

**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

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

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 8th in-person and online at the SBCCOG office.

*To propose an item for the next meeting agenda, please e-mail DavidL@southbaycities.org
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