
- g. Area G Emergency Management (Brandy Villanueva)
- h. California Association of Councils of Governments – CALCOG (Britt Huff)
- i. South Bay Aerospace Alliance (David Bradley/Rodney Tanaka)
- j. Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy (Katrina Manning)
- k. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Dean Francois/ Zein Obagi)
- l. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Barry Waite)

3. ADJOURNMENT

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Suarez adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm until the next Board Meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted:
 Natalie Champion
 SBCCOG Staff

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Sustainability Program Partnership Between Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County and South Bay Cities Council of Governments

SCOPE OF WORK (July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026)

This Scope of Work (SOW) covers the programs and activities that the South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC), a program of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), will conduct in support of the sustainability programs of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (Sanitation Districts), commencing on July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The total agreement amount is \$49,000.

Section I. Program Overview

The sustainability program partnership between the Sanitation Districts and the SBCCOG has been advancing the Sanitation Districts' mission since 2008. SBCCOG includes the unincorporated South Bay areas of Los Angeles County and 16 participating cities: Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, and the Los Angeles 15th Council District, which represents the communities of San Pedro, Harbor City/Harbor Gateway, and Wilmington. The SBCCOG has access to all South Bay member city elected officials who are invited to participate in person or by name through sponsorships or endorsements.

The program will primarily be delivered through the SBESC, a local clearinghouse for sustainability information and education. The SBESC is operated by the SBCCOG and receives funding from West Basin Municipal Water District, SoCal Gas the Sanitation Districts, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN), and the Water Replenishment District. The SBESC has increased the exposure and availability of sustainability programs to the South Bay community. This collaborative effort integrates regional partnerships to encourage energy savings and water conservation with the Sanitation Districts' mission to protect public health and the environment through innovative and cost-effective wastewater and solid waste management and, in doing so, convert waste into resources.

Section II. Program Elements

The marketing and promotion of existing and developing Sanitation Districts' sustainability programs is part of the work of the SBESC. This partnership allows for a wide range of conservation strategies to be presented to all sectors of the community at educational and outreach events, including virtual, in which SBESC participates.

Section III. Collaboration and Coordination

- A. SBESC will coordinate and host regular events to raise awareness of existing Sanitation Districts' sustainability programs in the South Bay Community. The SBESC will notify Public Information in advance of these events so coordination of public awareness can

be cooperatively facilitated. Note, there may be last minute opportunities that the SBESC takes advantage of and those will be listed in the quarterly report to the Sanitation Districts

- B. SBESC will develop, maintain and promote the Sanitation Districts' mission and messages related to District's public engagement programs, including Districts' public events and public messaging campaigns (i.e. HHW events, Foundation events, rate increase notifications, tours, education programs, etc.).
- C. SBESC will share relevant information on programs and developments within the South Bay related to or of interest to the Sanitation Districts' operations and services for Public Information consideration.
- D. SBESC will partner with the Sanitation Districts to research, develop and collaborate on implementing additional outreach and engagement programs that support the Districts' mission and values. Advance notice sufficient to allow for Public Information staff review and decision making should be applied.

Section IV. Core Tasks

SBESC will perform the following core tasks as part of the SOW for \$35,000 of the \$49,000 budget.

Task 1: Standard Community Outreach, Promotional Events Training, Workshops and Facility Tours

- A. Collaborate with the Sanitation Districts' staff to disseminate existing educational and informational materials in support of the Districts' mission.
- B. Distribute information at SBCCOG Board meetings and other special events.
- C. Distribute updated, current and developing information to the SBCCOG member cities for inclusion in their websites, city newsletters, and recreational guides.
- D. Attend the 16-member cities' special events, including but not limited to fairs, seasonal exhibits, and farmers markets.
- E. Exhibit at Sanitation Districts' events in the South Bay when requested.
- F. Promote Sanitation Districts message at SBESC attended in person and virtual community and outreach events, presentations, workshops, and networking opportunities (expected to attend up to 100 between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026).
- G. Promote the value of the Sanitation Districts' wastewater management services.
- H. Include topics that promote the Sanitation Districts' mission in existing SBESC outreach presentations.
- I. Conduct 1 updated training session with volunteers on the Sanitation Districts' mission and programs at the start of new contract.
- J. Promote attendance at Sanitation Districts' Public Tours to elected officials, city employees, business leaders, and other members of the community at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant in Carson. Tours may be conducted in a virtual format.
- K. Collaborate with the Sanitation Districts' staff to schedule up to three public outreach presentations which can be done in person or in a virtual format.

Task 2: Annual Marketing, Advertising, and Media

- A. Market Sanitation Districts' events at Bixby Marshland and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection program events in the South Bay to businesses, residents,

- and municipalities.
- B. Include Sanitation Districts' outreach materials, when requested, in chamber of commerce newsletters, city newsletters, and event specific e-blasts. Include Sanitation Districts' information in the monthly SBESC e-newsletter.
- C. Use SBESC contacts to promote the Sanitation Districts' social media presence by directing traffic to the Districts' social media handles.
- D. Display the Sanitation Districts' pop-up banners for public viewing.
- E. Coordinate the placement or posting of promotional flyers/info posters at city counters.
- F. Promote Sanitation Districts' programs through SBCCOG/SBESC website, SBESC monthly e-newsletter, e-blasts, and social media platforms. Include Sanitation Districts provided articles in the SBESC monthly newsletter.

Section V.

For the remainder of the budget (\$14,000), in addition to the core tasks (Task 1 and 2) listed in Section IV, SBESC will perform the following Task 3.

Task 3: Strategic and Specific Community Outreach

- A. The SBESC will collaborate with the Sanitation Districts to identify specific projects and programs of regional interest to the South Bay communities such as the Districts' food waste recycling program, Clearwater school outreach, and the Regional Recycled Water Program.
- B. The SBESC will look for ways to integrate any workforce development activities from Districts' HR (or other departments) into the SBCCOG outreach. SBESC staff should confer with Sanitation Districts Workforce Development manager early in contract to plan opportunities.
- C. Collaborate with Sanitation Districts' staff to distribute outreach materials related to the identified projects and programs, including the Clearwater and Pure Water projects and other programs as identified by Sanitation Districts.
- D. Provide potential impacted residents, businesses, and municipalities with accurate and timely information provided by Sanitation Districts related to identified projects and programs, such as focused communications efforts regarding traffic impacts and mitigation measures related to the AK Warren treatment plant and operations.
- E. In coordination with Public Information staff, the SBESC will disseminate outreach materials to targeted residents, businesses, and municipalities.

Section VI. Reporting and Documentation

- A. The SBESC will develop end-of-program documents including a list of events and activities.
- B. The SBESC will submit quarterly invoicing and progress reports that include number of attendees, analytics, and engagements.
- C. The SBESC will submit quarterly analytics reports for the following digital media:
 - o E-blasts and E-newsletters
 - o Social media
 - o External website links on SBESC or SBCCOG website(s).
- D. A year-end summary of all key outreach metrics, including number of people or impressions or contacts generated, etc.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

August 28, 2025

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors
FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee
RE: SBCCOG Agency Partnership Policy

BACKGROUND

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) has collaborated with agencies for over 20 years to deliver sub-regional environmental and sustainability programs through the SBCCOG South Bay Environmental Services Center. These relationships have been formed on a program-by-program basis without a framework or formal criteria.

The SBCCOG current partners are:

- Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)
- Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro)
- Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN)
- SoCalGas
- Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD)
- West Basin Municipal Water District
- Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

At the June Steering Committee, and in light of the interest of the Clean Power Alliance in possibly becoming a partner, staff were directed to develop a policy to establish a consistent standard for what qualifies as a formal partnership. Attached is a draft policy that defines what constitutes a partner, outlines roles and responsibilities, and sets expectations for resource commitments that are supported by a tiered funding structure.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the Board approve the SBCCOG Agency Partnership Policy, which outlines expectations for engagement, program coordination, and financial commitments with agency partners such as utility companies, water districts and other special districts such as transportation agencies.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)

Agency Partnership Policy – August 28, 2025

Purpose

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) engages in strategic partnerships with other t agencies to promote and implement regional sustainability initiatives and collectively support our mutual goals. This policy outlines expectations, and requirements for agency partners, including utility companies, transportation authorities, water agencies, sanitation districts, air quality districts, special districts, alliances, and others yet to be identified.

I. Partnership Objectives

SBCCOG partnerships are designed to:

- Advance mutual goals in climate action, energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction, sustainable transportation, resilient communities, and improved air quality
- Extend the reach and impact of agency programs to South Bay audiences, including government agencies, businesses, residents, and school districts
- Foster collaborative implementation that leverages local networks, technical resources, and shared expertise

II. Criteria for Partnership

1. Strategic Alignment

- Partner's mission and programs must align with SBCCOG's sustainability and environmental goals
- Partnership activities should have clear relevance to the South Bay region and demonstrate potential for sub-regional impact

2. Financial Commitment

- Partner agencies must commit to a minimum of five years of funding, unless otherwise negotiated.
- Funding can support:
 - Program implementation and coordination
 - Outreach, engagement, and education
 - Research and analysis
- Contributions are financial and must be detailed in a formal agreement

3. True Collaboration

- The partnership must be structured as a two-way collaboration, not a sponsorship or grant-only relationship
- Expectations of agency partners include:
 - Assignment of a liaison for coordination

- Participation in planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs
- Sharing of technical knowledge and program materials
- Mutual promotion of agency mission, achievements, and activities
- Agency recognition of SBCCOG’s role in their programs and materials when applicable
- SBCCOG will:
 - Promote programs to relevant South Bay stakeholders
 - Provide regular communication and performance updates
- Provide input on design and help to manage programs that are aligned with agency goals

4. Outreach

- SBCCOG will promote agency programs using its regional communication platforms:
 - E-newsletters, social media, website, flyers, and e-blasts
 - Public events, workshops, and city presentations
- Agencies will be recognized in public materials as SBCCOG Program Partners.
- Joint branding opportunities will be based on program scope

5. Implementation Support

- SBCCOG will use its staff and extended network including volunteers, city liaisons, relationships with other public agencies, and community-based organizations, to support program implementation
- Partner agencies must support local implementation efforts for their organizations as needed (e.g., providing training, program data, resources)

6. Evaluation & Reporting

- Each partnership must include mutually agreed-upon metrics for success
- SBCCOG will provide annual reports summarizing outreach efforts, participation, outcomes, and lessons learned
- Regular coordination meetings will be held to refine strategies and share progress

7. Coordination

- Each partner agency will designate a representative responsible for ongoing communication with SBCCOG staff
- Partners are expected to attend monthly partner meetings to coordinate outreach efforts and maximize the effectiveness of the work.
- Where appropriate, partners may be invited to participate in SBCCOG working groups or serve in advisory roles.

III. Becoming a Partner

To initiate a partnership, interested agencies must:

Submit a letter of interest identifying mutual priorities, proposed programs, and level of support

- Meet with SBCCOG staff to develop a scope of work and timeline

- Enter into a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or funding agreement that outlines commitments, deliverables, and performance expectations

IV. Financial Commitment

To become a partner, the agency must agree to a minimum financial contribution to support program implementation, outreach, and coordination efforts.

1. The base partnership financial commitment starts at \$25,000 per year and increases based on scope of services, level of engagement, and regional impact.
2. Funding levels may be negotiated for agencies with unique program needs, specialized initiatives, or limited-service areas
3. Multi-year commitments (minimum 5 years) are expected to ensure continuity and regional impact

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

August 28, 2025

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Board Officer Elections Policy & Procedures

BACKGROUND

At the July Steering Committee meeting, direction was given to staff to establish a consistent, transparent, and equitable process for the nomination and election of SBCCOG Board Officers to include the Chair, 1st Vice Chair, and 2nd Vice Chair.

POLICY

Officers shall be elected to serve one-year terms starting July 1 of each year. All officers must be the official Board delegate (not alternate) from their city at the time of election.

Nomination Process - Starting in April of each year, the Executive Director shall start the process by soliciting interest from the membership of the Board of Directors through announcements at meetings and emails to the entire group (delegates and alternates). ‘

Members can nominate themselves or someone else on the Board by sending an e-mail to the Executive Director with their interest and indicating which position they are submitting their nomination for. If they nominate someone besides themselves, they should know that the person whose name they are submitting has indicated that they will serve if elected.

Members can also be nominated at the May Board meeting when the nominations submitted thus far are announced and the nominations are also opened from the floor.

Election Procedures - At the June Board of Directors meeting, nominations are closed. Each candidate will be given 3 minutes to speak and may present written information as well.

Members should consider the following criteria when voting:

- **Geographic representation** across the South Bay subregion

- **History of service**, including the last time a nominee's city held an officer position
- **Gender balance** to promote equitable leadership
- **Demonstrated interest and engagement** in SBCCOG activities

If a position has only one nominee, the election may be conducted by voice vote or acclamation.

If there are two or more nominees for the position, a written ballot shall be used. The Executive Director (or designee) shall verify the ballots, announce each city's vote for the record and announce a winner.

Vacancy - If a vacancy occurs in any officer position during the term, the Chair (or next-ranking officer if the Chair's position is vacant) shall initiate a special election, following the procedures outlined above.

RECOMMENDATION

The Steering Committee recommends this policy and procedures for Board approval.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

August 28, 2025

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Bills to Monitor – Status as of August 21, 2025

NOTE: **BOLD recommendation & status** indicates bill added since last Board meeting

		Position	Bill status
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
AB 986 (Muratsuchi)	State of emergency and local emergency: landslides and climate change. This bill would include a landslide among those conditions constituting a state of emergency or local emergency.	SUPPORT (5/22/25) (letter sent 8/6/25) LCC: SUPPORT	8/18/25 Senate Committee on Appropriations – Suspense File
ENVIRONMENT			
AB 261 (Quirk-Silva)	Fire safety: fire hazard severity zones: State Fire Marshal. This bill would allow the State Fire Marshal to confer with entities on the development of the fire hazard severity zone designations between periodic reviews of the maps being updated.	SUPPORT (8/11/25) (letter sent 8/14/25) LCC: SUPPORT	8/18/25 Senate Committee on Appropriations – Suspense File
AB 262 (Caloza)	California Individual Assistance Act. This bill would enact the California Individual Assistance Act to establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to local agencies, community-based organizations, and individuals for specified costs related to a disaster, as prescribed. The bill would require the director to allocate from the fund, subject to specified conditions, funds to meet the cost of expenses for those purposes. By authorizing increased expenditure of moneys from a continuously appropriated fund for a new purpose, the bill would make an appropriation.	SUPPORT (4/7/25) (letter sent 8/6/25) LCC: SPONSOR	6/11/25 Senate Committee on Governmental Organization

<u>AB 300</u> (Lackey)	Fire hazard severity zones: State Fire Marshal. This bill would require fire hazard severity zone maps to be updated every five years.	SUPPORT (8/11/25) (letter sent 8/14/25) LCC: SPONSOR	8/18/25 Senate Committee on Appropriations – Suspense File
<u>SB 234</u> (Niello)	Wildfires: workgroup: toxic heavy metals. This bill would require, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Office of Emergency Services, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control, in consultation with specified entities, to form a workgroup related to exposure of toxic heavy metals after a wildfire. The bill would require the workgroup to do certain things, including establishing best practices and recommendations for wildfire-impacted communities and first responders to avoid exposure to heavy metals after a wildfire. The bill would authorize the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to contract with public universities, research institutions, and other technical experts to support the work of the workgroup. The bill would require the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Office of Emergency Services, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control to report their findings to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2027.	MONITOR LCC: WATCH	7/16/25 Assembly Committee on Appropriations – Suspense File
<u>SB 454</u> (McNerney)	State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS mitigation program. 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 (8/11/25) (letter sent 8/14/25) LCC: SPONSOR	7/2/25 Assembly Committee on Appropriations – Suspense File
FINANCE (REVENUE/TAXATION)			
<u>AB 888</u> (Rubio)	California Safe Homes grant program. 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,	SUPPORT (4/27/25) (letter sent 8/6/25)	8/18/25 Senate Committee on Appropriations – Suspense File

	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.	LCC: SUPPORT	
SB 346 (Durazo)	Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator. 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 (8/11/25) (letter sent 8/14/25) LCC: SPONSOR	7/17/25 Assembly Committee – ordered to third reading
GOVERNANCE			
SB 707 (Durazo)	Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements. This bill would make significant changes to the Brown Act including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 whose boundaries include a population of over 200k and that has a website. - Until January 1, 2030 requires “eligible legislative bodies” to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Provide two-way telephone/audiovisual access to attend a meeting to the public (except if that service is not available at the meeting location) 	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED (8/11/25) (letter sent 8/14/25) LCC: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED	8/20/25 Assembly Committee on Appropriations – Suspense File

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allow public comments through telephone/audiovisual with the same time allotment as in-person ○ Reasonably assist the public who wish to translate a public meeting into any language ○ Encourage residents to participate by having a system for electronically accepting and fulfilling requests for meeting agendas/docs; create and maintain a webpage dedicated to public meetings with a link to info on the public meeting process, how the public can participate, a calendar of all public meeting dates/times/locations, and the agenda ○ Make reasonable efforts to invite groups that do not traditionally participate ○ Require agenda and webpage translations into all applicable languages which is defined as languages spoken jointly by 20% or more of the population in the city or county in which the body is located that speaks English less than “very well” and jointly speaks a language other than English according to data from the most recent American Community Survey ○ Require the body make available a physical location freely accessible to the public in reasonable proximity to the posted agenda where the public can post additional translations of the agenda - Allows an eligible multijurisdictional body to conduct a teleconference meeting with specific requirements including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adopting a resolution authorizing use of teleconferencing at regular meetings ○ At least a quorum of the members attend from one or more physical locations that are open to the public within the boundaries of the agency 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A member may participate remotely if each member who plans to participate remotely is identified on the agenda and they participate through two-way AV and the location must be more than 20 miles each way from the physical location of the meeting ○ Limits the number of times a member may use these provisions to 5/yr - Revises and recasts teleconference provisions of the Brown Act that apply during states of emergency to also include local emergencies - Requires a local agency to provide a copy of the Brown Act to any person elected or appointed to serve as a member of the legislative body - Extends the period of time a petitioner has to submit a cease and desist letter from 9 to 12 months after an alleged Brown Act violation 		
HOMELESSNESS			
SB 16 (Blakespear)	Ending Street Homelessness Act. This bill, until January 1, 2032, would require the council of governments, or delegate subregion, as applicable, in developing the proposed allocation methodology that allocates each jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need for acutely low income housing, to count any newly constructed interim housing, as specified, as meeting the needs of acutely low income households. By imposing additional duties on local governments, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	MONITOR LCC: OPPOSE	7/10/25 - Assembly Committee on Housing & Community Development – hearing postponed
HOUSING			
AB 253 (Ward)	California Residential Private Permitting Review Act: residential building permits. 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 department estimates a timeframe for this plan-checking function	OPPOSE (4/24/25) (letter sent 8/6/25) LCC: NEUTRAL	8/18/25 Senate Committee on Appropriations – Suspense File

	that exceeds 30 days, or does not complete this plan-checking function within 30 days.		
AB 306 (Schultz)	Building regulations: state building standards. This bill would prohibit a city or county from making changes to green building standards applicable to residential units from June 1, 2025 to June 1, 2031 unless the California Building Standards Commission deems those changes or modifications necessary as emergency standards to protect health and safety.	OPPOSE (4/27/25) (letter sent 8/6/25) LCC: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED	6/23/25 Senate Housing Committee
AB 507 (Haney)	Adaptive Reuse: Streamlining: Incentives. 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 (4/27/25) (letter sent 4/17/25) LCC: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED	8/18/25 Senate Committee on Appropriations – Suspense File
AB 670 (Quirk-Silva)	Planning and zoning: housing element: converted affordable housing units. 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 (4/27/25) (letter sent 5/2/25) LCC: SUPPORT	7/14/25 Senate Committee on Appropriations – Suspense File
AB 726 (Avila Farias)	Planning and zoning: annual report: rehabilitated units. 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 (6/26/25) (letter sent 8/6/25) LCC: SUPPORT	8/18/25 Senate Committee on Appropriations – Suspense File

<u>AB 736</u> (Wicks)	The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026. This bill would create a \$10 billion housing bond to finance affordable rental housing and homeownership programs.	MONITOR LCC: SUPPORT	6/4/25 Senate Rules Committee
<u>AB 893</u> (Fong)	Housing Development Projects: Objective Standards: Campus Development Zone. 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 (4/27/25) (letter sent 8/6/25) LCC: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED	8/20/25 Senate Committee on Appropriations – third reading
<u>AB 1061</u> (Quirk-Silva)	Housing developments: urban lot splits: historical resources. 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 (8/11/25) (letter sent 8/14/25) LCC: OPPOSE	8/20/25 Senate Committee on Appropriations – third reading
<u>AB 1154</u> (Carrillo)	Accessory dwelling units: junior accessory dwelling units. 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 (4/24/25) (letter sent 4/17/25) LCC: NEUTRAL	8/20/25 Senate Committee on Appropriations – third reading Amended 7/3/25 - LCC withdrew opposition
<u>SB 79</u> (Wiener)	Planning and zoning: housing development: transit-oriented development. 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 proposed project, and allow transit agencies full land authority over residential and commercial development on property they own or lease.	OPPOSE (4/27/25) (letter sent 8/6/25) LCC: OPPOSE	8/20/25 Assembly Committee on Appropriations – Suspense File
<u>SB 358</u> (Becker)	Mitigation Fee Act: Mitigating Vehicular Traffic Impacts. 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	OPPOSE (4/27/25) (letter sent 8/6/25)	8/20/25 Assembly Committee on Appropriations

	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.	LCC: OPPOSE	
TRANSPORTATION			
SB 74 (Seyarto)	Infrastructure gap funding. This bill would require the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (upon appropriation by the Legislature) to establish the Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program to provide grants to local agencies for the development and construction of infrastructure projects facing unforeseen costs after starting construction. It would authorize the office to provide funding for up to 20% of a project's additional projected cost after the project started construction subject to specified conditions including, among other things, that the local agency has allocated existing local tax revenue for at least 45% of the initially budgeted total cost.	SUPPORT (8/11/25) (letter sent 8/14/25) LCC: SUPPORT	7/2/25 Assembly Committee on Appropriations – suspense file
AB 875 (Muratsuchi)	Vehicle removal. 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 (4/27/25) (letter sent 8/6/25) LCC: SUPPORT	8/20/25 Senate Committee on Appropriations – Consent Calendar
AB 939 (Schultz)	The Safe, Sustainable, Traffic-Reducing Transportation Bond Act of 2026. This bill would place a bond on the November 2026 general election ballot that, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$20,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance transit and passenger rail improvements, local streets and roads and active transportation projects, zero-emission vehicle investments, transportation freight infrastructure improvements, and grade separations and other critical safety improvements.	MONITOR LCC: MONITOR	3/10/25 Assembly Committee on Transportation

2025 State Legislative Calendar

- August 29 – Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor
- September 2-12 – Floor Session Only. No committees, other than conference or Rules committees, may meet for any purpose

- September 5 – Last day to amend on the Floor
- September 12 – Last day for each house to pass bills. Interim Study Recess begins at end of this day's session.
- October 12 – Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before September 12 and in the Governor's possession after September 12.

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City Attendance at Meetings

July 2025	Cities that attended																
Monthly Meetings	Carson	El Segundo	Gardena	Hawthorne	Hermosa Beach	Inglewood	Lawndale	Lomita	Manhattan Beach	Palos Verdes Estates	Rancho Palos Verdes	Redondo Beach	Rolling Hills	Rolling Hills Estates	Torrance	County of LA	Los Angeles
City Managers Meeting		D. George			S. Napolitano			A. Villapando	T. Mirzakhanian	K. Kallman	A. Mihranian	M. Witzansky	K. Banales	G. Grammer	A. Chaparyan		
City Clerks Working Group																	
Economic Development Directors Roundtable																	
Energy Management Working Group																	
GIS																	
Homeless Service Task Force																	
Infrastructure Working Group		C. Ebert	W. Mendoza	D. Torado		T. Olmos	N. Sidiqi	A. Gonzalez	E. Zandvliet G. Gamboa		R. Bryden D. Copp T. Radke	A. Winje R. Liu		K. Graham	S. Furukawa C. Cho	E. Garcia A. Ly M. Amundson M. Suska	A. Palacios R. Junken
Legislative Briefing																	
Parks and Rec Directors								E. Kelley							J. LaRock		
Planning/Community Dev.Directors																	
Senior Services Working Group				D. Brown				E. Kelley B.Uphoff		F. Wielin	E. Coates	P. Scott	B. Huff		D. Mach L. Kraemer N. Mitchell J. Kaji J. Castro		
Steering Committee																	
South Bay Fiber Network Working Group																	
Transit Operators Working Group	DARK																
Transportation Committee		C. Pimentel E. Sassoon	R. Tanaka	A. Monteiro	R. Jackson B. Araujo	P. Puglese		B. Uphoff	N. Tarnay E. Zandvliet	C. Quinn	N. Casil	Z. Obagi		B. Huff J. Naughton K. Graham		A. Yoon B. Fish E. Garcia	
Special Meetings:																	

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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
7/5/25	Severe weather because of the heat. No emergency shelters available , client into shelter for ongoing housing and support services.	1-5 day motel stay due to an immediate acute health, safety, weather related problem, or an after hours/weekend request prior to social worker engagement (approx. \$100/night)	\$220	Olivia	Torrance	City of Torrance	TBD
7/7/25	Mary is a single adult, senior female. She had experienced chronic homelessness since 2017. Mary was placed at BHCH from August – December 2024 while her UHA voucher was finalized. She is currently working part time and paying her portion of the rent, which is \$56.00 monthly. We are requesting client aid for security deposit to CA Hotel.	Security Deposit	\$950	Mary	Hawthorne	City of Hawthorne - Access Center	Housed
7/8/25	This Client has been housed since June 2025 at BHCH shelter while receiving Housing Navigation services. He was able to pay security deposit and portion of 1st month rent but did not have enough to cover all. Requesting assistance to cover the remaining amount of rent. Client receives his income from and is confident he will be able to continue to make timely monthly payments of rent.	Security Deposit	\$101	John	Hawthorne	Hawthorne Access Center	Housed
7/9/25	Client has pending family reunification to Oklahoma City & does not have the financial means to purchase the ticket on his own.	Reunification	\$345	Randall	Lennox	St Margaret's Center Lennox, CA	TBD
7/10/25	Michelle has been homeless for 2 years roughly. She is a former resident of the pallet shelter but had to be exited because of property damage and not meeting with case management. Harbor Interfaith was given approval by leadership to offer her a housing certificate from hacfa, however at this time this has not been issued. This client has been placed with a temporary placement through Share and the COG. Request is for 2 months of rental assistance by Share - no security deposit	Rental/Utility Deposits	\$1,800	Michelle	Redondo Beach	Harbor Interfaith	Sheltered
7/15/25	This family of 4 were referred for services as they were living in their car prior and a hotel stay was requested during the time it took to locate new housing. Client is a mom to 3 boys who attend Torrance Unified schools and were living in their vehicle before the SBCCOG approved us to place them in a motel awaiting permanent housing. Stephanie has done a great job in paying off credit card debt and in staying proactive in identifying an apartment unit. Valerie H remains in communication with her and will continue to work with her to ensure her stability.	Long-term motel stay pending placement	\$4,630	Stephanie	Torrance	City of Torrance	Housed
7/15/25	Request for Assistance with arrears for this client. Client fell into arrears when she received an unexpected expense from her son's high school in Gardena. Parents there are required to complete a certain amount of parent service hours each year on behalf of their child. Janelle is a single mom that works full time and she was unable to complete the necessary hours and they conflicted with her own full time employment. Instead she was given a bill of \$960.00 due before the end of the school year. The client's original 3-day notice states she owes for both June and July a total of \$3218.00. However, while working with this client and her management office to collect the appropriate documents, the client was able to make an additional payment toward her arrears of \$800.00. Her ledger reflects this current amount due to her property management company.	Rental Arrears	\$2,618	Janelle	Inglewood	SMC/ Lennox	Housed
7/15/25	This request is for reimbursement for a 4-day motel stay for this client who suffers from PTSD while she was pending her permanent housing placement in May 2025. Torrance case managers did not include the receipt for this motel stay request at the time of the original move in. (See above)	1-5 day motel stay due to an immediate acute health, safety, weather related problem, or an after hours/weekend request prior to social worker engagement (approx. \$100/night)	\$440	Katie	Torrance	City of Torrance	Housed
7/17/25	No access to LAHSA Problem Solving and other agencies w PSolving access are submitting requests for review before approval. Client afraid to work due to recent immigration enforcement actions	Rental Arrears	\$2,068	Claudia	Hawthorne	City of Hawthorne Access Center	Housed
7/18/25	The client holds a Housing Choice Voucher with Inglewood Housing Authority. Client's last permanent address was Inglewood, CA 90302 and he lived here for a year. Per client, the client left his previous unit in February 2025 because the housing authority deemed his unit uninhabitable by their standards. Therefore, the client was required to relocate and was recently approved for a unit at Inglewood CA 90305. Client was homeless until he located and was approved for this new unit. Client expended his returned security deposit from the former unit during the period of time he was homeless. Unable to request assistance from the Veterans Administration because the client's case was closed once he became housed/ graduated the program. Also, the SSVF program's (the agency which initially helped him with move-in costs) next "window" for a graduate to request assistance is not until September.	Security Deposit	\$2,400	Patrick	Inglewood	SMC/ Lennox	Housed
7/24/25	Kevin has spent the past 20 years unhoused on the streets of Carson. Despite initially turning down multiple offers of assistance, Outreach of Carson persisted. After continued engagement, Kevin agreed to give the program a chance. He moved into the SHARE! home and expressed that he truly enjoys the environment. Kevin's goal is to secure employment in janitorial or custodial services. He currently receives General Relief (GR), CalFresh, and Medi-Cal, but will need assistance obtaining a state ID and accessing housing subsidy programs.	Rental/Utility Deposits	\$1,800	Kevin	Carson	SHARE!	Sheltered
7/24/25	After spending several months living in his car, Aaron remained employed at a manufacturing facility at Gardena, CA 90248. When Outreach of Carson connected with him, Aaron was enthusiastic and immediately accepted the support offered. He was referred to SHARE!, toured the housing site, and moved in the same day. Aaron currently has valid identification and Medi-Cal coverage. He does not qualify for General Relief (GR) or housing subsidies. He is expecting the birth of his son and is committed to saving money in preparation for moving in with his child.	Rental/Utility Deposits	\$1,800	Aaron	Carson	SHARE!	Sheltered
		Client Aid Since 6/1/25	\$43,101				
		Budget Mod 6/10/25	\$100,000				
		Remaining	\$56,899				
		Total Client Aid Cases	339				
		Total Housed or Relocated	235				
		Total Sheltered	50				
		Total Job Attainment	9				
		Total Successful Outcomes	294				
		Success Rate	87%				
		Average \$/Case	\$1,224				

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Media Report – July 1 to July 31, 2025

Summary/Highlights: Social media followers continued to make slow, but steady gains across SBCCOG profiles with the largest year-over-year growth on Instagram at +56%, followed by LinkedIn at +28%. The most popular social media content was news about SBCCOG job openings, a South Bay Watch story about Torrance’s Sustainable Landscape Beautification Awards and a video about Romeial Hilaire, a Homeless Services success story.

Social Media – Account Performance

Platform	Followers	Published Content	Impressions	Engagements
SBCCOG				
X	544	20	945	40
Facebook	477	17	5,884	503
Instagram	439	18 Posts – 12 Stories	Content generated 8,797 views and 438 impressions (impressions metric is only provided for IG stories, not posts)	172
LinkedIn	948	10	5,271	665
SBESC				
X	594	14	552	28
Facebook	870	21	249	8

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 7/31/25)	Month-Over-Month % Change	Year-Over-Year % Change
X	534	544 539	+1%	+1.9%
Facebook	448	477 471	+1.3%	+6.5%
LinkedIn	739	948 907	+4.5%	+28%
Instagram	282	439 419	+4.8%	+56%
SBESC	2024	2025		
X	585	594 593	+2%	+1.5%

Facebook	871	870 868	0.2%	-0.1%
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Individual Post Performance (*Indicates Boosted Content)

Top-Three Performing SBCCOG Facebook Posts		
2,643 Impressions; 276 Engagements South Bay Watch Story – Torrance Sustainable Landscape Beautification Awards	1,933 Views; 139 Engagements SBCCOG Graphic – Homeless Services Position Open	344 Impressions; 25 Engagements SBCCOG Photo / Video – Homeless Services Success Story – Romeial Hilaire
Bottom-Three Performing SBCCOG Facebook Posts		
31 Impressions; 0 Engagement Graphic / Non-Partner Post – L.A. Heat Campaign (Health Risks)	33 Impressions; 0 Engagement Graphic – Member City Event	38 Impressions; 0 Engagements Graphic / Non-Partner Post – L.A. Heat Campaign (Cool Neighborhoods)

Top-Three Performing SBCCOG X Posts		
436 Impressions; 12 Engagements South Bay Watch Story – Torrance Sustainable Landscape Beautification Awards	55 Impressions; 5 Engagements Graphic / Partner Post – CivicSpark Fellowship Open	49 Impressions; 3 Engagements SBCCOG Graphic – Homeless Services Position Open
Bottom-Three Performing SBCCOG X Posts		
18 Impressions; 0 Engagements Graphic / Non-Partner Post – L.A. Heat Campaign (Mental Health)	20 Impressions; 0 Engagements SBCCOG Photo / Video – Homeless Services Success Story – Romeial Hilaire	19 Impressions; 1 Engagements Graphic / Partner Post – Bixby Marshland LACSD

Top-Three Performing Instagram Posts		
886 Views; 24 Engagements SBCCOG Graphic – Homeless Services Position Open	857 Views; 23 Engagements SBCCOG Graphic – Tsunami Warning	415 Views; 22 Engagements SBCCOG Graphic – Homeless Services Position Open
Bottom-Three Performing Instagram Posts		
222 Views; 1 Engagements SBCCOG Graphic – SBCCOG Closed on July 4th	307 Reach; 2 Engagement Graphic / Partner Post – L.A. Heat Campaign	129 Views; 3 Engagement SBCCOG Graphic – Rodney Tanaka Celebration

Top-Three Performing LinkedIn Posts		
1,015 Impressions; 228 Engagements	382 Impressions; 146 Engagements	886 Impressions; 61 Engagements Graphic / Partner Post – CivicSpark Fellowship Open

Photo of Staff, SBCCOG Event (Board) – CivicSpark Fellow Thank You	SBCCOG Graphic – Rodney Tanaka Celebration	
Bottom-Three Performing LinkedIn Posts		
254 Impressions; 11 Engagements SBCCOG Photo / Video – Homeless Services Success Story – Romeial Hilaire	138 Impressions; 13 Engagement South Bay Watch Story – Torrance Sustainable Landscape Beautification Awards	420 Impressions; 32 Engagement SBCCOG Graphic – We Moved Offices!

Top-Three Performing SBESC Facebook Posts		
20 Impressions; 2 Engagements Graphic / Partner Repost – WRD Director / Certificate for Rodney	12 Impressions; 1 Engagements Graphic / Partner Post – LACSD Too Toxic to Trash	11 Impressions; 1 Engagements Graphic / Partner Repost – West Basin Garden Rebate
Bottom-Three Performing SBESC Facebook Posts		
6 Impressions; 0 Engagements Graphic / Partner Post – LADWP Customer Support Saturday	8 Impressions; 0 Engagement Graphic / Partner Post – West Basin Rebate Chat	8 Impressions; 0 Engagements Graphic / Partner Post – LACSD Too Toxic to Trash

Top-Three Performing SBESC X Posts		
66 Impressions; 2 Engagement Graphic / Flyer / Partner – WRD Student Art Contest Launch	35 Impressions; 4 Engagements Graphic / Partner Post – West Basin Water Facility Tour	24 Impressions; 3 Engagement Graphic / Partner Post – West Basin Rebate Chat
Bottom-Three Performing SBESC X Posts		
12 Impressions; 0 Engagement Partner Photo – WRD Directors in the Field	19 Impressions; 0 Engagements Partner Post, Graphic – Bixby Marshland LACSD	26 Impressions; 1 Engagements Partner Post, Graphic – Bixby Marshland LACSD

Top-Email Marketing Campaign

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

Content	Exposure	Engagements (Clicks)
July 2025 E-Newsletter	17,471 recipients (38% open rate – 6,047)	1% click through rate (102)

Confirmed Earned Media Placements

Outlet	Link	Headline	Date	Publication Quality	Relevance of Message to Brand	Mindshare (Brand	Sentiment (Positive or Negative)
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						Predominance in Article)	
Santa Monica Daily Press	https://smdp.com/uncategorized/share-receives-dollar33-billion-grant-to-expand-peer-respite-services-in-los-angeles/	SHARE! Receives \$3.3 Billion Grant to Expand Peer-Respite Services in Los Angeles	7/5/25	Medium	High	Medium	Positive
Westside Current	https://www.westsidecurrent.com/news/share-to-open-two-new-peer-respite-homes-in-los-angeles-county-with-historic-state/article_0168d613-f1ae-47e5-9958-2bdca030a6aa.html	SHARE! To Open Two New Peer Respite Homes in Los Angeles County with Historic State Behavioral Health Funding	7/7/25	Medium	High	Medium	Positive
Citizen Portal AI	https://citizenportal.ai/articles/5342568/Gardena/Los-Angeles-County/California/Gardena-City-Council-honors-Mayor-Pro-Tem-Tanaka-at-South-Bay-COGS-meeting	Gardena City Council Honors Mayor ProTem Tanaka at South Bay COGS Meeting	7/10/25	Medium	High	High	Positive

Website Analytics – Overall and Top-10 Viewed Pages

Site (Overall)	Views	Users	Average Engagement Time
Southbaycities.org	7,505	2,752	50s
Pages	Views	Users	Average Engagement Time
Home Page	1,559	639	32s
Page Not Found (/404.html)	320	181	0s
Officers & Staff	318	198	1m14s

Project Coordinator Homeless Services	190	141	29s
Employment Opportunities	178	133	17s
Calendar	164	113	29s
About	163	111	31s
Newsletter	143	34	2m06s
Board of Directors	141	85	1m18s
Media Center	135	85	18s

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MONTHLY SBCCOG TRANSPORTATION REPORT

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

COVERING JULY 2025

Edited by Anne Tsai

Federal

Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Pulls the Plug on \$4B for California High Speed Rail

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy announced the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) terminated approximately \$4 billion in unspent federal funding for California's High Speed Rail project. After 16 years and roughly \$15 billion spent, not one high speed track has been laid by the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA).

The decision follows FRA's exhaustive compliance review, after which the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) was given two opportunities to respond consistent with the grant agreements. FRA concluded that neither response addressed their significant concerns and that CHSRA could not meet its obligations under the grant agreement.

In addition to canceling \$4 billion in unspent federal funds to CHSRA, Secretary Duffy has directed FRA to review other obligated and unobligated grants related to the CHSRA project. The Department of Transportation will also consult with the Department of Justice on the finding of FRA's Compliance Review, including potentially clawing back funding related to California's High Speed Rail and other potential issues under Federal law.

CHSRA's own Inspector General issued a report in February noting serious issues with the project, including that CHSRA would not complete the Merced to Bakersfield line by 2033.

Following this report, FRA conducted an exhaustive Compliance Review, which resulted in a comprehensive report over 300 pages long, containing 9 key findings, and ultimately concluding that CHSRA could not meet its binding obligations under the agreements it made to receive Federal funding.

The findings included:

1. CHSRA has executed numerous change orders and will likely have many more change orders in the near future to account for contractor expenses because of project delays.
2. CHSRA has already missed its deadline for finalizing its rolling stock procurement.
3. CHSRA has at least a \$7 billion funding gap to complete the Early Operating Segment (EOS), with no credible plan to secure additional funds.
4. CHSRA does not have a viable path to complete the EOS by 2033 per its commitment in the FY10 Agreement and the FSP Agreement.

5. CHSRA relies on volatile non-federal funding sources which present significant project risk.
6. CHSRA lacks time and money to electrify the EOS by 2033.
7. CHSRA's budget contingency is inadequate to cover anticipated contractor delay claims.
8. CHSRA has overrepresented its ridership projections for the EOS substantially.
9. CHSRA lacks the capacity to deliver the EOS by 2033.

Following the Compliance Review, FRA sent CHSRA a formal Notice of Proposed Determination to Terminate on June 4th. Pursuant to the Notice, CHSRA provided an initial response on June 11th and a final response on July 7th. Neither response satisfactorily addressed FRA's significant concerns, as described in the Compliance Review, and FRA has therefore decided to terminate the agreements. FRA will start exploring how these funds can be made available to viable and meritorious passenger rail projects.

State

California Invests \$1.5 Billion to Reduce Congestion, Improve Safety, and Grow the World's Fourth-Largest Economy

The California Transportation Commission in late June awarded nearly \$1.5 billion to 37 projects across California that support a vibrant economy, elevate community voices, move people and goods efficiently and safely, and ensure a healthy environment for all.

The projects selected by the Commission have total costs exceeding \$17 billion and will create more than 227,000 jobs. In addition to reducing congestion and making it safer and easier to travel around communities across the state, these investments also make California's freight system more efficient by better connecting ports, farms, and consumers while increasing the number of zero-emission truck stations in the state by 25 percent.

The Interagency Equity Advisory Committee, convened by the Commission, the California State Transportation Agency, and the California Department of Transportation, reviewed project applications to ensure projects reflected community input and priorities. Projects were selected using strategies from the state's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure, to help achieve California's climate, public health, safety, equity and economic goals.

The Commission awarded funding to the projects as part of the fourth funding cycle of competitive grant programs established by Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. With these investments and previously awarded funds, the 2024 Senate Bill 1 programs include nearly \$1.7 billion over two fiscal years for three competitive grant programs: the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, and the Local Partnership Competitive Program.

Highlights from each program are included below (note that some projects receive funding in multiple programs):

Solutions for Congested Corridors Program

- \$483 million in Senate Bill 1 funds for 7 projects.
- Funds projects that reduce traffic congestion, expand transit service, and improve bicyclist and pedestrian safety.
- Supports affordable housing and mixed-use (residential and commercial) development by providing high-frequency transit options and easy access to safe biking and walking options.
- Includes bus and rail upgrades that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality.

Trade Corridor Enhancement Program

- \$995.5 million in program funds for 24 new projects and two previously awarded projects.
- Shifts freight from trucks to rail, reducing pollution-causing idling for trucks, cars, and trains.
- Enhances safety by eliminating at-grade crossings and taking freight trucks off neighborhood streets.
- Includes more than \$94.2 million for zero-emission freight infrastructure to build refueling and recharging facilities along key freight corridors.
- Adds 509 charging ports, increasing the existing number of available medium- and heavy-duty charging stations by 25 percent statewide.

Local Partnership Competitive Program

- \$201.7 million in Senate Bill 1 funds for 11 projects. Funding in this program is available to jurisdictions where residents voted to approve transportation-specific taxes or fees.
- Expands local and regional transit networks by building new and enhanced transit stations and buying new zero-emissions buses.
- Improves interchanges, overcrossings, and other facilities to create a safer, more welcoming environment for all travelers.

Region

A Line Extension from Glendora to Pomona to open on Friday, September 19

Metro Board Chair Fernando Dutra announced on July 24 that the A Line Extension to Pomona will open on Friday, September 19.

The A Line Extension will add 9.1 miles of track and four new stations in Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, and Pomona, connecting the people who live and work in these San Gabriel Valley cities with one another, Greater Los Angeles and beyond. Riders will be able to transfer between Metro and Metrolink at Pomona Station, giving everyone a new, faster way to ride between the Inland Empire and Foothill Cities corridor.

The extension will improve access to educational institutions (such as Cal Poly Pomona, University of La Verne, Mt. San Antonio College, and Pomona College among others), recreation centers like the Los Angeles County Fairplex (where cricket will make its official return to the Olympic Games in 2028), as well as regional parks, museums, and historic downtowns.

The project marks the ninth project completed in Metro's Twenty-Eight by '28 initiative, an ambitious plan to enhance the region's transit infrastructure in time for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The A Line extension will provide an alternative to the 210 freeway. Each station will be equipped with bike sheds, EV chargers, vehicle drop-offs and park-and-ride facilities.

A little background: The Foothill Corridor was once served by Pacific Electric's Monrovia-Glendora line, but rail disappeared from the region in 1951. In 1990, Metro's predecessor, the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC), began studying routes to return rail to the corridor, spurred by the purchase of a former Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe (ATSF) right-of-way.

In 1998, the California State Legislature established a joint powers authority—the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority—to oversee building the extension from Pasadena to Montclair. The first section between downtown L.A. and Pasadena opened in 2003 and the first extension to Azusa, debuted in 2016.

In 2020, construction began on the soon-to-open section that extends the A Line to Pomona. This past January, the Construction Authority turned the project over to Metro for training and pre-revenue service.

Trends

Uber is finally letting women riders in the US match with women drivers

Six years ago, Uber launched a feature in Saudi Arabia that let women drivers on its ride-hailing app ask to be connected to female riders. Since then, the "women preferences" feature has rolled out to 40 countries, from Argentina and Brazil to Canada, India, and Mexico.

In a few weeks, this feature will finally make its way to the United States, the company said on Wednesday. Uber plans to pilot the feature in Detroit, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

Women will be able to set a preference for a woman driver in the Uber app, increasing their chances of a match. When a female rider requests a trip, they will see an option called “women drivers.” If the wait is longer than expected, the rider can opt for another ride, according to Uber.

Women drivers can switch their settings to “women rider preference.” This setting can be changed if the driver wants to receive trip requests from all riders.

Ride-hailing companies like Uber and Lyft have grappled with ways to improve safety and attract the broadest set of users — both on the driver and rider sides. But it hasn’t been an easy road.

Ride-hailing safety has been a long-standing issue, one that has often pitted advocates and regulators against companies like Uber and Lyft. And while rare, reports of sexual assaults and fatal attacks have only fueled those concerns.

Uber reported 36 physical assault fatalities in 2021 and 2022, according to its latest U.S. safety report released last year. Uber noted that physical assault fatalities had jumped from previous years. While the incidents still made up a tiny fraction of the 1.8 billion trips that were made in 2021 and 2022 in the U.S., the uptick prompted the company to launch a variety of features to increase safety, including verified rider badges and options to audio and video record rides.

Sexual assault incidents have dropped consistently since Uber began reporting the data in 2017. Uber reported 5,981 sexual assaults from 2017 to 2018, and that figure dropped by more than half to 2,717 in the 2021 to 2022 period.

Meanwhile, Uber and Lyft have sought ways to attract more female drivers. Both companies have more male drivers than women — for instance, about one in five Uber drivers in the U.S. are women. The “women preferences” feature, designed to give both the rider and driver some control, could help attract more users on both sides.

Uber was the first major ride-hailing company to launch the women preferences feature. However, rival Lyft was the first to offer a women-matching feature in the United States — its primary market.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

August 28, 2025

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

SUBJECT: 2026 General Assembly – Title and Topic Selection

TOPIC

As we prepare for the major sporting events coming to the Los Angeles in the next few years, this General Assembly will feature a focus on the impact of the entertainment venues on the economy, transportation, and general quality of life. We will reach out to the venues themselves to see if they will be part of the program. We will strive to keep the program focused on the South Bay specifically.

Other topics presented but not selected:

- 1) Escalating effects and impacts of climate change. Major events are happening faster and more severely than predicted and what does that mean for the future.
- 2) There seems to be a new federal/state relationship and what is the result for regions and specifically how will it affect the South Bay. The federal government is stepping in with hands-on law enforcement, deciding how much research funding our universities, and reducing some of the funding for social service programs. Along with the effect of tariffs, how should the South Bay mitigate these potentially costly changes?

TITLE

LET THE GAMES BEGIN: HOW SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT ARE SHAPING THE SOUTH BAY

LOCATION AND COST

SBCCOG staff looked last year at the growing costs for this event. It has gotten big enough that unless we change the format, we have to plan for about 450 attendees and room for exhibits. The Steering Committee considered looking for another venue – ideally one of the entertainment centers to hold the event in 2026. Any other venue will most likely necessitate a registration fee but when all costs are considered, that can be decided.

The search last year found that the most promising site other than Carson was the Westdrift Hotel in Manhattan Beach. We can update those costs and look at the cost of any other suggestions that the Board might have.

RECOMMENDATION

Confirm Steering Committee topic and title. Provide venue and speaker suggestions.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

August 28, 2025

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

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

SUBJECT: Environmental Activities Report – July 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.

2025 SoCalREN Energy Efficiency Offerings

The SoCalREN continues to offer the following incentives for equipment **through December 2025** (eligibility and amounts vary based on each incentive):

- Tankless Water Heater
- Faucet Aerator
- Laminar Flow Restrictor
- Low-flow Showerhead
- Gas dryer Modulating Valve
- Hot Water Pipe Insulation

→ **Contact Eleanor Murphy at Eleanor@southbaycities.org if your city is interested in any of the above. Quantities are limited to first come first served.**

Facility Equipment Inventory Program (FEI) – SBCCOG staff continue to conduct on-site visits summarized below and work with SoCalREN to implement programs (see list below). To date, SBCCOG has inventoried **57** facilities across 15 South Bay cities, 1 school district, and 1 special district. Staff have identified over **940,000** potential kWh savings from lighting retrofits and **112** HVAC units that are overdue for replacement.

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

- City of Carson – moving Heat Pump Water Heater vetting through the SoCalREN incentive program.
- City of El Segundo – Aquatic Stadium pool heater project is wrapping up this month. For the city hall building, 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.

- City of Hawthorne –finished installing new units in the Heat Pump Water Heater program. The Police Department lighting project is moving forward with American Wholesale lighting.
- City of Manhattan Beach – **NEW Project** - Heat Pump Water Heater and an HVAC pump block heater project, identified through Energy Resilience Action Plan (ERAP) Program site walks, are being vetted by the city.
- City of Redondo Beach – Perry Park sports field lighting incentive application is not moving forward due to missing information on existing equipment. SoCalREN is following up with the contractor. The city is having difficulty obtaining the information from their records. Other identified projects (new chillers, PAC overhaul) are not moving forward due to limited city funds.
- City of Rolling Hills –scheduling site walks for the Heat Pump Water Heater SoCalREN incentive program.
- LA County Sanitation Districts – Lincus, SoCalREN technical consult, identified 33 projects throughout their district with most located inside the South Bay territory.
- Lennox Elementary School District – Lighting upgrades at multiple school sites are moving forward under the Metered Savings Program. The district is also installing more free Heat Pump Water Heaters. Finally, the district is enrolling in the Strategic Energy Management Cohort, which will provide energy and facility upgrade support on a specialized level.

At the upcoming Energy Manager Working Group meeting in August, city staff will hear from SoCalREN implementers and partners on HVAC replacement or upgrade opportunities as well as funding pathways.

57 – Site Visits Completed for Facility Equipment Inventories in the following agencies:

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| • CARSON (2) | • LOMITA (4) | • TORRANCE (3) |
| • EL SEGUNDO (7) | • MANHATTAN BEACH (3) | • BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT (1) |
| • GARDENA (4) | • PALOS VERDES ESTATES (1) | • HERMOSA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT (2) |
| • HAWTHORNE (3) | • RANCHO PALOS VERDES (3) | |
| • HERMOSA BEACH (3) | • REDONDO BEACH (5) | |
| • INGLEWOOD (8) | • ROLLING HILLS (3) | |
| • LAWNDAL (3) | • ROLLING HILLS ESTATES (2) | |

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. SoCalREN is in the process of conducting site audits for up to four facilities per city. SBCCOG Staff in coordination with city staff have been implementing community outreach with over 100 survey responses received so far.

FDEEE & Commercial Direct Install

Through the SoCalREN’s new commercial programs, administered by Wildan, the SBCCOG is implementing the 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. Gardena is the first full implementation of the program which will be rolled out to the rest of the SoCalREN territory for specific selected sites that meet program criteria. SBCCOG staff continue to conduct door-

to-door outreach to eligible businesses. The team has audited 41 business facilities and 13 projects have been signed off and are underway. Contractor visits are underway.

Cool Roof Pilot

Funded by the SoCalREN, the SBCCOG consultant AESC Inc., is completing a cool roof feasibility study. At the end of the project, cities will receive final site plans with information and recommendations on the technology, benefits and co-benefits, funding sources, and site identification. The consultant is currently developing a literature review on technology options. Next steps, AESC and SBCCOG will present in August to city staff potential criteria to select the best facilities.

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 County team have developed co-branded materials to bring to community outreach events. New customers are working to be identified by SBCCOG and County staff.

Kits for Kids

Schools in disadvantaged areas or which 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 is working to enroll South Bay schools. Inglewood USD, Hawthorne SD, Lennox ESD have confirmed participation for Fall 2025 amounting to approximately 60 classrooms!!! Wiseburn USD is interested in participating in 2026.

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. New program offerings are being shared with city staff.

CivicSpark Fellows

CivicSpark Fellows, a program operated through AmeriCorps, supports the SBESC programs. The program has been able to obtain funding for the 2025-26 program year and therefore the SBCCOG has been approved for three new fellows to work on: 1) energy, 2) communications, and 3) transportation. The SBCCOG is currently interviewing candidates for the transportation position and 2 dynamic fellows have accepted offers for the other two positions.

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 July 7 and July 21 to discuss the implementation of programs.

Educational Outreach Support - Exhibit Events

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

Status of goal: 5 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: 0

Upcoming Class/Workshop:

Thursday, August 14, 2025, Transforming Lawns: A Sustainable Approach Gardena

Rain Barrel Giveaway

Contract goal: 5 Rain barrel distribution events.

Status of goal: 0 Rain barrel program distribution

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

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.

Waste Reduction

Rolling Hills Organic Waste

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

The SBCCOG is working 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, staff are working with EcoNomics, Inc, technical consultant, to provide outreach content. The first workshop occurred on July 16, 2025. The workshop was a success, drawing in 13 attendees and filling the City Chambers. SBCCOG staff are now finalizing equipment registrations and preparing to order

and drop off free compost bins and kitchen pails to the residents. One final compost workshop is scheduled to be in October 2025.

Green Business

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 July 2025.

Climate Action

SBCCOG staff and the CivicSpark Fellow, with support from volunteers, continue to work with cities to finalize the draft 2019-2020 greenhouse gas inventory (GHG) emissions reports. Multiple drafts are under review by city staff, and SBCCOG has been working to incorporate city feedback into final drafts. Three cities' final reports have been sent out and are available on the SBCCOG website. SBCCOG is available to present findings to city committees and commissions.

Transportation

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 July, the SBCCOG/SBESC distributed MEL materials at 5 events.

II. VOLUNTEERS

Status of Program: **19** hours for July 2025

Some of the volunteer projects for the month of July included supporting outreach events and SBCCOG meetings, updating databases, and conducting program research.

Note that volunteers were not able to work in the office during the move resulting in low volunteer engagement.

III. MARKETING, OUTREACH, & IMPLEMENTATION

Outreach Events

In July 2025:

3 - Networking Event

2- In Person Community Event

0- Business Event

0 - Workshops Event

TLS Recap Report - Steering Committee Meeting 8/11/2025

City	Participant Initials	Background	Months to Date	Projected 12-Mo Cost
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.	3	\$29,757
Torrance	AH	Previous 3290 resident, aged out of Foster	3	\$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.	2	\$23,435
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. Ms Lowery 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.	1	\$11,238
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 prorated, 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	1	\$23,035
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 .	2	\$11,855
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.	2	\$17,597
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	2	\$13,472

Total Projected 12-Mo Cost **\$189,078**
Total TLS Budget **500,000**

Notes

LA City includes the Wilmington, Harbor Gateway, San Pedro areas in the South Bay (i.e., CD15)
We have several pending clients, including from Carson and Torrance.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

August 28, 2025

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director
Ronson Chu, SBCCOG Senior Project Manager for Homeless Services

SUBJECT: Review Homeless Services Contract Template Updates

As part of the July Board meeting motion, the Board requested a review of non-material changes to the contract template. The changes are primarily to comply with the contracts that the SBCCOG has signed with the county and LACAHS after the template was created.

Please see below for description of the contract template changes (using the Hawthorne Contract as the template):

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE REGARDING USE OF SBCCOG'S ALLOCATED COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MEASURE A FUNDS.

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") created in 2025, is between the South Bay Cities Council of Governments ("SBCCOG"), a joint powers authority, and the City of Hawthorne, a chartered municipal corporation, (collectively, the "Parties").

RECITALS

- A. As a regional administrator, the SBCCOG receives homelessness funding, including the November 5, 2024, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure A half-cent sales tax which repealed and replaced Measure H. Measure A provides continuous funding to address homelessness with housing and services.
- B. On March 25, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Local Solutions Fund (LSF) funding formula as part of the Measure A requirements, which is based 90% on a region's Point-in-Time Homeless Count (2-year average) and 10% on a region's low-income population percentage. Based on this formula, the SBCCOG is projected to receive \$3,048,204 in the first year (FY25/26). Because the SBCCOG has outperformed most other regions in Los Angeles County in resolving instances of homelessness, the SBCCOG anticipates our region's LSF funding will decrease over time due to the homeless count component of the funding formula.

- C. In addition, to LSF programming, the SBCCOG will receive funding from the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSAs) as an eligible jurisdiction per SB 679. The SBCCOG anticipates roughly \$11 million annually in funding for (1) housing production, preservation, and ownership; (2) renter protection and homeless prevention; (3) technical assistance. With this programming, the SBCCOG expects to reduce the inflow of households into homelessness and make housing more affordable for vulnerable households.
- D. Due to the modest amount of homeless services funding it receives, the SBCCOG has budgeted the majority of its funds into programs that all of our cities can participate in, including but not limited to:
 - a. Financial and Rental Assistance (application fees, security deposits, time limited subsidies, and other just-in-time funding)
 - b. SHARE! Housing to Employment (group homes)
 - c. Motel and SRO Bed Leasing
 - d. Housing Specialist (landlord engagement)
- E. In addition to these shared services, the SBCCOG Board of Directors will also approve City-specific program allocations using LSF, LACAHSAs, and other funding sources (“Funders”)
- F. The Parties desire to enter this MOU to set forth and memorialize the obligations of the Parties with respect to program funding allocated solely to the City of Hawthorne.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the mutual covenants and promises herein contained, the SBCCOG and the City hereto agree as follows:

I. TERM:

This MOU shall be effective as of August 13, 2025, and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2031 (“Term”), unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in the Los Angeles County Contract Number HI-25-018 (Exhibit 1 County Contract) and the LACAHSAs/SBCCOG Contract (Exhibit 2 LACAHSAs Contract). This MOU is contingent upon SBCCOG receiving funding from its Funders, and is subject to review during each funding year of the term. In the event that funding from the Funders is terminated, the termination of this Agreement shall be effective upon notice from SBCCOG.

Note, different Scope of Works (“SOW”) in the Exhibits may have different SOW Start Dates. The SOW’s Start Date will govern the commencement of that SOW’s activity and billing. No activity shall be billed prior to the Start Date.

II. **CITY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- A. The City shall use the allocated funding in adherence with the Scope of Work in Exhibit 3, 4, and any subsequent added or amended Scope of Work.
- B. The City shall adhere to the budget specified in Exhibit 3 and 4.
- C. The City shall fulfill performance and reporting requirements to SBCCOG in accordance with Exhibit 3 and 4. Failure to comply with any invoicing, reporting requirements, and deadlines may result in forfeiture of reimbursement claims.
- D. The City hereby warrants, represents, and covenants that it will comply with all applicable local, state, or federal guidelines, regulations, requirements, and statutes and/or as required under the laws or regulations relating to the source of the Measure A Funds to be transferred by the County/LACAHSA to the SBCCOG to the City pursuant to this MOU, and will not use the Grant Funds for costs associated with activities in violation of any law or for any activity inconsistent with the requirements and purposes set forth in this MOU. Please see Exhibit 1 and 2 for County/LACAHSA Measure A requirements.
- E. The City shall maintain records related to the program operation and use of Grant Funds for five (5) years following the expiration of this MOU. SBCCOG shall have access to the records upon request.

III. **SBCCOG RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- A. The SBCCOG will make available to the City the budget amount specified in Exhibits 3 and 4.
- B. The SBCCOG shall monitor the City's Programs for adherence to Exhibits 3 and 4.
- C. The SBCCOG shall provide the City with a reporting template format for the submission of monthly reports in accordance with Exhibits 3 and 4.
- D. The SBCCOG shall maintain records related to the program operation and use of Grant Funds for five (5) years following the expiration of this MOU.

IV. **FUTURE PROGRAMS:**

- A. The Parties may attach Amendments to this MOU to modify, subtract or add programs, subject to the Parties approval.

V. **THIRD PARTY LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION:**

- A. The Parties agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless each other, including its elected and appointed officers, employees, agents, attorneys, and designated volunteers from and against any and

all liability, including, but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorney's and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with the respective acts of each entity arising from or related to this MOU. Neither entity shall indemnify the other entity for that other entity's own negligence or willful misconduct.

- B. In light of the provisions of Section 895.2 of the Government Code of the State of California imposing certain tort liability jointly upon public entities solely by reason of such entities being parties to an agreement (as defined in Government Code Section 895), each of the entities parties hereto, pursuant to the authorization contained in Government Code Sections 895.4 and 895.6, shall assume the full liability imposed upon it or any of its officers, agents, or employees, by law for injury caused by any act or omission occurring in the performance of this MOU to the same extent such liability would be imposed in the absence of Section 895.2. To achieve the above stated purpose, each entity indemnifies, defends, and holds harmless each entity for any liability, cost, or expense that may be imposed upon such other entity solely by virtue of Section 895.2. The provision of Section 2778 of the California Civil Code is made a part hereof as if incorporated herein.

VI. **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- A. This MOU shall be binding upon, and shall be to the benefit of the respective successors, heirs, and assigns of each entity; provided, however, neither entity may assign its respective rights or obligations under this MOU without prior written consent of the other entity.
- B. This MOU (including for the purpose of clarity, the recitals, to this MOU), contains the entire agreement between the SBCCOG and the City with respect to the matters herein, and there are no restrictions, promises, warranties, or undertakings other than those set forth herein and referred to herein.
- C. No alteration or variation of the terms of this MOU shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the authorized representative from each entity; no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein shall be binding on either of the entities.
- D. This MOU is not intended to be a third-party beneficiary contract and confers no rights on anyone other than the parties hereto.
- E. Notices or other communications, which may be required or provided under the terms of this MOU, shall be given to the individuals identified for each entity. Any notices required to be given under this Agreement by either party to the other may be affected by any of the following means: by electronic correspondence (email), by personal delivery in writing by mail, registered or certified, postage prepaid with return receipt requested. Notices delivered personally will be deemed communicated as of actual receipt; mailed notices will be deemed communicated as of the day of receipt or the fifth day after mailing, whichever occurs first. Electronic notices are deemed communicated as of actual time and date of receipt. Any electronic notices must specify an automated reply function that the email was received.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments:

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- F. If a dispute arises under this Agreement, prior to instituting litigation the parties agree to first try to resolve the dispute with the help of a mutually agreed-upon mediator in California. Any costs and fees other than attorney fees associated with the mediation shall be shared equally by the parties.
- G. The laws of the State of California and applicable local and federal laws, regulations, and guidelines shall govern this MOU. In the event of any legal action to enforce or interpret this MOU, the laws of the State of California shall apply and the Venue shall be Los Angeles County.
- H. Either entity shall be excused from performing its obligations under this MOU during the time and to the extent that it is prevented from performing by an unforeseeable cause beyond its control, including but not limited to any incidence of fire or flood; acts of God; commandeering of material, products, plants, or facilities by the federal, state, or local government; national fuel shortage; or a material wrongful act or omission by the other Party; when satisfactory evidence of such cause is presented to the other entity, and provided further that such nonperformance is unforeseeable, beyond the control and is not due to the fault or negligence of the entity not performing.
- I. The City shall at all times during the term of this Agreement carry, maintain, and keep in full force and effect, with an insurance company admitted to do business in California and approved by the SBCCOG (1) a policy or policies of broad-form comprehensive general liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit coverage against any injury, death, loss or damage as a result of wrongful or negligent acts by City, its officers, employees, agents, and independent contractors in performance of services under this Agreement; (2) property damage insurance with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000.00; (3) automotive liability insurance, with minimum combined single limits coverage of \$1,000,000.00; (4) worker's compensation insurance with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000.00 or the amount required by law, whichever is greater; and (5) comprehensive crime insurance with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000.00. SBCCOG and participating public agencies, their respective officers, employees, attorneys, staff consultants, and volunteers shall be named as additional insureds on the policy (ies) as to comprehensive general liability, property damage, and automotive liability. The policy (ies) as to comprehensive general liability, property damage, and automobile liability shall provide that they are primary, and that any insurance maintained by the SBCCOG shall be excess insurance only.
- J. All insurance policies shall provide that the insurance coverage shall not be non-renewed, canceled, reduced, or otherwise modified (except through the addition of additional insureds to the policy) by the insurance carrier without the insurance carrier giving SBCCOG thirty (30) day's prior written notice thereof. The City agrees that it will not cancel, reduce or otherwise modify the insurance coverage.
- K. All policies of insurance shall cover the obligations of the City pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; shall be issued by an insurance company which is admitted to do business in the State of California or which is approved in writing by the SBCCOG; and shall be placed with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A VII.
- L. The City shall submit to SBCCOG (1) insurance certificates indicating compliance with the minimum worker's compensation insurance requirements above, and (2) insurance policy endorsements

indicating compliance with all other minimum insurance requirements above, not less than one (1) day prior to beginning of performance under this Agreement. Endorsements shall be executed on SBCCOG's appropriate standard forms entitled "Additional Insured Endorsement", or a substantially similar form which the SBCCOG has agreed in writing to accept.

- M. Authority and Signatures: The individuals signing this MOU, and its exhibits, which are incorporated herein by reference, have the authority to commit the entity they represent to the terms of this MOU, and do so commit by signing.

(Signatures on Following page)

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

August, 28 2025

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director
Ronson Chu, SBCCOG Senior Project Manager for Homeless Services

SUBJECT: Measure A Contracts for Homeless Services

BACKGROUND

At the July 2025 Board Meeting, the Board approved a Measure A Contract Template for our city and agency partners. Below is a list of the final executable contracts based on that Template with the newly added revisions. Enclosed in the final Board Packet will be the Scopes of work for each of these contracts. These will be sent in a supplemental distribution.

List of Measure A Contracts for approval:

- Torrance 3290 Tiny Home Village Maintenance and Operations
- Beach City Homeless Court Behavioral Health Services and SRO/Motel Beds
- Hawthorne Case Management and Housing Navigation
- Gardena Case Management and Prevention Coordinator
- SHARE! Housing to Employment
- Hero Community Services Case Management, Retention, and Cal Aim Support
- WLCAC Housing Focused Case Management and Prevention Program
- St Margaret's Center Housing Focused Case Management, Documents Specialist, and Prevention Program

SBCCOG staff are still working on an Inglewood contract and will bring it back to the Board once it is ready.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the eight Measure A contracts listed above and their scopes of work.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

August 28, 2025

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Rescission of Resolution 2025-1

BACKGROUND

At the April 24, 2025 SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting, Resolution 2025-1 was adopted. This resolution provided SBCCOG's approval of the sale of American Dark Fiber's South Bay Fiber Network Assets and the assignment of the Amended and Restated Master Services Agreement (ARMSA) to Fabric Networks Inc., the California-based affiliate of Rigstar Communications Inc. The Board approval was made subject to several conditions, including Rigstar/Fabric providing satisfactory evidence of funding and staffing.

In the ensuing weeks after this Board action was taken, discussions continued and in late June, Rigstar/Fabric informed staff that they did not have the financing that they had anticipated and were not going to be able to obtain it. They informed us that as a consequence, they were not going to close the purchase or fulfill certain conditions in the resolution.

American Dark Fiber assured us that they would fulfill their obligations under the ARMSA to provide uninterrupted service and would continue pursuing another operator in collaboration with the SBCCOG.

RECOMMENDATION

That the SBCCOG Board of Directors approve Resolution 2025-2 rescinding the previously adopted resolution approving the sale of the network and assignment of the ARMSA.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 –2

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1**

RECITALS

A. On April 24, 2025, the Board of Directors of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments approved Resolution No. 2025-1, approving the sale of American Dark Fiber’s South Bay Assets and the Assignment of the Amended and Restated Master Services Agreement to Fabric Networks, Inc.

B. Subsequent to adoption of Resolution No. 2025-1, Fabric Networks, Inc. withdrew from the transaction.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments does hereby resolve and order as follows:

Section 1. Resolution No. 2025-1 is hereby rescinded in its entirety and of no further force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors this ____ day of April 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Bernadette Suarez, Chair

Jacki Bacharach, Board Secretary

SBACC Board of Directors August 5th Meeting Report -

From: Barry Waite

Introductions and Announcements

The meeting began with introductions and announcements, including the SBCCOG providing updates on the new meeting location and technology setup. Andy Sywak from Metro then presented details on the new shuttle system to SoFi Stadium and the opening of the LAX Metro Transit Center.

Federal Legislative Update

Jennings Imel from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce provided an update on federal legislative priorities, including concerns around tariffs and the recently passed tax bill. He encouraged members to share stories and feedback from their businesses to help with advocacy efforts.

State Legislative Update

Jeff Kiernan from the League of California Cities and Charles Gale from the Metropolitan Water District discussed state-level legislation, including an update on AB 580 regarding surface mining and the governor's focus on the Delta Conveyance Project. Cody Bridges from Assemblymember Muratsuchi's office also provided an update on state bills.

AI Regulation Concerns

The group discussed concerns around new and emerging AI regulations, including the risk-based approach, challenges with national/international consistency, and the potential impact on small businesses using AI tools. The SBCCOG opposed several bills in this area.

Water Decoupling Legislation

The group discussed support for SB 473, which would decouple water agency revenue from water usage, helping to stabilize rates while promoting conservation. Kimberly Caballero from California Water Service provided an update on the bill's status.

Website and Membership Updates

Henry Rogers provided an overview of the new website and membership portal features, which will allow members to manage their accounts, renew memberships, and track event attendance and donations.

Upcoming Events

The group discussed plans for the upcoming South Bay Summer Mixer on October 6th, including the venue, timing, sponsorship levels, and outreach to local elected officials. They also confirmed the date change for the September meeting.

Financial Report

Julia Parton from Malaga Bank provided the financial report, highlighting the organization's strong cash position, revenue growth, and strategic balance sheet cleanup.

Closing and Next Steps

The meeting concluded with additional announcements, including an update on the AT&T sponsorship bill, and a reminder of the next meeting on September 9th at the WISPA offices (970 W. 190th Street, Torrance 90503).



TO: SOUTH BAY CITIES COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FR: JEFF KIERNAN, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
RE: CAL CITIES UPDATE FOR 8/28/2025 MEETING

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED 2025-26 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION BOARD!

On Thursday, August 7th the LA County Division leadership was installed before a packed house at the Palos Verdes Golf Club in the City of Palos Verdes Estates.

Please welcome your new 2025-26 Board of Directors!

President: Britt Huff, Ph.D., Council Member, Rolling Hills Estates

Vice President: Ana Maria Quintana, Council Member, Bell

Secretary/Treasurer: William Uphoff, Council Member, Lomita

Board Director: James R. Bozajian, Mayor Pro Tem, Calabasas

Past President: Dr. Michael Cao, M.D., Council Member, Arcadia

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Regional Director – Gateway Cities COG: David Arellano, Council Member, Lakewood

Regional Director – Las Virgenes-Malibu COG: Laura McCorkindale, Council Member, Hidden Hills

Regional Director – San Fernando Valley COG: Mary Mendoza, Mayor, San Fernando

Regional Director – San Gabriel Valley COG: Margaret Clark, Mayor, Rosemead

Regional Director – South Bay Cities COG: Barry Waite, Council Member, Lomita

Regional Director – Westside Cities COG: Natalya Zernitskaya, Council Member, Santa Monica

Regional Director – City of Los Angeles: Steve Luu, Legislative Analyst, Los Angeles

UPDATE ON CAL CITIES ACTION ALERTS

Cal Cities issued Action Alerts requesting urgent action from our members on several pieces of legislation, including a new late breaking alert for SB 364 (Strickland):

1. *NEW* SB 364 (Strickland) Billboards: maintenance: permits – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

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. These changes would effectively allow reconstruction of billboards without requiring the necessary permits and are in direct conflict with decades of California case law and local permitting authority.

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. The Legislature is moving forward to reauthorize the state's Cap-and-Trade Program, which is set to expire in 2030. Cities are strongly encouraged to submit a letter of support to their legislators as well as Senator Monique Limón and Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin — the two lawmakers leading the negotiations.

Supporting documents: [coalition priorities](#); [sample city letter](#)

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 ~~120~~ 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: Senate Appropriations Suspense File. AB 339 was amended on June 18 to shift from requiring 120 days notice to just 60 days notice; although this is an improvement, Cal Cities remains opposed. Consider resubmitting any previous opposition letters to note the new 'amended on' date. Cal Cities updated sample letter can be found [HERE](#).

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: Assembly Appropriations. This bill is scheduled to be heard on Monday, August 18 when the legislature returns from recess. Cal Cities has also recently published a newsletter article that lays out all the changes SB 79 has gone through as it has worked its way through the legislature.

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: Senate Appropriations, suspense file.

LEGISLATURE PASSES CEQA REFORM IN BUDGET TRAILER BILLS

Signed by Governor Newsom as part of the 2025 Budget Package, [AB 130 \(Wicks\)](#) and [SB 131 \(Wiener\)](#) took effect immediately on June 30 and made some big changes to CEQA.

Cal Cities has now released a [primer document](#) and highlighted these changes in a recent Cal Cities Advocate article: [Do you have questions about the recent CEQA reform? We have answers](#). Cities are encouraged to review this information and work with your city attorney to determine how these laws might impact projects in your community.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION ADVOCACY UPDATE

The Los Angeles County Division has engaged on 5 bills this session. Two of the bills we are *supporting*—**AB 1** and **AB 888**—are focused on wildfire resilience and insurance affordability. Both of these bills await a vote on the suspense file in Senate Appropriations.

- [AB 1](#) would require the Department of Insurance to regularly update the *Safer from Wildfire* regulations, with the goal of helping stabilize—and ultimately reduce—the cost of fire insurance.
- [AB 888](#) would establish the *California Safe Homes Grant Program*, offering funding to property owners to harden their homes against wildfire threats.

The Division is also *opposing* [AB 470](#), Assembly Member McKinnor's second attempt to allow AT&T and other telecom companies to relinquish their responsibility as the carrier of last resort. In our opposition letter, we emphasized the need for greater investment in landline infrastructure, particularly in fire-prone communities that rely on landlines for emergency communications during power outages. AB 470 is on suspense in Senate Appropriations and will need a final vote on the Floor of both houses before the legislature adjourns on September 12.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

The **Cal Cities 2025 Annual Conference and Expo at the Long Beach Convention Center** is less than two months away. Details on the conference can be found [HERE](#).

Please also remember to agendaize the selection of your city's voting delegates for an upcoming council meeting. No resolutions were received before the August 9 deadline so unless a qualified petitioned resolution is submitted by 8:30 AM on OCT 9 there will be no general assembly. Action by the city council is recommended by September 24 in case there is an emergent resolution at the conference. All the details on the General Assembly and any resolutions that are submitted in advance can be found [HERE](#) along with the [voting delegate designation packet](#).

Like in years past, the Los Angeles County Division will be hosting a lunch on Wednesday, October 8 – the first day of the conference – at the Hyatt Regency from 11:30 AM – 1 PM. The Division will be announcing our luncheon speaker in the coming weeks, but you won't want to miss this opportunity to connect with local officials from all over LA County, so you can register for that lunch event [HERE](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [September 15 at 11 AM: Legislative Call to Action – Sign & Veto Requests](#)
- [October 8 – 10 in Long Beach: The League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo. \(Long Beach Convention Center\)](#)
- [October 8 from 11:30 AM – 1 PM: Los Angeles County Division Annual Conference Lunch \(Long Beach Hyatt Regency\)](#)

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Extreme Heat Warning and Heat Advisory

For Thursday, August 21st to Saturday August 23rd, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health urges residents to take precautions to avoid heat-related illness - such as heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and heat cramps. The South Bay in particular Palos Verdes Hills, Friday, August 22nd will be affected.

Public Health recommends the following tips to keep yourself and others safe during excessive heat:

- Drink plenty of water and keep hydrated throughout the day
- If you must go out, plan your day to avoid going out during the hottest hours, and wear sunscreen (SPF 15)
- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothes, and wear a hat or use an umbrella
- Cars get very hot inside, even if the windows are ‘cracked’ or open. Never leave children or pets alone in cars. Call 911 if you see a child or pet in a car alone
- Check on those at risk for heat-related illness, like those who are sick or have chronic conditions, older adults, pregnant women, children, those who live alone, pets, and outdoor workers and athletes

If you don’t have air conditioning, follow these tips:

- Stay hydrated and don’t wait until you’re thirsty to drink water
- Take cool showers or baths
- Use your stove and oven less to avoid making your home hotter
- Visit a library, cooling center, shopping mall, or other air-conditioned space. If you need help finding a cool space, call 211

Heat-Related Illness

It’s crucial to know how to recognize and help someone who is experiencing a heat-related illness (Flyer attached). Call 911 right away if you see these symptoms: high body temperature (103°F or higher), dizziness, nausea, passing out, headache, fast & strong pulse, confusion, and hot, red, dry, or damp skin.

Watch out for each other. Everyone should take precautions to prevent heat-related illness, but there are groups more vulnerable to heat. Check on those who are sick or have chronic conditions, older adults, pregnant people, children, those who live alone, pets, and outdoor workers and athletes.

County and City partners have planned ways to operate cooling centers during times of high heat safely. Residents who do not have access to air conditioning are encouraged to take advantage of these free cooling centers, splash pads, and community pools. To find a location near you, visit <https://ready.lacounty.gov/heat/> or call 211.

Los Angeles County residents and business owners, including people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, can call 211 for emergency preparedness information and other referral services. The toll-free 211 number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed by visiting 211la.org.

You can find the most up-to-date information by visiting our extreme heat websiteⁱ, signing up for our [heat advisories](#)ⁱⁱ, and following us on all social media platforms where we share tips and advisories on heat. Our social media handle is **@lapublichealth** on all platforms.

Public Health Is Public Safety

At Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, we work to protect and promote the health of all residents by preventing disease, reducing health risks, and ensuring equity across communities. From safe food and clean water to emergency preparedness and chronic disease prevention, our work strengthens the foundation of community safety. By addressing the root causes of illness and injury, we not only save lives but also create healthier, more resilient neighborhoods where everyone can thrive. Check our website to learn more [LA County Department of Public Health](#)

National Breastfeeding Awareness Month

In recognition of National Breastfeeding Awareness Month and throughout the year, Public Health, alongside community partners, actively supports families through educational events, resource distribution, and engagement with healthcare providers and policy makers. The Division of Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) works to ensure that families have access to accurate information, culturally appropriate support, and safe environments that empower breastfeeding. From hosting workshops to creating breastfeeding-friendly spaces in public areas, we are proud to support families on their infant-feeding journey and promote a healthy start for all children.

From 2024 to 2025, MCAH programs have:

- Partnered with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Division (EPRD) to develop a handout on how to feed infants/children during emergencies and plan future community-based emergency preparedness trainings that incorporate infant feeding.
- Partnered with BreastfeedLA to:
 - Release a new prenatal toolkit which details how to provide support to birthing people through their breast/chestfeeding journey.
 - Implement a milk transportation program at the County women's jail to enable incarcerated birthing parents to provide breastmilk to their infants, from whom they are separated.
 - Train MCAH staff and partners interested in becoming Lactation Education Specialists.
- Provided breastfeeding education and support to enrolled home visiting and doula clients and their families.
- Began revamping and expanding the African American Infant and Maternal Mortality Prevention initiative (AAIMM) Safe Space campaign, launched in 2022 as a rolling directory of businessesⁱⁱⁱ that welcome and support breast/chestfeeding at their place of business in the South LA/South Bay and Antelope Valley.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) is offering FREE life-saving Community Readiness Champions (CRC) (Flyer attached)

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) is offering FREE life-saving Community Readiness Champions (CRC) Gold Medal trainings for community and faith-based organizations. Emergencies can happen at any time, and having a prepared community trained in life-saving skills can make a critical difference in Los Angeles County. We are asking our community partners to host these FREE CRC Gold Medal trainings at your organization as a benefit for your staff, volunteers, and the people you serve. Our trainers will come to your agency and provide in-person training for groups of 10 people or more.

Ticket Relief Court

The Curtis Tucker Center for Community Wellness (CTCCW), in partnership with the Asian American Drug Abuse Program, offers a Ticket Relief Court every other month on the first Tuesday. This program is designed to provide a welcoming and accessible space for

individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness, helping them overcome obstacles that limit their access to social services, employment, and full community participation. Working closely with the LA City Attorney’s Homeless Engagement and Response Team, the Ticket Relief Court assists eligible participants in resolving moving violations and misdemeanor cases. The upcoming session will be held on September 2, 2025, from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM at CTCCW, located at 123 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90301.

Help Me Grow

CTCCW is partnering with Help Me Grow Los Angeles to host the “Los Angeles Parent Cafe Event” on Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM at CTCCW, located at 123 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90301. This event aims to bring together parents of children with special health care needs for meaningful discussions on important topics, information sharing, and community support. It will provide a safe and welcoming space for parents to connect, share experiences, and access resources related to child development and special care needs.

ⁱ [http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/safety/extreme-](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/safety/extreme-heat.htm?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

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ⁱⁱ https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CALACOUNTY/subscriber/new?topic_id=CALACOUNTY_233

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.blackinfantsandfamilies.org/breastfeeding>



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The CRC Gold Medal Training is a 2-hour training with four modules:



Mental Health Awareness During Emergencies

Participants learn how to address mental health concerns during a crisis or emergency.



STOP THE BLEED

Participants learn how to identify life-threatening bleeding and several methods that can be used to stop the bleeding.



Naloxone (Narcan®) Training

Participants learn how to recognize an opioid overdose and how to administer naloxone.



Hands-Only CPR/ Automated External Defibrillator Awareness (HOCPR/AED)

Participants learn how to do HOCPR and use an AED in response to a cardiac arrest.

The training will be at no cost to you. Click here to complete the request form:

<https://bit.ly/CRCGoldMedal>. Upon submission of your request, we will follow-up with you for additional information and to set up a training.

Upon COMPLETION of the training at your organization you will be eligible to receive a CPR manikin and educational materials to train other staff, clients, and others in Hands-Only CPR. If you have any questions or need more information, please email us at: CRCTraining@ph.lacounty.gov



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