

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee Monday, June 8, 2026 Minutes

Attendees: Bernadette Suarez, Chair (Lawndale); Alex Monteiro (Hawthorne); Nina Tarnay (Manhattan Beach); Craig Quinn (Palos Verdes Estates); Brad Waller (Redondo Beach); Jon Kaji (Torrance); Cedric Hicks (Carson) (left 1:06 pm); Rob Saemann (Hermosa Beach); Aksel Palacios - non-voting (LA City District 15); Andy Sywak (Metro); Jacki Bacharach, Wally Siembab, Kim Fuentes, Natalie Champion, David Leger, Ronson Chu, Andrey Mulligan, Jake Romoff, Anne Tsai, Kevin Umana, Marolly Vasquez, Anna Xue, Sarah Cortes (SBCCOG); Holly Osborne (Public)

- I. **CONFIRM THE QUORUM – 12:00 noon**
- II. **REPORT OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA**
 - **ACTION:** Received and filed
- III. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - NONE**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT – 12:05 pm**
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file – 12:10 pm**
 - A. May 11, 2026 Steering Committee meeting minutes – attached (**Pages 5-8**) **HICKS/MONTEIRO**
 - **ACTION:** Approved
 - B. FY26-27 Recommendation for Chamber of Commerce Memberships
 - Memo attached (**Pages 9-10**)
 - **ACTION:** Approved
 - C. Update to SBCCOG Financial Policies
 - Memo and policies attached (**Pages 11-23**)
 - **ACTION:** Approved
 - D. Agreement with Lackow Planning and Environmental for Services to the SBCCOG- attached (**Pages 25-30**)
 - **ACTION:** Recommended Board approval
 - E. Agreement with Siembab Corporation for Advisory Services – attached (**Pages 31-38**)
 - **ACTION:** Recommended Board approval
 - F. Agreement with Jon Rodman for GIS Services – attached (**Pages 39-44**)
 - **ACTION:** Recommended Board approval
 - G. West Basin Municipal Water District Scope of Work for SBCCOG for FY 26-27 – attached
 - **ACTION:** Recommended EW, Board approval (**Pages 45-54**)
 - H. 26-27 Dues
 - Hawthorne, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes paid

I. Pending Grants

- None (Caltrans Sustainable Grant – We did not receive this award)

J. Monthly Reports – Receive and File

- City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings – attached (Page 55)
- **Client Aid & Time Limited Subsidy no longer coming on this agenda going directly to Board**

VI. ACTION ITEMS

K. Homeless and Housing Services – 12:15 pm

- Program, county contract, and governance updates
- July 18 – 11 am to 3 pm Hawthorne Community Center – CONNECT Day for families - attached
- Amendment TWO to the Los Angeles County Measure A Local Solutions Fund (LSF) FY 26-27 contract – memo AND CONTRACT attached (Pages 57-58)
- **ACTION:** Recommended Chair be authorized to execute Amendment when received as long as there are no substantive and material changes to the previously approved version and have the full scope of services presented to the Board at the June meeting – **MONTEIRO/TARNAY**
- **JUNE 11 IS CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR PAIGE Kaluderovic for LACAHS Board**

L. 2027 General Assembly Brainstorming – 12:25 pm

- Memo attached (Pages 59-62)
- **DIRECTION PROVIDED:**
 - **Consider afternoon – ex. 12 (lunch) to 5 pm – might be easier for city staff. Wouldn't conflict as much with Metro Board so Supervisors could come**
 - **If Westdrift again, improve parking information**
 - **Youth panel on AI**
 - **Topics – how cities financed and is it sustainable including effects of climate change, tariffs and federal/state relationship, becoming more autonomous**

M. Legislation – 12:35 pm

- Legislative Matrix – attached (Pages 63-70)
- Metro Board Composition
 - Scenarios before the Metro Board – attached (Pages 71-86) - **ALL BOARD SIZE STAYS THE SAME**
 - A – appointments by appointing authorities**
 - B – directly elected**
 - C – Non-voting rider rep**
 - D- same as today with Sups selecting 5 from the Board and/or CEO**
 - Letter from Supervisor Hahn – attached (Page 87) - **VOTING RIDER REP, ALL ALTERNATES CAN VOTE, DEDICATED REP FOR LONG BEACH**
 - NO METHOD FOR SELECTION OF RIDER REP – VOTE OR NO VOTE?**
 - LOOKS LIKE A LONG BEACH SEAT WOULD BE ONE MORE, BOARD 14?**
- SB 799 amendment re: Housing Trust – **NEED SOMEONE TO GO TO SACRAMENTO – JUNE 17 – JON KAJI WILL GO TO SACRAMENTO**
 - SBWIB AND LAAF B COMMANDER TO SACRAMENTO**
- Update on RHNA Replacement efforts – **WAKE UP CALIFORNIA PRESENTATION** by Siembab

- EV Rebate Proposal – attached (Pages 89-90)
 - **WALLER – BUYING USED VEHICLES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED**
- **ACTION: MONITOR METRO BOARD ISSUE**

N. FY 26-27 Draft Final Budget – **12:55 pm**

- Draft Final budget – attached (Pages 91-108)
- **ADD ORGANIZATION CHART TO BUDGETS WITH VACANCIES AND POTENTIAL HIRES**
- **ACTION:** Recommended Board approval of the budget **MONTEIRO/WALLER**

O. Executive Director Salary Adjustment for FY2026-2027 – memo attached – **1:05 pm (Pages 109-110)**

- **ACTION:** Recommended Board approval - **QUINN/HICKS**

P. Sixth Amendment to Eide Bailly Contract for Financial Services – memo attached – **1:15 pm (Pages)**

- **ACTION:** Recommended Board approval – **MONTEIRO/HICKS**

Q. Approval of Invoices – **1:20 pm**

- **ACTION:** Approved invoices for payment – **ONE PRE-PAYMENT TO HERO – TARNAY/MONTEIRO**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – HICKS LEFT

R. Land Use and Transportation and Digital Update – **1:25 pm**

- REAP 2.0
 - Commercial Redevelopment - **TOOL TO LOOK AT POTENTIAL SITES IN CITIES TO BE SHOWN TO TRUST BOARD**
 - Mobility Hubs – **WORK BEING REFINED AND PREPARING TO GO TO COUNCILS**
- Update on the Local Travel Network & E-Bike Safety Issues
 - SS4A grant – **TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL**
 - Carson to the Sea grant – **CONSULTANT LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVE ROUTES**
 - Measure M application for further work on e-bike safety
- SBFN
 - Status of possible transfer of ownership – **NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY -HOPEFULLY COMING TO JULY BOARD MEETING**

S. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – attached (Pages 111-117) – **1:30 pm**

- June 18, Energy Managers Working Group

T. Update on Senior Services – **1:40 pm**

U. Board Meeting Agenda Development – **1:45 pm**

- June – draft agenda attached (Pages 119-121)
- July
 - Potential SBFN Transfer of Ownership
 - **County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office (CEO) – Jail Closure Implementation Team (JCIT) Presentation**

The presentation will highlight key strategies guiding the County's jail closure efforts, provide insight into how improvements in case processing can reduce

lengths of stay, and discuss how proposed initiatives and system improvements are intended to safely reduce the jail population while expanding access to community-based care and services.

JULY 9 – LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

- August
- September
 - Proposed policy change on funding Measure M and R projects
 - The Future & Educational Priorities of El Camino College - Ann O'Brien, Executive Director, Marketing & Communications
 - LCC – Sept. 23-25 in Sacto – DATE CHANGED TO OCTOBER 1
- OCTOBER
- NOVEMBER - Thanksgiving – Nov. 19
- DECEMBER – DARK (STEERING COMMITTEE IS BOARD MEETING)

VIII. **STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES – 1:50 pm**

IX. **NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE – Monday, July 13, 2026 @ 12:00 noon – SBCCOG office**

X. **ADJOURNMENT**