

**SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2025**

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

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

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.

# **South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

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

**Thursday, September 25, 2025**

**IN-PERSON AT THE SBCCOG OFFICE**

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

**RECORDING AVAILABLE ONLINE:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cedric Hicks, Carson

Alex Monteiro, Hawthorne

Ray Jackson, Hermosa Beach

Jennifer LaMarque, LA County D4

Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale

Bill Uphoff, Lomita

Nina Tarnay, Manhattan Beach

Craig Quinn, Palos Verdes Estates

Paul Seo, Rancho Palos Verdes

Zein Obagi, Redondo Beach

Debby Stegura, Rolling Hills Estates

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

Tasha Cerda, Gardena

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

Holly Osborne, South Bay resident

Jeff Kiernan, Cal Cities

Andy Sywak, Metro

Nila Negrete-Mitchell, Redondo Beach resident

Kelvin Rinera, NobleQuest

Dr. Maria Alfaro, NobleQuest

Ailene Rivera, NobleQuest

Lourdes Kriste, Metro

Roberto Machuca, Metro

Kevin Umaña, SBCCOG

Kelly Permpoon, SBCCOG

Shawn Fujioka, SBCCOG

Lara Gerges, SBCCOG

Anne Tsai, SBCCOG

Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG

David Leger, SBCCOG

Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG

Natalie Champion, SBCCOG

Ronson Chu, SBCCOG

Wally Siembab, SBCCOG

### **VII. PRESENTATIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**B. Homeless Services**

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

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

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

### **C. Senior Services**

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

### **D. Transportation Reports**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **E.REAP 2.0 Updates**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## H. General Assembly

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

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

**I. Other** - None were stated

## IX. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- October 6 – SBACC Fall Mixer (attachment)

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

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

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

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

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

## **X.AGENCY REPORTS**

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

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

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted:  
Natalie Champion  
SBCCOG Staff