

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

## Infrastructure Working Group (IWG)

### AGENDA

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

**LUNCH & NETWORKING: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm**

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**In-person: SBCCOG Offices (357 Van Ness Way, Suite 90, Torrance, CA 90501)**

#### ACCESSING THE VIRTUAL MEETING:

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoce-ppjMsHNDt3mur9Jcx0Uud3D3dSa3l>

- 12:00 pm**     **Call to Order – Erik Zandvliet, Chair**
- 12:01 pm**     **Consent Calendar**
- **September 10, 2025 IWG Meeting Notes (Attachment A)**
  - **Transportation Report Covering September 2025 (Attachment B)**
- 12:05 pm**     **Agency & Other Update Reports**
- **SBCCOG Program Update – Jacki Bacharach/David Leger, SBCCOG**
  - **L.A. County Public Works – South Bay Traffic Forum Update**
  - **L.A. Metro Updates**
    - **ITS Program – Ed Alegre, Metro**
    - **Metro Board Actions – David Leger, SBCCOG**
  - **Metro TAC & Streets and Freeway Subcommittee Actions**
    - **Metro TAC Report**
  - **Opportunities to Serve: TAC delegate, Streets and Freeway alternate**
  - **Caltrans South Bay Projects Update**
- 12:20 pm**     **Citian CRASH Platform Demonstration – Jordan Blosser, Account Executive**
- 1:00 pm**     **I-105 Integrated Corridor Management Project Update - Shrota Sharma, Metro**
- 1:20 pm**     **3-Month Look Ahead (Attachment C)**
- **Suggest ‘Spotlight’ ideas for future meetings**
- 1:30 pm**     **Announcements / Adjournment – *Next meeting November 12***

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**South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) - September 10, 2025**

**Attendees:** Erik Zandvliet (Chair, Manhattan Beach); Brenda Moun, Caleb Cho (Torrance); Lauren Sablan (Redondo Beach); DJ Torado (Hawthorne); Ed Alegre (Metro); Pat Smith, Elizabeth Garcia, Matt Suska (LA County DPW); Kevin Kwak (Gardena); Cheryl Ebert (El Segundo); Jeannie Naughton, Kirsten Graham (Rolling Hills Estates); Sarah Aziz, Noe Preciado, Brian Correa (POLA); Gilbert Marquez (Carson); Gilbert Gamboa (Manhattan Beach); David Leger, Anne Tsai (SBCCOG)

- I. **July 9, 2025 IWG Meeting Notes and August Transportation Report** – Mr. Zandvliet called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. The meeting notes and report were accepted as presented.

II. **Agency & Other Update Reports**

- a) SBCCOG: Mr. Leger reported the following updates -

- AI Working Group: The SBCCOG will convene its first Artificial Intelligence (AI) working group on October 30. The hybrid meeting will focus on how cities are currently using AI in their work and is open to elected officials and all city departments.
- JPA Amendment: At the September meeting, the Steering Committee recommended the Board of Directors amend the SBCCOG Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), which would allow LA City Council District 15 to appoint a non-elected official as an alternate to the Board.
- General Assembly: The theme of the 2026 General Assembly will be “Let the Games Begin: How Sports and Entertainment Impact the South Bay.”
- LAX/Metro Transit Center Tour: The SBCCOG, in partnership with Metro, hosted a K Line ride-along and tour of the new LAX/Metro Transit Center on July 31. A second tour will be planned when the Automated People Mover opens in January 2026.

- b) L.A. County Public Works – South Bay Traffic Forum Update:

Mr. Smith provided updates on South Bay traffic forum projects, which are available here: <https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/15094849/SBCCOG-TSSP-and-ITS-Sept-Draft.pdf>

Mr. Smith reported that several projects are under the procurement phase. The El Segundo Blvd TSSP project was advertised for construction last month.

- c) L.A. Metro Updates –

- 1) ITS Program: Mr. Alegre shared the following updates:

- a. The ITS group has been preparing for the 2026 FIFA World Cup and 2028 Olympics. Metro has been collaborating with partner agencies on the Games Route Network (GRN) and integrated transportation management projects. The I-105 ICM project has reached 100% design, and its construction will be key for the 2028 Games. Metro will also pilot a regional decision support system for traffic operations during the Games. The proof of concept will be delivered between now and the 2026 FIFA World Cup.
- b. Metro has been studying a regional signal performance measurement tool and has decided to proceed with the ClearGuide platform.
- c. The ITS group is piloting a regional event management system, which pulls event data feeds that are pushed to third parties such as Google and Waze.
- d. RIITS, the regional data information system, has reached 26 members, with 34 expected by end of year. In the South Bay, the cities of Inglewood and Hawthorne have enrolled, while Carson, Gardena, Manhattan Beach, and El

Segundo are pending. RIITS is important for interagency coordination of traffic operations, especially for sharing data and video.

- e. The annual ITS California conference and exhibition will take place November 3-5 in Palm Springs.
  - 2) Metro Board Actions: Mr. Leger shared that the Metro Board approved the Measure R South Bay Highway Program (SBHP) updates in June.
  - 3) 2028 Games Regional Transportation Summit: Mr. Leger attended the 2028 Games Regional Transportation Summit hosted by Metro on September 4 to learn more about Olympics-related efforts such as TDM strategies and fan zones.
  - 4) I-405 Wilmington Ave to Main St Improvements Project: The SBCCOG is currently funding a portion of the environmental and design phases of the auxiliary lane project. The Transportation Committee in September made a recommendation to the Board pause all work on the project, as the SBCCOG is unwilling to assume fiscal responsibility for the project. Earlier this year, the SBCCOG Board likewise elected to not assume fiscal responsibility of the I-405 Artesia to I-105 project. The Board will vote on the I-405 Wilmington project at the end of the month.
  - 5) K Line (Formerly C Line) Extension to Torrance: The C Line Extension to Torrance FEIR is expected to be released at the end of the week.
- d) Metro TAC – Mr. Leger shared the following updates:
    - a. The California Traffic Commission (CTC) approved the initial eligibility list for the Local Streets and Roads program.
    - b. ATP Cycle 8 workshop dates have been announced. Application guidelines will be released in January. MPO selected projects are anticipated to be adopted in June 2027.
  - e) Streets and Freeways Subcommittee: Mr. Zandvliet reported that the subcommittee discussed the potential impacts of changes in federal funding to the region.
  - f) Opportunities to serve: Mr. Zandvliet invited IWG members to serve on the TAC and Streets and Freeways Subcommittee.
  - g) Caltrans South Bay Projects Update: No Caltrans representatives were present. The September report is available here: [https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/02164317/HANDOUT\\_Caltrans\\_September\\_2025.pdf](https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/02164317/HANDOUT_Caltrans_September_2025.pdf)

### III. Updates on Measure R and Measure M Projects

#### 1) SR-47 Interchange Project

Ms. Aziz delivered a presentation on the SR-47/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front St/Harbor Blvd interchange reconfiguration project. The project will reconfigure an existing southbound SR 47 off-ramp from the Vincent Thomas Bridge, currently located on the south side, with a new off-ramp located on the north side, which will provide direct access to the West Basin container terminal. Front St will be widened to accommodate the new off-ramp, and additional bike lanes, ADA accessible ramps, and crosswalk upgrades will be incorporated along Front St/Harbor Blvd. Construction is halfway complete and is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2026. The full presentation is available here: [https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/15094624/20250910\\_SBCCOG\\_SR47\\_PPT\\_FINAL\\_1.pdf](https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/15094624/20250910_SBCCOG_SR47_PPT_FINAL_1.pdf)

Mr. Zandvliet asked if all construction work is taking place on public property. Ms. Aziz responded that there was a small sliver of private property that was acquired for sidewalk expansion.

Mr. Gamboa asked who the prime contractor of the project is. Ms. Aziz responded that Skanska is the prime contractor.

Ms. Sablan asked when the project is expected to be completed. Ms. Aziz replied that the project will be completed in Fall 2026 and that no delays are expected at this time.

**2) Avalon Pedestrian Bridge and Promenade Gateway**

Mr. Preciado delivered an overview of the Avalon Pedestrian Bridge project and its integration with the Wilmington Waterfront Park and Wilmington Waterfront Promenade. The Avalon Pedestrian Bridge is a cable-stayed concrete bridge chosen by the community and designed by TY Lin that will connect the park to the promenade. The public space will also include a historic walk, sundial sculpture, open green space, play and exercise areas, and other public amenities. The project was advertised in August and expected to be completed in the summer of 2028. A full presentation is available here: <https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/15094630/APBPG.pdf>

Mr. Smith asked if a sustainability report was completed as part of the project. Mr. Preciado responded that sustainability elements were mostly captured through the EIR.

Mr. Zandvliet asked who will maintain the bridge once it is completed. Mr. Preciado stated that LA City staff will maintain the bridge.

Mr. Smith asked if bikes would be allowed on the new paths. Mr. Preciado confirmed that bikes will be able to access the promenade and bridge.

**IV. Local Travel Network Consultant Bench Overview**

Ms. Tsai delivered an overview of the new Local Travel Network Project Management and Technical Services consultant bench. The purpose of the bench is to address a range of needs for cities that are implementing the Local Travel Network, such as grant development, planning and design, community engagement, and post-implementation evaluative phases of the project. The SBCCOG, with the help of representative city staff, pre-qualified seven firms for the bench. Full proposals and labor rates are available to agency staff upon request.

**V. 3-Month Look Ahead:** Received and filed.

**VI. Announcements/Adjournment:**

Mr. Zandvliet adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m. Next meeting October 8<sup>th</sup> in-person and online at the SBCCOG office.

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Meeting notes prepared by Anne Tsai, Transportation Project Coordinator*

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# MONTHLY SBCCOG TRANSPORTATION REPORT

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

COVERING SEPTEMBER 2025

Edited by Anne Tsai

## Federal

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

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

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

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

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

#### Additional Information:

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

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

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

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

## State

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Region**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Trends

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| <p>2. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>8. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citian CRASH Platform Demonstration</li> <li>• I-105 ICM Update</li> </ul> <p>10. Metro South Bay Service Council</p> <p>13. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C Line Extension FEIR (cost summary slides to be included in agenda packet)</li> <li>• SCAG Presentation on Mobility Hubs</li> </ul> <p>13. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <p>23. Metro Board</p> <p>23. SBCCOG Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waymo</li> <li>• South Bay Regional Housing Trust Strategic Plan</li> </ul> | <p>3. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carson to the Sea Project Introduction</li> <li>• Inglewood Transit Connector Funding Plan</li> </ul> <p>3. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <p>6. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>12. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Olympics Games Mobility Plan</li> <li>• Metro VMT Policy Discussion</li> </ul> <p>14. Metro South Bay Service Council</p> <p>20. SBCCOG Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSPA Presentation on Refinery Closure Impacts to the South Bay</li> </ul> | <p>4. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>4. Metro Board</p> <p>8. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <p>8. SBCCOG Steering Committee/Board</p> <p>10. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <p>12. Metro South Bay Service Council</p> | <p>8. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>9. Metro South Bay Service Council</p> <p>12. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <p>12. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <p>14. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <p>22. Metro Board</p> <p>22. SBCCOG Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baldwin Hills &amp; Urban Watersheds Conservancy Update</li> </ul> |

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