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## South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) - January 14, 2026

**Attendees:** Cheryl Ebert (El Segundo); Gilbert Marquez (Carson); William Mendoza (Gardena); Jesse Reyes (Redondo Beach); Beth Overstreet, Caleb Cho (Torrance); Jesus Velazquez (Hawthorne); Kimberly Venegas, Rachel Junken (Los Angeles); Tony Olmos (Inglewood); Russ Bryden (Rancho Palos Verdes); Marty Amundson, Elizabeth Garcia, Pat Smith, John Ickis, Andres Narvaez (LADPW); Emily Han (Caltrans); Constance Turner (SCE); Rouzbeh Afshar (Verdantas); Michael Grossman (DR Consultants & Designers); Vigen Davidian (Iteris); Janna McKhann (NexTech Systems Inc.); Teresa Malone (Parsons); De Mai, Alex Zhu, Brian Chandler (DKS Associates); Doug Tripp (Charter); Rosemary Morrow (Hot Park); Jacki Bacharach, Anne Tsai, Aaron Ruiz (SBCCOG)

- I. **January 14, 2026 IWG Meeting Notes and December Transportation Report** – Ms. Tsai called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The meeting notes and report were accepted as presented.
  
- II. **Agency & Other Update Reports**
  - a) SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach reported the following updates -
    - Housing Trust: The SBCCOG is proceeding with establishing a housing trust, which will help build affordable housing in the South Bay. A workshop will be held later today on this subject.
    - South Bay Fiber Network (SBFN): The SBCCOG is in the process of transferring ownership of the SBFN to prospective owner Next Level Connect. The SBCCOG has had a positive experience with the current owner, but the current owner does not plan on expanding the SBFN, which does not align with the SBCCOG’s goals for the future. Once the new owner is selected, the network sale will be presented to the SBCCOG Board for approval.
    - December Transportation Committee: The SBCCOG Board voted to continue to support the C/K Line Extension to Torrance but remain alignment neutral and request that Metro hire a consultant to complete a feasibility study for a climate resiliency district to provide funding for transit and mobility alternatives in the South Bay.
    - General Assembly: The 2026 General Assembly will be held on March 26, 2026 at the westdrift Hotel in Manhattan Beach. The theme will be “Let the Games Begin: How Sports and Entertainment Impact the South Bay.” The event is free and open to sponsorships. The SBCCOG is looking to implement a program that includes not only sports, but also some of the entertainment venues that contribute to the quality of life in the South Bay. An exhibit hall is also planned to feature the SBCCOG’s sponsors and cities.
  
  - b) L.A. County Public Works – South Bay Traffic Forum Update:  
Mr. Smith shared that project updates are few. Many projects are in the design phase currently, such as the Van Ness project. LA County has also applied for additional funding from Measure R and a possible Measure M application soon. A full project status report is available here:  
<https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/14092215/SBCCOG-TSSP-and-ITS-Dec-Draft.pdf>
  
  - c) L.A. Metro Updates
    - 1) ITS Program: No Metro representative was present.
    - 2) Metro Board Actions: Ms. Bacharach shared that the Metro C/K Line extension is being brought to the Metro Board this month.
  
  - d) Metro Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – No members were present.
  
  - e) Streets and Freeways Subcommittee – No members were present

- f) Opportunities to Serve
  - 1) Ms. Tsai announced there is an opening on TAC for a delegate and an opening on the Streets and Freeways Subcommittee for an alternate to represent SBCCOG.
  - 2) Ms. Bacharach shared that there is an opening for a Bicycle Coordinator, who would serve as a member of both the Streets and Freeways Subcommittee and TAC.
  
- g) Caltrans South Bay Projects Update:  
Sergio Carvajal of Caltrans sent over the quarterly South Bay Projects update which is available here:  
[https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/12161626/SBCCOG\\_Projs\\_January2025.pdf](https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/12161626/SBCCOG_Projs_January2025.pdf)

**III. Caltrans Games Route Network and Mobility Hub Projects Update:**

Ms. Han delivered a presentation overview of Caltrans' role in the 2028 Olympics Games. Among the Games Mobility Executives (GME), Caltrans oversees the Games Route Network (GRN) and Integrated Transportation Management. The GRN is a network of roads for travel between official venues, with dedicated lanes for exclusive use by Games Family vehicles. Caltrans is also implementing two mobility hub projects in Norwalk and Harbor Gateway to enable multimodal connections to Games venues and support the Supplemental Bus System (SBS). The full presentation is available here:  
<https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/20164635/Caltrans-LA28-Presentation-South-Bay-Cities-COG-20260114.pdf>

**IV. FY26-27 Measure R Annual South Bay Highway Program Update:**

The SBCCOG received requests for additional funding for two existing projects and one de-obligation request. The staff recommends an additional \$4.5 million in additional Measure R South Bay Highway Program funding. This action would result in a remaining balance of \$47.8 million to complete existing Measure R projects. The group reached a consensus to recommend approval of the funding augmentation requests to the SBCCOG Transportation Committee.

**V. 3-Month Look Ahead:**

LA Metro will present an update on the 2028 Games Mobility Concept Plan at the Transportation Committee in February 2026. The Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck Replacement project team will also present an update in March of 2026.

**VI. Announcements/Adjournment:**

Ms. Tsai adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m. Next meeting February 11<sup>th</sup> in-person and online at the SBCCOG office.

*To propose an item for the next meeting agenda, please e-mail [DavidL@southbaycities.org](mailto:DavidL@southbaycities.org)  
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# MONTHLY SBCCOG TRANSPORTATION REPORT

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

COVERING FEBRUARY 2026

Edited by Aaron Ruiz, CivicSpark Fellow

## Federal

### **U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Updates Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Program to Include “Buy America” Requirements**

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced updates to its electric vehicle charging public interest waiver to incorporate expanded “Buy America” requirements. The revised guidance is intended to increase the share of domestically manufactured components used in federally funded EV charging infrastructure. This raises the required domestic content of EV chargers with the public interest waiver from 55 percent to 100 percent, reflecting a broader federal emphasis on strengthening U.S. supply chains and supporting domestic industry.

The update is designed to ensure that public investments in charging infrastructure contribute to American manufacturing while continuing to support the buildout of a national charging network. The policy builds on existing domestic content rules and signals a continued focus on aligning infrastructure spending with economic development priorities within the United States.

Once the updated waiver is finalized, this requirement will be immediately applicable to federally funded EV charging projects. This further highlights the approach to balancing infrastructure goals with domestic production requirements as EV adoption continues to grow nationwide.

Source: [Trump’s Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Updates EV Charger Program to Include Buy America Requirements | US Department of Transportation](#)

## State

### **California Allocates Nearly \$1 Billion for Safety, Transit, and Climate-Focused Transportation Improvements**

The California Transportation Commission has announced that they have allocated nearly \$1 billion to transportation projects across the state aimed at improving safety, expanding transit, and supporting climate goals. The funding package, supported by state and federal sources, is part of ongoing efforts under Governor Gavin Newsom’s infrastructure plans to modernize California’s transportation network and improve mobility statewide.

The \$988.7 million investment includes funding from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Senate Bill 1, with projects designed to enhance goods movement, improve transit and rail systems, and expand walking and biking infrastructure. State officials emphasized that these investments are intended to strengthen economic connectivity while making transportation systems safer and more resilient to climate impacts.

Several projects will directly benefit Southern California and the Los Angeles region, as \$54 million was awarded to fund repairs on SR-2 and SR-27 from damage caused by erosion and

fires. \$49 million was also allocated to a 16-mile Capital Preventative Maintenance project on Pacific Coast Highway near Malibu, which will deliver ADA-compliant pedestrian features and bike lanes in several locations, in addition to 63.4 lane miles of resurfaced roadway. Additionally, funding for the region includes support for improvements to bus services across Los Angeles County.

State transportation leaders noted that the funding package supports a wide range of improvements from bridge repairs and highway upgrades to transit vehicles and active transportation infrastructure. This reflects a continued focus on safety, accessibility, and long-term system resilience across California.

Source: [California Invests Nearly 1 Billion Dollars for Safer Highways, Improving Transit and Expanding Walkable Communities | Caltrans](#)

## Region

### **Congress Approves \$94.3 Million for Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games**

Congress has approved approximately \$94.3 million in mobility-related funding to support transportation planning and improvements tied to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, marking a significant step in preparing the region's transportation network for the global event. The funding was included in a federal transportation spending package and is intended to help agencies coordinate operations, enhance mobility, and improve access to venues across Los Angeles County.

Regional leaders, including LA Metro, have emphasized that the investment will support planning and operational strategies needed to manage increased travel demand during the Games. This funding will help Metro continue to work on the Games Enhanced Transit System (GETS), including early service planning, initial land leasing, designing temporary bus facilities, and improving station experiences. It will also support final design and engineering for station upgrades, mobility hubs, light rail improvements, the Games Route Network, and quick-build pedestrian improvements around event venues. This will help advance mobility initiatives aimed at improving connectivity, reliability, and the overall transportation experience for residents and visitors.

The allocation reflects continued coordination between federal and regional partners as Los Angeles prepares for the influx of athletes, spectators, and workers expected in 2028. Officials say the funding will help ensure the region can deliver a transportation system capable of supporting a large-scale international event while also providing longer-term mobility benefits for local communities.

Source(s): [Congress Approves \\$94.3 Million for Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games Transportation | The Source](#)

## Trends

### Uber Prepares to Launch Robotaxis in Los Angeles

Uber Technologies has announced a new suite of services aimed at supporting autonomous ride-hailing operations as the company prepares to introduce robotaxis in Los Angeles. The initiative, called Uber Autonomous Solutions, is designed to give autonomous vehicle developers access to Uber's customer base, software tools, and operational infrastructure to help scale deployments more efficiently.

The company is working with several partners as part of its broader strategy to expand autonomous mobility. Through a partnership with Volkswagen, Uber plans to launch a shared robotaxi service using the electric ID, with testing already underway. Uber has also outlined additional collaborations with companies such as Waymo, Lucid Motors, and Nuro.

Rather than developing its own autonomous driving technology, Uber is increasingly positioning itself as a platform provider that connects riders with partner-operated autonomous fleets. The company says this approach allows vehicle developers to focus on technology while leveraging Uber's established marketplace and trip data to support operations.

The announcement comes amid growing competition in the robotaxi sector, with companies including Tesla and Waymo continuing to expand testing and service areas. Uber's recent investments in charging infrastructure and platform tools reflect a broader industry trend toward the support of autonomous ride-hailing, particularly in major urban centers like Los Angeles.

Source: [Uber says it will launch robotaxis in Los Angeles this year - Los Angeles Times](#)

**Updated 3/04/26**

March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026
<p>2. Metro South Bay Service Council</p> <p>5. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>9. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vincent Thomas Bridge Closure Update</li> <li>• Olympics Mobility Concept Plan Update</li> </ul> <p>9. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <p>11. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro Complete Streets Training</li> </ul> <p>26. Metro Board</p> <p>26. General Assembly – westdrift Hotel, Manhattan Beach: “Let the Games Begin: How Sports and Entertainment are Shaping the South Bay”</p>	<p>2. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>6. Metro South Bay Service Council</p> <p>8. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY26-27 Measure M MSP and Measure R Transit Annual Program Update</li> </ul> <p>13. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY26-27 Measure M MSP and Measure R Transit Annual Program Update</li> <li>• SCAG Local Data Exchange (LDX)</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>• LA Air Force Base Update (Tentative)</li> <li>• South Bay Fiber Network Transfer of Ownership (Tentative)</li> <li>• Classification and Compensation Study Results</li> <li>• FY26-27 Measure M MSP and Measure R Transit Annual Program Update</li> <li>• Metro Board Composition Ad Hoc Committee Update</li> </ul>	<p>4. Metro South Bay Service Council</p> <p>7. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>11. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro Annual Budget</li> </ul> <p>11. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <p>13. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <p>28. Metro Board</p> <p>28. SBCCOG Board</p>	<p>1. Metro South Bay Service Council</p> <p>4. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>8. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I-105 ExpressLanes Update</li> </ul> <p>8. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <p>10. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <p>25. SBCCOG Board</p> <p>Metro Board - DARK</p>

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