

**SBCCOG Board of Directors' Meeting
Thursday, April 23, 2026 @ 6:00 pm
SBCCOG Office**

**357 Van Ness Way #90, Torrance, California 90501
& virtually via Zoom**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Public Comment portion of the meeting is the public's opportunity to provide comments on non-agenda items within the jurisdiction of the SBCCOG/cities and each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. Comments on agenda items may be made following the staff report on the item and each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes per item. Time allotments may be reduced due to time constraints at the discretion of the Chair. When called on, please state: Your name and residence and the organization you represent, if appropriate. Written comments are also accepted by 5:00 pm the day of the meeting via e-mail to natalie@southbaycities.org Both written and oral comments will be part of the official record.

SBCCOG Board Members:

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AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 pm
Bernadette Suarez, Chair

II. VERIFY QUORUM AND VOTES NEEDED FOR ACTION (attachment) (Page 5)

III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY TORRANCE CITY CLERK

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:10 pm

Matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. No separate discussion on these items. If discussion desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

A. February 26, 2026 minutes (attachment) – Approve (Pages 7-18)

B. Appointments to Outside Agencies (attachment) – Approve (Page 19)

C. Legislative Matrix (attachment) – Approve (Pages 21-29)

1. Support – AB 2741, SB 417, AB 1708, AB 2279, AB 1569, AB 2346

2. Oppose – AB 1621, SB 1014, SB 1117, AB 1953, AB 1198, AB 1976, SB 866, AB 2508
(Note: AB 2508 was not considered by the Steering Committee)

D. Revised Classification Specifications for SBCCOG positions (attachment) – Approve (Pages 31-37)

Job Descriptions are available here: <https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/16082507/2026-Job-Descriptions.pdf>

E. Amendment to the Eide Bailly Contract for Additional as needed Accounting Services (attachment) – Approve (Pages 39-40)

F. Actions Taken by the Steering Committee (attachment) – Receive and file (Page 41)

G. SBCCOG Monthly Reports – Receive and File

1. City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings (attachment) (Page 43)
2. Client Aid Report (attachment) (Page 45)
3. TLS (Time Limited Subsidy) Report (attachment) (Page 47)
4. Media Report (attachment) (Pages 49-55)
5. Transportation Report (attachment) (Pages 57-60)

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Update on Issues and Happenings at LA Air Force Base (6:15 pm)

1. LAAFB Commander Colonel Andrew Dermanoski

B. South Bay Energy and Climate Recognition Program – Q1 Report (6:35 pm)

1. Addie Aubley, SBCCOG CivicSpark Fellow

C. Metro Board Composition Listening Session (6:45 pm)

1. Karen Swift, Metro Deputy Executive Officer for Local Government Relations & Andy Sywak, Metro South Bay Area Manager, Local Government Relations

VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATE – (7:00 pm)

A. Transportation Reports

1. Metro Board composition position (attachment) – Approve (Pages 61-63)
2. Metro Report – Board member James Butts/Mike Bohlke
3. Transportation Committee recommendations
 - a. FY 26-27 Measure R Transit Annual Program (attachments) – Approve (Pages 65-67)
 - b. FY 26-27 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Plan Annual Program (attachments) – Approve (Pages 69-84)
 - c. Measure R & M MSP Potential Policy Changes (attachment) – Approve (Pages 85-86)

B. SBESC Projects and Programs (attachment) (Pages 87-93)

1. Biodiversity Grant
2. Accreditation Pilot: LEED certification for city staff (attachments) – Approve (Pages 95-97)

C. Homeless Services and Housing Issues

1. LACAHSAs Update
 - a. Support for Paige Kaluderovic to fill upcoming vacant seat on LACAHSAs Board
2. South Bay Regional Housing Trust (SBRHT) Update
 - a. Membership is 11 cities – ratify Trust Board of Directors' members (attachment) – Approve (Pages 99-100)
 - b. SB 799 update (attachments) (Pages 101-107)

D. Senior Services

E. Land Use and Transportation Programs and Projects

1. RHNA Replacement memo to gubernatorial and legislative candidates (attachment) – Approve (Pages 109-111)

- 2. REAP 2.0 Updates
 - a. Commercial Redevelopment to Housing
 - b. Micromobility Hubs
- 3. Micromobility Programs and Projects
- 4. South Bay Fiber Network
- F. General Assembly evaluation
 - 1. Direction for next year

IX. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – 7:55 pm

- April 28** **West Harbor Entertainment Complex Tour – 11:00 am**
- April 30** **Inaugural Meeting of the South Bay Regional Housing Trust – 4:00 pm**
- May 5** **Meeting with Assemblymember Tina McKinnor – 11:30 am**
- May 21** **SBCCOG Orientation for City Staff (*attachment*) – 3:00 pm (Page 113)**

X. AGENCY REPORTS

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

- A. SCAG update (Erik Rodriguez)**
 - 1. Regional Council (Mark Henderson, Mark Waronek, Drew Boyles) (*attachment*) **(Page 115)**
 - 2. Community, Economic, and Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Mark Waronek)
 - 3. Transportation (Bill Uphoff, Asam Sheikh)
 - 4. Energy and Environment (Britt Huff)
- B. Metro Service Council (Don Szerlip) (*attachment*) (Pages 117-118)**
- C. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Britt Huff, Jeff Kiernan, Barry Waite) (*attachment*) (Pages 119-120)**
- D. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Barry Waite) (*attachment*) (Pages 121-127)**
- E. Area G Emergency Management (Brandy Villanueva) (*attachment*) (Pages 129-130)**
- F. County Department of Public Health (Alicia Chang) (*attachment*) (Pages 131-176)**
- G. California Association of Councils of Governments – CALCOG (Britt Huff)**
- H. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)**
- I. South Bay Aerospace Alliance (David Bradley/Rodney Tanaka)**
- J. Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy (Katrina Manning)**
- K. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Dean Francois/ Zein Obagi)**
- L. AQMD update (Aisha Reyes, Debra Ashby)**

XI. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE § 54957

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Next Board meeting – Thursday, May 28, 2026

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SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2025

City	October - 25	November - 25	January - 26	February - 26	April - 26
Carson			Hicks		
El Segundo	Baldino	Giroux	Giroux	Giroux	
Gardena	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Monteiro	Monteiro	Monteiro	Monteiro	
Hermosa Beach	Jackson	Jackson	Saemann	Saemann (AB 2449)	
Inglewood	Butts				
Lawndale	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	
Lomita	Uphoff			Uphoff	
Los Angeles	X	X	X	Palacios	
Manhattan Beach				Tarnay	
Palos Verdes Estates		Quinn	Quinn	Quinn	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Bradley		Seo		
Redondo Beach	Waller	Obagi	Obagi	Obagi (alt) Waller	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Stegura	Stegura	Stegura	Huff	
Torrance	Kaji	Kaji	Kaji	Kaji	
County of Los Angeles-2 nd District	Galicia	Galicia	Galicia (AB 2449)	Galicia	
County of Los Angeles- 4 th District	LaMarque	LaMarque		LaMarque	
Number of Active Members	17	17	17	18	
Quorum Required (50% +1)	10	10	10	10	
Number of Members Attending	14	12	13	15	

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.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM & IN-PERSON AT THE SBCCOG OFFICE
357 Van Ness Way, #90, Torrance, California 90501
RECORDING AVAILABLE ONLINE:
https://youtu.be/f1g3xC0uBFY?si=ildVvNY6jjchG_Cq**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Suarez of Lawndale called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

II. & III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA

SBCCOG Executive Director Jacki Bacharach confirmed the posting of the agenda.

MOTION by Board Member Waller, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to **APPROVE** Board Member Saemann AB 2449 virtual attendance as a voting member. No Objections. No Abstentions. **MOTION Passes.**

Ms. Bacharach reminded the Board that all votes would be conducted via roll call in accordance with procedural requirements.

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Lance Giroux, El Segundo	Jennifer LaMarque, LA County D4
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	Nina Tarnay Manhattan Beach
Alex Monteiro, Hawthorne	Craig Quinn, Palos Verdes Estates
Rob Saemann, Hermosa Beach (AB 2449 - virtual)	Brad Waller, Redondo Beach
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Bill Uphoff, Lomita	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Aksel Palacios, LA City	Jon Kaji, Torrance
Irma Galicia, LA County D2	

Also, in attendance were the following non-voting elected officials:

Zein Obagi, Redondo Beach

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Andy Sywak, Metro	Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
Jeffrey Kiernan, Cal Cities	David Leger, SBCCOG
Venus Medrano, Bowman	Ronson Chu, SBCCOG
Zachary Stoller, Antioch University	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
McKenzie Neely-Wright, AT&T, Inc.	Jake Romoff, SBCCOG
Michael Bohlke, Metro	Kevin Umaña, SBCCOG
Martha Tremblay, LACSD	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Holly Osborne, South Bay resident	Moana Franco, SBCCOG
Anne Tsai, SBCCOG	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG

IV.ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes to the agenda.

Ms. Bacharach announced that Aksel Palacios of the City of Los Angeles was present and seated at the table as the designated alternate representative for Los Angeles, noting that the Joint Powers Authority amendment previously considered by the Board had successfully passed with the required number of approvals on file. She reported that a total of 13 approvals had been received, exceeding the minimum requirement of 12, and acknowledged receipt of formal correspondence from the City of Los Angeles appointing Mr. Palacios as the alternate. Ms. Bacharach further informed the Board that materials before them included a letter from Councilmember McOsker expressing appreciation for the SBCCOG's action on this matter, as well as a General Assembly flyer and additional documents related to an upcoming discussion on a proposed county sales tax measure. She noted that supporting materials, including the county sales tax motion, had been distributed at each table.

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

McKenzie Neely-Wright of AT&T, Inc provided an update regarding ongoing network modernization efforts across the State of California. Ms. Neely-Wright reported that AT&T continued to pursue relief from its Carrier of Last Resort obligations and had introduced a joint proposal with the California Public Advocates Office. The proposal established updated criteria for relief areas, requiring that at least 80 percent of such areas be served by providers offering one gigabit-level broadband service, while prioritizing low-income and underserved communities. The remaining 20 percent of areas would be built out over a 10-year period, with commitments to maintain broadband or voice service access, participate in the California Lifeline program, and provide quarterly progress reports. Ms. Neely-Wright further noted that legislation aligned with the proposal had been introduced by Assemblymember McKinnor (AB 2443) and offered to provide additional presentations to member cities. Additionally, she shared that AT&T's continued infrastructure investments, including the expansion of its fiber network into additional cities following the acquisition of a mass-market fiber business, as well as efforts to enhance wireless coverage through a \$1 billion spectrum transaction. She emphasized AT&T's ongoing commitment to improving statewide connectivity and modernizing its telecommunications network.

VI.CONSENT CALENDAR

A. January 22, 2026 minutes (attachment) – Approved

B. Analyst/Senior Analyst Classification & Description – New Position (attachment) – Approved

C. LACAHS Representative Mirisch Capacity Support Contract (funding to the SBCCOG) (attachment) – Approved

D. Legislative Matrix (attachment) – Approved

1. Support AB 1557 and SB 868

E. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) Apprenticeship Outreach Opportunity (funding to the SBCCOG) (attachments) – Received and filed

NOTE: Due to the short timing to complete this project, the Steering Committee approved the agreement

F. Audit for Year Ending June 2025 (attachment) – Received and filed

Full report available at https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/02094508/2025_South-Bay-Cities-Council-of-Governments_BFS_FINAL-SECURED.pdf

G. Progress re: JPA agreement approvals for LA City Non-Elected Alternate – Received & filed

- Amendment approved -12 agreements on file – sufficient to meet the 2/3 requirement

H. SBCCOG Monthly Reports – Received and Filed

1. City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings (*attachment*)
2. Client Aid Report (*attachment*)
3. TLS (Time Limited Subsidy) Report (*attachment*)
4. Media Report (*attachment*)
5. Transportation Report (*attachment*)

Board Member Dieringer requested a correction to the minutes on page 16 to accurately reflect that she had stated the cost of the lobbyist should be borne by the Trust, and that it was Ms. Bacharach who indicated the matter would be decided by the Board. The revised minutes are accessible using the following link: <https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/05125220/REVISED-1.22.26-Board-of-Directors-Minutes.pdf>

Additionally, Board Member Dieringer raised concerns regarding safeguards to prevent SBCCOG funds from covering funding gaps if Measure A or LACAHS funding proved insufficient and noting the absence of a sunset clause. Ms. Bacharach clarified that the item in question was a job description for a position contingent on available funding, and stated that if funding ceased, the position would be terminated. Additional concerns were raised regarding indemnification clauses and potential legal liability, with staff stating that all contracts had been reviewed and approved by SBCCOG legal counsel, Mr. Jenkins, and that such clauses were standard. Further clarification was provided that certain contracts were executed on behalf of the City of Inglewood due to regulatory requirements. Lastly, Board Member Dieringer inquired whether legal counsel had reviewed the South Bay Workforce Investment Board contract and clarified the scope of services. Staff explained that the contract supported outreach to businesses for an apprenticeship program funded through a grant, with the SBCCOG receiving \$50,000 to leverage its existing business engagement efforts. It was confirmed that legal counsel had reviewed the agreement.

MOTION by Board Member Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Uphoff, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar with the revisions to the minutes via Roll Call Vote.

Yes: Giroux, Tanaka, Monteiro, Saemann, Suarez, Waller, Palacios, Tarnay, Quinn, Huff, Kaji, LaMarque

No: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passes.

VII.PRESENTATIONS

1. Proposed 2026 Wastewater Service Charge Rates

Martha Tremblay, Asst. Chief Engineer of LA County Sanitation Districts presented on the proposed wastewater service charge rate increase, providing an overview of the sanitation districts' regional operations, which serve over 5 million residents across 78 cities through 24 independent districts. Ms. Tremblay explained that the proposed rate increase was necessary to address rising operational costs, aging infrastructure, and increased expenses for electricity and treatment chemicals, noting that costs had risen approximately 20 percent over the past four years while rates had only increased by 10 percent, resulting in reliance on reserves. She further described planned infrastructure investments, including sewer system repairs and the design of enhanced treatment processes to support water reuse initiatives, as well as ongoing efforts to minimize costs through shared services, energy efficiency, and revenue generation from recycled water and biogas. Ms. Tremblay stated that

the proposed increase would average less than \$3 per month and would be implemented incrementally over a five-year period beginning July 1, subject to approval, and emphasized that even with the increase, rates would remain lower than comparable agencies. She also outlined a low-water-use rebate program offering 25 to 40 percent discounts for qualifying property owners and described outreach efforts, including Proposition 218 notices, public meetings, and scheduled hearings in May. Board Member LaMarque sought clarification regarding the implementation timeline and applicability of the rate increase. Ms. Tremblay confirmed that the increase would be phased annually over five years and clarified that the charges would apply only to properties connected to the sewer system, not to those utilizing septic systems.

The presentation is located here: https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/19122456/PRESENTATION_LACSD_02-26-2026_Prop_218_JOS_Rate_Presentation_to_Southbay_Cities_COG.pdf

2. SBCCOG Annual media presentation

SBCCOG Senior Project Manager Colleen Farrell provided a communications and marketing overview, outlining her role overseeing social media, print and digital media, email marketing, website management, media relations, video production, and advertising. She described the agency's communications strategy as encompassing earned, owned, rented, and paid media, and highlighted performance outcomes across each category. Ms. Farrell reported that earned media efforts resulted in 27 media placements over the past year and emphasized the high trust value associated with such coverage, while noting increasing challenges due to a shrinking media landscape. She explained that owned media, including the quarterly *South Bay Watch* publication and email campaigns, remained a critical tool for message control and audience engagement, with email open rates significantly exceeding industry averages and approximately 1.7 million annual email distributions. Ms. Farrell further shared that website traffic had increased modestly and that social media performance showed strong growth, including a 20 percent increase in followers, over 200 posts, and more than 9,000 engagements, with particularly strong performance from video and employee-related content. She noted that paid media was used selectively, primarily to support the General Assembly, at which there were approximately 400 attendees. Ms. Farrell outlined future communications goals for 2026, including expanding video content production, leveraging additional staff support, and establishing a citywide communication working group to strengthen collaboration, share best practices, and amplify messaging across jurisdictions. The presentation is accessible using the following link: https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/09174057/2025-Annual-Communications-and-Marketing-Report_FINAL.pdf

VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATE

A. Mid Year Budget (*attachment*) – Approved

SBCCOG Deputy Director Kim Fuentes presented the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 midyear budget update, noting that the budget remained balanced overall, with both revenues and expenditures increasing compared to the prior year due primarily to expanded contracts, grants, and program implementation needs. Ms. Fuentes reported that a significant portion of revenue continued to be derived from Homeless Services funding and other grant sources, with a substantial share passed through to member cities, and a smaller portion generated from dues and other revenues. She highlighted that increases in expenditures were largely driven by staffing, consultant support, program delivery, and one-time costs such as office relocation and improvements, which included the use of unrestricted reserves. Ms. Fuentes further noted that the organization had begun preparation of the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget and that no major increases were currently anticipated. Board Member Quinn inquired whether estimated revenues and expenditures should more clearly distinguish LACAHS funding and questioned whether the organization would remain financially stable without those funds. Ms. Fuentes responded that the organization remained

financially sound, and Ms. Bacharach clarified that homeless services funding and related expenditures would be more clearly delineated through separate reporting mechanisms, including future Housing Trust structures. It was further explained that existing funding sources sufficiently supported ongoing operations and that programmatic funding streams collectively sustain administrative, finance, and management functions. Board Member Quinn also asked about projected year-end outcomes. Ms. Bacharach directed the Board to the budget details on page 72 and indicated that current estimates reflected a modest positive balance, approximately \$761, consistent with the adopted budget structure and confirming that the budget remained balanced. Board Member Dieringer expressed concern regarding the appearance of a deficit in the midyear figures and questioned how the budget remained balanced. Ms. Fuentes clarified that the apparent deficit reflected Board-approved use of General Fund reserves for one-time expenditures, including office relocation and audiovisual improvements, as well as timing differences in revenues and expenditures, rather than a structural imbalance. It was further noted that, when these approved reserve allocations were incorporated, the budget balanced to a minimal surplus and that sufficient reserves remained in place without requiring additional assessments to member cities. Board Member Dieringer further raised questions regarding receivables and revenue timing. Ms. Bacharach explained that audit findings highlighted delays in receipt of funds and the reliance on quarterly billing cycles, which can affect midyear financial presentation but do not indicate uncollectible revenue or financial instability. Additional clarification was provided that reported decreases in certain grant revenues were attributable to cost savings from projects completed under budget rather than a loss of funding, and that additional grant opportunities were actively being pursued. In response to whether projections were expected to change, it was noted that the figures reflected a midyear update and may be adjusted as revenues are received and expenditures finalized; however, the projected surplus remained minimal and stable. It was also confirmed that the midyear budget represented the final adjustment for the current fiscal year, with the next budget cycle to be presented in May. The presentation is accessible using the following link: https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/19110528/13_FY2025-26-Midyear-Budget.pdf

NOTE: Board Member Saemann (AB 2449 approved voting member) left the meeting.

MOTION by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Quinn, to **APPROVE** the Mid Year Budget. No Abstentions. No Objections. **MOTION Passes.**

B. 2nd Vice Chair Selection – close nominations and vote (*attachment*) – Approved

Ms. Bacharach mentioned the nominations for the 2nd Vice Chair were Board Member Monteiro and Board Member Tarnay. Chair Suarez invited additional nominations from the floor, with none being received.

MOTION by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Uphoff, to **CLOSE** the nominations for the 2nd Vice Chair position. No Abstentions. No Objections. **MOTION Passes.**

The nominees were then invited to provide brief statements outlining their qualifications and priorities. Board Member Tarnay shared her professional background as an attorney with experience working across multiple cities and within the nonprofit sector, emphasizing her commitment to collaboration, learning best practices, and advancing regional priorities such as housing, transportation, and environmental sustainability. Board Member Monteiro highlighted over two decades of public service, including experience on a school board and city council, as well as leadership roles in nonprofit organizations serving low-income residents. He further noted his regional board experience and expressed a commitment to economic development and regional collaboration in anticipation of upcoming opportunities affecting the South Bay. Following the

candidate statements, the Board discussed term length and regional representation among leadership positions, including the historical frequency of chair appointments by city. It was noted that Hawthorne most recently held a chair position in 2019, while Manhattan Beach had not held the position since approximately 2006. Ballots were then cast, with the Board instructed to include their name and city, and votes were publicly announced in accordance with procedure. Upon conclusion of the vote tally, Board Member Monteiro was elected to serve as Second Vice Chair. The Board acknowledged the result and extended appreciation to both nominees for their willingness to serve.

C. Executive Director Salary Adjustment for FY2025-2026 (*attachment*) – Approved

The Board considered a proposed amendment to the Executive Director Employment Agreement to provide a 3% salary increase, increasing the annual salary to \$206,876, effective retroactively to July 1, 2025, consistent with the fiscal year and as reflected in the adopted FY 2025–2026 budget. It was noted that, pursuant to the Employment Agreement, all salary adjustments must be approved by the Board in a public meeting as a non-consent item, and that the recommendation had been advanced by Board Members and reviewed by the Steering Committee prior to presentation to the full Board. SBCCOG Program Manager David Leger presented the item and explained that the adjustment was intended to align the Executive Director’s compensation cycle with the broader staff salary schedule due to prior timing misalignment following the transition from contractor to employee status, and that the last salary adjustment occurred in August 2024. Board Member Quinn inquired whether the proposed increase had been incorporated into the budget, and Mr. Leger confirmed that it had been previously budgeted. Board Member Dieringer expressed concern regarding fiscal prudence, noting the limited surplus and variability in grant funding, and emphasized the importance of responsible stewardship of organizational resources. She raised concerns about additional costs associated with the Executive Director’s transition to employee status, including benefits and related expenses, and recommended deferring the increase for approximately six months to allow for greater financial clarity. Board Member Monteiro sought clarification regarding the duration of the increase, and it was confirmed that the adjustment would remain in effect until modified by future Board action. Board Member Obagi raised governance concerns, emphasizing that compensation adjustments should be preceded by a formal performance evaluation conducted in closed session, consistent with best practices and the Board’s prior approach. He described a multi-session evaluation process used in other jurisdictions and recommended establishing a regular and consistent evaluation structure. Mr. Leger acknowledged that, while the increase had been planned and budgeted, the timing of evaluation cycles had been misaligned due to the Executive Director’s start date and transition to employee status and confirmed that a formal evaluation would occur prior to the May 31 contractual deadline and that future adjustments would align with the evaluation and budget cycle. Additional Board discussion reflected that the current situation was atypical and not reflective of the intended long-term process, and that future actions would follow a more standardized approach. Board Member Dieringer further questioned the retroactive nature of the increase and suggested that retroactivity and performance evaluation should be considered as separate matters. She emphasized the importance of a formal written evaluation to support compensation decisions and noted that similar practices are followed by other public agencies and joint powers authorities. Board members discussed the distinction between Steering Committee recommendations and full Board authority, clarifying that the item had not been finally approved and was properly before the Board for action.

Board Member Dieringer made a motion to defer the proposed salary increase pending completion of a closed session performance evaluation and further Board discussion prior to approval. The motion did not receive a second and therefore failed.

MOTION by Board Member Uphoff, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to **APPROVE** the salary adjustment as presented. Opposition by Board Member Dieringer. Abstention by Board Member Galicia. **MOTION Passes.**

D. General Assembly update

Ms. Bacharach provided an update regarding the upcoming General Assembly event, noting planning efforts were progressing well and expressed increased confidence in the overall program structure and execution. It was announced that Mr. Mark Rogondino, an Emmy award-winning sportscaster from Fox 11 News, would serve as Master of Ceremonies and panel moderator, with a format emphasizing interactive, discussion-based panels rather than formal presentations. She encouraged Board members to submit potential questions for panelists to support audience engagement. Ms. Bacharach outlined the event agenda, noting that the morning session would feature a panel focused on cultural arts, venues and community activation, including representatives from the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, and a potential participant from Hollywood Park, as well as brief remarks from participating mayors, including confirmed representation from the Cities of Torrance and El Segundo. The afternoon programming would include a panel on the economic impacts of major events, featuring Mr. Larry Kosmont and additional speakers from BeachLife Festival, West Harbor development, and sports facilities planning. A subsequent panel would address hospitality, transportation, and public safety considerations, with participation from the westdrift Hotel, regional transit agencies including Metro and GTrans, the City of Los Angeles, and a pending public safety representative. Ms. Bacharach highlighted emerging regional impacts related to upcoming large-scale events, including increased demand on local hotel capacity due to Olympic-related activity, particularly in coastal communities such as San Pedro. It was further reported that the event would be offered free of charge, with parking subsidies provided for the first 250 attendees, and that the westdrift Hotel had contributed significant in-kind support through reduced facility rates. Staff noted that current sponsorship commitments had reached approximately \$64,000, exceeding the initial goal, and encouraged additional participation through exhibitor tables, particularly from local cities and cultural institutions.

E. Homeless Services

1. Measure A implementation – Renter Protection & Homelessness Prevention update

SBCCOG Staff Kevin Umaña and Ronson Chu provided an update on the Renter Protection and Homelessness Prevention (RPHP) program, funded through Measure A. Staff reported that the program provides financial assistance and prevention services, including dedicated specialists and case management, and is accessible through the program website. Eligibility criteria include residency within the South Bay, income at or below 80% of Area Median Income, rental tenancy, and demonstration of a recent financial hardship. Assistance includes emergency rental aid, temporary subsidies, and flexible financial support, with defined per-person limits. Staff outlined the referral and assistance process, noting that the program utilizes a broad intake approach followed by intensive screening and case management. Board Member Waller inquired about potential barriers to participation and acceptance rates. Staff explained that while the program casts a wide net, each case undergoes a detailed review process, including financial literacy assessments and verification procedures, which can require approximately 10 to 20 hours per household. This comprehensive approach contributes to lower conversion rates but ensures appropriate use of funds and program integrity. Board Member Monteiro asked about the amount of financial assistance individuals may receive, and staff clarified that support is capped per participant based on program guidelines. Board Member Quinn inquired about the circumstances that typically prompt individuals to seek assistance, and Mr. Chu responded that the program is designed to capture individuals experiencing a recent financial crisis, such as job loss, illness, or other destabilizing events, to prevent entry into homelessness. Staff reiterated that services are delivered through contracted

providers responsible for eligibility screening, case management, and distribution of funds, and emphasized that the program is structured to stabilize households through both financial assistance and supportive services.

2. SBCCOG Program for Prevention with funds from LACAHS

3. Safe Parking closing

Mr. Chu presented an update on the Annual Local Solutions Fund and Measure A Homeless Allocation, noting that the SBCCOG budget must be approved by April 13 to ensure continuity of programming. Mr. Chu reported that SBCCOG continues to implement homelessness prevention and response programs, which have supported approximately 500 individuals transitioning off the streets. He further noted that the most recent Point-in-Time count reflects fewer than 1,000 individuals experiencing homelessness in the South Bay region, indicating progress in regional efforts. Mr. Chu also discussed additional funding opportunities, including opioid settlement funds, which may be leveraged for eligible homelessness-related programs such as safe parking and supportive services. Ms. Bacharach encouraged member cities to identify local points of contact responsible for these funds and to coordinate with SBCCOG to align program implementation. Staff emphasized SBCCOG's intent to work collaboratively with cities to finalize programming and ensure effective deployment of available resources. Mr. Chu further referenced the Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment (ECHRA), describing it as a statutory body responsible for regional coordination. He noted concerns that the committee's role has not been fully recognized in decision-making processes and emphasized ongoing efforts to elevate awareness of ECHRA's authority and integrate its strategic plan actions into broader implementation efforts.

F. Housing Trust Update

1. Progress on City Approvals – 8 cities approved. JPA agreement circulating

2. Legislation update

3. Implementation schedule

Mr. Chu provided an update on the status of the regional housing trust, reporting that eight cities had approved participation; however, he clarified that executed agreements had not yet been received and emphasized that the trust could not be formally established until all required documents were on file. Ms. Bacharach stated that all required documents must be submitted to the SBCCOG and that delegate appointments must be confirmed by March 31. Mr. Chu noted that staff were targeting April 23 for the inaugural Housing Trust Board meeting and were preparing by reviewing models from other regional housing trusts, including the San Gabriel Valley Trust, to inform the structure and agenda, and were developing foundational governance documents, including bylaws and conflict-of-interest policies, in coordination with Civic Home, the consultant that has been assisting the formation funded by REAP funds from SCAG. He further reported that SBCCOG legal counsel Mike Jenkins had identified an interim housing trust attorney through BBK to support legal and organizational development until the Board determines long-term representation. Board Member Waller referenced prior revisions made in coordination with legal counsel, and Ms. Bacharach clarified that a final JPA agreement incorporating negotiated revisions had been issued on February 9 following discussions with the City of Redondo Beach, after which no further changes were accepted to ensure consistency across jurisdictions. Board Member Waller indicated that he had not yet reviewed the final version and stated that it was needed in order to confirm representation and proceed. Mr. Chu reiterated the importance of receiving finalized documents and delegate confirmations to move forward. He also noted that four cities had declined participation at this time due to internal considerations, and that outreach to remaining cities was ongoing. In response to an inquiry regarding engagement with the City of Los Angeles, Mr. Chu stated that neither the City nor the County had been formally engaged and that future participation would be determined by the Housing Trust Board, with staff available to provide briefings as needed.

G. Senior Services

Mr. Chu announced an upcoming presentation by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) focused on employment opportunities for seniors seeking to supplement their retirement income. He noted that the session will highlight job placement and deployment opportunities available to older adults and is scheduled to take place on March 24.

H. Transportation Reports

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

a. Update on Metro Board composition ad hoc committee

Andy Sywak of Metro reported on recent developments from the Metro Board meeting, noting that the Purple Line Extension is scheduled to open on May 8, with three new stations along Wilshire Boulevard at La Brea, Fairfax, and La Cienega, marking a significant milestone following approximately eleven years of construction. He also provided an update on the Metro Board Ad Hoc Board Composition Committee, stating that the committee had convened its first meeting and approved a motion to initiate a community outreach plan, which will include presentations to Service Councils and Councils of Governments (COGs) to provide background on the committee's formation and gather stakeholder input. Mr. Sywak noted that outreach efforts would include an upcoming presentation at the South Bay Service Council meeting to outline the committee's purpose and next steps, with a broader presentation anticipated in April. During the discussion, members raised concerns regarding the composition of the committee, noting that while Councils of Governments receive and utilize Metro funding, no COG representative had initially been appointed, despite the inclusion of labor and other special interest representatives. Ms. Bacharach stated that the committee had been appointed by the Metro Board Chair and confirmed that, following advocacy efforts, a representative from the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG had been added to the committee to ensure regional COG representation. She noted that this individual had attended the initial meeting and would serve as a voice for COG interests. Ms. Bacharach further commented on the scope of the committee's work, indicating that it is expected to meet multiple times to address topics such as equity and governance, and that additional updates and presentations will be provided to the Board in April.

2. Transportation Committee recommendation

a. Measure R South Bay Highway Program FY26-27 Program (*attachments*) – Approved

Mr. Leger presented the FY26–27 Measure R South Bay Highway Program (SBHP) Annual Program Update, noting that the program continues to focus on funding adjustments to existing projects due to limited remaining funds and increasing costs to complete projects through the life of the program ending in 2039. He reported that it had been a relatively quiet year, with three recommended project adjustments across two projects. Mr. Leger stated that the County of Los Angeles requested an additional \$1 million for an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) implementation project, increasing its total allocation to approximately \$3.42 million. He further reported on two related Metro projects associated with the Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) system along the I-105 freeway, designed to improve coordination between freeway and local street systems during major incidents. Mr. Leger explained that one component involving independent quality assurance, previously estimated at \$150,000, was no longer required and would be de-obligated. He noted that Metro requested an additional \$3.65 million for the primary I-105 project, with Metro contributing its own funds and the COG share totaling approximately \$26.5 million. He stated that the net recommended funding increase before the Board was \$4.5 million and that, if approved, approximately \$47.8 million would remain available in the program through 2039 to address future project needs and cost increases. Mr. Leger indicated that the Transportation Committee had reviewed and recommended approval of the proposed adjustments.

MOTION by Board Member Monteiro, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to **APPROVE** the Measure R South Bay Highway Program FY26-27 Program. No Objections. No Abstentions. **MOTION Passes.**

I. Land Use and Transportation Programs and Projects

1. REAP 2.0 Updates

a. Commercial Redevelopment to Housing

Ms. Bacharach provided an update on the Commercial Redevelopment Program, reporting that staff had conducted additional fine-tuning of the effort and continued to work closely with participating cities to gather and update data. She noted that the Cities of Torrance and Carson were actively participating and sharing information to support the analysis. Ms. Bacharach stated that the consultant was in the process of completing a feasibility analysis to assess the viability of redevelopment opportunities on identified properties. She further reported that outreach had been conducted to additional cities, including Gardena and Hawthorne, and that both cities were planning studies related to commercial redevelopment. Ms. Bacharach also announced that a web-based mapping tool was being developed and would be made available to cities to assist in identifying potential commercial redevelopment sites. She indicated that the program was progressing and that deliverables, including the feasibility analysis and mapping tool, were nearing completion.

b. Micromobility Hubs

2. Micromobility Programs and Projects

Ms. Bacharach provided an update on the Mobility Hubs initiative, reporting that SBCCOG staff are working in coordination with Metro to advance planning efforts. She stated that a scoring tool had been developed to support site selection and evaluate potential mobility hub locations. Ms. Bacharach noted that staff had conducted outreach to the Cities of Gardena and Hawthorne regarding potential sites and indicated that additional discussions with the City of Carson were forthcoming. She further reported that the analysis includes evaluating site characteristics and surrounding land uses, and that the consultant is preparing an inventory of needed services and amenities to support future mobility hub development. Ms. Bacharach emphasized that these efforts are currently in the planning phase

3. South Bay Fiber Network – No updates were provided

J. SBESC Projects and Programs (*attachment*)

1. Video of Kits for Kids Celebration

CivicSpark Fellow Moana Franco produced a video which featured a recognition and presentation celebrating students from Ramona Elementary School for their participation in the “Kids for Kids” program, an energy education initiative led by Southern California Regional Energy Network in collaboration with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. The content focused on how the program engages elementary school students in learning about energy conservation through classroom lessons and hands-on kits that include energy-efficient tools like LED bulbs and faucet aerators. It highlighted the program’s broader impact, noting that 19 classrooms participated and received funding support, and emphasized the goal of extending energy-saving behaviors beyond the classroom to students’ families and communities. The video is accessible using the following link: <https://youtu.be/f1g3xC0uBFY?si=yHzFbRB0rXfuT22H&t=8054>

2. Energy Efficiency Awards Criteria for 2026-2027

Ms. Fuentes presented an update on the Energy Efficiency Awards criteria for the 2026–2027 cycle, highlighting new criteria developed in collaboration with the Energy Working Group and city staff. She noted that a key enhancement to the program is the addition of a “Partners Award,” which

expands recognition to include water conservation efforts alongside energy efficiency initiatives. Ms. Fuentes also shared updates on the success and visibility of SBCCOG’s energy programs, noting that at a recent conference session, with over 100 attendees, there was significant interest in SBCCOG programs, including inquiries about future partnerships and grant opportunities. She emphasized the program’s effectiveness and the collaborative efforts that contribute to its success.

K. Opportunity to Serve

Ms. Bacharach reminded members that the deadline for submitting nominations for “Opportunities to Serve” is March 20 and provided an overview of available positions. She noted that positions include representation on the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee, for which Board Member Huff has expressed interest in continuing, as well as the Cal Cities Regional Director position, for which Board Member Waite has indicated his intent to seek reappointment. Ms. Bacharach also reported that three positions are open on the Metro Service Council and that nominations are being accepted. She further identified upcoming SCAG Regional Council elections, for the seats currently held by Board Member Henderson and Board Member Boyles,. Ms. Bacharach encouraged members to submit nominations by the stated deadline and indicated that this item will return to the Board at the April meeting with recommendations from the Steering Committee

L. Proposed LA County Sales Tax

Ms. Bacharach introduced the proposed Los Angeles County sales tax, noting that the discussion was being brought forward for informational purposes following a meeting of the LA County Council of Governments (COG) Chairs, where there was general sentiment of opposition. The measure has been approved by the County Board of Supervisors and will appear on the June ballot as a general tax intended to offset anticipated losses in federal funding, with revenues directed to the County’s General Fund and subject to oversight by a committee composed of County representatives. Board Member Uphoff commented that the issue represents a broader federal, state, and county funding challenge and raised concerns regarding potential regional impacts if approved. Board Member Giroux expressed opposition to the measure, questioning the decision to place it on the June ballot rather than November, and citing concerns about increased sales tax rates potentially reaching approximately 11 percent, the financial burden on consumers and businesses, and the sustainability of funding following the expiration of COVID-related federal relief funds. He further stated that SBCCOG should consider taking a position in opposition. Board Member Waller stated that while his city had taken a position, he did not believe SBCCOG should take a formal stance given the diversity of perspectives among member jurisdictions. Additional members expressed opposition, citing concerns that the tax is regressive, lacks dedicated funding safeguards due to its designation as a general tax, and may be misleading in its presentation to voters. It was also noted that organizations, including Cal Cities, have taken positions opposing related legislation, including AB 1768, which would exempt the tax from the state sales tax cap.

MOTION by Board Member Dieringer for the SBCCOG to **OPPOSE** the proposed sales tax measure, seconded and **AMENDED** by Chair Suarez to include opposition to the associated state legislation. No Abstentions. No Objections. **MOTION Passes.**

M. Other – No updates were provided.

IX. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 26 – General Assembly (attachment) – Ms. Bacharach encouraged Board Members to attend.

April 3 – Legislative Briefing – Ms. Bacharach encouraged Board Members to attend.

X. AGENCY REPORTS

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

A. SCAG update (Erik Rodriguez) (*attachment*)

1. Regional Council (Mark Henderson, Mark Waronek, Drew Boyles) (*attachment*)
2. Community, Economic, and Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Mark Waronek)
3. Transportation (Bill Uphoff, Asam Sheikh)
4. Energy and Environment (Britt Huff)

B. AQMD update (Brandee Keith) (*attachment*)

C. Metro Service Council (Don Szerlip) (*attachment*)

D. County Department of Public Health (Alicia Chang) (*attachment*)

E. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Britt Huff, Jeff Kiernan, Barry Waite)

F. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)

G. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Barry Waite)

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 8:36 pm until the next Board meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted:

Natalie Champion

SBCCOG Staff

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 23, 2026

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Appointments to Outside Agencies

BACKGROUND

The SBCCOG makes appointments to represent the organization on several other agency Boards and Committees. Some of the appointments have their own terms but if they don't, consistent with Board policy, these appointments expire every two years in order to make sure that those that are interested in serving have a chance to do so.

The appointments listed below are due to expire. The SBCCOG does request that any appointee be prepared to provide regular reports to the SBCCOG Board of Directors.

Nominations which were received as of the March 20 deadline are as follows:

UNCONTESTED

- SCAG Regional Council - #28 Mark Henderson and #40 Jim Light
- SCAG Energy and Environment Policy Committee – Britt Huff
- Metro Service Council – Melissa Molina, Bob Wolfe, David Mach (Incumbents)

CONTESTED

- League LA Division Regional Director – Barry Waite & Bea Dieringer

RECOMMENDATION

The Steering Committee recommends that the Board approve the appointment of the uncontested candidates and defer the appointment of the contested League LA Division Regional Director to the May Board meeting as the 2 nominees will be unable to attend the April Board meeting.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 23, 2026

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Bills to Monitor – Status as of April 16, 2026

NOTE: **BOLD recommendation & status** indicates bill added since last Board meeting

		Position	Bill status
ENVIRONMENT			
SB 868 (Wiener)	Electricity: portable solar generation devices. This bill would exempt a portable solar generation device from all interconnection requirements and prohibit an electrical company/local publicly owned utility from requiring a customer using a portable solar generation device to take specified actions, including among other things, paying any fee related to the device or the electricity the device feeds into a building's electrical system. The bill would provide that the electrical company/local utility is not liable for any damage or injury caused by the device. This bill would also define what a portable solar energy device is as well as establish mandatory safety standards for those devices.	SUPPORT (2/26/26) (letter sent 3/30/26) LCC: MONITOR	4/10/26 Referred to Senate Committees on Appropriations. Hearing set for April 20.
AB 2508 (Hoover)	Public Utilities Public Purpose Fund. This bill would establish the Public Utilities Public Purpose Programs Fund. The bill would require the commission, no later than January 1 of each year, commencing January 1, 2027, to determine and publish the amount necessary to fund certain public purpose programs and programs administered by electrical regional energy networks for the following fiscal year, as provided. The bill would require the Controller to transfer, on July 1 of each fiscal year, from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the Public Utilities Public Purpose Programs Fund moneys appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose. The bill would require all moneys in the Public Utilities Public Purpose Programs Fund to be allocated by the commission, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to fund the	RECOMMEND OPPOSE LCC: MONITOR	4/9/26 Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

	public purpose programs and programs administered by electrical regional energy networks, as provided		
HOMELESSNESS			
AB 1708 (Solache)	Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program: round 7 (HHAP Pathways for Cities Act). This bill would create an opportunity for cities with populations under 300,000 to access state homelessness funding through their region.	RECOMMEND SUPPORT LCC: SPONSOR	4/15/26 Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Human Services.
SB 866 (Blakespear)	Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program: housing element. This bill would require cities that do not receive HHAP funding to include specified data regarding their unhoused populations and a description of key actions that will be taken to reduce the number of unhoused individuals in their housing elements. This bill would include findings that apply the bill to all cities including charter cities.	RECOMMEND OPPOSE LCC: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED	4/9/26 Senate Committee on Housing.
HOUSING			
AB 1621 (Wilson)	Planning and zoning law: post-entitlement phase permits: Housing Accountability Act. This bill would prohibit local agencies from requiring more than two plan checks for a building permit unless the agency makes written findings based on substantial evidence that additional review is necessary to address a specific adverse impact on public health or safety.	RECOMMEND OPPOSE LCC: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED	4/8/26 Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
AB 2002 (Solache)	Local government assistance: Regional Early Action Planning Fund. This bill would establish the Regional Early Action Planning Fund in the State Treasury for the purpose of providing councils of governments, regional entities, and jurisdictions with one-time funding, including grants for planning activities, to enable those entities to meet the 7th and subsequent cycles of the regional housing need assessment. The bill would require the department to allocate funds, upon appropriation by the Legislature, from the Regional Early Action Planning Fund to each council of governments or regional entity responsible for allocating regional housing need that applies and qualifies for those moneys, as specified. The bill would authorize a council of governments or regional entity to expend funds awarded for certain purposes,	SUPPORT (3/9/26) (letter sent 3/30/26) LCC: PENDING	4/8/26 Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

	including for activities that support the development, improvement, or implementation of the methodology for the 7th and subsequent regional housing needs assessment cycles, and for providing jurisdictions with technical assistance, planning, temporary staffing, or consultant needs associated with updating local planning and zoning documents, as provided.		
AB 2741 (Muratsuchi)	Housing element: inventory of land: substantial compliance. This bill would allow for zoning requirements to be met by applying a zoning classification, including but not limited to, an affordable housing overlay zone, that permits owner-occupied and rental multifamily residential use with the minimum density and development standards, as specified. The bill would require a program that includes application of this zoning classification to include a written explanation of the housing and affordability incentives of the zoning classification. This bill would permit this zoning classification to allow a mix of uses if it meets prescribed requirements. Additionally, this bill would require, if a court finds an adopted housing element or amendment to be out of compliance despite HCD's findings of substantial compliance, that the housing element or amendment be considered in substantial compliance until either the date HCD finds that a newly adopted housing element or amendment is in substantial compliance, or 275 days after a court order is issued requiring the local agency to bring its housing element into substantial compliance, whichever is earlier.	RECOMMEND SUPPORT (letter send 4/16/26) LCC: PENDING	3/23/26 Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Housing & Community Development.
SB 417 (Cabaldon)	The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026. This bill would authorize a \$10B bond measure to fund affordable rental housing and home ownership programs for the November 2026 ballot.	RECOMMEND SUPPORT LCC: SUPPORT	4/13/26 Referred to Assembly Committee on Housing & Community Development.
SB 677 (Wiener)	Housing development: transit-oriented development. This bill would limit a local government's ability to impose objective standards on SB 9 projects with 1,750 net habitable square feet in the floor area. It would also eliminate local agencies' ability to provide setback requirements, height limits, lot coverage limits, floor area ratios, or any other standard that would limit development capacity for these projects. Finally, this measure	OPPOSE (3/9/26) LCC: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED	1/26/26 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

	would prohibit local governments from collecting impact fees for projects less than 1,750 square feet.		
SB 799 (Allen)	Joint powers authorities: South Bay Regional Housing Trust. This bill makes minor revisions to the South Bay Regional Housing Trust formation legislation, most notably the allowance for non-elected alternate board members. Non-elected alternate board members would be limited to serving as the voting delegate from a city to no more than 75% of meetings in a calendar year. Additional amendments are planned that would allow the trust to fund workforce/moderate-income housing programs.	SUPPORT (1/12/26) (letter sent 1/12/26) LCC: MONITOR	1/26/2026 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk. SBCCOG is sponsoring this bill.
SB 1014 (Grayson)	Development projects: onsite and offsite improvements. This bill would require a local agency within 30 days of receiving a preliminary application for a housing development project to provide a list of any required offsite or onsite improvements and an estimate of the cost for the improvements to the project applicant.	RECOMMEND OPPOSE LCC: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED	4/15/26 Senate Committees on Local Government and Housing.
SB 1117 (Cervantes)	Accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units. This bill would further limit local governments' ability to charge impact fees on ADUs with more than 750 sf of interior livable space. Specifically, the measure would allow local agencies to charge only the proportional cost of impact fees for ADUs with more than 750 sf.	RECOMMEND OPPOSE (letter sent 4/16/26) LCC: OPPOSE	4/9/26 Senate Committees on Local Government. Set for hearing April 22.
REVENUE & TAXATION			
AB 1768 (Bryan)	Transactions and use taxes: County of Los Angeles. This bill would authorize the County of Los Angeles, until December 31, 2031, to exceed the 2% sales tax limit for any county set by the Transactions and Use Tax Law.	OPPOSE (2/26/26) (letter sent 3/30/26) LCC: MONITOR	2/23/26 Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Revenue & Taxation.
AB 1953 (Lowenthal)	Short-term rentals: emergencies and special events. This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services and the Office of	RECOMMEND OPPOSE	3/23/26

	<p>Tourism to establish a public registration system that authorizes a registered party to immediately commence offering an eligible residential dwelling, as defined, as a short-term rental during a declared state of emergency or a special event period. This bill would prohibit a city/county from maintaining, enforcing, prescribing, or continuing in effect any law, rule, regulation, requirement, standard, or other provision that prohibits an individual or entity that controls an eligible residential dwelling that has been registered from offering that dwelling as a short-term rental during a declared state of emergency or a special event, as applicable. This bill would include findings that apply the bill to all cities including charter cities.</p>	<p>LCC: OPPOSE</p>	<p>Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, and Tourism.</p>
TECHNOLOGY			
<p><u>AB 2279</u> (Gipson)</p>	<p>California Advanced Services Fund: Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account. This bill would require moneys in the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Account to be available for grants to eligible consortia to promote regional economic prosperity by conducting activities that will close the digital divide, promote digital inclusion, and achieve digital equity. The bill would require the commission to allocate sufficient funds to the account to provide multi-year grants to eligible consortia to engage and regularly convene specified representatives and to implement an approved regional work plan consistent with a standardized scope of work determined by the commission, which would be required to include specified strategies and infrastructure-related activities, as provided. The bill would require the annual base funding grant per consortium to be no less than \$200,000, plus an increased amount based on the number of unserved and underserved locations, unconnected households, and the number of low-income households in the region, but not to exceed \$500,000 per consortium per year. The bill would delete the requirement for each consortium to conduct an annual audit and would revise the information required to be included in the annual report to the commission. The bill would authorize the commission to engage experienced nonprofit</p>	<p>RECOMMEND SUPPORT</p> <p>LCC: MONITOR</p>	<p>4/7/26 Re-referred to Assembly Committees on Appropriations.</p>

	organizations through an open, competitive process to assist the commission and support the consortia		
TRANSPORTATION			
AB 1198 (Haney)	Public works: prevailing wages. This bill would require local municipalities to apply prevailing wage rate changes to public works contracts by allowing updates rates to affect projects after bid notice or award beginning July 1, 2027. Certain housing projects would be exempt from these provisions.	RECOMMEND OPPOSE LCC: OPPOSE	1/29/26 In Senate. Read first time. To Committee on Rules for assignment.
AB 1421 (Wilson)	Vehicles: Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee. This bill would require the California Transportation Commission, in consultation with the State Transportation Agency, to consolidate and prepare research and recommendations related to a road user charge or a mileage-based fee system as an alternative to the gas tax system. A report to the legislature would be required by no later than January 1, 2027.	SUPPORT (3/9/26) LCC: SUPPORT	1/29/26 In Senate. Read first time. To Committee on Rules for assignment.
AB 1557 (Papan)	Vehicles: electric bicycles. This bill would clarify existing e-bike law to specifically state an electric bicycle is a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor not capable of exceeding 750 watts of peak power.	SUPPORT (2/26/26) (letter sent 3/30/26) LCC: MONITOR	4/13/26 Assembly Committee on Transportation. Hearing canceled at request of author.
AB 1569 (Davies)	Pupil Safety: electric bicycle parking: safety program. This bill would require the California Department of Education, on or before March 1, 2028, to develop a standardized e-bike safety and training program for pupils in grades 7-12 in consultation with the CHP. They would be authorized to collaborate with local law enforcement or local governments that have implemented e-bike training programs already to ensure the program reflects proven best practices. The bill would encourage local educational agencies and parent organizations to offer training demonstrations to pupils and parents on e-bike operations in collaboration with local law enforcement agencies or local governments.	RECOMMEND SUPPORT LCC: SUPPORT	4/14/26 Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Transportation.
AB 1942	Electric bicycles: registration and special license plates. This bill would require class 2 and class 3 e-bikes to be registered with	SUPPORT (3/9/26)	3/2/26

(Bauer-Kahan)	the DMV and to display a special license plate to be issued by the DMV.	(letter sent 3/30/26) LCC: MONITOR	Assembly Committee on Transportation.
AB 1976 (Wicks)	Streets and highways: pedestrian and bicycle facilities. This bill would prohibit a city/county from holding additional community input meetings regarding a pedestrian or bicycle project after the project is included in an approved plan that will be implemented as part of the circulation element of its general plan. A city/county would be prohibited from terminating a project after construction has been approved, unless specific findings are made at a public meeting. If a city/county has a process for residents to petition installation of traffic calming measures, the city/county would be prohibited from requiring the petition to have more than a majority of persons whose residences are located within 1,000 feet of the proposed measure. Regarding pedestrian malls, this bill would: exempt them from CEQA through 2040; eliminate property owners' ability to block the project by collecting a majority of signatures representing a majority of the street frontage; eliminate the process for paying damages to affected property owners; prohibit parking facilities from being built as part of a pedestrian mall.	RECOMMEND OPPOSE LCC: OPPOSE	4/13/26 Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Transportation.
AB 2059 (Wilson)	California Environmental Quality Act: transportation impacts: vehicle miles traveled: mitigation. This bill would, except as provided, specify that the total cost of mitigation measures required to address a significant transportation impact as determined by the vehicle miles traveled metric is not to exceed 5% of the estimated total project costs. The bill would specify that mitigation measures to address a significant transportation impact as determined by the vehicle miles traveled metric that exceed the 5% limit are deemed to be economically infeasible for the purposes of CEQA. Because the bill would impose additional duties on a lead agency in its analysis of mitigated measures required to address significant transportation impacts, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	MONITOR LCC: MONITOR	3/23/26 Assembly Committee on Natural Resources.

<p>AB 2346 (Wilson)</p>	<p>Vehicles: electric bicycles and speed limits. This bill would required all class 1 and class 2 e-bikes manufactured, sold, or offered for sale on or after January 1, 2029 to be equipped with a speedometer and integrated front and rear lamps. This bill would also require manufacturers and distributors of e-bikes to include a written description of California’s e-bike laws with the bicycle’s packaging to consumers. This bill would authorize a local authority to set a speed limit on a bicycle path of 15 or 20mph or on a multi-use trail to 10, 15, or 20mph subject to signage requirements, as well as prohibit a person under 16 years old from riding an e-bike at a speed greater than 15mph on a highway or path.</p>	<p>RECOMMEND SUPPORT</p> <p>LCC: SUPPORT</p>	<p>4/7/26 Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Judiciary.</p>
<p>SB 1087 (Cabaldon)</p>	<p>Transportation planning: sustainable communities strategies: Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program: local planning grants. Current law requires certain transportation planning agencies to prepare and adopt every 4 years, except as provided, regional transportation plans directed at achieving a coordinated and balanced regional transportation system. Current law requires a regional transportation plan to include a policy element, a sustainable communities strategy prepared by a metropolitan planning organization, an action element, and a financial element, as provided. This bill would instead require, on and after January 1, 2027, every 2nd regional transportation plan prepared and adopted by those transportation planning agencies to include a sustainable communities strategy prepared by a metropolitan planning organization.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (3/9/26)</p> <p>(letter sent 3/30/26)</p> <p>LCC: MONITOR</p>	<p>4/14/26 Re-referred to Senate Committee on Transportation. Hearing set for April 21.</p>

2026 State Legislative Calendar

- April 24 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house.
- May 1 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the Floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house.
- May 8 – Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 1.
- May 15 – Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house. Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 1.
- May 26-29 – Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house.
- June 1 – Committee meetings may resume.
- June 15 – Budget Bill must be passed by midnight.
- June 25 – Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 3 General Election ballot.

- July 2 – Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed.
- August 3 – Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.
- August 14 – Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills.
- August 17-31 – Floor Session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees.
- August 21 – Last day to amend bills on the Floor.
- August 31 – Last day for each house to pass bills. Final Recess begins upon adjournment.
- September 30 – Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before September 1 and in the Governor's possession after September 1.
- October 2 – Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2027.
- November 3 – General Election.
- December 7 – 2027-2028 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12pm.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 23, 2026

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Revised Classification Specifications

OVERVIEW

- Recommendations for new and revised position descriptions and related salary schedule to meet current and future program needs
- Proposed revisions do not:
 - allow or require automatic promotions or salary increases
 - increase the number of staff

BACKGROUND

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) contracted with CPS HR Consulting Services (CPS) to conduct an agency-wide classification study to help ensure that incumbents are properly classified, update classification specifications, and evaluate salary ranges. CPS also reviewed reporting relationships and the organization's structure. Their full assessment included reviewing existing classification specifications, conducting position description questionnaires and interviews with employee incumbents, and collecting management input. The assessment did not review benefits.

Prior to this work, in 2014, the SBCCOG developed comprehensive job descriptions and revised compensation levels under the guidance of a consultant. Between that time and now, revisions to descriptions and compensation have been primarily done to meet new state laws or evolving programs. Two positions were recently developed and approved by the Board – Analyst/Senior Analyst and Financial Analyst. These positions were developed in coordination with CPS HR.

ANALYSIS

The purpose of the assessment was to help ensure that the SBCCOG has a classification system that meets the current and mid-term future needs of the organization. It primarily captured the essential nature of positions that are expected to continue at a single point in time. Therefore, recommendations are not based upon all possible future changes, particularly with an organization such as the SBCCOG where organizational needs, technologies, and skill requirements are continuously evolving due to new programs and grants. The recommended updated classification system is meant to provide the organization with the tools to successfully administer recruitment, performance management, compensation, and succession planning as well as effectively support systems of administrative and fiscal control.

Classification Specifications

CPS developed classification specifications that are legally defensible and reviewed existing staff to help ensure that individuals were appropriately assigned within the recommended classification structure. All existing position descriptions were updated, and new positions were added to address current and mid-term future needs. Summary of notable revisions include:

- Program Manager and Sr. Program Manager titles were changed to Department Manager and Department Director respectively to better describe the position and reduce confusion between positions with similar titles
- Administrative Officer position was separated into two separate functions 1) Administrative Manager and 2) Finance Manager to address growing needs and complexity of the organization
- Account Clerk position was added to support increased finance function
- Accountant position was removed and responsibilities were separated between other finance positions
- Senior Project Coordinator position was added to address growing mid-level responsibilities

Proposed positions are listed below:

Current Positions	Recommend Position	Notes
Accountant	Remove	Remove
Administrative Assistant	Administrative Assistant	
Administrative Officer	Administrative Manager	Separated HR from Finance
	Finance Manager	
Analyst/Senior Analyst	Analyst/Senior Analyst	
N/A	Account Clerk	New Position
Deputy Executive Director	Deputy Executive Director	
Executive Director	Executive Director	
Financial Analyst	Financial Analyst	
Intern	Intern	
Project Assistant	Project Assistant	
Project Coordinator	Project Coordinator	
N/A	Senior Project Coordinator	New Position
Project Manager	Project Manager	
Sr. Project Manager	Sr. Project Manager	
Program Manager	Department Manager	Revised title
Sr. Program Manager	Department Director	Revised title

It is important to note that if approved, some current employees will have new job titles such as Administrative Manager and Finance Manager – as indicated in the chart above.

Revised positions along with a list of terms and definitions are listed on the attachment A.

Compensation

The purpose of the compensation study was to determine the competitiveness of the SBCCOG's salaries in the labor market and compliance with State law to attract and retain talent as well as promote internal equity. CPS utilized a whole job analysis methodology to determine whether a match from a labor market agency was comparable to SBCCOG's classifications. This commonly used methodology analyzes the job as a whole, rather than by individual factors, by evaluating the core duties and responsibilities, the nature and level of work performed, and the minimum qualifications to determine whether the classification is comparable enough to be utilized as a match. Matches are based on the class specifications (not just titles). The methodology recognizes slight differences in duties assigned to matches from other labor market agencies which do not impact the type, nature, and level of work performed. Matches used are not so broad that they include classifications performing dissimilar work, or work done at a higher or lower level. They are also not so narrow that they exclude matches doing comparable work with slight differences so as not to change the level and nature of work. In order for a classification to be considered a match, upwards of 70% of the job description should be similar. The median for comparable agencies is used to help balance any lows or highs. When a minimum of three comparisons is not identified for a given class, internal alignment is applied. This methodology does not adjust based on the size of an organization.

The following agencies were determined to be the labor market in which the SBCCOG completes for talent for compensation:

- City of El Segundo
- City of Gardena
- City of Lomita
- City of Rolling Hills Estates
- Gateway City Council of Governments
- Los Angeles County
- San Gabriel Valley Cities Council of Governments
- Southern California Association of Governments
- Western Riverside Cities Council of Governments

The SBCCOG staff recently received the recommendations from CPS for compensation ranges and will need time to review and analyze the impact as well as considerations for the financial climate, internal compensation structure, changes to that structure, sustainability of salary increases, budget, and contracts. Other factors need to be considered such as cost of salary increases and other fiscal impacts to the organization to prevent financial hardship or unintended consequences such as the need for future layoffs. Staff anticipate that options and recommendations will be presented to the Steering Committee and Board in May so that Board direction can then be incorporated into the FY2026-27 proposed budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Board approve revised Classification Specifications.

Terms & Definitions:

Classification of the Position, Not the Employee – Position classifications should be consistent regardless of who holds the position. As such, a classification study process classifies positions, not individual employees. Furthermore, classification does not consider the capabilities of individual employees or the efficiency and effectiveness of an incumbent. It is not a measure of how well an individual employee performs, but of the actual duties assigned to the employee. Thus, classification is not a tool to reward individual achievement, nor should classifications be created simply to reward length of service. Employees, supervisors, and managers often view job content through employee performance characteristics which are unrelated to the classification concept of evaluating the work which the organization has determined should be assigned to a specific position, irrespective of how well an employee performs that work.

Classification Versus Allocation – Classification is the process of identifying and describing the various kinds of work in an organization and grouping similar positions together based on job family, classification series, and classification distinctions. Allocation is more specifically tied to the placement and/or budgeting of positions within an organization. Thus, agencies may allocate a position within an organization based on the results of the classification analysis for that position.

Classification Supervision Level Definitions –

- **Under close supervision** – Work is performed under direct and frequent supervision. Tasks are clearly defined, and methods and procedures are prescribed. Supervisor closely reviews work in progress and upon completion and provides regular instruction and feedback.
- **Under General Supervision** – Work is performed with established objectives and procedures. The supervisor outlines expected results, but employees independently plan and carry out assignments. Work is reviewed periodically rather than continuously.
- **Under General Direction** – Work is performed with broad supervisory guidance. The employee is given overall objectives and expected results, but determines methods and processes independently. Work is reviewed primarily for results and compliance with policy rather than for technique or daily activity.
- **Under Minimal Direction** – Work is performed with very limited supervision. The employee is responsible for planning and organizing work, setting priorities, and resolving problems independently. Review is infrequent and focused on outcomes rather than on how the work is performed.
- **Under Administrative Direction** – Work is performed under broad policy and administrative guidance from executive or department-level leadership. The employee

has substantial autonomy in managing programs or functions and is accountable for achieving organizational goals within established policies and legal requirements.

- **Under Policy Direction** – Work is guided by organizational policy rather than day-to-day supervision. The employee provides leadership over major programs or functional areas and exercises authority to interpret, develop, and implement policy consistent with governing body or executive direction.

Level and Not Volume of Work – Position classification reflects the level of work performed by an employee and is generally independent of volume. For example, if one employee processes double the work of another, yet the percentages of time spent on those tasks and other duties are comparable, a single classification should be appropriate for both positions. In fact, study questionnaires do not ask for, and we do not consider, the relative productivity of employees when evaluating positions. Likewise, classifications are not distinguished by the amount of time spent by incumbents on tasks or the volume of work assigned to positions since problems of excessive workload are properly solved by redistributing work or adding employees, not by creating new classifications.

Point in Time Analysis – A classification study primarily captures the essential nature of positions that are expected to continue at a single point in time. Therefore, recommendations cannot be based upon all possible future changes, particularly in a rapidly changing environment where organizational needs, technologies, and skill requirements are continuously evolving. This classification study uses the point in time immediately prior to the submission of the PDQ and does not reflect prospective duties or changes in duties after the PDQ was submitted. It should be noted that at the request of Executive Management, additional classes were developed for future use, but this does not change the point in time analysis for existing positions. The new classes included Financial Analyst and Analyst.

Position Versus Classification – Position and classification are two words that are often thought of as interchangeable, but in fact, have very different meanings. In a position plan, a position is an assigned group of duties and responsibilities performed by one person. Sometimes the word “job” is appropriately used in the place of position. In contrast, a classification may contain only one position or may consist of several positions. When there are several positions assigned to one classification, it means that the same title is appropriate for each position because the scope, level, duties, and responsibilities of each position assigned to the classification are sufficiently similar (but not necessarily identical); the same core knowledge, skills, and other requirements are appropriate for all positions, and the same salary range is equitable for all positions.

Preponderant Duties – Classification studies often find that positions are assigned a wide range of duties and that incumbents have various levels of responsibility at any one time; therefore, the positions must be analyzed based on their preponderant duties. Preponderance is a measure of importance, and the most preponderant duties of a position are those that support the primary

purpose of the position. Sometimes the most time-consuming duties of a position are preponderant; however, consideration must sometimes be given to the responsibility and complexity of certain duties that do not occupy most of the incumbent's time. Overall, the determination of preponderance is a judgment call based on a consistent set of factors.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

ADDENDUM

April 23, 2026

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Revised Classification Specifications

At the April 13, 2026, South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Steering Committee there was discussion regarding the selection of the labor market used in the classification and salary schedule analysis as well as a specific question about the titles Department Manager and Account Clerk. We consulted CPS for their response which is as follows:

Regarding the labor market selection, the SBCCOG provided a list of ten labor market agencies to CPS HR Consulting Services (CPS) for their review. CPS determined that the agencies represent an appropriate and well-balanced comparison group for the purposes of the study. The selected agencies reflect a mix of geographically proximate jurisdictions within the South Bay and greater Los Angeles region, using cities such as City of El Segundo, City of Gardena, City of Lomita, and City of Rolling Hills Estates, which share similar economic conditions, labor pools, and service delivery environments. The inclusion of regional and functionally comparable organizations, such as Clean Power Alliance (which did not respond to multiple requests), Gateway Cities Council of Governments, Southern California Association of Governments, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, and Western Riverside Council of Governments, ensures alignment with agencies that operate under a similar council of governments structure, governance model, and programmatic scope. Additionally, the inclusion of Los Angeles County provides a broader labor market anchor, capturing regional compensation trends and competition for professional and technical talent. Collectively, this group reflects a thoughtful balance of size, organizational type, geographic relevance, and functional comparability, and is consistent with best practices for establishing a representative and defensible labor market for a council of governments such as the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.

Specifically, regarding the proposed titles, CPS recommends leaving the title as proposed for Department Manager and revising the title of Account Clerk to Finance Assistant.

RECOMMENDATION

SBCCOG staff recommends that the Account Clerk title be changed to Finance Assistant.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 23, 2026

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Additional Financial Consultant Services

BACKGROUND:

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) amended the contract for Eide Bailly (a certified public accounting firm) in January 2026 to add services to support the organization's finance functions due to staff shortages as well as new program funding for Homelessness and Housing/Prevention. The SBCCOG has contracted with Eide Bailly since 2023 to assist with routine accounting services and has been pleased with the services they have provided. Given the continued growth of SBCCOG programs and the critical and time-sensitive nature of some of these tasks, SBCCOG staff believes having Eide Bailly on-call for additional services through the end of their contract term in October 2026 is necessary.

ANALYSIS:

SBCCOG staff is recommending an amendment to the Eide Bailly contract for a not-to-exceed budget of \$20,000 for as-needed services for the period of May 1 to October 31, 2026, which is within FY2025-26 Budget under Additional Consultants or Staff and any remaining amount will be budgeted in the FY2026-27 budget. Any services used to support Homelessness and Housing/Prevention will be billed against those contracts. Exhibit A will be the Fifth Amendment to the SBCCOG agreement with Eide Bailly. The services to be covered by the Fifth Amendment include: assistance with FY26-27 budget preparation, contract and grant invoicing, payroll processing/review, and miscellaneous reporting/other tasks.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors approve the Fifth Amendment to the Eide Bailly contract for additional as-needed services with a not-to-exceed budget of \$20,000 for the period of May 1 to October 31, 2026.

FIFTH AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This 5th Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement (“Agreement”) is made as of April 23, 2026, by and between the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, a California joint powers authority (“SBCCOG”) and Eide Bailly LLP (“Consultant”).

RECITALS

- A. SBCCOG and Consultant entered into a Professional Services Agreement as of November 1, 2023, wherein SBCCOG engaged the services of the Consultant to assist the SBCCOG with accounting services.
- B. SBCCOG desires to expand the scope of services to include Additional Accounting Services, to include as needed assistance with budget preparation, contract/grant invoicing, payroll processing/review, and miscellaneous reporting and other tasks.
- C. SBCCOG shall pay for Additional Accounting Services based on a not to exceed budget of \$20,000 billed consistent with the actual hours incurred for these additional activities for the period of May 1, 2026, through October 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

- The Agreement is hereby amended by expanding the scope of services to include:
 - Additional services as-needed for the period of May 1, 2026, through October 31, 2026, with a total not to exceed budget of \$20,000.

Except as modified above, all other provisions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement to be effective May 1, 2026.

“SBCCOG”
South Bay Cities Council of Governments

“Consultant”
Eide Bailly

By: _____
Bernadette Suarez (Signature)
SBCCOG Chair

By: _____
Brad Rockabrand (Signature)

Date: _____

Date: _____

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 23, 2026

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Actions of Steering Committee in March and April

For the March Steering Committee meeting, the Board of Directors delegated their authority per the bylaws to act as the Board for that month.

In keeping with the policy approved by the Board for delegating authority to the Steering committee, the following items were approved by the Steering Committee with the requirement that the Board be informed at their next meeting. Governing Board members can ask for review and possible reconsideration of the item at the Board meeting.

March Steering Committee approved:

- SBCCOG Employee Manual Revisions primarily required by changes in State law
- Legislation – Support AB 2002, AB 1421, AB1942; Oppose SB 677

April Steering Committee –

- Local Solutions Fund Budget and Renter Protection and Prevention Budget

More information on these items is available at www.southbaycities.org by going to the Steering Committee meeting link or by contacting jacki@southbaycities.org.

RECOMMENDATION

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MARCH 2026

	Attendees						
Monthly Meetings	City Managers Meeting	City Clerks Working Group	GIS	Organic Waste	Senior Services Working Group	Steering Committee	Transportation Committee
Carson					A. Rojas I. Reneteria		
El Segundo	D. George	S. Truax		D. Pankau		R. Saemann (v)	C. Pimentel
Gardena						R. Tanaka	R. Tanaka
Hawthorne				J. Ibarra	M. Perez	A. Monteiro	A. Monteiro
Hermosa Beach				D. Krauss			
Inglewood			E. Moreno	E. Guico V. Nunez		J. Butts	
Lawndale		Y. Palomo			D. Spratley	B. Suarez	
Lomita		K. Gregory				B. Waite	B. Uphoff
Manhattan Beach	T. Mirzakhanian		B. Shrewsbury	A. Luke-Jones		N. Tamay	N. Tamay
Palos Verdes Estates	K. Kallman	T. Cook				C. Quinn	
Rancho Palos Verdes	A. Mihranian	T. Takaoka					
Redondo Beach	M. Witzansky			A. Delap		Z. Obagi	Z. Obagi
Rolling Hills	C. Horvath	T. Takaoka		S. Crew			
Rolling Hills Estates	A. Davis	L. Pettit		K. Graham	M. Morrow		
Torrance		C. Cammarota	S. Lai	L. Myers K. Casillas	Z. Gent	J. Kaji	
County of LA					J. Eubanks		A. Yoon B. Fish
Los Angeles			P. Tsai		K. Day		

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TLS Master List

partner_agency	status	Client Initials	city_origin	projected_support_mo	enrollment_date	exit_date	exit_reason	payment_recipient	comments	payment_status	payment_status_notes	security_deposit	Mar-26	Apr-26	client_total
Torrance	Enrolled	IC	Torrance	6	4/5/25	4/1/26	Graduated	Victor Square, LLC (BF Properties)	Family of 4 (Mom + 3 kids, +1 in college not at home). Previous apartment fire, lost home. Kids at TUSD	Subsidy Change	Signed, including subsidy change	\$ 2,825.00	\$1,412.50		\$ 21,987.91
SMC	Enrolled	RW	RPV	10	9/11/25			PV Victoria Apartments LLC	Senior client who has lived in her home and RPV majority of her life, she has income and is seeking additional assistance in maintaining her placement.			\$0	\$1,175	\$1,175	\$ 10,200.00
SMC	Enrolled	AH	Hermosa Beach	10	9/11/25			First Light Property Management	The client is 62 years old and has lived in her current home for the past 25 years, her rent is only \$1300, which also includes all of her utilities. She stated that she was a Danish translator in the film industry but AI has pretty much caused her to lose her employment opportunities at the Studio's. She did recently receive a 3 day notice showing that she owes \$4350. She has been seeking out all opportunities for employment but to date has been unsuccessful.	New Contract		\$0	\$700	\$700	\$ 6,200.00
Torrance	Enrolled	LW	Torrance	6	10/21/25			Arlington Apartmetns	Referred to us by Torrance Unified School District staff. Ms. Winters has a thirteen-year-old son she lives with here in Torrance and she receives no child support. Ms. Winters works two jobs, but due to her limited income and some personal hardship, she fell behind on rent recently and received a 3-day notice. Thankfully, the property owner has showed some patience and willingness to work with her as she tries to catch up and pay off the money she owes, but time is ticking.	New Contract	Signed	\$0	\$1,687.50	\$1,687.50	\$ 11,250.00
Torrance	Enrolled	LF	Torrance	6	11/16/25			Arlington Apartmetns	Aid is for a family of 4 - Father, Mother, 2-year old and newborn and Dad works full time and brings home approximately 2k month. Mom was working as a medical assistant, however with new child has not worked in several months	New Contract	Signed		\$1,687.50	\$1,687.50	\$ 9,000.00
WLCAC	Enrolled	JS	Harbor Gateway	6	10/20/25	4/1/26	Graduated	SoLa Rentals	Exiting a DV situation - does have a restraining order Sleeping in her car in the Harbor Gateway Area prior was staying with her sister and her boyfriend but felt uncomfortable with boyfriend Has a 4 year old child	New Contract		\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00		\$ 13,412.90
												\$ 6,925.00	\$ 8,762.50	\$ 5,250.00	\$271,211

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Media Report – March 1 to March 31, 2026

Summary/Highlights: The volume of published content reached its highest level of the year to date, driven by the 26th General Assembly campaigns. Through media relations efforts, the SBCCOG secured two front-page stories in the Daily Breeze on creation of the South Bay Regional Housing Trust and coverage of the General Assembly. Coverage of both stories were also published in sister weekly publications The Beach Reporter and Palos Verdes Peninsula News, expanding their audience reach. Social media followers grew across most SBCCOG platforms, with the largest month-over-month increase on Instagram at +10.7%. Top-performing content across platforms included the ECRHA video highlighting the Homelessness Collaborative Action Plan and the Housing Trust news release graphic. Among this month’s e-blasts, the General Assembly 2026 “Speakers Announced” campaign achieved the highest open rate at 42%. Additionally, the General Assembly website generated the highest number of visits across the SBCCOG website this month.

Platform	Followers	Published Content	Impressions	Engagements
SBCCOG				
X	552	31 Posts	862	66
Facebook	518	31 Posts	1,389 (Reach)	139
Instagram	660	35 Posts – 31 Stories	Content generated 14,468 views (impressions metric is not provided for IG posts)	462
LinkedIn	1,143	24 Posts	4,864	98
SBESC				
X	590	26 Posts	461	46
Facebook	868	35 Posts	784 (Reach)	32

Social Media Followers – Month-Over-Month and Year-Over-Year Comparison (gray text = last month)

SBCCOG	2025 Followers (as of March of 2025)	2026 Followers (as of 3/31/2026)	Month-Over-Month % Change	Year-Over-Year % Change
X	534	552 554	-0.36%	+3.37%
Facebook	462	518 511	+1.35%	+12.1%
LinkedIn	863	1,143 1,135	+0.70%	+32.45%
Instagram	372	660 596	+10.7%	+77.4%
SBESC	2025	2026		

X	586	590 591	-0.17%	+0.68%
Facebook	871	868 871	-0.35%	-0.34%

Individual Post Performance (*Indicates Boosted Content)

Top-Three Performing SBCCOG Facebook Posts		
451 Reached; 96 Engagements Graphic – Housing Trust News Release	63 Reached; 3 Engagements Graphic – Daylight Savings Reminder	50 Reached; 6 Engagements Video – ECRHA Meeting Highlights (Collaborative Action Plan)
Bottom-Three Performing SBCCOG Facebook Posts		
19 Reached; 0 Engagement Graphic – GA Speaker Spotlight (Jim McCafferty)	17 Reached; 0 Engagement Graphic – Women's History Month flyer	12 Reached; 0 Engagement Graphic – GA Speaker Spotlight (Evan Eleff)

Top-Three Performing SBCCOG X Posts		
107 Impressions; 1 Engagement Video – ECRHA Meeting Highlights (Collaborative Action Plan)	65 Impressions; 4 Engagements Video – Groundbreaking of Avalon Bridge and Promenade Gateway	61 Impressions; 1 Engagement Video – North Redondo Bikeway Extension Ribbon Cutting
Bottom-Three Performing SBCCOG X Posts		
11 Impressions; 1 Engagement Graphic – GA Speaker Spotlight (Eliabeth Hause)	8 Impressions; 0 Engagement Graphic - GA Reminder: Last chance to register	8 Impressions; 0 Engagement Graphic – SBW Newsletter: New Issue Announcement

Top-Three Performing SBCCOG Instagram Posts		
1,443 Views; 17 Engagements Video – Groundbreaking of Avalon Bridge and Promenade Gateway	1,145 Views; 14 Engagements Graphic – Housing Trust (SBRHT) News Release	774 Views; 9 Engagements Graphic – GA Speaker Spotlight (Chief Rachel Johnson)
Bottom-Three Performing SBCCOG Instagram Posts		
138 Views; 4 Engagements Graphic – Women's History Month flyer	69 Views; 1 Engagement Graphic – Daylight Savings Reminder	59 Views; 0 Engagement Graphic – SBESC Newsletter March Issue

Top-Three Performing SBCCOG LinkedIn Posts

509 Impressions; 54 Engagements Graphic – Job Opening (Data Analyst)	451 Impressions; 14 Engagements Graphic – Housing Trust (SBRHT) News Release	445 Impressions; 23 Engagements Video – ECRHA Meeting Highlights (Collaborative Action Plan)
Bottom-Three Performing SBCCOG LinkedIn Posts		
95 Impressions; 6 Engagements Graphic – GA Speaker Spotlight (Amy Eriksen)	82 Impressions; 0 Engagement Video – North Redondo Bikeway Extension Ribbon Cutting	68 Impressions; 1 Engagement Graphic – GA Speaker Spotlight (Evan Eleff)

Top-Three Performing SBESC Facebook Posts		
397 Reached; 14 Engagements Graphic – GA Speaker Spotlight (Dana Pynn)	20 Reached; 1 Engagement Graphic – GA Speaker Spotlight (Joe Forgiarini)	20 Reached; 0 Engagement Graphic – GA Speaker Spotlight (Elizabeth Hause)
Bottom-Three Performing SBESC Facebook Posts		
11 Reached; 0 Engagement Graphic - GA Reminder: Last chance to register	11 Reached; 1 Engagement Graphic – GA Speaker Spotlight (Jim McCafferty)	10 Reached; 1 Engagement Graphic – GA Speaker Spotlight (Evan Eleff)

Top-Three Performing SBESC X Posts		
115 Impressions; 9 Engagements Graphic – GA Speaker Spotlight (Chief Rachel Johnson)	46 Impressions; 6 Engagements Graphic – Job Opening (Data Analyst)	22 Impressions; 1 Engagement Graphic – Celebrate Earth Day with Sanitation District
Bottom-Three Performing SBESC X Posts		
7 Impressions; 0 Engagement Graphic – SBW Newsletter: New Issue Announcement	5 Impressions; 0 Engagement Graphic - GA Reminder: Last chance to register	5 Impressions; 0 Engagements Graphic – SBESC Newsletter March Issue

Top-Email Marketing Campaign

Note: open rate industry avg. = 15 to 25%; click-through rate = 2.5% (source: campaignmonitor.com)

Content	Exposure	Engagements (Clicks)
West Basin Chat	20,861 recipients (41% open rate 7,996)	6% click-through rate (1,119)
General Assembly 2026 Speakers Announced	20,838 recipients (42% open rate 8,333)	7% click-through rate (1,477)

Confirmed Media Coverage and Earned Placements

Outlet	Link	Headline	Date	Publication Quality	Relevance of Message to Brand	Min (B Predo in A
hoodline	https://hoodline.com/2026/03/south-bay-homelessness-shakeup-lands-on-la-county-s-doorstep/	South Bay Regional Homeless Plan presented to LA County	3/2/26	Low	High	H
hoodline	https://hoodline.com/2026/03/south-bay-cities-to-put-measure-a-cash-on-the-hot-seat-in-torrance/	South Bay Cities unpack Measure A spending at ECHRA	3.2.26	Low	High	H
Daily Breeze	https://www.dailybreeze.com/2026/03/06/torrance-enters-into-south-bay-trust-that-will-fund-affordable-housing/	Torrance Enters into South Bay Trust that will fund affordable housing	3/6/26	High	High	H
Patch	https://patch.com/california/hermosabeach/hermosa-beach-join-south-bay-housing-trust	Hermosa Beach to Join South bay Housing Trust	3/11/26	Medium	High	H
MynewsLA.com	https://mynewsLA.com/life/2026/03/11/hermosa-beach-latest-city-to-approve-joining-regional-housing-trust/	Hermosa Beach Latest City to Approve Joining Regional Housing Trust	3/11/26	High	High	H
2UrbanGirls	https://2urbangirls.com/2026/03/inglewood-hawthorne-have-highest-eviction-rates-in-south-bay/	Inglewood, Hawthorne have HIGHTEST eviction rates in South Bay	3/11/26	Medium	Medium	Me

2 Urban Girls	https://2urbangirls.com/2026/03/south-bay-cities-council-of-governments-receives-needed-support-to-form-housing-trust/	South Bay Cities Council of Governments receives needed support to form housing trust	3/11/26	Medium	High	H
theLog	https://thelog.com/port-of-los-angeles-breaks-ground-on-avalon-pedestrian-bridge-and-promenade-gateway/	Port of Los Angeles breaks ground on Avalon Pedestrian Bridge and Promenade Gateway	3/12/26	High	High	L
Daily Breeze	https://www.dailybreeze.com/2026/03/12/new-multicity-trust-will-work-to-create-affordable-housing-in-the-south-bay/	New multicity trust will work to create affordable housing in the South Bay	3/12/26	High	High	H
Easy Reader	https://easyreadernews.com/hermosa-beach-joins-regional-housing-trust/	Hermosa Beach joins regional housing trust	3/12/26	High	High	H
2UrbanGirls	https://2urbangirls.com/2026/03/airbnb-heads-to-south-bay-city-in-time-for-fifa-world-cup/	Airbnb heads to South Bay city in time for FIFA World Cup	3/23/26	Medium	Low	L
Easy Reader	https://2urbangirls.com/2026/03/airbnb-heads-to-south-bay-city-in-time-for-fifa-world-cup/	Baywatch Community Calendar 3-26-26	3/26/26	High	High	H

The Beach Reporter	https://www.dailybreeze.com/2026/03/26/tbr-calendar-things-to-do-in-and-around-the-beach-cities-march-26-april-1/	The Beach Reporter: Things to do in and around the beach cities, March 26-April 1	3/26/26	High	High	H
Daily Breeze	https://www.dailybreeze.com/2026/03/28/south-bay-leaders-discuss-infrastructure-marketing-ahead-of-2028-olympics/	South Bay leaders discuss infrastructure, marketing ahead of 2028 Olympics	3/26/26	High	High	H

Paid Advertising (Secured through partial in-kind sponsorships of the General Assembly)

Outlet	Date	Type of Ad
Easy Reader	3/5/26 and 3/12/26 2/21/26 to 3/23/26	½ page ad Four digital ads
Daily Breeze	3/1/26 2/27 to 2/20	¼ page ad Four digital ads
PV News	3/5/26	¼ page ad
Beach Reporter	3/5/26 and 3/8/26	¼ page ad

City Communications (Includes results from our collaboration with partner city communicators to share relevant content with their audiences via their communications channels)

City	Comms Type	Material	Date
City of Gardena	Social: Instagram	Graphic – GA Spotlight Speaker (Dana Pynn)	3/16/26
City of El Segundo	Social: Instagram	Graphic – PATCHES Program Shout Out	3/5/26
City of Rolling Hills	E-Newsletter	26 th General Assembly	3/13/26
City of Manhattan Beach	Social: Instagram	Photos – General Assembly	3/26/26

Website Analytics – Overall and Top 10 Viewed Pages

Site (Overall)	Views	Users	Average Engagement Time
Site Overall TOTAL	22,186	12,502	29s
/2026-general-assembly/	3,634	2,480	32s

/ (Home Page)	2,568	1,482	25s
/speakers-general-assembly-2026/	2,211	1,987	13s
/data-analyst-job-opening/	1,095	758	43s
/programs/renter-protection-and-homeless-prevention-assistance-program/	561	251	1m 03s
/about/officers-staff/	399	270	48s
/event/26th-annual-general-assembly/	388	252	36s
/calendar/	264	215	18s
/employment-opportunities/	252	193	16s
/about/	222	167	21s

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MONTHLY SBCCOG TRANSPORTATION REPORT

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

COVERING MARCH 2026

Edited by Aaron Ruiz, CivicSpark Fellow

Federal

U.S. Department of Transportation & Department of Justice Sue to Stop California's Electric Vehicle (EV) Mandate

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced that the U.S. Department of Justice, on behalf of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), has filed a lawsuit challenging California's vehicle emissions policies, arguing that the state's regulations effectively function as an electric vehicle mandate that conflicts with federal authority. The lawsuit, announced by Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy, centers on whether states can impose standards that influence vehicle fuel economy, which the federal government says is regulated at the national level.

Federal officials contend that California's requirements could force automakers to adjust production nationwide to meet stricter state-level standards, raising concerns about costs and regulatory consistency. The case is part of a broader federal effort to align vehicle standards under national policy and limit what it views as conflicting state regulations.

California has set stricter emissions standards under environmental policies, setting the stage for legal disputes between state and federal governments over transportation and climate regulation. The outcome of the case could have implications for vehicle standards across multiple states that have their own state laws and approach.

Source: [President Trump's Transportation Department & Justice Department Sue to Stop California's Illegal EV Mandate | US Department of Transportation](#)

State

Regional Transportation Initiatives Recognized for Innovation Across California

The California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) recently recognized nine regional projects across the state through its Eureka! Awards, highlighting innovative approaches to transportation and sustainability. The awards, presented at the organization's Regional Leadership Forum, emphasize programs that can serve as models for other regions addressing mobility and infrastructure challenges.

Among the recognized efforts are transportation-related initiatives that focus on improving regional mobility through coordination, planning, and expanded multimodal options. Projects highlighted by CALCOG include efforts to advance micromobility and integrated transportation

systems, reflecting a broader statewide emphasis on reducing emissions while improving accessibility and connectivity.

Regional agencies such as the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) with the Local Travel Network (LTN) and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) with CV Link were among those recognized, highlighting the role of local and subregional partnerships in delivering transportation solutions. In the South Bay, initiatives tied to active transportation networks highlight ongoing efforts to expand travel options and improve safety for micromobility users.

The recognition reflects California’s continued reliance on regional collaboration to advance transportation goals, particularly as agencies work to implement new forms of mobility, enhancing first and last mile connections, and addressing climate-related challenges. These types of multijurisdictional efforts are increasingly critical to delivering effective transportation systems across diverse communities.

Source: [Eureka! Nine Regional Projects Recognized for Innovation Across California - California Association of Councils of Governments](#)

Region

LA Metro Plans Direct Bus Service for 2026 World Cup

LA Metro announced a series of transit enhancements to support travel to the 2026 FIFA World Cup 2026, including direct bus service from multiple locations across the region to matches at SoFi Stadium. With eight matches scheduled in Los Angeles and limited parking availability, Metro is positioning transit as a primary travel option for both residents and visitors.

Metro plans to operate direct bus routes from key rail stations, transit centers, and park-and-ride locations throughout Los Angeles County such as Downtown Long Beach, Harbor Gateway Transit Center, LA Union Station, and the LAX/Metro Transit Center Station. Service is expected to begin several hours before matches begin and continue after games conclude. The agency is coordinating with more than 10 regional transit providers to expand capacity and improve access to the stadium. Fares for the service will remain consistent with standard Metro pricing, helping maintain affordability during the event. Parking reservations at the stations are now available, and pricing differs by location, ranging from \$55 to \$95, plus a service fee.

In addition to direct service, Metro is rolling out a broader set of enhancements, including increased service levels, designated parking options, and improved customer experience efforts

tied to the event. These measures are intended to reduce congestion, provide reliable alternatives to driving, and support large-scale travel demand during the tournament.

The initiative is part of broader regional efforts to prepare for large-scale international events by strengthening transit options and reducing reliance on private vehicles. Officials say the service is intended to improve mobility, reduce congestion, and support a more seamless travel experience for both residents and visitors during the tournament.

Source(s): [Metro to run direct bus service to FIFA World Cup™ matches from multiple locations in the Los Angeles area | The Source](#)

[Metro Announces Hat Trick for FIFA World Cup 2026™ By Offering Enhanced Service, Affordable Parking, Celebratory Customer Experience - LA Metro](#)

Trends

Bay Area Considers New Tax Measures to Address Transit Funding Deficit

As transit agencies across the country face ridership declines following the COVID-19 pandemic, officials in the San Francisco Bay Area are exploring new funding strategies to address ongoing transit budget deficits, currently at \$376 million. San Francisco Mayor Daniel Lurie is supporting a proposed parcel tax that could generate an estimated \$150 to \$200 million annually to help stabilize operations for Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART). The tax would apply to properties based on square footage and is considered a crucial part of a broader effort to prevent significant service reductions.

At the same time, regional leaders are advancing discussions around a potential multi-county ballot measure that would provide additional funding for BART and other transit agencies across the Bay Area. The proposal reflects growing concern about funding challenges, as fare revenues for transportation agencies throughout the nation have not fully recovered, and face rising operating costs.

These efforts highlight a broader issue facing transit systems nationwide, as remote and hybrid work continue to impact ridership, agencies may increasingly turn to local tax measures and regional funding strategies to maintain service levels and avoid deeper cuts.

Source: [BART: The worst-case scenarios are actually worse than you've heard](#)

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 23, 2026

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors
FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee
SUBJECT: Metro Board Governance Structure

BACKGROUND

Los Angeles County voters approved Measure G in 2024 that created an elected Chief Executive Officer (effective 2028) and expanded the Board of Supervisors from five to nine (effective 2032 following the 2030 Census and redistricting). Metro is reviewing its Board composition as the County's governance evolves. Metro was created by state law that merged the Southern California Rapid Transit District and the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission in 1993, and any changes to the Metro Board composition must be approved through state legislation. Metro recently created an Ad Hoc Board Composition Committee to guide a locally informed recommendation for any possible changes to Metro's governance. Initially, subregions did not have a voice on this ad hoc committee, but following pressure from the councils of governments, Metro added a seat. Terry Dipple, Executive Director of the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments, represents COGs on the ad hoc committee.

ANALYSIS

Currently, Metro's Board is comprised of 13 voting members and one non-voting member:

- 5 seats for Los Angeles County (1 per Supervisor)
- 4 seats for the City of Los Angeles (1 seat for the Mayor + 3 appointees)
- 4 seats for the remaining 87 cities in LA County (South East/Long Beach Sector, Southwest Corridor sector, North County/San Fernando Valley sector, San Gabriel Valley sector)
- 1 non-voting seat appointed by the Governor (traditionally the Director of Caltrans District 7)

LA County's population is just over 10 million people, with the City of Los Angeles representing about 3.87 million of those people. Approximately 1 million people live in unincorporated LA County, meaning the remaining 5-5.5 million people live in the other 87 cities in the County. Those 87 cities are directly represented by only 4 of the 13 Metro Board seats today. This means that about half of the County's population is only directly represented by one third of the Metro Board.

Although Measure G created more Supervisors, it did not create more LA County residents needing representation on the Metro Board. There is no rationale for the County's governance change triggering an expansion of the Metro Board. The elected County CEO should also not receive a dedicated seat on the Metro Board nor have their own appointees. The Board of Supervisors should have to choose which five of its nine members it wishes to have on the Metro Board, just like the 87 cities choose which four representatives they want to be represented by.

SBCCOG staff does not believe changes to the County's governance structure necessitates an expansion of the Metro Board, particularly if it further diminishes the proportion of city representation.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend the Board of Directors oppose any changes to the Metro Board governance structure and authorize SBCCOG staff to prepare a letter for the Chair's signature to submit to Metro and its ad hoc committee on Board Composition.

Attachment: Draft Letter to Metro



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April 23, 2026

Hon. Fernando Dutra, Chair
Metro Board of Directors
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Opposition to Changes to Metro Board Governance

Dear Chair Dutra:

On behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Board of Directors, I am writing to express our opposition to any changes to the governance structure of the Metro Board of Directors. As Metro's Ad Hoc Board Composition Committee evaluates changes, the SBCCOG strongly disagrees that Measure G necessitates an expansion of the Metro Board.

When Measure G was approved by LA County voters, it did create new Supervisorial seats, but it did not create more residents requiring representation. LA County's population is approximately 10 million but it is not projected to increase as Measure G is implemented. In fact, several projections indicate that the County population is expected to decline, with long-term figures suggesting a loss of more than 1 million people over the next 30-40 years.

Excluding the City of Los Angeles, the remaining 87 incorporated cities in the County are directly represented by only four of the 13 Metro Board seats today. This means that about half of the County's population is only directly represented by one third of the Metro Board. The LA County Board of Supervisors should have to choose which five of its nine members it wishes to have on the Metro Board, just like the 87 cities choose which four representatives they want to be represented by. Additionally, there should not be an additional dedicated seat for the County's future elected Chief Executive Officer.

In summary, the SBCCOG opposes the idea that changes to the County's governance structure requires an expansion of the Metro Board, particularly if it further diminishes the proportion of city representation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact SBCCOG Executive Director, Jacki Bacharach, at (310) 371-7222.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Suarez
Chair, SBCCOG Board of Directors
Councilmember, City of Lawndale

CC: Metro Board of Directors
Stephanie Wiggins, Metro CEO
Los Angeles County COG Executive Directors

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN ACTION

Carson El Segundo Gardena Hawthorne Hermosa Beach Inglewood Lawndale Lomita
Manhattan Beach Palos Verdes Estates Rancho Palos Verdes Redondo Beach Rolling Hills
Rolling Hills Estates Torrance Los Angeles District #15 Los Angeles County

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 23, 2026

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Transportation Committee

SUBJECT: FY 26-27 Measure R South Bay Transit Investment Program Annual Program Recommendations

BACKGROUND

The SBCCOG assists Metro with the administration of the Measure R South Bay Transit Investment Program (SBTIP). The SBCCOG's annual program update includes an estimate of the annual funding needed to reimburse project expenses over the upcoming fiscal years. Most projects can be completed within five years, but some projects with complex environmental, design or right of way acquisition may take longer. Metro has also transitioned to phased programming where funds are programmed to the project on a phase-by-phase basis. Funding needed beyond five years for complex projects or future project phases is added in subsequent annual program updates.

In September 2025, the Metro Board of Directors approved the South Bay's FY25-26 SBTIP annual program update. Following that action, approximately \$23.2 million remained available in unprogrammed funding through the end of Measure R in 2039.

It is common for initial conceptual cost estimates to increase once design has been completed and right of way needs are established. As a result of inflation and other issues, cost estimates saw significant cost increases immediately following the pandemic. The magnitude of cost increases has leveled, but costs remain higher than pre-pandemic, when most SBTIP projects were developed.

As part of the annual program update process, SBCCOG staff has worked with lead agency staff and Metro to identify changes to current projects, including those that will require additional funding to complete construction or for their current pre-construction project phase. In March 2026, SBCCOG staff received one funding augmentation request for an existing SBTIP project for which SBCCOG staff are recommending a total of \$4,000,000 in additional Measure R SBTIP funding. The following project update is recommended:

- **City of Carson: \$4,000,000 in SBTIP funds for MR524.02 Victoria Transit Center (Formerly the Fashion Outlet Regional Transit Center).** The Victoria Transit Center is a regional transit center that is a component of the CSU Dominguez Hills' University Mobility Hub, a multimodal facility that aims to create an integrated, multimodal transportation network serving both the campus and the surrounding community. The city is requesting funding to integrate additional elements of the University Mobility Hub, including bicycle lanes, pedestrian infrastructure, accessible curb ramps, high-visibility

crosswalks, and more. This action will bring total SBTIP funding to \$15,477,000 for this project.

Exhibit 1 includes the program of projects for the Measure R SBTIP which provides information on prior funding allocation, prior funding programmed, recommended allocation changes, and recommended revised total allocation for each project. If approved by the SBCCOG and Metro Boards, approximately \$19.2 million will remain available to complete existing Measure R SBTIP projects.

After SBCCOG Board action, the Measure R SBTIP annual program update will be transmitted to Metro for their approval of the recommended funding allocations. Metro is expected to act on Measure R SBTIP in September 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That the SBCCOG Board approve the FY26-27 Measure R SBTIP annual program update for transmittal to Metro.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – FY 2026-27 funding allocations for Measure R SBTIP active projects

Prepared by: Anne Tsai, Project Coordinator

Measure R South Bay Transit Investment Program																
	Lead Agency	Project No.	Project Description	Funding Phases	Notes	Prior Allocation	Recommended Alloc Change	Recommended Current Allocation	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28	FY28-29
1	CARSON	MR524.02	CARSON CIRCUIT: VICTORIA TRANSIT CENTER	PAED. PS&E, ROW, CON	CHG	\$11,477,000	\$4,000,000	\$15,477,000		\$56,339		\$318,661	\$1,100,000	\$11,350,000	\$2,652,000	
2	GARDENA	MR524.03	GTRANS: PURCHASE OF UP TO 15 EXPANSION BUSES	Construction Capital		\$12,375,000		\$12,375,000						\$690,000	\$6,588,000	\$5,097,000
3	GARDENA	MR524.04	GTRANS: SOLAR ENERGY GENERATION/BUS FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT	PS&E, CON		\$7,500,000		\$7,500,000					\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$1,500,000	
4	INGLEWOOD	MRINGITC	INGLEWOOD TRANSIT CONNECTOR PROJECT	PAED. PS&E, ROW, CON		\$250,000,000		\$250,000,000	\$26,575,570	\$76,863,918	\$130,260,512	\$16,300,000				
5	REDONDO BEACH	MR524.05	BEACH CITIES TRANSIT: TRANSIT OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FACILITY	Env, PS&E, CON		\$32,090,555		\$32,090,555					\$5,150,000	\$8,838,734	\$17,677,469	\$424,352
	SBCCOG	MR524.01	TRANSIT INVESTMENTS PROGRAMS ADMIN SUPPORT	PLANNING DEVELOPMENT		\$159,024		\$159,024	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$23,608	\$24,400	\$25,132	\$25,884		
6	TORRANCE	MR524.06	TORRANCE TRANSIT: RETURN OF THE RED CAR URBAN CIRCULATOR TROLLEY	Construction Capital		\$4,500,000		\$4,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000						
7	TORRANCE	MR524.07	TORRANCE TRANSIT: EXPANSION BUSES	Construction Capital		\$20,000,000		\$20,000,000	\$17,100,000	\$2,900,000						
8	TORRANCE	MR524.08	TORRANCE TRANSIT: REGIONAL TRANSIT CENTER PARKING STRUCTURE	Construction Capital		\$35,000,000		\$35,000,000	\$35,000,000							
9	TORRANCE	MR524.09	MICROTRANSIT EXPANSION OF THE TORRANCE COMMUNITY TRANSIT	Construction Capital		\$240,000		\$240,000	\$60,000	\$180,000						
10	TORRANCE	MR524.10	CONSTRUCTION OF HEAVY-DUTY ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION	Construction Capital		\$3,500,000		\$3,500,000	\$3,000,000	\$500,000						
SBTIPTOTAL TOTAL PROGRAMMING AMOUNT						\$376,841,579	\$4,000,000	\$380,841,579	\$83,775,570	\$83,020,257	\$130,284,120	\$16,643,061	\$9,275,132	\$23,904,618	\$28,417,469	\$5,521,352

Existing project requesting additional funding
Change to programming/year only (no change to total programming amount)

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 23, 2026

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Transportation Committee

SUBJECT: FY 26-27 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Plan Annual Program
Recommendations

BACKGROUND

The SBCCOG assists Metro with administration of the three Measure M Subregional Programs. The SBCCOG's annual program recommendations includes an estimate of the annual funding needed to reimburse project expenses over the upcoming fiscal years. Most projects can be completed within five years, but some projects with complex environmental, design or right of way acquisition may take longer. Metro has also transitioned to phased programming where funds are programmed to the project on a phase-by-phase basis. The funding needed beyond five years for these complex projects or future project phases is added in subsequent annual program updates.

In September 2025, the Metro Board of Directors approved the South Bay's FY25-26 MM MSP annual program. Following that action, approximately \$230.78 million remained available in un-programmed funding through FY29-30.

It is common for initial conceptual cost estimates to increase once design has been completed and right of way needs are established. As a result of inflation and other issues, cost estimates saw steep increases immediately following the pandemic. The magnitude of cost increases has leveled, but costs remain higher than pre-pandemic, when many MM MSP projects were developed.

As part of the annual program update process, SBCCOG staff have worked with lead agency staff and Metro to identify changes to current projects, including those that will require additional funding to complete construction or their current project phase. In addition, SBCCOG staff identified the capacity to solicit new project requests. In January 2026, SBCCOG staff received funding augmentation requests for eight (8) existing MM MSP projects, eleven (11) new projects, and two (2) reprogramming requests (no additional funding) equaling a total of \$158,776,323 additional MSP funding requested.

MEASURE M MSP PROJECT REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS

Due to the high volume of funding requests and limited funding available, SBCCOG staff initiated a competitive review process outlined in the Measure M MSP Project Selection Criteria and Local Allocation Program Policies approved by the SBCCOG Board in July 2025. A MM review subcommittee was formed and comprised of representatives from the Infrastructure Working Group and SBCCOG staff:

- City Staff: Erik Zandvliet (Manhattan Beach, IWG Chair); Aksel Palacios (LA City); Ryan Liu (Redondo Beach); Kirsten Graham (Rolling Hills Estates); Helen Shi (Torrance)
- SBCCOG Staff: Jacki Bacharach (Executive Director); David Leger (Program Manager)

Between February and March 2026, Review Subcommittee members were asked to review all funding requests and score new project applications according to the Project Selection Criteria. The Review Subcommittee met several times in March 2026 to finalize scores and funding recommendations.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The MM Review Subcommittee recommended \$82,257,089 in additional funding for existing projects and \$26,519,234 in new project funding for a total of \$108,776,323 in additional Measure M MSP funding.

The following **existing** project updates are recommended:

- **City of Hawthorne: \$2,500,600 in MSP funds for MM4602.03 Hawthorne Moneta Garden Mobility Improvements.** The city is requesting additional funding to meet unforeseen increase in material costs, supply chain issues, and utility conflicts. This action will bring total MSP funding to \$5,820,600. The city has secured an additional \$810,000 in outside funding sources
- **City of Los Angeles: \$6,859,898 in MSP funds for MM4601.01 Connecting San Pedro Pedestrian Improvements and Multimodal Access.** The city is requesting additional funding to meet revised construction cost estimates. This action will bring total MSP funding to \$14,105,608.
- **City of Los Angeles: \$615,000 in MSP funds for MM5508.01 South Bay Signal Operational Improvements.** The city is requesting additional funding due to higher than anticipated construction bids. This action will bring total MSP funding to \$3,115,000.
- **County of Los Angeles: \$2,235,000 in MSP funds for MM4601.06 El Camino Village.** The county is requesting additional funding to incorporate scope revisions, including relocating and replacing power poles and traffic signal facilities. This action will bring total MSP funding to \$3,273,000.
- **City of Los Angeles/Port of Los Angeles: \$15,200,000 in MSP funds for MM4601.03 Avalon Promenade and Gateway.** The city is requesting additional funding due to higher than anticipated contractor bids. This action will bring total MSP funding to \$25,407,400. The city has secured an additional \$67.8 million in outside funding sources for this project.
- **City of Manhattan Beach: \$2,285,000 in MSP funds for MM5508.04 Advanced Traffic Signal System (MBATS).** The city is requesting additional funding to meet increased engineering review, redesign, and construction support costs. This action will bring total MSP funding to \$19,998,000.

- **City of Torrance: \$8,111,591 in MSP funds for MM4601.08 School Safety and Accessibility Program – Phase II.** The city is requesting additional funding to enter the construction phase of the project. This action will bring total MSP funding to \$18,484,200. The city has secured an additional \$2 million in outside funding sources for this project.
- **City of Torrance: \$44,450,000 in MSP funds for MM5502.11 Torrance Fiber Network.** The city is requesting additional funding to enter the construction phase of the project. This action will bring total MSP funding to \$47,000,000. The city has secured an additional \$3 million in outside funding sources for this project.

The following **new** project requests are recommended for funding:

- **City of Inglewood: \$5,500,000 in MSP funds for Aviation Blvd Improvement Project.** This project aims to rehabilitate and enhance the corridor between Arbor Vitae Street and Manchester Boulevard to meet current design standards and serve both local and regional traffic. It will strengthen pedestrian connectivity, facilitate transit access to the LAX/Metro Transit Center Station and Westchester/Veterans K Line Station, and enhance safety for pedestrians and vehicles along the corridor. The city is requesting funds to complete the construction phase of the project.
- **City of Los Angeles: \$719,000 in MSP funds for Anaheim St and Sampson Ave Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon.** The project aims to construct a new Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at the intersection of Anaheim St and Sampson Ave to add a new crossing that will increase the safety of pedestrians who are crossing north/south and serve transit riders on Metro Line 232. The city is requesting funds to complete the environmental, design, and construction phases of the project.
- **City of Los Angeles: \$7,000,000 in MSP funds for Anaheim St Widening Project.** The project intends to widen a section of Anaheim Street from 78 feet to 84 feet, increasing from 4 lanes to 6 lanes and upgrading the highway to Major Highway Standards. This section is a major commuter route with a large volume of heavy commercial trucks and vehicular traffic. The city is requesting funds to complete the construction phase of the project.
- **City of Los Angeles: \$3,500,000 in MSP funds for Lomita Blvd Grade Separation** *(Note: This project was submitted through the Local Allocation Program).* The project aims to design a grade separated overpass at the eastern terminus of Lomita Blvd connecting to Alameda Street in Wilmington, which includes a railroad overcrossing. The city will construct a new ramp commencing on E Lomita Blvd, a new signalized intersection at the top portion of the ramp on Alameda Blvd, as well as new streetlights and railing for vehicular safety along the linear footage of the ramps on East Lomita and Alameda for traffic safety. The city is requesting funds to complete the environmental, design, and right-of-way phases of the project.

- **County of Los Angeles: \$1,250,000 in MSP funds for Redondo Beach Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (TSSP).** The project, located on Redondo Beach Blvd, aims to upgrade traffic signal equipment and implement new signal timing parameters. The project also strengthens roadway system performance by complementing other synchronization projects in the South Bay and is part of a long-range plan to synchronize all major corridors in the subregion. The county is requesting funds to complete the construction phase of the project.
- **County of Los Angeles: \$945,000 in MSP funds for Rosecrans (West) Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (TSSP).** The project, located on Rosecrans Ave, aims to upgrade traffic signal equipment and site conditions for user safety. Operational improvements will enable fully traffic-actuated signal operation and upgrade signal timing components for time-based coordination. The county is requesting funds to complete the construction phase of the project.
- **County of Los Angeles: \$300,000 in MSP funds for South Bay Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Assessment.** The project intends to conduct an inventory of existing transportation and communications infrastructure within the South Bay cities and unincorporated areas, preparing a specific report for each participating jurisdiction. Each report will document existing conditions and provide descriptions of potential infrastructure upgrades. The report will also discuss the general merits and possible benefits and costs associated with those potential upgrades. The county is requesting funds to complete the environmental phase of the project.
- **County of Los Angeles: \$1,400,000 in MSP funds for Systemwide Coordination Timing Enhancement.** This project intends to upgrade the area-wide coordination timing on arterial routes in the South Bay area. The implementation of the traffic signal synchronization improvements will alter the traffic signal of intersecting arterial streets currently operating under coordinated timing. Therefore, revisions to the timing of the crossing arterials will be necessary, and existing routes will need to be re-timed based on the current traffic patterns and congestion conditions. The county is requesting funds to complete the design phase of the project.
- **City of Lomita: \$4,789,234 in MSP funds for School Zone Safety Improvements.** This project aims to enhance mobility and accessibility within the four Lomita school zones by adding features that make pedestrians more visible to drivers, decrease crossing distances, simplify intersections making them safer to cross for pedestrians, and widen two sidewalks. Additionally, the project adds a cycle track in front of the middle school, providing safe access to the school for bicyclists while simultaneously removing a center turn lane that is currently unsafely used by drivers waiting to pick up their students. The project also reduces cut-through traffic and improves traffic flow with time-restricted left turns and protected left turn signals. The city is requesting funds to complete the design and construction phases of the project.
- **City of Torrance: \$1,116,000 in MSP funds for Traffic Signal Safety Improvement Project.** The project includes traffic signal safety improvements such as the installation of ADA-compliant pedestrian push buttons, new pedestrian signal heads, ADA curb

ramps, and the implementation of protected left-turn phasing at five intersections. This project will also include traffic signal pole and foundation replacement, new conduit and conductors, all necessary utility relocations, and replacement of dated traffic signal hardware. The city is requesting funds to complete the environmental and design phases of the project.

Due to limited funding availability over the next two to three fiscal years and the magnitude of the project, the MM Review Subcommittee recommends the re-submission of the following project in a future funding cycle:

- **City of Hawthorne: \$47,000,000 in MSP funds for Mobility Hub Project.** This project consists of a mobility hub and structured parking facility at two locations: at the northwest corner El Segundo Blvd & Doty next to the Hawthorne Memorial Center, and at the 129th St & 130th Parking District west of Hawthorne Blvd.

The Review Subcommittee encouraged the city, in its re-submission, to provide supplemental information detailing the project need and strengthened justification for the proposed parking facilities based on current and future transit ridership.

At the April 8 meeting of the Infrastructure Working Group, the Review Subcommittee's recommendations were approved to pass on to the Transportation Committee.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

At the April 13 Transportation Committee meeting, the City of Hawthorne submitted a letter to modify their original submittal to request funding from the city's Local Allocation Program (LAP) funds to begin the design phase of the Hawthorne Mobility Hub project. The Transportation Committee recommended advancing \$1,898,850 in Hawthorne's LAP funds.

IMPORTANT ITEMS TO NOTE

- This recommendation will use all of the remaining unprogrammed balance of MSP funds in FY26-27 if all other existing and new project requests from this cycle proceed and it brings the total funding recommendation to \$110,675,173.
- Use of LAP funds does not guarantee a project access to MSP funds in a future cycle.

Subsequent to SBCCOG Board action, the Measure M MSP annual program will be transmitted to Metro for further eligibility reviews of the new projects and recommended funding allocations for all projects. Metro is expected to act on Measure M MSP in September 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That the SBCCOG Board approve the FY26-27 Measure M MSP annual program for a total of \$110,675,173 in additional funding understanding that should these expenditures take place as requested, there will be no unprogrammed balance for funding MSP projects in FY 27-28.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit 1 – FY 2026-27 funding allocations for Measure M MSP active projects - includes the program of projects for the Measure M MSP which provides information on the history of each project - prior funding allocations, prior funding programmed, recommended allocation changes, and recommended revised total allocations for each project.
- Exhibit 2 – Funding Histories of FY2026-27 Existing Measure M Projects Request Funding
- Exhibit 3 – City of Hawthorne Revised Funding Request Letter

Prepared by: Anne Tsai, Project Coordinator and Aaron Ruiz, CivicSpark Fellow

South Bay Multi-Year Subregional Plan - Transportation System & Mobility Improvements Program 1 (Expenditure Line 50)												Exhibit 1		
Lead Agency	Project No.	Project Description	Funding Phases	Notes	Prior Allocation	Recommended Alloc Change	Recommended Current Allocation	Prior Year Program	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28	FY28-29	FY29-30	
1	Carson	MM4601.09	Bike Lane Installation - Carson St, Figueroa St, Main St, Victoria St	Construction			\$10,620,270	\$0	\$5,628,743	\$4,991,527				
2	Carson	MM4601.10	Bike Lane Installation - 223rd St, Avalon Bl, Central Ave, Del Amo Bl, Univeristy Dr	Construction			\$6,834,692	\$0	\$3,280,652	\$3,554,040				
3	Carson	MM4601.17	South Bay Local Travel Network in Carson	PS&E, Construction			\$4,512,915	\$450,000	\$4,062,915					
4	El Segundo	MM4601.11	South Bay Local Travel Network in El Segundo	PS&E, Construction			\$925,000	\$925,000						
5	El Segundo	MM4601.19	Downtown Mobility Improvement Project	PS&E			\$1,000,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$400,000	\$300,000			
6	El Segundo	MM4601.20	Safe Routes to Schools	PS&E, Construction			\$400,000	\$0		\$400,000				
7	Hermosa Beach	MM5502.12	Hermosa Avenue Safety Improvements	PAED, PS&E			\$440,000	\$0	\$108,000	\$332,000				
8	Inglewood	MM5502.02	ITS (Gap) Closure Improvements - Complete	Construction	Audit Compl		\$13,500,000	\$13,500,000						
9	Inglewood	MM5502.03	Inglewood Intermodal Transit/Park and Ride Facility	PAED, PS&E, Construction	Clsd		\$4,933,310	\$4,933,310						
10	Inglewood	MM5502.09	Prairie Ave Dynamic Lane Control System	PS&E, Construction			\$13,120,000	\$0		\$13,120,000				
11	LA City	MM4601.01	San Pedro Pedestrian Improvements	PAED, PS&E, Construction	CHG		\$7,245,710	\$6,859,898	\$1,207,619	\$3,372,445	\$3,295,098	\$6,087,531	\$142,915	
12	LA City	MM4601.02	Wilmington Neighborhood Street Improvements	PAED, PS&E, Construction			\$3,000,600	\$0		\$1,500,300	\$1,500,300			
13	LA City	MM4601.03	Avalon Promenade and Gateway	Construction	CHG		\$10,207,400	\$15,200,000	\$0		\$6,643,000	\$8,823,000	\$9,941,400	
14	LA County	MM4601.04	Westmont / West Athens Pedestrian Improvements	PAED, PS&E, Construction			\$14,207,097	\$2,600,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$4,607,097		
15	LA County	MM4601.06	El Camino Village Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Enhancements	PAED, PS&E	CHG		\$1,038,000	\$2,235,000	\$3,273,000	\$554,000	\$484,000	\$1,370,000	\$865,000	
16	LA County	MM4601.12	Lennox Vision Zero Traffic Enhancements	PAED, PS&E			\$1,206,000	\$479,000	\$300,000	\$427,000				
17	LA County	MM5502.04	182nd St / Albertoni St Traffic Signal Synchronization Program	PAED, PS&E, Construction			\$4,228,500	\$950,000	\$3,278,500					
18	LA County	MM5502.06	Van Ness Traffic Signal Synchronization Program	PAED, PS&E, Construction			\$1,702,000	\$535,000	\$1,167,000					
19	LA County	MM5502.07	Del Amo Blvd (East) Traffic Signal Synchronization Program	PAED, PS&E, Construction			\$1,324,500	\$460,000	\$864,500					
20	Lawndale	MM4601.21	South Bay Local Travel Network in Lawndale	PS&E, Construction			\$1,648,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$240,000	\$1,200,000	\$168,000		
21	Lomita	MM4601.18	South Bay Local Travel Network & Related Safety Enhancements in Lomita	PS&E, Construction			\$6,651,895	\$709,390	\$5,942,505					
22	Manhattan Beach	MM4601.13	Highland Ave Corridor Improvements	PAED, PS&E			\$500,000	\$500,000						
23	Redondo Beach	MM4601.14	Pedestrian Enhancements on Aviation Blvd	PS&E, Construction			\$1,500,000	\$125,000	\$687,500	\$687,500				
24	Redondo Beach	MM4601.15	Riviera Village Pedestrian and Multi-Modal Enhancements	PAED, PS&E			\$4,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$500,000				
25	Redondo Beach	MM4601.16	South Bay Local Travel Network in Redondo Beach	PS&E, Construction			\$1,272,700	\$1,272,700						
26	Redondo Beach	MM4601.22	Redondo Beach Blvd Corridor (MAT #C1104)	Construction			\$4,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000				
27	Redondo Beach	MM5502.13	Redondo Beach Ave Bike Improvements & Pedestrian Safety	PAED, PS&E, Construction			\$4,000,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$3,000,000			
28	Redondo Beach	MM4601.23	School Safety and Accessibility	PS&E			\$600,000	\$0		\$200,000	\$400,000			
29	Rolling Hills Estates	MM5502.08	Palos Verdes Drive North at Dapplegray School	PAED, PS&E, ROW, Construction			\$4,480,252	\$298,627	\$993,073	\$1,984,146	\$1,204,406			
30	SBCCOG	MM5502.01	Planning Activities for Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs	Planning Development			\$92,095	\$92,095						
31	SBCCOG	MM5502.05	South Bay Fiber Network	Construction			\$6,889,365	\$6,889,365						
32	SBCCOG	MM5502.10	Planning Activities for the South Bay Local Travel Network	Planning Development			\$171,991	\$171,991						
33	Torrance	MM4601.05	Torrance Schools Safety and Accessibility Program	PS&E, Construction			\$13,785,000	\$3,926,463	\$2,357,170	\$7,501,367				
34	Torrance	MM4601.07	Transportation Open Space Corridor Multi-Use Trail	PAED, PS&E			\$650,000	\$650,000						
35	Torrance	MM4601.08	Torrance School Safety and Accessibility Program (Phase 2)	PS&E, Construction	CHG		\$10,372,609	\$8,111,591	\$0	\$3,169,283	\$5,403,842	\$9,911,075		
36	Torrance	MM5502.11	Torrance Fiber Network and Traffic Signal Optimization	PS&E, Construction	CHG		\$2,550,000	\$44,450,000	\$0	\$1,050,000	\$500,000	\$14,800,000	\$20,200,000	
37	Hawthorne		Hawthorne Mobility Hub	PAED, PS&E	NEW		\$0	\$1,898,850	\$0	\$1,898,850				

38	Inglewood	Aviation Blvd Improvement Project	Construction	NEW	\$0	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$0		\$2,000,000	\$3,500,000			
39	LA City	Anaheim St and Sampson Ave Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon	PAED, PS&E, Construction	NEW	\$0	\$719,000	\$719,000	\$0			\$144,000	\$287,500	\$287,500	
40	LA City	Lomita Blvd Grade Separation	PAED, PS&E, ROW	NEW	\$0	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$0		\$1,242,860	\$1,925,720	\$331,420		
41	LA County	Rosecrans (West) TSSP	Construction	NEW	\$0	\$945,000	\$945,000	\$0		\$150,000	\$600,000	\$195,000		
42	LA County	Redondo Beach TSSP	Construction	NEW	\$0	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$0		\$230,000	\$870,000	\$150,000		
43	Lomita	School Zone Safety Improvements	PS&E, Construction	NEW	\$0	\$4,789,234	\$4,789,234	\$0		\$800,000	\$3,989,234			
44	Torrance	Traffic Signal Safety Improvement Project	PAED, PS&E	NEW	\$0	\$1,116,000	\$1,116,000	\$0		\$96,000	\$1,020,000			
TSMIP 1 TOTAL PROGRAMMING AMOUNT						\$163,609,901	\$96,574,573	\$260,184,474	\$42,729,560	\$42,586,286	\$64,967,530	\$63,140,266	\$36,023,332	\$10,737,500

South Bay Multi-Year Subregional Plan - South Bay Highway Operation Improvements (Expenditure Line 63)													
Lead Agency	Project No.	Project Description	Funding Phases	Notes	Prior Allocation	Recommended Alloc Change	Recommended Current Allocation	Prior Year Program	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28	FY28-29	FY29-30
1	Carson	MM5507.02	Carson Street ITS Project	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$997,012	\$997,012	\$101,000	\$896,012				
2	Carson	MM5507.03	Sepulveda Blvd Widening from Alameda St to ICTF	PS&E, Construction		\$24,370,039	\$24,370,039	\$1,110,787	\$6,724,718	\$11,611,790	\$4,922,744		
3	Carson	MM5507.10	Traffic Signal Upgrade - Avalon Blvd and Gardena Blvd	Construction		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000				
4	Carson	MM5507.23	Lenardo Drive Street Construction	Construction		\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$8,000,000				
5	Carson	MM5507.24	Carson "Olympics Ready!" Smart Transportation Network	PAED, PS&E		\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$500,000			
6	Gardena	MM5507.04	Redondo Beach Blvd Arterial Improvements	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$11,242,000	\$11,242,000	\$11,242,000					
7	Gardena	MM5507.25	Traffic Signal Network Upgrade	PAED, PS&E		\$1,827,000	\$1,827,000	\$0	\$400,000	\$600,000	\$827,000		
8	Hawthorne	MM5507.01	North East Hawthorne Mobility Improvement Project	PS&E, ROW, Construction		\$2,986,591	\$2,986,591	\$2,986,591					
9	Hawthorne	MM5507.16	Jack Northrop Improvements	PAED, PS&E		\$200,000	\$200,000	\$80,000	\$40,000	\$80,000			
10	Hawthorne	MM5507.17	Van Ness Ave Improvements	PAED, PS&E		\$200,000	\$200,000	\$80,000	\$40,000	\$80,000			
11	Hawthorne	MM5507.18	135th Street Improvements	PAED, PS&E		\$160,000	\$160,000	\$80,000	\$40,000	\$40,000			
12	Hawthorne	MM5507.19	Inglewood Ave Improvements	PAED, PS&E		\$130,000	\$130,000	\$80,000	\$40,000	\$10,000			
13	Inglewood	MM5507.05	Manchester Blvd/Prairie Ave ITS & Traffic Signal Improvements	PAED, PS&E		\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000					
14	Inglewood	MM5507.06	Downtown ITS	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$13,000,000	\$13,000,000	\$13,000,000					
15	Inglewood	MM5507.11	Crenshaw Blvd ITS Project	Construction		\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000					
16	LA County	MM5507.07	Avalon Blvd TSSP in the City of Carson	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$5,601,223	\$5,601,223	\$2,429,828	\$3,171,395				
17	LA County	MM5507.20	Advanced Traffic Control Upgrades	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$2,130,000	\$2,130,000	\$0	\$1,278,000	\$852,000			
18	Manhattan Beach	MM5507.12	Manhattan Beach Boulevard at Pacific Avenue Improvements	PS&E, Construction		\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000					
19	Manhattan Beach	MM5507.13	Manhattan Beach Boulevard at Peck Avenue Traffic Signal Improvements (\$100,000 also via MR312.87)	Construction	Audit (staff)	\$740,000	\$740,000	\$740,000					
20	Manhattan Beach	MM5507.14	Manhattan Beach Boulevard Transportation Corridor Improvement	PS&E		\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000					
21	Metro	MM5507.08	I-110 Southbound Off-Ramp to PCH	PAED, PS&E		\$5,781,000	\$5,781,000	\$5,781,000					
22	Metro	MM5507.09	I-405/I-110 Separation	PAED, PS&E		\$17,500,000	\$17,500,000	\$17,500,000					
23	Redondo Beach	MM5507.21	Advanced Traffic Signal System on Aviation Bl	PS&E		\$160,000	\$160,000	\$80,000	\$80,000				
24	Redondo Beach	MM5507.22	Traffic Signal Communications and Network System Phase 2	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$2,630,000	\$2,630,000	\$2,630,000					
25	SBCCOG	MM5502.01	Planning Activities for Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs	Planning Development		\$131,564	\$131,564	\$131,564					
26	SBCCOG	MM5502.10	Planning Activities for the South Bay Local Travel Network	Planning Development		\$245,703	\$245,703	\$245,703					
27	Torrance	MM5507.15	Right Turn Lane at Lomita Blvd/182nd St	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$755,000	\$245,000				
28	LA City	Anaheim St Widening	Construction	NEW	\$0	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$0		\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000		

29	LA County		Systemwide Coordination Timing Enhancement	PS&E	NEW	\$0	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$0		\$600,000	\$600,000	\$200,000				
30	LA County		South Bay ITS Study	PAED	NEW	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0		\$150,000	\$150,000					
							HOIP TOTAL PROGRAMMING AMOUNT		\$117,882,132	\$8,700,000	\$126,582,132	\$76,153,473	\$22,205,125	\$16,523,790	\$11,499,744	\$200,000	\$0
South Bay Multi-Year Subregional Plan - Transportation System & Mobility Improvements Program 2 (Expenditure Line 66)																	
	Lead Agency	Project No.	Project Description	Funding Phases	Notes	Prior Allocation	Recommended Alloc Change	Recommended Current Allocation	Prior Year Program	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28	FY28-29	FY29-30			
1	Beach Cities Health District	MM4602.01	Diamond St to Flagler Ln Bicycle Lane - Complete	PS&E, Construction	Clsd	\$1,734,974		\$1,734,974	\$1,734,974								
2	El Segundo	MM4602.02	El Segundo Blvd Improvements	PAED, PS&E, Construction	Cmpl	\$4,050,000		\$4,050,000	\$4,050,000								
3	Hawthorne	MM4602.03	Hawthorne Moneta Garden Mobility Improvements	PS&E, ROW, Construction	CHG	\$3,320,000	\$2,500,600	\$5,820,600	\$266,449	\$1,823,623	\$2,452,464	\$1,278,064					
4	Hawthorne	MM5508.07	Rosecrans Ave Mobility Improvement Project, Phase 2 from Prairie Ave to Crenshaw Blvd	PAED, PS&E		\$260,000		\$260,000	\$260,000								
5	Hawthorne	MM5508.08	Crenshaw Blvd Signal Improvement and Intersection Capacity Enhancements	PAED, PS&E		\$260,000		\$260,000	\$260,000								
6	Hermosa Beach	MM5508.09	Pacific Coast Hwy Mobility and Accessibility Improvements Project	PID, PAED		\$4,800,000		\$4,800,000	\$1,800,000		\$3,000,000						
7	Inglewood	MM4602.06	First/Last Mile Improvements	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$6,500,000		\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000								
8	Inglewood	MM5508.10	Changeable Message Signs	PAED, PS&E		\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$900,000							
9	LA City	MM4602.04	Crossing Upgrades and Pedestrian Improvements	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$5,613,932		\$5,613,932	\$1,559,646	\$784,436	\$868,692	\$1,172,549	\$1,228,609				
10	LA City	MM5508.01	Signal Operational Improvements	PAED, PS&E, Construction	CHG	\$2,500,000	\$615,000	\$3,115,000	\$2,500,000		\$615,000						
11	LA City	MM5508.02	ATSAC Communication System Improvement in San Pedro	PS&E, Construction		\$2,250,000		\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000								
12	LA City	MM5508.03	ATSAC Communications Network Integration with LA County	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$1,750,000		\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000								
13	LA City	MM5508.14	Alameda St (South) Widening from Anaheim St to Harry Bridges Blvd (MR312.48)	Construction	CHG	\$17,518,670		\$17,518,670	\$0			\$2,919,779	\$9,489,279	\$5,109,612			
14	LA County	MM4602.05	Dominguez Channel Greenway	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$3,600,000		\$3,600,000	\$214,000	\$211,000	\$121,000	\$150,000	\$2,904,000				
15	LA County	MM4602.07	Westmont/West Athens Pedestrian Improvements, Phase 2	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$1,165,000		\$1,165,000	\$785,000	\$380,000							
16	LACMTA	MM5508.18	RIITS Network Enhancements	Construction		\$500,000		\$500,000	\$500,000								
17	Manhattan Beach	MM5508.04	Advanced Traffic Signal System	PS&E, Construction	CHG	\$17,713,000	\$2,285,000	\$19,998,000	\$1,513,032	\$8,910,000	\$9,574,968						
18	Manhattan Beach	MM5508.15	Aviation Blvd East Bound Left-Turn Improvements	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$1,200,000		\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000								
19	Palos Verdes Estates	MM5508.11	Palos Verdes Drive West Corridor Expansion Project	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$5,517,000		\$5,517,000	\$5,517,000								
20	Rancho Palos Verdes	MM5508.12	Western Ave Congestion Improvements (25th St to Palos Verdes Dr North)	PSR, PAED, Construction		\$4,980,000		\$4,980,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,930,000	\$2,050,000						
21	Redondo Beach	MM4602.08	North Redondo Beach Bikeway (NRBB) Extension - Felton Ln to Inglewood Ave	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$2,200,000		\$2,200,000	\$500,000	\$1,700,000							
22	Redondo Beach	MM4602.09	North Redondo Beach Bikeway (NRBB) Extension - Inglewood Ave	PAED, PS&E, ROW, Construction		\$5,735,000		\$5,735,000	\$1,555,091	\$429,909	\$3,750,000						
23	Redondo Beach	MM5508.05	Redondo Beach Transit Center and Park and Ride	ROW, Construction	Compl (staff)	\$7,750,000		\$7,750,000	\$7,750,000								
24	Redondo Beach	MM5508.13	Traffic Signal Communications and Network System	PAED, PS&E, Construction		\$5,300,000		\$5,300,000	\$2,901,375	\$2,398,625							
25	Rolling Hills Estates	MM4602.10	Rolling Hills Road Bike Lanes	PAED, PS&E, Construction	CHG	\$4,698,650		\$4,698,650	\$229,450		\$778,200	\$2,912,800	\$778,200				
26	SBCCOG	MM5502.01	Planning Activities for Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs	Planning Development		\$514,854		\$514,854	\$514,854								
27	SBCCOG	MM5502.10	Planning Activities for the South Bay Local Travel Network	Planning Development		\$333,626		\$333,626	\$333,626								
28	Torrance	MM5508.06	Transportation Management System Improvements	PS&E, Construction	Audit	\$390,000		\$390,000	\$390,000								
29	Torrance	MM5508.16	Torrance Transit Park & Ride Regional Terminal (MR312.23)	Construction	Compl (staff)	\$1,631,000		\$1,631,000	\$1,631,000								
30	Torrance	MM5508.17	Crenshaw Blvd Improvements from Del Amo to Dominguez St (MR312.60)	Construction	Compl (staff)	\$609,000		\$609,000	\$609,000								
							TSMP 2 TOTAL PROGRAMMING AMOUNT		\$115,394,706	\$5,400,600	\$120,795,306	\$50,174,497	\$19,467,593	\$23,210,324	\$8,433,192	\$14,400,088	\$5,109,612
							TOTAL MSPs PROGRAMMING AMOUNT		\$396,886,739	\$110,675,173	\$396,886,739		\$84,259,004	\$104,701,644	\$83,073,202	\$50,623,420	

New project request
Existing project requesting additional funding
Change to programming/year only (no change to total programming amount)

FY26-27 Existing MM Project Funding Histories

Project	Funding History
<p>Lead Agency: Hawthorne Project Name: Moneta Garden Mobility Improvements Project No.: MM4602.03</p>	<p>1. 2019: \$3,320,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phases: PS&E, ROW, and Construction b. Note: In project application and SBCCOG Board memos, the city requested \$3,860,000 in both HEOI and TSMIP 1, but FA was executed for \$3.32 million. <p>2. 2026 (Request Under Review): \$2,500,600</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phases: Construction b. Reason: Increased material costs, chain supply, utility conflicts <p>Funds expended to date (Feb 2026): \$174,039.66</p>
<p>Lead Agency: LA City Project Name: Connecting San Pedro Pedestrian Improvements and Multimodal Access Project No.: MM4601.01</p>	<p>1. 2019: \$7,245,710</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Env Doc, Planning & Design: \$1,350,000 ii. Construction: \$5,895,710 <p>2. 2026 (Request Under Review): \$6,859,897</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phase: Construction <p>Funds expended to date (Feb 2026): \$1,200,509.20</p>
<p>Lead Agency: LA City Project Name: Signal Operational Improvements Project No.: MM5508.01</p>	<p>1. 2019: \$2,800,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phases: PAED, PS&E, Construction <p>2. 2020: -\$300,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reason: Project scope of work revised and reduced <p>3. 2026 (Request Under Review): \$615,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phases: Construction and Construction Engineering

	<p>b. Reason: Construction bids came in higher than anticipated</p> <p>Funds expended to date (Feb 2026): \$332,086.71</p>
<p>Lead Agency: LA County Project Name: El Camino Village Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Enhancements Project No.: MM4601.06</p>	<p>1. 2022: \$1,038,000</p> <p>a. Phases: PAED, PS&E</p> <p>b. Note: County applied for full project amount of \$4,050,000. Due to SBCCOG policy, only PAED and PS&E phases were funded.</p> <p>2. 2026 (Request Under Review): \$2,235,000</p> <p>a. Phases: PAED, PS&E</p> <p>b. Reason: Major scope revisions to meet safety and compliance standards, including moving and replacing power poles and traffic signal facilities around curb ramps and curb extensions</p> <p>Funds expended to date (Feb 2026): \$0</p>
<p>Lead Agency: Manhattan Beach Project Name: Advanced Traffic Signal System (MBATS) Project No.: MM5508.04</p>	<p>1. 2019: \$5,440,000</p> <p>a. Phases: PS&E, Construction</p> <p>2. 2021: \$7,310,000</p> <p>a. Phases: PS&E, Construction</p> <p>b. Reason: Original approved funding covered Phase I, which was only about 40% of city fiber network design and construction coverage. City requested additional funding for Phase I and II to reflect updated total project cost of \$12,750,000.</p> <p>3. 2023: \$4,963,000</p> <p>a. Phases: Construction</p> <p>b. Reason: Design refinement and increased construction material costs.</p> <p>c. Total funding to date = \$17,713,000</p>

	<p>4. 2026 (Request Under Review): \$2,285,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phases: Construction b. Reason: Unforeseen conditions resulting in higher level of engineering review, redesign, and construction support. Increased construction manager labor hours. <p>Funds expended to date (Feb 2026): \$1,501,536.95</p>
<p>Lead Agency: LA City/POLA Project Name: Avalon Promenade and Gateway Project No.: MM4601.03</p>	<p>1. 2019: \$10,207,400</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phases: Construction <p>2. 2026 (Request Under Review): \$15,200,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phases: Construction b. Reason: Higher contractor bids than anticipated. Total project cost has increased from \$62.6 million to \$105.5 million. c. Local Match: \$67,808,314 total in federal (RCN), state (PFIP), and local funds <p>Funds expended to date (Feb 2026): \$0</p>
<p>Lead Agency: Torrance Project Name: School Safety and Accessibility Phase II Project No.: MM4601.08</p>	<p>1. 2022: \$10,372,609</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phases: PS&E, Construction b. Note: City originally requested full \$18.4 million amount but was awarded \$10.3 million for programming needs through FY24. Remaining \$8 million was noted as a future programming need by SBCCOG staff. <p>2. 2026 (Request Under Review): \$8,111,591</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phases: PS&E, Construction <p>Funds expended to date (Feb 2026): \$0</p>
<p>Lead Agency: Torrance Project Name: Torrance Fiber Network Project No.: MM5502.11</p>	<p>1. 2022: \$1,050,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phases: PS&E (Phase I) <p>2. 2025: \$1,500,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phases: PS&E (Phase II)

	<p>b. Total funding to date = \$2,550,000</p> <p>3. 2026 (Request Under Review): \$44,450,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Phases: Constructionb. Local Match: \$3,000,000 local funds <p>Funds expended to date (Feb 2026): \$123,375.89</p>
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April 9, 2026

Jacki Bacharach
South Bay Cities Council of Governments
357 Van Ness Way, # 110
Torrance, CA 90501

RE: Conditional Revised Funding Request – Hawthorne Mobility Hub Parking Structure Project
(Measure M Local Allocation Program)

Dear Ms. Bacharach,

On behalf of the City of Hawthorne, we respectfully submit this letter as a conditional request to revise our original funding request under the Measure M Local Allocation Program. This request is submitted only in the event that the Hawthorne Mobility Hub Project is not approved at the Monday, April 13, 2026 Board meeting. Should the project not be approved, the City is requesting to proceed with a modified, phased approach focused on advancing the design phase of the Hawthorne Mobility Hub Parking Structure Project at this time, with construction to be pursued in future fiscal years.

The City is requesting a modification to our original request to focus solely on design funding through the Measure M Local Allocation Program. This phased approach allows the City to advance the project in a fiscally responsible manner while continuing to address regional mobility needs tied to upcoming major events and long-term transit demand.

Requested Design Funding by Fiscal Year

The City respectfully requests the following design funding allocations:

FY 2026–27: \$1,898,850

FY 2027–28: \$6,695,771

The City of Hawthorne appreciates the opportunity to provide additional information in support of the Hawthorne Mobility Hub Parking Structure Project. The following responses are provided to address questions raised by the Measure M Review Subcommittee.

The proposed project will support both current and future transit services, including City-provided shuttle services and the augmentation of existing municipal and regional transit operators such as Torrance Transit, G-Trans (Gardena Transit), and Metro.

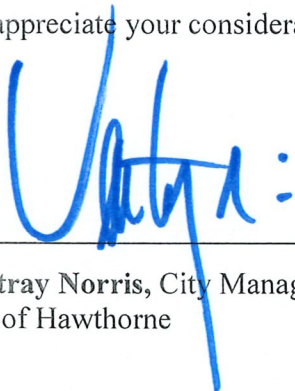
Current transit ridership along the project corridors is estimated at approximately 1,400 weekday riders. While this reflects existing demand, the City anticipates significant increases in ridership due to regional growth, increased economic activity, and major upcoming events.

With respect to the justification for the proposed parking structure, the City has conducted a comprehensive parking study across all major commercial corridors, including El Segundo Boulevard, Hawthorne Boulevard, and Prairie Avenue. Data collection occurred during October and November, covering weekday hours from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM and weekend hours from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM. The study found that peak weekday parking occupancy exceeded 70 percent across nearly all major arterials, with weekend occupancy levels exceeding weekday conditions in most corridors. (Exhibit A)

In residential areas, the City continues to experience significant parking challenges. These include severe shortages driven by multi-vehicle households and multi-family developments, long-term on-street parking resulting from underutilized driveways and garages, and additional congestion caused by non-resident and business-related parking demand.

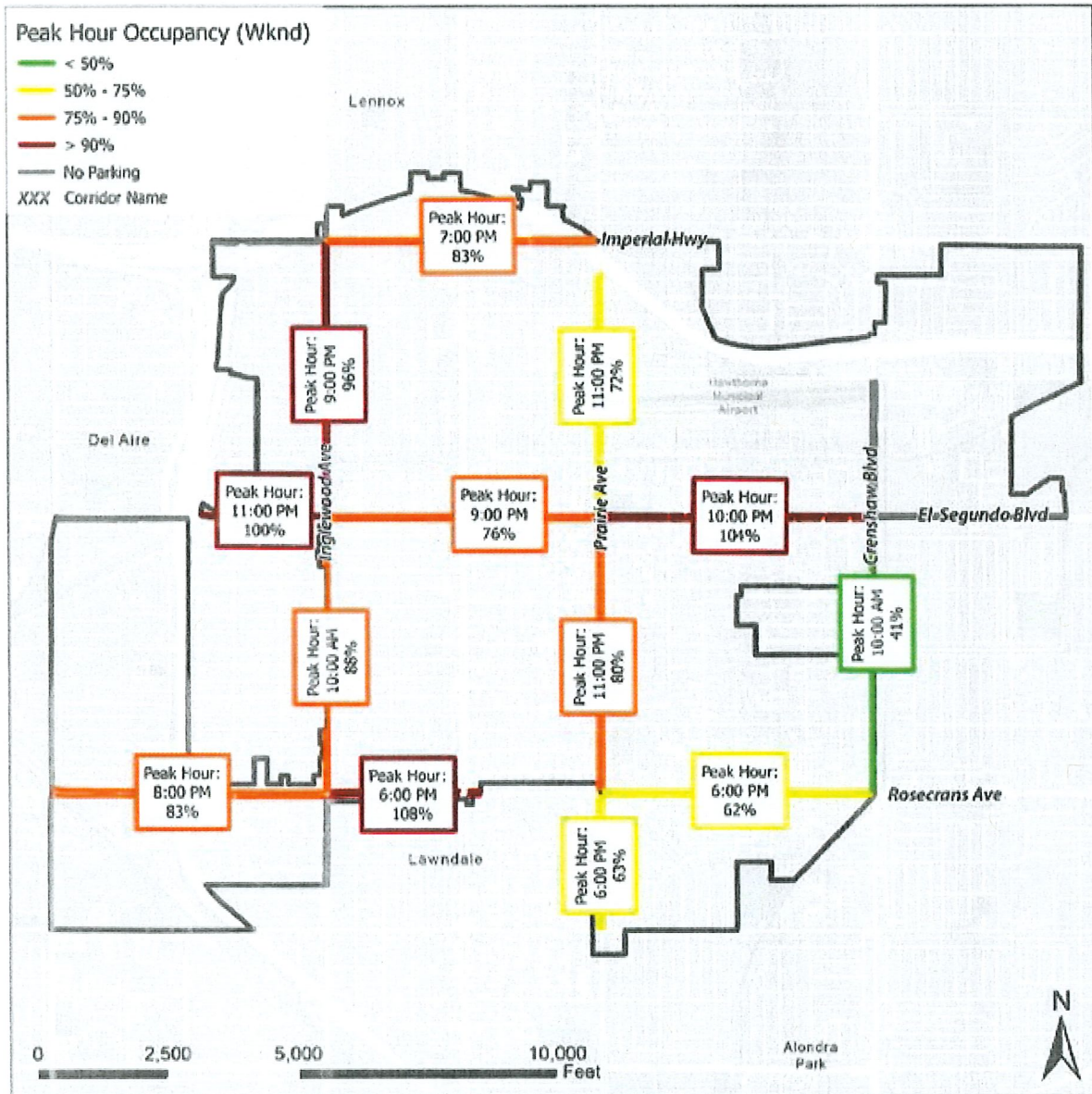
The proposed parking structure is intended to serve residents of Hawthorne and the broader South Bay region, as well as visitors accessing local businesses, transit services, and regional destinations. The project is anticipated to deliver approximately 800 parking spaces to address current deficiencies and accommodate future demand.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to continued collaboration.



Vontray Norris, City Manager
City of Hawthorne

Exhibit A



South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 23, 2026

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Transportation Committee

SUBJECT: Measure R and Measure M Subregional Program Policy Recommendations

BACKGROUND

For the FY26-27 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Plan program update process, the SBCCOG initiated a competitive review process and formed a MM Review Subcommittee comprised of Infrastructure Working Group members and SBCCOG staff to evaluate funding requests for existing and new projects. During the discussions on the funding requests, the Review Subcommittee identified and discussed opportunities for integration with the South Bay Fiber Network (SBFN) for both existing and new project requests with broadband nexus. The Review Subcommittee recommended that 1) all Measure R and M broadband projects that plan to install fiber communication conduit be required to allocate sufficient fiber capacity for SBFN communication with access rights, and 2) all future projects with excavation or boring for fiber optic communication in the right-of-way be required to install additional conduit and/or fiber for SBFN communications with right of access

At the April 8 Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) meeting, city public works staff raised additional discussions concerning the potential for cities to generate revenue from Measure R and M-funded projects, such as by becoming Internet Service Providers (i.e. selling fiber capacity to other entities) or via advertising (i.e. digital billboards, advertising on transit rolling stock). The Infrastructure Working Group passed a recommendation to develop a policy for sharing revenue generated through Measure R and M funded projects.

At the April 13 Transportation Committee meeting, Committee members introduced a discussion to establish funding allocation ceilings for Measure R and M projects in an effort to better manage cost overruns. This discussion emerged from the evaluation of funding augmentation requests for existing Measure M projects this year, many of which reported 75% to over 100% increases in total project costs. The Transportation Committee passed a recommendation to have the IWG develop a cost overrun policy to limit funding allocations per project per phase.

RECOMMENDATION

That the SBCCOG Board approve the following Measure R and Measure M policy changes:

- 1) All Measure R and M broadband projects that plan to install fiber communication conduit will be required to allocate sufficient fiber capacity for SBFN communication with access rights.
- 2) All future projects with excavation or boring for fiber optic communication in the right-of-way will be required to install additional conduit and/or fiber for SBFN communications with right of access.

That the SBCCOG Board direct staff, in conjunction with the IWG, to initiate development of the following Measure R and Measure M policy changes for SBCCOG Board consideration before the next call for Measure R and M projects:

- 1) A policy for sharing revenue generated through Measure R and M funded projects.
- 2) A cost overrun policy that caps funding allocations per project per phase.

Prepared by: Anne Tsai, Project Coordinator

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 23, 2026

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director
Kim Fuentes, Deputy Executive Director

SUBJECT: Environmental Activities Report – March 2026

I. PROGRAMS - TECHNOLOGY, PLANNING, & RESEARCH

Energy Efficiency & Sustainability

Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) AGENCY SUPPORT

Contract period is January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

Contract goal: Work Plan (including goals) underway for 2026

Energy Efficiency Project Status: SBCCOG and SoCalREN project managers are working with the following agencies to advance energy efficiency projects:

- City of Hawthorne – The Police Department lighting project and Memorial Center HVAC project have completed construction. Final reporting is almost done, with the SoCalREN awaiting final city signatures. Once project paperwork is completed, savings numbers will be available.
- City of Inglewood – The City Hall lighting and pump project is under construction, to be completed by December 2026.
- City of Rancho Palos Verdes – Water heaters eligible for incentives for upgrades to Heat Pump Water Heaters have been identified: The Interpretive Center unit is approved for 50% cost coverage, with \$3,180 of cost covered and the same amount out-of-pocket from the city with an estimated \$1,667 in annual energy savings. The Ryan Park unit is approved for 17% cost coverage which is \$1,490 of the cost covered and \$7,107 being the cost to the city with an estimated \$2,800 in annual energy savings. City staff have chosen not to move forward with either project currently due to cost.
- Lennox Elementary School District – Lighting upgrades and Heat Pump Water Heater replacements are in the data collection period under the Metered Savings Program. The agency is also enrolled in the Schools Strategic Energy Management Cohort which provides additional support for projects. SBCCOG Staff conducted a FEI site visit to identify potential lighting projects.
- Manhattan Beach Unified School District – The agency is working with Energy Systems Group to downsize a water heater at Mira Costa High School.
- West Basin Municipal Water District – 33 pumps are being vetted for overhauls with significant savings. The projects are moving forward with collaboration between the agency and SoCalREN. The agency is also enrolled in the Water District Strategic Energy Management Cohort.

- Palos Verdes Library District – SBCCOG staff enrolled the district in the SoCalREN in March. Staff are identifying project potential through an upcoming FEI site visit. The District is also interested in becoming a certified green business.

ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager (ESPM)

SBCCOG staff has contacted all South Bay cities to confirm buildings that require Building Energy Benchmarking (AB802) reporting for buildings greater than 50,000 square feet. These reports are due to the California Energy Commission by June 1. **For the 5th year in a row**, SBCCOG staff have drafted energy use reports and coordinated city review and approval prior to submitting them to the California Energy Commission on behalf of the cities to reduce city staff time and resources while meeting compliance.

Facility Equipment Inventory Program (FEI) – SBCCOG staff continue to work with agencies to update FEI workbooks, capturing completed and new projects and needs. To date, **60** facility audits across 15 South Bay cities, 2 school districts, and 1 special district have been completed and resulted in identification of over **940,000** potential kWh savings from lighting retrofits and **123** HVAC units that are overdue for replacement. The SBCCOG is also looking to audit new facilities. Please reach out to shawn@southbaycities.org if your agency is interested in completing a facility audit.

City Staff Accreditation Pilot: LEED GA and AP – The SBCCOG was approved for a pilot program with SoCalREN funds to cover the cost of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for 2 staff per member city. This program will support training, studying, and cover test registration fees for agency staff to earn a LEED Green Associate and/or Accredited Professional credential. The preparation for the credential will build agency expertise in sustainable building design related to energy efficiency and internal environmental quality at the agency level. LEED accredited staff can assist in city, commercial, and residential building development and design and provide expert information to the community that will lead to lower utility bills. As LEED v4 is being released in April, SBCCOG staff will promote this program to city staff next month.

Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Residential

Contract period is January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

Contract goals: Contact, track progress, and outreach to local community organizations; track number of virtual events held and attendees; distribute program collateral to local community organizations.

Multifamily and Hard-to-Reach-Direct-Install Energy Efficiency – The SBCCOG continues to identify multifamily property owner customers for the SoCalREN Multifamily program which enrolls eligible properties for opportunities for energy- and cost-saving. Contacts are being identified through Chambers of Commerce and city business lists. SBCCOG continues to share co-branded materials at community outreach events and coordinate with other agencies to help identify

opportunities. Promotion to property owners has been conducted with help from chambers and the Niles Foundation.

SoCalREN Kits for Kids – Schools in disadvantaged areas or those that receive Title 1 funding are eligible to participate in the LA County Kits for Kids program, which provides free energy efficiency kits (LEDs, faucet aerators, and games) to third- and fourth-grade students to implement at home and \$1,000 to teachers who implement it in their classrooms.

Apparently, if someone such as a teacher in a district that is not disadvantaged expresses interest in participating in the program, they can consider enrolling them. This happened with the Palos Verdes Unified School District which is now enrolling 9 classrooms in the Kits for Kids program this Spring semester. SBCCOG Staff is working to celebrate and recognize the success of these classrooms.

Equitable Building Decarbonization: Residential Direct Install

Contract period is May 1, 2025 - December 31, 2029

The SBCCOG is a Community Partner with Los Angeles County, joined by local Community Based Organizations (CBO) and non-profits, to implement the California Energy Commission's Equitable Building Decarbonization Residential Direct Install Program in **Carson, Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Wilmington**. The EBD program will accelerate large-scale residential building decarbonization efforts for single-family homes, multifamily properties, manufactured housing, and public housing in under resourced communities. SBCCOG is responsible for conducting marketing, education, and outreach activities to inform and engage potential participants about the program.

The kick-off meeting for the program took place in March. A meeting to coordinate outreach strategies for all overlapping local Community Partners, facilitated by the SBCCOG, will take place in early April. Attendees include H.E.L.P., GRID Alternatives, The Niles Foundation, Clean Power Alliance, California Housing Partnership, and Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles. SBCCOG staff plans to begin outreach by May.

Southern California Gas Company Energy Pathways

Contract period is May 19, 2024 – December 31, 2027

The SBCCOG continues to work with SoCalGas to promote gas energy efficiency assistance program opportunities and financing support to cities, school districts, and residents. Program offerings were shared with businesses and residents at community events. Current day-to-day activities continue with the support from SoCalGas staff. Program offerings and related marketing materials have been shared with agencies to support outreach to residents and businesses.

- Restaurant Energy Efficiency Starter Kit: Kit includes energy- and water-saving tools such as a pre-rinse spray valve, faucet aerators, gas valve handles, a Turbo Pot aluminum frying pan for efficient cooking, and a pocket thermometer for food service businesses.
- Commercial Building Energy Solutions and Technologies (C-BEST) Program: Provides technical assistance and incentives for businesses to implement natural gas-saving measures in commercial buildings.

Water Conservation

West Basin Municipal Water District Programs (West Basin)

The contract period is July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026

SBCCOG and West Basin met on March 2 and March 16, to discuss the implementation of ongoing programs. New contract discussions have already been started, and a draft scope of work is expected in May. SBCCOG staff also continue to respond to phone inquiries on the dedicated West Basin line.

Educational Outreach Support - Exhibit Events

Contract goal: 100 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc.

Status of goal: 80 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc.

Support for Workshops & Webinars Educational Classes

Contract goal: Up to 17 physical classes or virtual webinars

Status of goal: 10

March Completed Workshops & Classes:

- *Thursday, March 12, 2026 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm – West Basin Firescaping Workshop*
- *Wednesday, March 18, 2026 – 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm – West Basin Chat Educational Class*

Rain Barrel Giveaway

Contract goal: 6 Rain barrel distribution events.

Status of goal: 6 Rain barrel program distributions: All events have been completed

Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD)

The contract period is January 1-December 31, 2026

Contract goal: promote WRD programs and support in-person events

Status of goal: ongoing

Ongoing promotion of WRD programs continues through SBCCOG's e-newsletters and social media channels. SBCCOG also posts WRD events on its website and sends e-blasts to help boost attendance. The SBCCOG staff attended events and distributed marketing materials to city halls,

libraries, senior centers, and other community locations. In addition, WRD Eco-Gardening classes and workshops were promoted.

Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD)

The contract period is January 1-December 31, 2026

Educational Outreach Support - Exhibit Events

Contract goal: 100 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc.

Status of goal: 81 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc.

Ongoing promotion of LACSD programs continues through SBCCOG's e-newsletters and social media channels as well as website postings and coordinating LACSD upcoming 2026 events and sending e-blasts to help boost attendance. SBCCOG staff attended events and distributed marketing materials to city halls, libraries, senior centers, and other community locations. New agreement discussions have already started, and a draft scope of work is expected in June.

Task - Speakers Bureau

Contract goal: identify and coordinate up to 3 speaking opportunities.

Status of goal: 4/3 Identified and Scheduled

- Carson Gardena Dominguez Rotary Club – January 14, 2026 – Completed
- City of Gardena's Planning and Environmental Quality Commission – February 17, 2026 – Completed
- City of Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission – Postponed to May
- City of Gardena's Beautification Committee – May 21, 2026 – Scheduled

Waste Reduction

Rolling Hills Organic Waste

Contract period is April 8, 2024 – November 1, 2026

The SBCCOG continues to work with the City of Rolling Hills to educate residents on organic waste recycling and food waste prevention. Funded by a CalRecycle SB 1383 grant, the technical consultant, EcoNomics, Inc., completed three educational videos and conducted two workshops for Rolling Hills residents. As part of this program, interested residents also received a compost bin and kitchen pail for organic waste. Staff are working with the city to coordinate another in-person training in the summer.

Organic Waste City Staff Meeting

March 16, 2026

The SBCCOG recently hosted an Organic Waste meeting for partner agency city staff to learn more about SB 1383, what cities are doing to comply, and how SBCCOG can assist. The meeting featured a guest speaker from SGVCOG, Mackenzie Bolger, who provided an overview of their FRESH program – a regional food recovery program administered by the SGVCOG. The program has been successful in helping cities comply with organic waste regulations. During the meeting, the work conducted by the SBCCOG and the City of Rolling Hills was also presented. The meeting was well-received, with attendees representing El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance.

Green Business

South Bay Green Business Assist Program (GBAP): Ongoing

The SBCCOG continues to provide information to local businesses on opportunities to implement sustainability actions and West Basin programs. In addition, businesses also receive updates on resources from SBCCOG's utility partners.

California Green Business Network - LA County is covering the cost of membership for all South Bay cities in California Green Business Network program – the tool used to conduct the certifications. This work is in addition to the GBAP information program. In March, SBCCOG staff made calls to businesses in the cities of Hawthorne and Carson providing information on \$550 mini-grants available to businesses in those cities. In addition, SBCCOG staff are scheduled to certify three Peninsula library buildings in the month of April. Following the successful certification of an Inglewood business in March, SBCCOG staff are currently preparing two additional businesses for April certifications. To ensure all requirements are met, SBCCOG staff are conducting bi-weekly audits and providing direct support to the owners throughout the process.

GBAP by city: Carson (18), El Segundo (55), Gardena (55), Hermosa Beach (12), Hawthorne (83), Inglewood (20), Lawndale (30), Lennox (10), Lomita (9), Manhattan Beach (10), Palos Verdes Estates (9), Rancho Palos Verdes (11), Redondo Beach (6), Rolling Hills Estates (6) Torrance (92), Los Angeles County – Community of Westmont (1) and District 15 (8) for a total of 435 businesses participating as of March 2026.

SBWIB Expanding Flexible Apprenticeship in California (EFAC)

Contract period is February 4, 2026 – June 19, 2026

Under the Expanding Flexible Apprenticeship in California (EFAC) project, SBCCOG is conducting business engagement and outreach services to connect businesses to apprenticeship opportunities across the South Bay. Activities included consulting with SBWIB staff on the

project framework, goals, and timelines; conducting outreach to employers, school districts, educational providers, and other entities interested in apprenticeship programs; and establishing connections with at least 15 employers, including public sector organizations, interested in utilizing apprenticeships as a workforce development strategy. The first kickoff meeting was held on Monday, March 23.

Climate Action

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories: SBCCOG, with support from volunteers and prior CivicSpark Fellows, has finalized the city specific 2019-2020 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory reports and sent them to each jurisdiction. SBCCOG staff are developing a sub-regional inventory by May.

Transportation

Metro Express Lanes (MEL) (Contract period January 23, 2026 – January 22, 2026)

The SBCCOG continues to prepare, update, and share the outreach calendar events to provide opportunities for Metro to share their Express Lane program. In March, the SBCCOG/SBESC distributed MEL materials at four events.

II. VOLUNTEERS

Status of Program: 91.25 hours for March 2026

In March, volunteer hours doubled compared to February. Volunteers supported several recurring projects, including office assistance, database research, and outreach events, as well as helped prepare for and attend the General Assembly. The volunteer program continued to grow, with 5 new applicants interviewed and welcomed into the program.

III. MARKETING, OUTREACH, & IMPLEMENTATION

Outreach Events

In March 2026:

- 4 - Networking Event
- 2 - In Person Community Event
- 1 – Presentation
- 1 - Business Event
- 1 – Workshops Events

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 13, 2026

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

SUBJECT: SBCCOG LEED Training and Accreditation Options

BACKGROUND

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) has received \$30,000 in funding from the SoCalREN to cover training and exam fees for 30 city staffers (est. 2 per city) to obtain their LEED credentials. Training for city staff is anticipated to begin June 2026 to help ensure city staff receive the most recent revisions to the certifications program. All training and exams need to be completed by Dec. 4, 2026. A small portion of the funding is also allocated to SBCCOG staff to facilitate the training arrangements.

Leadership In Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is a globally recognized certification system used to evaluate the sustainable and environmental design of a building. LEED was created by the US Green Building Council (USGBC) -- the organization that oversees updating the evaluation criteria, reviewing submitted buildings, and administering the exam for credentials. Buildings earn LEED certification by meeting specific standards across categories including design, construction, and operations, with different levels such as Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum.

Obtaining the credential builds expertise in sustainable building design related to energy efficiency and internal environmental quality at the agency level. LEED accredited staff can assist in city, commercial, and residential building development and design and provide expert information to the community potentially leading to lower utility bills. The US Green Building Council reports LEED-certified buildings typically consume 25% less energy, reduce carbon emissions by 34%, and use 11% less water. Staff expertise on sustainable buildings can generate opportunities to increase the efficiency of existing facilities and apply sustainable practices to future buildings.

Individuals can obtain LEED credentials in two different categories: Green Associate, and Accredited Professional. The Green Associate credential is an entry level certification that covers the basic principles of green building design and LEED concepts. The Accredited Professional (AP) credential is more specialized and indicates advanced knowledge in a specific area of LEED, such as Building Design and Construction (BD+C), Operations and Maintenance (O+M), or Interior Design and Construction (ID+C). To complete the Accredited Professional credential, one must have first obtained their Green Associate.

CITY ACCESS

All costs for training and exam fees will be incurred upfront or reimbursed by SBCCOG. SBCCOG proposes to purchase an approved training package and provide interested city staff login credentials to access the materials. The SBCCOG will provide a set time and date for any live training sessions. For the exam fees, city staff that have completed the training course will register for the desired exam date and pay the exam fees. Exam fees will be reimbursed by the SBCCOG once confirmation of exam completion has been received. All training and exams need to be completed by December 4, 2026 to be reimbursed.

ANALYSIS

Exam fees are a flat rate of \$250 for Green Associate and \$350 for Accredited Professional and are administered through USGBC. However, training for LEED exams is offered through a variety of online services that vary in format, content, and costs. SBCCOG staff reviewed training packages of three different providers and obtained pricing ranging from \$4,200 - \$24,750. The following provides details offered by each firm:

Training Provider Options:

1. ***US Green Building Council (USGBC)***-- is the administrator for the LEED exams and offers study guides available for purchase on their website. A “Course Catalog Subscription” grants users 1 year of unlimited access to all study guide material. This covers content related to the Green Associate and the Accredited Professional exams.
 - USGBC Course Catalog Subscription - **\$250/person, \$7,500 total**
2. ***Green Building Education Services (GBES)*** -- an online service that offers training for exams across multiple credentials in the green building space. Different Training options:
 - **Option 1 - \$140/person, \$4,200 total** – GBES Core-Unlimited Exam Prep offers 1 year of unlimited access to study guide material for all credentials including study guides, recorded lectures, flash cards, practice tests, and asynchronous modules.
 - **Option 2 - \$825/person, \$24,750** – 8 live group training sessions (2 hours) by a LEED professional covering both Green Associate and Accredited Professional Content.
 - This option assumes all staff would want to earn the same Accredited Professional credentials specialty. This option doesn’t include unlimited access.
 - **Option 3 (Hybrid) - \$333/person, \$10,000 total** – 4 live group training sessions for ONLY Green Associate content and 1year unlimited access to study guide material for all Accredited Professional credentials
 - This option allows city staff to prepare for their Accredited Professional exam on their own time and provides flexibility for staff to choose different specializations.
3. ***Archiroots*** -- a competitor to GBES and offers training for exams across multiple credentials in the green building space. Archiroots provides a “no pass” money back guarantee. Different Training options:

- **Option 1 - \$283/person, \$8,500 total** – Unlimited access to all study guide material including study guides, recorded lectures, flash cards, practice tests, and asynchronous modules.
- **Option 2 - \$333/person, \$10,000 total** – 12 live group training sessions (2 hours) by a LEED professional covering both Green Associate and Accredited Professional Content; doesn't include unlimited access.
- **Option 3 (Combined) - \$450/person, \$13,500 total** – 12 live group training sessions (2 hours) by a LEED professional covering both Green Associate and Accredited Professional Content. Unlimited access to all study guide material including study guides, recorded lectures, flash cards, practice tests, and asynchronous modules.

The following summarizes services and related costs:

	USGBC	GBES			Archiroots		
	Option 1	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Unlimited Study Material Access	☑	☑		☑	☑		☑
Live Training for Green Associate			☑	☑		☑	☑
Live Training for Accredited Professional			☑			☑	☑
Total Training Cost:	\$7,500	\$ 4,200	\$ 24,750	\$10,000	\$8,500	\$10,000	\$13,500

After reviewing the options, SBCCOG staff are recommending Green Building Education Services (GBES) Option 3 because it offers the best combination of cost-effective training with a flexible structure that allows city staff to choose the Accredited Professional credential they wish to pursue.

BUDGET

The SBCCOG received \$30,000 in total funding from the SoCalREN. The total costs of exam fees for 30 city staffers are estimated at \$18,000. The recommended training option (GBES Option 3) costs \$10,000, leaving \$2,000 for SBCCOG staff facilitation.

- Training: \$10,000
- Exam Fees: \$18,000
- SBCCOG Staff: \$2,000

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend Board approve training through Green Building Education Services (GBES) Option 3 in total of \$10,000 and authorize payment in the amount of up to \$18,000 for exam fees.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 23, 2026

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director
City Managers' Committee, Ara Mihranian, Chair

SUBJECT: Selection of Members for the South Bay Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors

BACKGROUND

Per the legislation that formed the South Bay Regional Housing Trust (SBRHT), all members of the Board of Directors need to be officially appointed by the SBCCOG Board of Directors. The JPA reads as follows:

Section 5. Board of Directors

(a) Selection of Directors. SBRHT shall be governed by a Board of Directors selected as follows:

1. One elected official from each Party to this Agreement, appointed by that Party's governing body and ratified by the governing board of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. Each Party may also appoint one of its elected officials as an Alternate Director, who may serve in the absence of the Party's appointed Director.
2. Two Directors that are experts in homelessness or housing policy appointed by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments City Managers Committee and ratified by the governing board of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.

STATUS

Member city councils have designated their delegate and alternate.

2 Community Development Directors were nominated for the expert board member positions by the City Managers. They are Michelle Ramirez, Torrance; and Michael Allen, El Segundo. Michelle also chairs the SBCCOG Community Development Directors Working Group.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend SBCCOG Board approve the following members to sit on the South Bay Regional

Housing Trust Board:

El Segundo

Michelle Keldorf
Ryan Baldino (alt.)

Lawndale

Bernadette Suarez
Pat Kearney (alt.)

Redondo Beach

Paige Kaluderovic
Brad Waller (alt.)

Hawthorne

Alex Monteiro
Katrina Manning (alt.)

Lomita

Bill Uphoff
TBD (alt.)

Rolling Hills Estates

Debby Stegura
Velveth Schmidt (alt.)

Hermosa Beach

Rob Saemann
Dean Francois (alt.)

Manhattan Beach

Nina Tarnay
Joe Franklin (alt.)

Torrance

Jon Kaji
Sharon Kalani (alt.)

Inglewood

Eloy Morales
James Butts (alt.)

Rancho Palos Verdes

Stephan Perestam
George Lewis (alt.)

Housing/Homeless Experts

Michelle Ramirez
Michael Allen

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 23, 2026

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Update on SB 799 (South Bay Regional Housing Trust legislation)

BACKGROUND

The SBCCOG has been working with Senator Allen's office to introduce amendments to the South Bay Regional Housing Trust (SBRHT) authorizing legislation. The amendments being sought include:

- Governance Changes
 - o Removing the SBCCOG Board from involvement in determining the number of SBRHT board members and their appointment (including vacancies);
 - o The ability for non-elected alternates to be selected by SBRHT member agencies for appointment to the SBRHT Board;
 - o Other minor changes dealing with the calendar
- Program Changes
 - o The authority for the SBRHT to fund workforce (moderate income) housing programs (120% AMI) currently allowed by LACAHS

SB 799 was introduced by Senator Allen as a gut and amend bill earlier this year. His staff suggested only including the governance changes at introduction to avoid requiring a special double-referral process for gut and amend bills at the onset of the new legislative year. There was also more concern about inclusion of moderate-income language which requires more discussion with committee staff.

Governance Changes: The Senate Local Government Committee agreed to include language to allow for non-elected alternates with limitations. Although not ideal, the SBCCOG agreed to the limitations. Current language restricts non-elected alternates to serving as their city's voting delegate in no more than 75% of all meetings in the year. The other governance changes regarding the number of SBRHT board members, appointment of board members, and filling of vacancies were accepted by the Committee and now tie back to processes established in the SBRHT Joint Powers Agreement.

Program Changes: Now that the bill has made it to the Assembly, SBCCOG staff has been working with Senator Allen's staff to explore adding the ability to fund programs that address

workforce (moderate-income) housing programs. The formation legislation currently restricts the SBRHT to funding extremely-, very-, and low-income programs. The SBCCOG, its SBRHT consultant, and city stakeholders believe that funding moderate-income programs would be very beneficial to addressing housing affordability issues for the “missing middle” – individuals who make too much money to qualify for other programs but not enough to afford a home on their own.

ANALYSIS

Assembly committees will soon take up SB 799. There are a couple key issues still at hand.

Governance Changes: SBCCOG staff is evaluating options to try and amend out the current language in SB 799 that limits non-elected alternates to representing their city on 75% of the time. Trusts formed through existing joint powers authority law would not be subject to such a restriction unless their Joint Powers Agreement had this language. As far as we know, the legislature has not added this restriction to other trusts either. In discussions with Senator Allen’s staff, they do not recommend trying to remove this language as it would be seen as a deal break with the committee staff and could jeopardize all the amendments being sought.

Program Changes: As expected, inclusion of moderate-income programs is proving to be challenging. Senator Allen’s staff is still in discussion with committee staff, but it seems to be a difficult negotiation. Senator Allen’s staff understands the need for these programs in the context of the South Bay, but committee staff is pushing back on the precedent they believe it will set. His staff is working to explore more granular language that would address this type of housing without “opening up the floodgates for future funding”. SBCCOG staff has submitted a written response clarifying that the language would only provide *authority* and there is no request for *funding* moderate-income programs. Once again, the amendment is seeking parity with trusts who were not formed through legislation – the Gateways Cities trust for example can fund moderate-income programs. The SBCCOG’s response also includes high-level data that shows that many professions – such as teachers, healthcare workers, police, and firefighters – qualify for moderate-income programs based on the housing prices and their average incomes in the South Bay.

Next Steps: SBCCOG staff previously explored the possibility of bringing on a lobbyist to support this effort. After evaluating a few estimates from firms as well as partnering with LACAHSAs own lobbyist, SBCCOG staff felt it was too expensive to move forward with a minimum cost of \$3,000 per month (through September/October). Not only would lobbyist support be needed to shepherd the bill through the Legislature, it would also be critical to ensuring the bill has a chance at being signed by the Governor. Even if all changes being asked for by the SBCCOG were to make it through the Legislature, there is still no guarantee it would be signed by the Governor. This could mean that all changes – governance and program – would be vetoed.

If the program changes were to be dropped this year – voluntarily or involuntarily by the SBCCOG – they could be proposed again next session. The South Bay will have a new Senator and two new Assemblymembers.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction to staff.

~\$215K/yr

Income needed to buy
median LA home

\$90K–\$128K

Moderate-income
households earn
Up to 120% AMI (1–4 person HH)

\$45K–\$70K

Minimum cash needed at
closing
Down payment + closing costs on
~\$900K home

1. Why Moderate-Income Housing Programs Are Needed

The 'Missing Middle' Crisis

- Essential workers — teachers, nurses, first responders, firefighters, and public employees — are being priced out of the communities they serve.
- Moderate-income households (up to 120% AMI, earning ~\$90K–\$128K/year) earn roughly half of what is required to purchase a median-priced home in LA County (~\$879K).
- These households earn too much to qualify for traditional low-income affordable housing programs, yet far too little to buy in today's market.

The Numbers Are Clear

- **~\$215,000/yr** Income needed to buy median LA County home.
- **~\$128,000/yr** Moderate-income ceiling (120% AMI, 4-person household).
- LA home values exceed local incomes by more than 10-to-1 — vs. ~4-to-1 nationally.
- Even if monthly payments were somehow achievable, buyers still face \$45,000–\$70,000 in upfront down payment and closing costs.

The Consequence of Inaction

- Workforce displacement from high-cost regions.
- Longer commutes, reduced economic stability, and hollowed-out local service capacity.
- Without targeted tools, regional housing trusts cannot address this documented gap.

2. We Are Only Asking for Authority — Not Money

This amendment does not request, appropriate, or obligate any state funds. It is purely an authorization question.

- No new state funding is required or requested.
- No existing funding streams are redirected.
- All programs would comply fully with applicable state and federal funding restrictions.
- Moderate-income programs would be funded through local, flexible, or non-restricted sources only.

The amendment simply clarifies that the Trust has the legal authority to design and administer such programs — it creates no fiscal obligation for the state whatsoever.

To address concerns about scope, this authority can be narrowly tailored to:

- Limit eligibility strictly to households at or below 120% AMI.
- Explicitly state that no new state funding is being requested in this bill.

3. We Are Not Asking for a Special Exception

This amendment does not seek preferential treatment. It asks that the South Bay Regional Housing Trust be treated the same as other trusts that were not formed by legislation.

The Inequity Under Current Law

- Regional housing trusts formed under the Joint Exercise of Powers (JEP) Act — before SB 20 imposed additional restrictions — retain the full authority of their member agencies.
- Member cities and counties already have statutory authority to provide housing assistance to households up to 120% AMI.
- The Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust, established before SB 20, retains this broader authority because SB 20 did not retroactively restrict pre-existing JPAs.
- The South Bay Regional Housing Trust, formed after SB 20, is now operating under more constrained authority — even though the underlying policy need is identical.

The Ask: Parity, Not Privilege

- The amendment would not create a new power — it would clarify and align authority so the South Bay Regional Housing Trust can address the workforce housing need of its communities, just as those formed prior to SB 20 can.
- LA County's Measure A already explicitly authorizes programs for low- and moderate-income homeownership, including down payment assistance. This confirms a concept that is already embedded in California's statutory and policy framework.
- The JEP Act itself grants JPAs the power to exercise any authority common to their member agencies — the proposed amendment simply removes an inadvertent asymmetry created by SB 20's prospective application.

Summary: Three Core Points

1. **The need is real.** Moderate-income essential workers are structurally locked out of homeownership in LA County.
2. **This costs the state nothing.** We are asking for legal authority only — no state funds are involved.
3. **This is not an exception — it is equal treatment.** Other pre-SB 20 trusts already have this authority. We ask only for parity.

<City Letterhead>

<DATE>

Honorable Ben Allen
Senator, 24th District
1021 O Street, Suite 7610
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Workforce Housing Amendments to SB 799 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Allen,

On behalf of <ORGANIZATION>, I strongly support amending SB 799 to allow the South Bay Regional Housing Trust to fund housing programs that support people and families of moderate-income. Programs supporting moderate-income residents, frequently referred to as workforce housing programs, are a critical piece of the affordable housing puzzle the South Bay is trying to address.

Workforce housing would assist people and families making up to 120% of area median income. Essential workers including teachers, nurses, first responders, firefighters, military service members, and public employees are being priced out of the communities they serve. An income of \$215,000 per year is needed to buy a median home in LA County where home values exceed local incomes by more than 10-to-1, as compared to 4-to-1 nationally. Even if a buyer's monthly payments are achievable, they still face tens of thousands of dollars in upfront payment and closing costs.

INCLUDE SOMETHING SPECIFIC THAT AFFECTS YOUR CITY

The consequences of not addressing the needs of workforce housing will result in even greater workforce displacement from high-cost regions like the South Bay. This results in longer commutes, greater GHG/VMT levels, reduced economic stability, and hollowed-out local service capacity. Without the authority to address this income threshold, the South Bay Regional Housing Trust cannot address this documented gap.

The amendments to SB 799 being sought by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments do not require or request any funding from the state and do not ask for existing funding streams to be redirected towards workforce housing. It solely asks for the **authority** to do these programs – an authority that other trusts already have. The South Bay Regional Housing Trust should be allowed to address the range of affordable housing needs its member cities face.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to work with your colleagues in the Legislature to incorporate this authority into SB 799.

Sincerely,

<NAME>

CC: <YOUR OTHER LEGISLATIVE REPS>

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April , 2026

TO: Gubernatorial and Legislative Candidates

SUBJECT: Replacing RHNA

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) maintains a legislative agenda which we share with our state representatives quarterly. RHNA replacement legislation is at the top of our list for 2026. Replacement is necessary as the basic relationship between the state and the cities must be redefined in light of current conditions. RHNA establishes the framework for that relationship.

We are seeking to collaborate with state agencies in order to more effectively improve access to housing by our low income residents. Some may characterize this proposal as resistance to growth often labeled a form of “not in my backyard” policies. However, residents of Los Angeles County voted to tax themselves in order to provide local funds to support housing production and preservation. The SBCCOG has formed a housing trust to direct those funds in the most effective manner. These actions indicate our willingness to build, but also, we want to incorporate a broader tool kit.

Most important, we want to be able to manage the process locally because it will result in more affordable housing and less homelessness. The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) is a 57 year old policy of state government one-size-fits-all direction which turns control over the local development pattern to a community of developers. Today local planners have the ability to surgically site housing construction, understand their infrastructure capability such as matching the density with an appropriate mobility strategy, use data tools and models not previously available, deploy a range of tools such as addressing vacancies and subsidizing rents, besides just construction which is the only strategy being required. Using all of these strategies would generally protect the interests of longtime residents and businesses who have earned the right to have a voice in quality of life decisions while documenting and addressing housing needs.

For example: The current state mandates result in a neighborhood mini mall or parking lot being replaced by a 300 or 400 DU corporate owned apartment building and a population of tenants. Existing residents are aware that streets will become more congested and lines at the grocery store will get longer.

No evaluation is being made of water resources, outdated sewer lines or other infrastructure needs. Such evaluation and infrastructure improvements used to be a requirement for the developer of the property but now cities bear the responsibility to make sure that their infrastructure can accommodate these new dwelling units. And no matter what the evaluation, state mandates do not allow these critical issues to be considered. We do not want to wait for one or more of those systems to break down in order to realize that this is a recipe for disaster.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN ACTION

Carson El Segundo Gardena Hawthorne Hermosa Beach Inglewood Lawndale Lomita
Manhattan Beach Palos Verdes Estates Rancho Palos Verdes Redondo Beach Rolling Hills
Rolling Hills Estates Torrance Los Angeles District #15 Los Angeles County

The RHNA is a good example of the limits to central planning divorced from facts on the ground:

- The rents will not be affordable except for those few below market dwelling units that the community pays for by even higher densities than would otherwise occur due to the density bonus provision of the RHNA program. Data show development cost of a dwelling unit in the South Bay was estimated to be over \$650,000 before the shocks from tariffs, labor deportation, and now disruption to the energy supply.
- Congestion will worsen. The stated remedy is that the new residents will use transit, walk and bike. The data show that this is not a realistic expectation. Using the LA Metro “Locus” data base, we know that the bicycle mode share in the South Bay is less than 1% and public transit mode share averages less than 3% across cities (transit peaks at around 7% in Inglewood). That means around 95% of those new residents will drive around mostly alone and in an internal combustion powered vehicle. These numbers are not a South Bay anomaly. Mode share is much lower than 10% in most areas of LA County which has more transit than most areas of the state.

We think that the gubernatorial and legislative elections are a good time to let people know that facts matter and working together and not through mandates from the state, we need to find strategies that allow everyone to have a chance for housing that they can afford without destroying the wonderful communities that have been established throughout the state.

The basic idea of a large, centralized bureaucracy using an opaque black box of data and algorithms is divorced from actual market data forecasting “need”. And making projections for up to 10 years into the future without any mid-course corrections is obviously inconsistent with the world of today being pounded by extreme weather, AI impacts on the job market, and an unpredictable economy.

Local jurisdictions today must be nimble and able to adapt. They must be responsible for directing their own future in this turbulent world. RHNA allocates housing construction minimums to every local jurisdiction in the state and defies good practice by failing to collect data on progress toward increased affordability and not including any evaluation of policy performance.

The idea that the reason for unaffordability comes down to a single factor – the need for more supply – has not and will not meet the goal of more affordable housing options. Housing markets are complex with rent levels having many causes, land value in particular. Land values increase when density increases, undermining the prospect for apartment construction producing lower rents. Affordable housing is best built on affordable land.

The idea that housing affordability is by itself a crisis when products in every sector – food, energy, insurance, health care, medical insurance, home insurance, etc. – have become unaffordable to an increasing number of people is obviously wrong. Yet all of that is predictable in a bar bell economy where a small percentage owns the vast majority of wealth and captures the largest percent of GNP growth. The economic crisis permeates the entire economic system which means it is a crisis of capitalism, not housing. In other words, the condition of unaffordability is nothing that we can just build our way out of.

RHNA and related state policies focus entirely on supply missing the point that affordability means that there is a gap between price and income. Income must be a part of any affordability strategy.

Without it, increased construction will result in gentrification. Addressing affordability by strategies to increase incomes without gentrification is one component of the role of local governments.

In closing, the SBCCOG's legislative agenda for this election year will include a proposal for a new collaborative relationship between local and state jurisdictions. The outline of that proposal is that each sub-region (consisting of cities represented by a joint powers authority aka council of governments) and/or the County or metropolitan city will commit to authorizing a number of affordable dwelling units subject to: 1) consideration of the demographics of California's present and future population; 2) what it can afford to subsidize; 3) ability to manage within its carrying capacity; 4) a plan to address density with an effective mobility strategy; and 5) with sites consistent with the principle of complete neighborhoods, essentially adding housing adjacent to dense clusters of essential destinations.

We understand that there is legislation to re-authorize and fund another round of REAP projects and we request that this funding be available for a growth feasibility analyses.

It is not helpful to demonize cities and their city councils who are elected by their communities to represent them. We want to partner with the state and look for solutions, not receive unrealistic mandates.

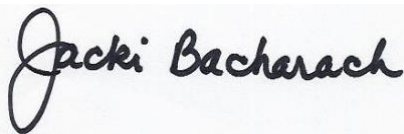
Our voters may not understand the complex policies that force them to adjust to a 400 DU apartment on their corner, but they will support a candidate with the courage to stop it and replace it with something like the rational process we are proposing. They want to participate through city hall, not a distant bureaucracy.

We are confident that there are grassroots organizations that will actively support a candidate taking on this issue.

We welcome the opportunity to have further discussions with you and your staff to describe our vision of a sustainable region, the basis for our South Bay Sustainability Strategy (SBSS). It matches complete neighborhoods with complete streets promoting the broad family of "micro-options" for local travel. The SBCCOG Board also has a formal policy of local land use control as a realistic strategy for meeting affordability and carbon reduction goals.

If you are interested in continuing this dialogue, we would welcome further discussion – possibly via zoom. We hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacki Bacharach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Director
South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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SOUTH BAY CITIES
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

You're Invited!

SBCCOG Orientation for City Staff

Thursday, May 21, 2026

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

In Person at the SBCCOG Office

357 Van Ness Way, Suite 90

Torrance, CA 90501

Come learn about the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) – who we are, what we do, and how your city can benefit from our programs, initiatives, and partnerships.

Whether you work in public works, planning, city management, sustainability, transportation, housing, or finance, this orientation is designed to give you a better understanding of how the SBCCOG supports your work and promotes collaboration across the South Bay region.

Topics will include:

- Overview of SBCCOG structure
- Key initiatives in transportation, energy, land use/housing, homeless services, and technology
- Funding programs and how the SBCCOG supports cities
- Networking opportunities

All South Bay city staff are welcome!

To RSVP, please complete the registration form available by scanning the QR code or by visiting this link:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/Dq2S1kuXQX>

If you have any questions, please contact David Leger at DavidL@southbaycities.org

Registration: May 21st SBCCOG
Orientation for City Staff



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**SCAG Community, Economic, and Human Development Report by
Mayor Pro Tem Mark E. Henderson, Ed.D**

SCAG rescheduled the meeting from April 2 to April 9. On April 9 we met as the Joint Policy Committee (JPC). The JPC comprises of all the SCAG committees that are not the Regional Council.

JPC Agenda

1. Connect SoCal 2050: Policy Development and Trends

(Philip Law, Deputy Director, Sarah Dominguez, Department Manager, Camille Guiriba, Senior Regional Planner, Anita Au, Planning Supervisor, Kevin Kane, Planning Supervisor, Leslie Anne Cayton, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommend that the Regional Council establish a special Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee to provide overarching policy leadership for development of the Connect SoCal 2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

2. Adjourned

RC Agenda

1. On March 11, 2026, the Nominating Committee met to review applications for the 2026-27 Board officer positions for President, First Vice President and Second Vice President. There was one (1) applicant for the position of President, one (1) applicant for the position of First Vice President, and three (3) applicants for the position of Second Vice President. The Nominating Committee unanimously nominated the Honorable Ray Marquez for the position of President, the Honorable Jenny Crosswhite for the position of First Vice President, and the Honorable Patricia Lock Dawson for the position of Second Vice President.
2. Each year, in preparation for the General Assembly, proposed resolutions and amendments to the SCAG Bylaws are considered by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the RC prior to submission to the General Assembly. This year, no resolutions have been proposed. One proposed amendment to the Bylaws has been submitted by an Official Representative. This proposal, submitted by the Honorable Marsha McLean, would revise the criteria considered during the RC district evaluation process. Additionally, SCAG staff, on behalf of the Executive Director, propose four amendments. Two are non-substantive corrections addressing minor errors and omissions, while two address governance matters: (1) streamlining the process for appointing ex-officio members to Policy Committees; and (2) clarifying that an individual may hold only one voting-eligible RC member position at a time. The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee met and considered these proposals on March 11, 2026. The Committee recommends approval of all five proposals. Pending review by the RC, the proposed amendments will be forwarded to the General Assembly for consideration and final action as part of its annual meeting to be held on May 7, 2026.
3. Business Report - No report
4. President Report - Preparation for General Assembly in May 2026.
5. Adjournment.

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Metro South Bay Service Council Monthly Meeting Review for April 6,2026
Overview Compiled by Donald Szerlip, Chairman

The meeting began with a listening session for public input for the Ad Hoc Committee of the Metro Board tasked with evaluating and recommending the future composition of the Metro Board. South Bay Community Relations Manager Andy Sywak set the stage with an overview of how Metro came into being, the history of the Board composition and Measure G, which expands the County Board of Supervisors. Public comments were given from in person attendees, email submissions and many phone participants. In general, the public wanted to see more transit riders and transit experts on the panel. Few, if any, cared for the Board to be expanded with additional elected officials.

Spencer Vrieze, Principal Budget Analyst and Tim Chen, Executive Officer, Finance gave an update on budget development for fiscal year 2027. This update concentrated on transit infrastructure development. Total budget is \$2,058.1M, down 5.65% from the prior year due to project phase shifts. Budget includes \$221.4M for planning, \$1,752.5M for construction plus \$40.3M for completion of ongoing projects.

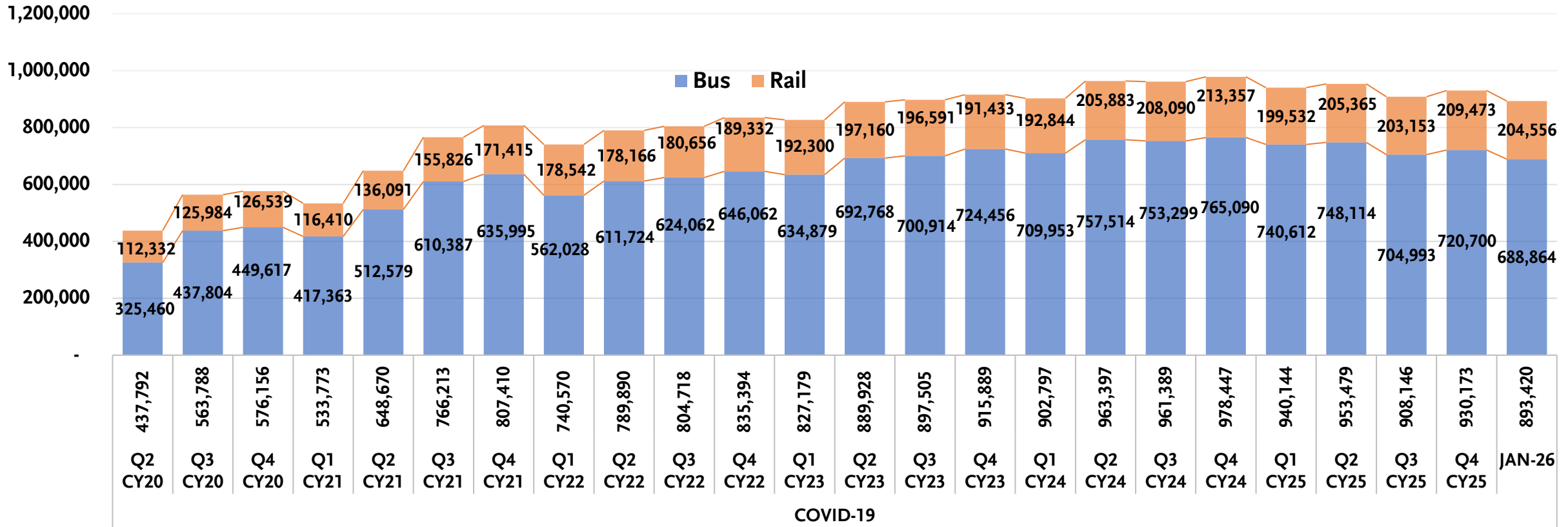
Regional updates were presented by Andy Sywak, Community Relations Manager. Ridership remains robust with Metro serving more than 920,000 passengers daily during February, 2026. A Bus Bridge will operate between Crenshaw and Vermont Stations on the C Line from 4/24 through 4/27 resulting in service on both the C & K Lines operating with 13-minute headways. Free fares throughout the Metro system will be available on Earth Day, April 22.

The meeting concluded following Council Member Comments and Public Comments on Non-agenda Items.

Respectfully submitted on April 14, 2026

Donald Szerlip
Chair - Metro South Bay Service Council

Systemwide Average Weekday Ridership Update



January Total Ridership % Change 2026 over 2025:

Bus: -5.4% Rail: +1.0%

Monitoring ridership for impacts from workers returning to full time office attendance.

January 2026 had one less weekday and one more Saturday compared to 2025.

Average Weekday Ridership – Jan 2026 v. Jan 2025

Line	Jan 26	Jan 25	% Variance
Bus	688,864	729,709	94.4%
A/E	116,646	102,851	113.4%
B/D	60,269	61,030	98.8%
C/K	27,641	24,785	111.5%

Ridership Analysis Relative to Equity Focus Communities (Metro 2022 EFC Map):

Bus – Percent of all weekday bus activity within Equity Focus Communities increased from 73% in November 2019 to 79.0% in January 2026 (bus stop data available month to month)

Rail – Percent of all weekday rail activity within Equity Focus Communities increased from 51.7% in FY19 to 77.1% in January 2026 (rail station data available month to month)

TO: SOUTH BAY CITIES COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FR: JEFF KIERNAN, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
RE: CAL CITIES UPDATE FOR 4/23/2026 MEETING

LA COUNTY DIVISION LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Oppose [AB 470 \(McKinnor\)](#) Telephone Corporations: Carriers of Last Resort

As amended, AB 470 provides procedures for telephone corporations to relinquish its carrier of last resort designation for an eligible area and requires the CA Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to affirm that the requirements for a telephone corporation to have been met and that impacted communities are notified.

[LA County Division oppose letter](#)

Status: Senate Appropriations, two-Year Bill

Support [AB 1708 \(Solache\)](#) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program

Cal Cities-sponsored bill that would increase access to state homelessness funding for cities with populations under 300,000. [LA County Division support letter](#)

Status: Assembly Housing Hearing on 4/15/2026

Oppose [AB 1768 \(Bryan\)](#) Transactions and use taxes: County of Los Angeles.

This bill would, until December 31, 2031, authorize the County of Los Angeles to levy a sales and use tax that is exempted from the 2% local sales tax limit.

[LA County Division oppose letter](#)

Status: Referred to Local Gov and Rev & Tax committees

Monitor [AB 2443 \(McKinnor\)](#) Carriers of Last Resort (Spot Bill)

Status: Referred to Communications and Conveyance, no hearing set

Oppose LA County Measure ER – The Essential Services Restoration Act Sales Tax Measure

The LA County Division is opposed to the 0.5% general sales tax measure the County Board of Supervisors voted to place on the June Ballot and the legislation that would exempt this measure from the 2% sales tax cap, AB 1768 (Bryan).

[LA County Division oppose letter](#)

CAL CITIES SPONSORS AND URGES ACTION ON LEGISLATION

Each year, Cal Cities partners with lawmakers to sponsor legislation that will further Cal Cities' organizational and advocacy priorities. Cal Cities is sponsoring 13 bills again this year and our lobbyists have identified another group of bills that are important for cities to engage on. The list is too long to print here, but the list of Sponsored and HOT bills can be found [HERE](#).

CAL CITIES ADVOCATES FOR \$400 MILLION TO FULLY FUND PROP. 36

Cal Cities is asking the legislature to fully fund Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act that voters passed in 2024. Cal Cities is asking for letters in support of this funding to be sent to your legislators and Senate Budget Subcommittee #5. More information and a sample letter can be found on the Cal Cities advocacy action center: www.calcities.org/advocacy/take-action.

GET ENGAGED. JOIN CAL CITIES OR THE LA COUNTY DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Have you ever wanted more of a say in what Cal Cities is working on? Now is your chance to apply for the Cal Cities Board of Directors or stay close to home and apply for the LA County Division Board of Directors.

Cal Cities is now accepting applications for our Board of Directors for six at-large positions and the second vice president (applications from Southern California are encouraged for 2nd VP). Applications are due by April 22. Additional details, and the application can be found [HERE](#).

The Los Angeles County Division is currently seeking applicants for our regional Secretary/Treasurer position. The Secretary/Treasurer is a member of the Executive Committee and works closely with the Division's Executive Director to monitor the Division's finances, keep accurate records of the membership and business transacted. This position is for a one-year term, with the expected ascension to Division President over the course of two or three years. Any mayor or council member from a member city may submit a letter of interest for either of these positions. To be considered, please send a letter indicating your interest along with a resume no later than Friday, May 1 to:

Nominating Committee Chair
c/o League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division
jquan@calcities.org

CAL CITIES OFFERS FISCAL TRAINING REQUIRED FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS (SB 827 GONZALEZ, 2025)

In addition to ethics and harassment training already required by State law, city officials are now also required to complete a fiscal and financial training every two years. Under SB 827 (Gonzalez, 2025), elected and appointed officials, department heads, and other administrative officers must now take a minimum of two hours of fiscal and financial training.

Cal Cities will offer this fiscal training multiple times this year, beginning with a virtual training on May 29 from 10 AM – 12 PM.

City officials who began their service before Jan. 1, 2026, must complete their training by Jan. 1, 2028, unless their term ends before Jan. 9, 2028. Officials who began service on or after Jan. 1, 2026, must complete the training within six months of their start date. Priority registration for this webinar will be given to officials who began service on or after Jan. 1, 2026.

[Registration](#) is \$50 for Cal Cities members. Registration must be completed by Thursday, May 28, 2026. Registration is limited.

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING CAL CITIES EVENTS

- [May 13 – 15: City Attorneys Spring Conference \(Universal City\)](#)
- [May 29 from 10 AM – 12 PM SB 827 Fiscal Training for City Officials \(see above\)](#)
- [June 4 from 6 – 8 PM: LA County Division General Membership Meeting \(Monterey Park\)](#)
- [September 23 – 25: 2026 Annual Conference \(Anaheim Convention Center\) Save the Date](#)

SOUTH BAY ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2026

Meeting Type: Hybrid (In-Person and Virtual via Zoom)

Location: WSPA Offices, South Bay, CA / Zoom

Date: Monday, April 7, 2026

Duration: Approximately 61 minutes

Presiding: Jeremy Harris, Chair, Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce

Staff: Henry Rogers, SBACC

I. ATTENDEES

In-Person

Henry Rogers, SBACC

Celest Wilson, Long Beach Chamber of Commerce

David Magier, South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Mark Warnek – M&M Consulting, Past Chair of SBACC

Mackenzie Neely Wright – AT&T, External Legislative Affairs

Mark Stewart – Carson Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Chair

Virtual (via Zoom)

Jeremy Harris, Chair – Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce

Julia Parton, Treasurer – Malaga Bank

Barry Waite – City of Lomita

Marilyn Lyon – Board Member

Jocelyn – Board Member

Michelle Crispin – Board Member

Tracy – Board Member

Heidi Butzine – Incoming Chair, Board Member

Karen – Board Member

Kimberly Ceceres – PBF Energy

Laura Pena – Hermosa Beach Chamber

Monica Garcia Diaz – Wilmington Chamber

Victor Ibarra – Marathon Petroleum

Sharon – Board Member

Ara An – Supervisor Holly Mitchell's Office

George Kivett – Board Member

Celeste – Board Member

Government & Partner Representatives

Rohan Abraham – Congressman Ted Lieu’s Office

Chloe Tachibana – Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi’s Office

Jun Aglipay – Assemblymember Mike Gibson’s Office

Nikki Nguyen – U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Rana Ghadban – California Chamber of Commerce

Jeff Kiernan – League of California Cities (Cal Cities)

Charles Gale – Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Tom Lasser – South Bay Aerospace Alliance

Aisha Reyes – South Coast Air Quality Management District

Quorum was established per SBACC Bylaws Article VIII.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Henry Rogers opened the meeting with introductions of in-person and virtual attendees. Chair Jeremy Harris presided over the meeting. Henry provided an overview of the agenda, noting the main focus would be on the annual affordability index and cost driver bills. No guest speaker was scheduled for this meeting.

III. REPORTS FROM FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PARTNERS

A. California Chamber of Commerce – Rana Ghadban

Rana Ghadban expressed enthusiasm about hosting SBACC members the following week in Sacramento for the legislative visit. She reported that Cal Chamber has added several bills to the cost drivers list, including new measures in artificial intelligence, antitrust, and employment regulations. Cal Chamber’s team was attending committee hearings throughout the week, and she anticipated providing further updates during the SBACC Sacramento visit.

B. U.S. Chamber of Commerce – Nikki Nguyen

Nikki Nguyen thanked SBACC member chambers that signed on to the Protect Act letter, which garnered over 1,000 signatures from all 50 states and would be sent to Congress upon their return from recess. She noted the U.S. Chamber is monitoring the Iranian conflict and its potential impact on energy policy. Congress remains on recess with limited activity expected.

C. Congressman Ted Lieu’s Office – Rohan Abraham

Rohan Abraham reported that the House passed the 21st Century Housing Act with significant bipartisan support, while the Senate simultaneously passed the Road to Housing Act. Both bills will go to reconciliation and represent the most significant congressional housing action in years. Key provisions include expanding CDBG grant programs, establishing new manufactured home standards, and providing resources to local jurisdictions for housing code updates and ready-to-go projects. Additionally, Congressman Lieu introduced legislation to fund TSA, USCIS, FEMA, and the Coast Guard during the DHS shutdown. The Congressman remains opposed to unauthorized military action in the Middle East.

D. Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi’s Office – Chloe Tachibana

Chloe Tachibana reported that Assemblymember Muratsuchi is in his final legislative term and the office has introduced approximately 10 bills. Key bills highlighted include:

- **AB 1631** – Mandatory kindergarten completion before first grade admission
- **AB 1644** – Bell-to-bell smartphone ban in California public schools
- **AB 2060** – Stipends for mentor teachers in local education agencies
- **AB 2148** – Prohibits AI from replacing human teachers in classrooms
- **AB 2741** – Clarifies housing element law; provides cities additional time to correct housing elements after court findings (developed with City of Redondo Beach)

She also promoted the dual enrollment workshop with El Camino College on Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 AM.

E. Assemblymember Mike Gibson’s Office – Jun Aglipay

Jun Aglipay reported on recent constituent services including free expungement clinics and back-to-back free tax preparation clinics conducted with the YMCA of Gardena-Carson and WLCAC in partnership with State Senator Laura Richardson. He promoted the 7th Annual Autism Walk at the Wilmington Waterfront on Saturday, April 11, from 8:00–11:00 AM, which will be Assemblymember Gibson’s final autism walk before leaving office. Legislative bill introductions are expected next month.

F. Supervisor Holly Mitchell’s Office – Ara An

Ara An provided a detailed update on the LA County half-cent sales tax (Measure ER). At the Board of Supervisors meeting happening concurrently, Item 26 would direct departments to allocate 45% of funds to primary care health coverage for uninsured persons through free and nonprofit community clinics, contingent on voter approval on June 2. She noted the county had hosted virtual meetings with cities to present how the Big Beautiful Bill (HR1) would impact county services. Ara shared the FAQ sheet with funding breakdowns and the Supervisor’s office email in the meeting chat.

G. South Bay Council of Governments – David Magier / Barry Waite

David Magier reported on two major developments. First, the South Bay Regional Housing Trust has been officially formed with 10 member cities, with Rolling Hills Estates considering joining as the 11th before the inaugural meeting at 4:00 PM on Thursday, April 30. The trust will select a chair and vice chair and adopt bylaws at that meeting.

Second, the COG General Assembly on March 26 had approximately 375 attendees. Speakers addressed local arts, major venue projects, and a popular mayor’s panel. A key takeaway was the need for a sub-regional marketing campaign ahead of the Olympics and World Cup.

Barry Waite announced a hybrid meeting on April 30 at 10:00 AM with Larry Cosmont to discuss collaborative economic development and branding for the World Cup and Olympics. SBACC members will receive an invitation. He noted the World Cup is serving as a “dress rehearsal” for the Olympics, with communities already launching outreach programs for hosting various countries.

H. League of California Cities (Cal Cities) – Jeff Kiernan

Jeff Kiernan reported Cal Cities has taken an oppose position on the LA County sales tax measure and is opposing AB 1768, which would exempt LA County from the statewide 2% combined transaction tax rate cap. He thanked Assemblymember Muratsuchi for AB 2741 to address housing element issues affecting Redondo Beach and other cities. Cal Cities submitted a letter requesting \$400 million in full funding for Proposition 36. The organization is developing new e-bike policy to address approximately 18 pending e-bike bills. Cal Cities is also working on reforms to SB 79 (transit-oriented development) to potentially delay implementation to the 7th RHNA cycle.

I. Metropolitan Water District – Charles Gale

Charles Gale reported on two priority bills: AB 2215 (Calderon), which would perfect water rights in the Bay Delta for Metropolitan and 27 State Water Project contractors through the year 2085; and SB 837,

addressing subsidence impacts on the State Water Project from Central Valley groundwater pumping, with potential funding through the Cap and Trade Investment Program or a summer trailer bill. He also noted MWD's biennial rate and budget review would be adopted in April, with proposals ranging from 3% to 9% increases effective July 1 for infrastructure investment, environmental issues, and climate change resilience.

J. South Bay Aerospace Alliance – Tom Lasser

Tom Lasser reported no major updates regarding Los Angeles Air Force Base, noting things remain quiet. He observed that Space Force was established under President Trump, which may bode well for the base. The next SBAA general meeting is May 3, with invitations forthcoming.

K. South Coast Air Quality Management District – Aisha Reyes

Aisha Reyes, filling in for Brandi Keith, announced a virtual port community meeting on Wednesday, May 6 at 5:00 PM. Spanish translation will be available. Additional information will be distributed.

IV. LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

A. LA County Measure ER – OPPOSE

Henry Rogers presented the LA County half-cent sales tax measure (Measure ER) for opposition. If passed, it would raise the county sales tax from 9.75% to 10.25% for five years, generating nearly \$1 billion annually. The measure requires only a simple majority to pass. Key concerns include: it is a regressive tax hitting working families and small businesses hardest; structured as a general fund tax with limited independent oversight; and pushes South Bay sales tax above 10%, placing local businesses at a competitive disadvantage compared to neighboring counties with rates as low as 7.75%.

Mark Warner provided additional context, noting cities had hoped to capture their own portion of the remaining sales tax capacity before the county acted. Jeremy Harris asked about polling data; Jeff Kiernan shared a poll of LA City voters showing 47% support, though Barry Waite noted the narrow scope of that survey.

MOTION: To oppose LA County Measure ER.

Moved by: Marilyn | **Seconded by:** George Kivett

Discussion: McKenzie Neely Wright (AT&T), Kimberly (PBF Energy), and Ryan abstained.

VOTE: Motion passed with abstentions noted. SBACC stands opposed to LA County Measure ER.

B. AB 736 (Wicks) – Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026 – TABLED

Henry Rogers presented AB 736, a \$10 billion statewide affordable housing bond. South Bay median home prices have crested \$1.5 million. The bond includes \$400 million for infill infrastructure near major employers (ports, hospitals) and \$1.7 billion for supportive housing, projected to create over 30,000 new affordable homes statewide. The bill originally targeted the June ballot but has been pushed to November. Chair Harris recommended tabling the item and including it in the Sacramento trip legislative packet for further discussion with attendees.

No motion was made. The item was tabled for future consideration.

C. AB 1768 (Bryant) – LA County Tax Exemption – OPPOSE

Henry Rogers presented AB 1768, which would authorize LA County to impose an additional transaction tax of up to 0.5% by explicitly exempting the county from the statewide 2% combined rate cap. This is the legislative vehicle enabling Measure ER to move forward.

MOTION: To oppose AB 1768.

Moved by: Marilyn | **Seconded by:** Heidi

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. SBACC stands opposed to AB 1768.

D. SB 1337 (Richardson) – Transportation Fuel Strategy – SUPPORT

Henry Rogers presented SB 1337, brought to SBACC's attention by Kimberly of PBF Energy. The bill establishes an interagency working group led by the Energy Commission to develop a comprehensive transportation fuel strategy ensuring stable supply, addressing price volatility, and supporting workers during energy transitions. The South Bay hosts numerous refineries in Torrance, Wilmington, Carson, Puerto Vallee, and Long Beach. Kimberly's coalition reported that the Middle East situation is projected to produce a 20% spike in operating costs that will be passed to consumers.

MOTION: To support SB 1337.

Moved by: Celeste | **Seconded by:** Mark Warner

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. SBACC stands in support of SB 1337.

E. AB 1350 – Renewable Energy Facilities – SUPPORT

Henry Rogers presented AB 1350, which expands the definition of renewable electrical generation facilities to include turbines using qualifying renewable fuels such as hydrogen and biogas. This technology-neutral policy allows industry clusters like ports and manufacturing facilities to invest in onsite generation, expanding eligibility for the renewables portfolio standard without weakening environmental protections.

MOTION: To support AB 1350.

Moved by: Celeste | **Seconded by:** Marilyn

Discussion: Cal Water abstained.

VOTE: Motion passed with Cal Water abstaining. SBACC stands in support of AB 1350.

F. Cal Chamber Cost Drivers (15 Bills) – OPPOSE

Henry Rogers presented the annual affordability index identifying 15 cost driver bills that threaten to increase regulatory costs across 10 key areas including labor, healthcare, and taxation. SBACC typically aligns with Cal Chamber in opposing these measures, all of which fall within or outside the SBACC policy platform. Rana Ghadban noted Cal Chamber has added additional bills in AI, antitrust, and employment regulation categories. These positions are timely ahead of the Sacramento legislative visit.

MOTION: To oppose all 15 Cal Chamber cost driver bills as presented.

Moved by: Marilyn | **Seconded by:** Jeremy Harris

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

G. Cost Cutters: AB 2124 and AB 2366 – SUPPORT

Henry Rogers presented two cost-cutter bills on the affordability index. AB 2124 (Pacheco) requires independent ratepayer impact reviews for energy legislation, ensuring the legislature knows the full cost before voting. AB 2366 requires cost-of-living impact analysis for new regulations, institutionalizing affordability as a mandatory step in the rulemaking process.

Barry Waite raised a concern about potential abuse of these requirements, drawing a parallel to CEQA-like procedural challenges that could be used to delay beneficial legislation. Henry acknowledged the concern, noting nothing in the current language explicitly addresses this. Marilyn made the motion to support with the inclusion of the CEQA-abuse concern in the position letters.

MOTION: To support AB 2124 and AB 2366, with CEQA-like abuse concern included in position communications.

Moved by: Marilyn | **Seconded by:** Jeremy Harris

Discussion: Barry Waite's CEQA concern to be referenced in support letters.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT – Julia Parton, Treasurer

Julia Parton provided the financial update. Net income for March was \$7,000. Quarter 1 net income showed a loss of \$3,000. The accounts receivable balance remains a concern, and Julia urged board members to pay invoices on time to support the organization's cash flow.

Julia committed to working with Henry Rogers and Jeremy Harris on an AR reduction plan to collect overdue payments. She also called for rebuilding the sponsorship pipeline and securing new sponsors, collaborating with Henry, Jeremy, and Heidi on that initiative.

Charles Gale offered to contact Chevron regarding their sponsorship. Henry confirmed that all vendor portal documentation had been submitted and a follow-up reminder was scheduled for that afternoon. Charles also confirmed that Metropolitan Water District had received their invoice and the updated SBACC W-9, with payment being processed.

Jeremy Harris noted that the SBACC Executive Committee had agreed to divide and conquer on accounts receivable collection. Board members were reminded they can log into the SBACC portal to check billing status.

Financial reports were received and filed.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT – Jeremy Harris

Chair Harris provided an update on the Sacramento advocacy trip scheduled for the following week. A draft agenda had been circulated as part of the board packet. Approximately 8–10 SBACC attendees are expected. Rana Ghadban confirmed that the Cal Chamber lunch can begin at 11:30 AM for a 90-minute session.

The trip will include: Day 1 as a travel day with an evening dinner for SBACC members and invited elected officials; Day 2 featuring a morning briefing and breakfast at WSPA, a full schedule of legislative meetings, and the Cal Chamber lunch. Jeremy thanked Mark Warner for assistance with elected official invitations and Heidi for helping lead the delegation as incoming SBACC Chair.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Jeremy Harris adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:01 PM.

Next Meeting: May 2026 (date to be confirmed)

Minutes Prepared By: Henry Rogers, SBACC

Minutes Reviewed By: Jessica Vincent, SBACC Board of Directors

ACTION ITEMS

Task Description	Responsible Party	Deadline
Add AB 1631 and AB 1644 to next month's legislative packet	Henry Rogers, SBACC	May 2026 Board Meeting
Post LA County sales tax Item 26 link, FAQ, and office email in chat	Ara An, Supervisor Mitchell's Office	April 7, 2026
Email SBACC members re: April 30 hybrid ED/Olympics meeting with Larry Cosmont	Henry Rogers / Barry Waite	April 14, 2026
Email invite for May 3 South Bay Aerospace Alliance general meeting	Tom Lasser, SBAA	April 14, 2026
Email port community meeting details (May 6, 5:00 PM, virtual, Spanish translation)	Aisha Reyes, South Coast AQMD	April 14, 2026
Add AB 736 to Sacramento trip legislative packet; discuss with attendees	Henry Rogers, SBACC	April 14, 2026
Send opposition letters: LA County Measure ER and AB 1768	Henry Rogers, SBACC	April 14, 2026
Send support letters: SB 1337 and AB 1350	Henry Rogers, SBACC	April 14, 2026
Send opposition letters: 15 Cal Chamber cost driver bills	Henry Rogers, SBACC	April 14, 2026
Send support letters: AB 2124 and AB 2366; include CEQA-like abuse concern per Barry Waite	Henry Rogers, SBACCC	April 14, 2026
Implement AR reduction plan with Julia Parton; collect overdue payments	Henry Rogers / Jeremy Harris / Julia Parton	Ongoing – May 2026
Rebuild sponsorship pipeline with Julia Parton; secure new sponsors	Henry Rogers / Jeremy Harris / Heidi / Julia Parton	Ongoing – May 2026
Update Sacramento trip agenda: Cal Chamber lunch 11:30–1:00 PM	Henry Rogers, SBACC	April 14, 2026
Finalize Sacramento trip attendee list and circulate	Henry Rogers / Jeremy Harris	April 14, 2026

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Area G Disaster Management Area Coordinator Report

Quarterly Report: January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026

Report Date: April 1, 2026

Area G Disaster Management Area is composed of fourteen south bay cities: El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance. As an area, the cities work together on planning efforts, preparedness campaigns, alert and warning through Alert South Bay and much more. In addition to planning, mitigation and preparedness efforts, the cities quickly and effectively transition to response and recovery efforts during emergencies. Each city has many accomplishments and activities that have been conducted during the quarter. This report will only highlight a few of the larger area-wide activities and responses that were conducted during the quarter.

Educational



1. Alert South Bay: The mission of Alert South Bay is to provide timely, accurate emergency alert and warning notifications to the residents of the communities served through an integrated, standardized, cross-jurisdictional notification platform, helping to reduce the loss of life and damage to property and the environment. Alert South Bay serves 15 jurisdictions within the South Bay. All residents are encouraged to register to receive emergency alerts by <https://alertsouthbay.com/> or text "AlertSB" to 888777.

Non-Emergency

1. The seven Area G tsunami impacted cities participated in the California Tsunami Response Playbook exercise on March 26, 2026 as part of Tsunami Preparedness Week.
2. Area G DMAC coordinated and taught CSTI G626 EOC Planning training January 13 & 14, 2026 in Inglewood.
3. Area G DMAC coordinated and taught CSTI G191 ISC/EOC Interface training in Hermosa Beach on February 26, 2026.
4. Area G DMAC coordinated and hosted LA County OEM WebEOC training for Area G on February 5, 2026 in the City Inglewood.
5. Area G DMAC coordinated with American Red Cross to tour the Red Cross Warehouse March 26, 2026
6. Area G DMAC attended various meetings and exercises related to upcoming large events including FIFA World Cup communications planning, LA28 Olympics and Para-Olympics consequence management subcommittee meetings, and LA City Major Event taskforce meetings.

Emergency and Emergent Incidents

1. March 17, 2026: Heat Wave – The South Bay experienced unusually high temperatures for the time of year. Cities shared cooling tips including cooling spots, cooling centers, and additional information related to staying cool during the heat wave.
2. No King's Day Protest: March 28, 2026 – Multiple cities had protests within their communities as part of the No King's Day nationwide protest.



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Alert SouthBay delivers critical notifications and alerts from Police, Fire, and Emergency Management via SMS (text), email, phone, and landline.

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- Inglewood
- Lawndale
- Lomita
- Manhattan Beach
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- Rancho Palos Verdes
- Redondo Beach
- Rolling Hills
- Rolling Hills Estates
- Torrance

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2025 Tuberculosis Surveillance Report Shows Increase in TB Cases

World Tuberculosis (TB) Day is held every year on March 24th to commemorate the day Dr. Robert Koch announced the discovery of mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacterium that causes TB. To honor the occasion, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) released its 2025 Tuberculosis Surveillance Report on March 24, 2026. The report shows a 3.4% increase in the number of TB cases from 2024 to 2025, bringing the total to 554 cases, the highest since 2016.

While TB impacts all corners of the county, 90% of local cases identify as Asian or Hispanic, and 87% were born outside the United States. Central and South Los Angeles and Alhambra/San Gabriel region reported the highest rates of infection (5.7 to 14.0 per 100,000 individuals), while the South Bay/Harbor area reported cases at or below the countywide TB rate (3.2 to 5.6 per 100,000 individuals). See the attached Tuberculosis in Los Angeles County 2025 fact sheet for more information.

Public Health warns that this increase, combined with cuts to sustained funding, could reverse progress, allowing more cases to go undetected and increasing the risk of community spread and more severe illness from a disease that is both preventable and curable.

Public Health is working to stop TB and prevent further spread by:

- Tracking TB to detect risks early and help prevent outbreaks
- Providing expert clinical guidance, care and case management
- Conducting contact investigations and outbreak response
- Offering housing and nutritional support to help those infected complete their months-long treatment. In 2025, Public Health supported 300 individuals with 4,605 nights of housing and over 11,000 grocery gift cards to ensure they could safely complete their anti-TB regimens.

For individuals without access to healthcare services, TB testing and follow-up care is available at six Public Health centers throughout the County. For a list of clinics and contact information visit: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/chs/phcenters.htm>.

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Two Efforts are Introduced to Raise Revenue for the Public Health Safety Net

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) continues to navigate an increasingly complex fiscal environment driven by rising costs, County fiscal pressures, and declining state and federal revenues. Public Health is forecasting a \$24 million deficit with future deficits expected to worsen as federal revenues decline. As a result, Public Health has taken difficult, but necessary measures to close the budget deficit. This includes reductions in services and workforce positions. For example, the closure of the Public Health Clinic at the Curtis Tucker Center for Community Wellness in the South Bay region is a direct result of these reductions. To address these challenging budget conditions, two countywide initiatives were introduced to secure alternate funding for public health.

The Fund for Advancing Public Health LA

Public Health established [The Fund for Advancing Public Health LA](#) (Fund) on February 13, 2026. The purpose of the Fund is twofold. It aims to protect essential public health services amid funding cuts and ensure continued services for vulnerable populations.

Los Angeles County continues to face persistent health inequities and the threat of significant federal budget cuts. Addressing these challenges requires new resources and stronger partnerships. As an independent 501(c)(3), the Fund can receive and distribute philanthropic support from businesses, private donors, and community partners, which will generate flexible, non-federal revenue.

The Fund will solicit and distribute funds to advance disease prevention, health promotion, environmental health, emergency preparedness and response, and policy initiatives that improve the health and wellbeing of those who live and work in Los Angeles County.

In early April, Public Health officially launched The Fund for Advancing Public Health, introduced its founding Board of Directors (see list below) and announced a goal to raise \$2 million this year. According to LA County Supervisors Holly Mitchell, “This fund represents a new approach, one that brings together philanthropy in the private sector to invest community-based solutions, protect vulnerable populations, and strengthen our public health infrastructure.”

The Fund for Advancing Public Health Board of Directors:

- Dr. Barbara Ferrer, LA County Department of Public Health, Director
- Debbie Chang, Blue Shield of California Foundation, CEO
- Sean Penn, actor and co-founder of Community Organized Relief Effort

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- Martha Santan-Chin, LA Care Health Plan, CEO
- Saree Kayne, R&S Kayne Foundation, CEO
- Danny Trejo, actor and restaurateur
- Jarret Barrios, American Red Cross, Senior Vice President International Services/Services to Armed Forces
- Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, Charles R. Drew University College of Medicine, Dean
- Kristin McCowen, Los Angeles Dodgers, Vice President of Government Affairs and Community Relations

Click on the [link](#) to view an LAist Article about The Fund for Advancing Public Health.

Securing Funding to Preserve Critical Safety Net Services Ballot Initiative

On February 10, 2026, the Board of Supervisors adopted a motion, introduced by Supervisors Holly J. Mitchell and Hilda L. Solis, to place a county ballot initiative (Measure ER) on the June 2 statewide primary election that would temporarily place a 0.5% (half-cent) countywide general sales tax to raise revenues to support critical health and social services safety net. Food and medicine would be exempt from the tax. The ballot initiative was introduced in response to the significant federal funding reductions under H.R. 1, along with related federal actions that have impacted Medi-Cal, CalFresh, and other safety net funding streams.

If approved by voters, the sales tax would become effective October 1, 2026 and last five years. It is projected to generate approximately \$1 billion annually, of which 10% (\$100 million) would go to Public Health to support core public health functions and health equity grants. Additional allocations will go to the Department of Health Services, Department of Public Social Services, non-profit partners, schools, and more. See the spending plan below for the full breakdown. Additionally, annual audits and a 9-member citizen's oversight committee will help ensure transparency in how the money is used.

Sales Tax Spending Plan:

- 10% - Department of Public Health (core public health and equity grants)
- 45% - Nonprofit partner network for no/low-cost care
- 22% - Department of Health Services public hospitals/clinics
- 3% - Department of Public Social Services (Medicaid outreach/work programs)
- 4% - School-based health
- 5% - Eligible nonprofit safety-net programs
- 2.5% Correctional Health
- 2.5% In-Home Supportive Services (wages/benefits)

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- 1% - Pasadena and Long Beach Health Departments
- 5% - Planned Parenthood

The sales tax Board Resolution is attached for reference.

Additionally, on April 14, 2026, Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell introduced the motion, *Creating Public-Facing Safety Net Dashboards to Track the Impact of H.R. 1 and Other Health Policy Changes*. It directs the director of Public Health, within 60 days, to add to its public-facing website a dashboard that is updated monthly and includes clinic workload volumes, as well as patient cycle times and wait times, by service type and by clinic site. The motion also directs the Departments of Health Services (DHS), Mental Health (DMH), and Public Social Services (DPSS) to provide pertinent data to track the impact of H.R. 1. In coordination with the four County Departments, the Chief Executive Office's Chief Data Officer will report back in 90 days on the feasibility of integrating the dashboards from each department into a unified, public-facing portal. The motion is attached for reference.

Flea-Borne Typhus Hits Record Level in LA County

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) is reporting an all-time high of Flea-Borne Typhus (FBT) cases, with 220 cases identified in 2025. This marks a continued rise from 187 cases in 2024 and reflects a sustained upward trend in recent years. Localized outbreaks occurred last year in central Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and the unincorporated area of Willowbrook. FBT cases occur year-round but tend to peak during the late summer and fall months.

FBT is an acute febrile bacterial infection caused by *Rickettsia Typhi* bacteria, which is spread by infected fleas. People are often exposed in and around their homes, when infected fleas are carried indoors on pets or other animals. Fleas that spread typhus are commonly found on stray animals, rodents, and other wildlife. Symptoms of FBT start within two weeks after contact with an infected flea and may include fever, headache, muscle pain, nausea/vomiting, and a rash on palms and soles of feet. Currently, there are no vaccines to prevent FBT.

FBT can cause serious illness. Nine out of 10 people infected in 2025 required hospitalization. The good news is that Typhus is treatable with antibiotics and is preventable. With summer approaching, it is important to follow these precautionary measures to prevent FBT cases:

- Use flea control products for domestic pets

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- Store trash and other food sources, including pet food and food waste for composting in secured bins and/or clear them away from places of residence to avoid attracting animals
- Discourage animals from nesting around your home by closing crawl spaces and attics and trimming or removing vegetation around buildings
- Avoid petting or feeding free-roaming animals
- When outside, consider using EPA-registered insect repellents

For more information, please see Public Health's [website](#).

As of March 20, 2026, there have been 17 cases reported for the year. In response to the steady increase of FBT cases, Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell introduced the motion, *Strengthening Prevention and Response Efforts to Flea-Borne Typhus in Los Angeles County*, on April 14, 2026. The motion directs the Director of Public Health to work with other County Departments, such as the Department of Public Works and Animal Care and Control, to reduce the environmental factors contributing to FBT transmission (i.e., illegal dumping, etc.), identify and prioritize encampment sanitation needs, and identify flea control measures, especially in unincorporated communities. The motion is attached for reference.

**REVISED MOTION BY SUPERVISORS HOLLY J. MITCHELL
AND HILDA L. SOLIS**

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Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1

The federal budget bill, H.R.1, also known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act,” proposed and signed into law by President Donald Trump, includes massive funding cuts. In Los Angeles County (County), these cuts most severely impact the County’s health care system. H.R.1 cuts billions in federal Medicaid funding to California and imposes new eligibility requirements and copays, resulting in reduced care for patients. The County has 3.3 million residents who rely on Medi-Cal. That is 1 in 3 County residents, including nearly one million children. Hundreds of thousands of them could face loss of coverage and reduced access to care. The implications of these cuts are on track to result in overcrowding of emergency rooms when residents are unable to access health care until they are experiencing a life-threatening crisis.

After accounting for H.R.1, recent Executive Orders from the Trump Administration on grant oversight, and new federal Terms & Conditions restrictions, the County’s most impacted departments face projected losses totaling \$2.4 billion over the next three years. Due to funding losses, County officials have already initiated hiring freezes and are contemplating service consolidations, potential layoffs of 5,000 staff, and facility closures in the coming years. Federal funding cuts will affect public health services such as chronic disease prevention, disease tracking and water safety, as well as the health care provided at the County’s public hospitals and numerous clinics. The President’s bill, H.R.1, and other reductions in health and public health funding by the Trump Administration

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disproportionately affect low-income families and several of the proposed cuts specifically target health care and public health providers.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) plays a pivotal role in protecting the health and wellness of County residents. In 2024, DHS medical teams provided immediate and comprehensive care to 600,000 specialty care patients, handled 260,905 emergency room visits, 192,502 urgent care visits, and performed 36,295 surgeries. The system also served 193,241 people at food distribution clinics, secured permanent supportive housing for 22,239 individuals, and distributed 413,074 Narcan doses. These DHS medical teams work across four County hospitals — Los Angeles General Medical Center, Olive View Medical Center, Rancho Los Amigos and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center — as well as 23 clinic sites and various mobile and community-based sites. The cuts in H.R.1 will result in unprecedented and catastrophic impacts on residents and on health care and social service providers.

The reductions at both the federal and state levels significantly affect Medicaid (Medi-Cal), which is a primary revenue source for DHS. In just four months following H.R.1's signing, the County lost an average of 1,000 people per day from Medi-Cal enrollment — over 120,000 people between July and November 2025. During the same four-month period, more than 27,000 children under age 18 lost their Medi-Cal coverage, equating to nearly 200 children per day. In that same four-month period following H.R. 1's passage, the County also lost over 70,000 CalFresh enrollees receiving food assistance, including approximately 27,000 who were children under age 18. This funding and coverage loss poses a serious threat to the long-term sustainability of critical safety-net services relied upon by County residents, as the County health care system faces more than \$1 billion in cuts. DHS alone, for example, must absorb a projected federal revenue loss exceeding \$700 million per year. Additionally, the Department of Public Health (DPH) projects a loss of \$200-300 million in federal and state funds. DPH is also forecasting a minimum \$42 million deficit this fiscal year, requiring various clinic closures, service reductions, personnel reassignments and possible terminations. This deficit will likely worsen given cuts to federal revenue.

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The County health departments have been diligently examining every option to reduce expenditures and create efficiencies to avoid any health care service cuts to County residents. For example, DPH and DHS are limiting overtime to only essential clinical activities and those needed to respond to public health emergencies. Both departments are also restricting the distribution of County-issued cell phones, reducing lease and facility costs, lowering employee expenses by eliminating contract staff positions, implementing a soft hiring freeze, consolidating clinic services, and limiting travel and training expenses.

In addition to eliminating expenses, DHS is innovating ways to increase revenue. Although the great majority of their patients are Medi-Cal recipients, DHS is creating a new patient accounting/revenue cycle system to maximize opportunities to bill private health insurance companies. DHS has also set aside an emergency reserve, called the DHS Enterprise Fund, to use in times of crisis. That emergency reserve funding and these efficiency efforts, however, are not enough to prevent large service cuts, layoffs and hospital closures starting next year. Seventy percent (70%) of DHS's budget comes from federal funding, and only 6% comes from local revenue. When the federal government withdraws that support, there is no ongoing backup funding. There is nothing left to cut without closing hospitals and clinics.

H.R.1 cuts extend beyond the County-operated health care facilities and also impact other non-profit hospital and clinic providers that substantially contribute to the safety net for uninsured and low-income residents. Nonprofit community health centers, for example, are a critical component of the County's health care safety net, providing medical, dental, and behavioral health care to over 2 million County residents at more than 450 full time sites Countywide. Each year, these health centers serve 1 in 5 County residents, 1 in 3 County residents enrolled in Medi-Cal, and nearly 80,000 people experiencing homelessness. These private health centers disproportionately serve Medi-Cal enrollees, people experiencing homelessness, immigrants, and patients with complex medical and behavioral health needs—populations most likely to be harmed by federal and State policy changes. The County and the nonprofit community health centers have closely partnered for over 30 years to create a system of care for the uninsured and under-

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resourced residents of our community. These public-private partnerships have improved access to care for hundreds of thousands of residents.

The Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County projects that H.R.1 will have a disastrous impact on the health centers, forcing up to 1.5 million County residents off coverage, reducing covered benefits, and increasing the administrative burden required to keep people covered. Without local funding, health centers will also need to consider widespread service reductions and clinic closures as uncompensated care rises. Underfunding community-based primary care will shift patients into emergency departments and DHS facilities, increasing County uncompensated care and system strain. Stable clinic funding keeps care in lower-cost, preventative care settings.

In order to meet the urgent health care needs of the County's residents and combat the looming potential closure of hospitals, clinics and the emergency room overcrowding crisis caused by H.R. 1, this Board must place a temporary 0.5% sales tax on the ballot at the next available election to be held June 2, 2026. This measure includes taxpayer oversight, audits and accountability measures that ensure the public will know how the funding is spent by the County. Preliminary polling shows 58% of County residents would support a temporary ½ cent sales tax increase to preserve health care services.

What is at stake should not be lost on anyone. Without this measure, the County will be forced to limit critical public health services and close hospitals and clinics in communities that depend on them, leaving neighborhoods without essential, life-saving care. Maternity wards will shut down. Children who have lost their Medi-Cal coverage will have nowhere to go when they are sick except overcrowded emergency rooms, driving up costs for everyone and leaving families with medical bills they cannot pay. Essential public safety protections that ensure mitigation of communicable diseases, clean water, and health services for the most vulnerable will be severely curtailed or eliminated, resulting in grave danger for all County residents.

This Board will continue to pursue any other options to prevent the collapse of the County's health care and social services safety net. Unfortunately, after exhausting every existing alternative, this temporary emergency measure is the only option that can be implemented quickly enough to prevent hospital closures and the loss of health care

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access for at least hundreds of thousands of residents. This proposed measure would keep the County's health care system positioned to meet the demand it currently faces and prevent the potential closure of our public hospitals.

H.R.1 has created the largest federal health care cuts in U.S. history. These cuts are going to have both an immediate and generational impact. The unfortunate truth is that the blatant disinvestment in health care by our federal government requires strengthening local investments in the County. The County is authorized to impose a general retail transactions and use (sales) tax within both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County to generate revenue dedicated to preserving and restoring health care services and other critical local services.

! WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Adopt the attached resolution ordering, calling and giving notice of a special election to implement a countywide general retail transactions and use (sales) tax measure to be placed on the June 2, 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election to be held in the County of Los Angeles on June 2, 2026.
2. Approve the general sales tax ordinance (attached as Exhibit A to the Resolution), which, subject to majority approval by the voters, would:
 - a. Impose a ½ percent (0.5 %) general sales tax until October 1, 2031;
 - b. Establish a nine-member citizens' oversight committee to provide transparency and ensure fiscal accountability as to any revenues raised by the measure by:
 - i. Reviewing the receipt and expenditures of the revenue from the sales tax, including the County's annual independent audit;
 - ii. Making recommendations to the Board on how to allocate the general fund revenue generated by the sales tax;
 - iii. Producing an annual oral or written report which shall be considered by the Board of Supervisors (Board) at a public meeting; and
 - iv. The committee's responsibilities shall not include decision-making on spending priorities, financing plans or tax rate

projections or assumptions and the committee shall have no authority to direct, nor shall it direct, County staff or officials;

- v. The Board shall give special consideration to organizational representatives most impacted by H.R.1 in making appointments to the citizens' oversight committee. Committee members must either reside or work in Los Angeles County. Citizens' oversight committee members shall serve a three-year term and are eligible to be reappointed by the Board, at its discretion.
- c. Require the Auditor-Controller to cause a report to be prepared by an independent auditor and filed with the Board no later than ~~December~~ 31st March 31st of each year until all funds are expended, stating: (i) the amount of general sales tax proceeds collected and expended in such year; and (ii) the status of any projects or description of any services or programs funded from proceeds of the general sales tax.
3. Direct the Chief Executive Office's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch to support any legislative or administrative relief necessary to immediately implement the measure upon passage, including any needed exemptions from sales tax caps.
4. Adopt a spending plan expressing the Board's intent to allocate new general fund revenues generated by the general sales tax, if approved by the voters, in the following manner, subject to the County's annual budgeting process:
 - a. Up to forty-seven percent (47%) of revenue generated shall be used by the Department of Health Services (DHS) to fund a program under which a limited network of non-profit partner providers, licensed under Section 1204(a) of the California Health and Safety Code, shall furnish no-cost or reduced cost care to low-income residents of Los Angeles County who do not have health insurance. In addition, to the extent appropriate, the network may include a limited number of partner pharmacies, specialists, or ancillary service providers for services not available through the network health centers. Services available through the

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program shall include, to the extent funding is available, outpatient medical, specialty, dental, mild-to-moderate behavioral health, diagnostic, pharmaceuticals, nutrition and medical supplies;

- b. Five percent (5%) shall be used for school-based health needs and programs as determined by the governing board of L.A. Care Health Plan;
- c. Ten percent (10%) shall be allocated to the Department of Public Health to support core public health functions and the awarding of grants to support health equity;
- d. Five percent (5%) shall be allocated to the Department of Public Social Services to support Medicaid outreach and enrollment activities as well as work and volunteer programs;
- e. Two-and-a-half percent (2.5%) shall be allocated to support Correctional Health Services;
- f. Twenty-two percent (22%) shall provide financial support to DHS to safeguard its public hospital and clinic services.
- g. Five percent (5%) shall be allocated to support non-profit safety net hospitals in Los Angeles County, as determined by meeting one of the following criteria:
 - i. A critical access hospital in Los Angeles County; or
 - ii. Non-profit hospitals that meet all of the following criteria:
 - 1. At least 40% of the local population within a 5-mile radius around the hospital is living below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL);
 - 2. The hospital's location is listed under Los Angeles County's Concentrated Disadvantage Index;
 - 3. The hospital's service area is listed in the highest two tiers of Los Angeles County's COVID-19 Vulnerability and Recovery Index;

4. The hospital's service area is listed in the highest need quartile of the California Healthy Places Index (HPI) compiled by the Public Health Alliance;
 5. The hospital's service area is listed in the highest need quartile of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Social Vulnerability Index;
 6. The hospital provides at least 75,000 emergency room visits per year to Medi-Cal and uninsured, Medi-Cal patients make up at least 70% of its total patients each year, and the hospital is not affiliated with a larger hospital or health care system;
 7. The hospital's service area is federally designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).
- h. Two-and-a-half percent (2.5%) for in-home supportive services (IHSS) for the elderly and those living with disabilities, with a priority on enhancing wages and benefits for IHSS providers;
 - i. One percent (1%) to provide financial support to the City of Pasadena Public Health Department and the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services to safeguard their public services, to be divided between the cities proportionately based on what each city spent on core public health services over the past five fiscal years;
 - j. Unless otherwise specified, all non-County hospital funds shall be distributed in a needs-based manner that is primarily based on Medicaid Emergency Department volume.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF AN ELECTION ON A
GENERAL COUNTYWIDE TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX MEASURE TO
BE HELD IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ON JUNE 2, 2026, AND
CONSOLIDATING THE SPECIAL ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY
ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 2, 2026**

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles (County) relies on federal funding to support the delivery of vital services to the public, including health care, food assistance, social services, public health programs, child welfare services, housing, public safety, and other services critical for the health and safety of the public.

WHEREAS, 3.3 million County residents (one in three) rely on Medi-Cal for healthcare coverage and almost 1.5 million County residents rely on the Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program (SNAP) (called CalFresh in California) for nutritional needs.

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2025, H.R. 1, also known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," was signed into federal law. This law imposes, among other cuts to public services, extensive reductions in federal support for Medicaid and SNAP and may cause hundreds of thousands of County residents who rely on Medi-Cal to lose coverage and face reduced access to care. It could result in overcrowding of emergency rooms when residents are unable to get any health care until they are experiencing a life-threatening crisis.

WHEREAS, the cumulative fiscal impact of federal laws and policies imposed since January 20, 2025, including H.R. 1, Executive Orders on grant oversight, and new federal terms and conditions restrictions, has led the County's most impacted departments to project revenue losses totaling \$2.4 billion over the next three years, which may result in hiring freezes, service reductions, potential layoffs of 5,000 staff, and facility closures in the coming years.

WHEREAS, federal funding cuts could affect public health services like chronic disease prevention, disease tracking, and water safety, as well as the health care provided at the County's four public hospitals, numerous clinics, partner non-profit safety net hospitals and community health centers, and these cuts will disproportionately affect low-income families and target health care and public health providers.

WHEREAS, proposed reductions at both the federal and State levels are expected to significantly affect Medicaid (Medi-Cal), which is a primary revenue source for the Department of Health Services (DHS). In just four months following H.R. 1's signing, the County lost an average of 1,000 people per day from Medi-Cal enrollment — over 120,000 people between July and November 2025. During the same four-month period, more than 27,000 children under 18 lost their Medi-Cal coverage, equating to nearly 200 children per day.

WHEREAS, from July 2025 to November 2025, since H.R. 1's signing, over 70,000 County residents were dropped from CalFresh enrollment — including almost 27,000 children under 18.

WHEREAS, this funding and coverage loss will cause a serious threat to the long-term sustainability of critical safety net services relied upon by County residents. DHS, for example, needs to absorb a projected federal revenue loss exceeding \$700 million per year.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health (DPH) is projecting a \$200-300 million loss in federal and State funds. DPH is forecasting a minimum \$42 million deficit in fiscal year 2025-26, requiring various clinic closures, service reductions, personnel reassignments, and possible terminations. This deficit will likely worsen given cuts to federal revenue.

WHEREAS, Medicaid is the single largest source of revenue for Los Angeles County's health departments, including the 23 health centers and four acute care hospitals run by the County and many non-profit safety-net facilities that provide irreplaceable life-saving services for residents of Los Angeles County.

WHEREAS, many key provisions of H.R. 1 took effect immediately, including the prohibition on new provider taxes, which effectively negates Proposition 35 that voters approved in November 2024 and that would have extended the State's managed care organization (MCO) tax and provided needed support to the Medi-Cal program while also providing dedicated funding to public hospitals which was assumed in the current State and County budgets for the current fiscal year.

WHEREAS, H.R. 1 immediately freezes supplemental Medicaid funding and prevents the Los Angeles County health departments from being able to draw down expected and needed supplemental Medicaid payments causing a significant negative impact on the County budget immediately and escalating over time.

WHEREAS, the County will be required to provide certain health care and human services funded with revenue from the County's General Fund which will directly impact the County's ability to provide other vital services to County residents, including, but not limited to, social services, supportive services for unhoused residents, and public safety.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Parts 1.6 and 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the County is authorized to impose a retail transactions and use (sales) tax in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of the County for general purposes, including health care and human services, at a rate of one-half percent (0.5%).

WHEREAS, section 2 of article XIII C of the California Constitution, sections 53721-53724 of the California Government Code, and Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code authorize the County of Los Angeles to levy,

increase, or extend a general sales tax upon two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors and a majority vote of the electorate.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to levy a general sales tax at the rate of one-half percent (0.5 %), effective as of October 1, 2026, to continue for a period of five years.

WHEREAS, pursuant to article XIII C, section 2(b) of the Constitution and California Government Code section 53724(c), an election for the approval of a temporary general sales tax must be consolidated with a regularly scheduled general election for members of the governing body of the local government.

WHEREAS, the County's regularly scheduled elections are held on the same day as the statewide primary election in each even-numbered year, and the next regularly scheduled election for members of the Board of Supervisors and the next statewide primary election will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors deems it necessary, essential, and in the public interest to submit the sales tax measure to the qualified voters within the County at an election to be held on June 2, 2026, and to consolidate such election with the other elections to be held on that date.

WHEREAS, the tax revenues from this general sales tax levy would partly offset reductions in federal support imposed by H.R. 1 and help the County to continue to provide vital services, including health care and human services to the public.

WHEREAS, voter approval of this ordinance will not affect the County's existing sales taxes, which will continue to be levied.

WHEREAS, to promote accountability and transparency, this ordinance provides for the creation of a citizens' oversight committee that will review the receipt and expenditures of the revenues from the general sales tax and provide annual reporting of the committee's review at a public meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that:

Section 1. Call of the Election and Purpose. An election shall be held and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the County on the 2nd day of June 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the voters: (1) the ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein (Ordinance) by this reference, which was approved by two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors. The Ordinance shall become effective if a majority of the qualified voters of the County of Los Angeles voting on the Ordinance measure set forth in Section 2, below, vote in favor of the measure.

Section 2. Ballot Measure. Pursuant to Elections Code section 10403, the measure shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

Essential Services Restoration Act for Los Angeles County General Sales Tax Measure	
Shall the measure to help our community address severe federal cuts enacted by the President and Congress; reduce the loss of essential services, including healthcare for County residents; reduce the risk of closing the County's four public hospitals and numerous clinics, and significant healthcare provider layoffs and other service cuts by enacting a 1/2 percent (0.5%) general sales tax for 5 years, generating approximately \$1 billion annually, with independent audits, be adopted?	Yes
	No

Section 3. Proclamation. Pursuant to section 12001 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby PROCLAIMS that an election shall be held in the County on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, to vote upon the measure.

Section 4. Election Procedure. All qualified voters residing within the County shall be permitted to vote in the election and in all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the elections shall be held as nearly as practicable in conformity with the Elections Code of the State of California. The votes cast for and against the measure shall be separately counted, and if the measure receives a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting on the measure, the general sales tax in the amount stated in the Ordinance shall be effective and ratified. Should another proposed measure with conflicting provisions appear on the same ballot, and each proposed measure receives a majority of votes, the proposed measure with the highest number of affirmative votes shall prevail, in conformity with section 9123 of the Elections Code.

Section 5. Sample Ballot. The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is instructed to print the entire proposed Ordinance in the sample ballot.

Section 6. Consolidation. The election called by this Resolution shall be consolidated with the other elections conducted by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to be held in the County of Los Angeles on June 2, 2026, and the measure shall be placed on the same ballot in the order set forth in this Resolution. The precincts, polling places, vote centers, precinct board members, election workers, and facilities shall be the same as provided for the June 2, 2026, statewide primary election.

Section 7. Authority. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to sections 10403 and 12001 of the Elections Code and section 25201 of the Government Code. The Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is ordered to file a copy of this Resolution with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at least eighty-eight (88) days prior to the day of the election. The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is authorized,

instructed, and directed to prepare any documents and take any additional actions that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

Section 8. California Environment Quality Act. Based upon all of the facts before it on this matter, the Board of Supervisors finds that the submission of the measure to the voters is not subject to, or is exempt from, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Submission of the measure is not a project as defined by California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15378(b)(4) because it relates to the creation of government funding mechanisms, which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The foregoing resolution was on the 10th day of February 2026, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.




EDWARD YEN
Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors

By:  _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By:  _____
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Senior Deputy County Counsel

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 4 – Revenue and Finance, of the Los Angeles County Code, by adding Chapter 4.70, the Essential Services Restoration Act for Los Angeles County General Retail Transactions and Use Tax, to impose a general countywide tax of one-half percent (0.5 %) on all retail sales consummated at the retailer's place of business, and on the storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property. Revenues generated from the retail transactions and use tax will be placed in the County general fund and may be used for any County services. The ordinance will become effective only after approval by a two-thirds vote of the County Board of Supervisors and a majority of the qualified voters voting in an election on the issue.

DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By 
MICHAEL S. BUENNAGEL
Senior Deputy County Counsel
Government Services Division

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Requested: 01/16/2026

Revised: 01/21/2026

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 4 – Revenue and Finance of the Los Angeles County Code, to add Chapter 4.70 – Essential Services Restoration Act for Los Angeles County General Retail Transactions and Use Tax, relating to a general county-wide retail transactions and use tax.

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WHEREAS, to promote accountability and transparency, this ordinance provides for the creation of a citizens' oversight committee that will review the receipt and expenditures of the revenues from the general sales tax and provide annual reporting of the committee's review at a public meeting.

The people of the County of Los Angeles ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 4.70 is hereby added to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 4.70 ESSENTIAL SERVICES RESTORATION ACT FOR
LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL RETAIL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX**

SECTIONS:

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| 4.70.010 | Title. |
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4.70.090	Adoption of Provisions of State Law.
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4.70.110	Permit Not Required.
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4.70.150	Citizens' Oversight Committee and Annual Audit.
4.70.160	Annual Report.
4.70.170	Severability.
4.70.180	Effective Date.
4.70.190	Execution.
4.70.200	Termination Date.
4.70.010	Title.

This Chapter shall be known as the "Essential Services Restoration Act for Los Angeles County General Retail Transactions and Use Tax" ordinance. The County of Los Angeles hereinafter shall be called "County." This ordinance shall be applicable in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of the County.

4.70.020 General Tax.

The Essential Services Restoration Act for Los Angeles County General Retail Transactions and Use Tax hereby adopted is enacted solely for general governmental purposes for the County and not for specific purposes. All of the proceeds from the tax imposed by this ordinance shall be placed in the County's general fund and used for purposes consistent with general fund expenditures of the County.

4.70.030 Operative Date.

The "Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the election on this ordinance.

4.70.040 Purpose.

This ordinance is adopted to achieve the following, among other purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish those purposes:

A. To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and section 7285 of Part 1.7 of Division 2, which authorizes the County to adopt this tax ordinance and shall be operative if a majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.

B. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, including adoption by reference of the provisions of sections 7261 and 7262 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, as now in effect or as later amended.

C. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefor that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

D. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the retail transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance.

4.70.050 Contract with State.

Prior to the Operative Date, the County shall contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this retail transactions and use tax ordinance; provided, that if the County shall not have contracted with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration prior to the Operative Date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the Operative Date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

4.70.060 Transactions Tax Rate.

For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of the County at the rate of one-half percent (0.5 %) of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the Operative Date of this ordinance.

4.70.070 Place of Sale.

For the purposes of this ordinance, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the State sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than

one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

4.70.080 Use Tax Rate.

An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use, or other consumption in the County of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the Operative Date of this ordinance for storage, use, or other consumption in said territory at the rate of one-half percent (0.5 %) of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to State sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

4.70.090 Adoption of Provisions of State Law.

Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

4.70.100 Limitations on Adoption of State Law and Collection of Use Taxes.

In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

A. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this County shall be substituted therefor. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

1. The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Board of Equalization, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;

2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this County or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this ordinance.

3. In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to, sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

a. Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use, or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or;

b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use, or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the State under the said provision of that code.

4. In sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797, or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

B. The word "County" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this State" in section 6203 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and in the definition of that phrase in section 6203.

1. "A retailer engaged in business in the County" shall also include any retailer that, in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year, has total combined

sales of tangible personal property in this State or for delivery in the State by the retailer and all persons related to the retailer that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). For purposes of this Section, a person is related to another person if both persons are related to each other pursuant to section 267(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code and the regulations thereunder.

4.70.110 Permit Not Required.

If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this ordinance.

4.70.120 Exemptions and Exclusions.

A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

B. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:

1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the County in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.

2. Sales of property to be used outside the County which is shipped to a point outside the County, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such

point. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the County shall be satisfied:

a. With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-County address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

b. With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-County and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the Operative Date of this ordinance.

4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the Operative Date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs 3 and 4 of this Section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

C. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this ordinance, the storage, use or other consumption in this County of tangible personal property:

1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.
2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the Operative Date of this ordinance.
4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the Operative Date of this ordinance.
5. For the purposes of subparagraphs 3 and 4 of this Section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.
6. Except as provided in subparagraph 7, a retailer engaged in business in the County shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the County or participates within the County in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the County or

through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the County under the authority of the retailer.

7. "A retailer engaged in business in the County" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the County.

D. Any person subject to use tax under this ordinance may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a County imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use, or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

4.70.130 Amendments.

A. All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this ordinance, provided, however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this ordinance.

B. The Board of Supervisors may repeal this ordinance or amend it in a manner which does not result in an increase in the tax imposed herein, without further voter approval.

The Board of Supervisors may likewise by ordinance adopt and add additional provisions to Chapter 4.70, or amend any existing provisions of Chapter 4.70, as they may already relate to this ordinance in any manner which does not result in an increase in the tax imposed herein, without further voter approval. If the Board of Supervisors repeals this ordinance or any provision of Chapter 4.70, it may subsequently reenact it without voter approval, as long as the re-enacted ordinance or section does not result in an increase in the tax imposed herein.

4.70.140 Enjoining Collection Forbidden.

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action, or proceeding in any court against the State or the County, or against any officer of the State or the County, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this ordinance, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

4.70.150 Citizens' Oversight Committee and Annual Audit.

A. The Board of Supervisors shall establish a citizens' oversight committee advisory to the Board of Supervisors to provide transparency and ensure fiscal accountability of the retail transactions and use tax. The committee shall review the receipt and expenditure of the revenue from the transactions and use tax, including the County's annual independent audit. This advisory committee shall make recommendations to the Board on how to allocate the County's general fund revenue generated by the retail transactions and use tax. The committee's review shall be completed in conjunction with the County's budget process. The committee shall produce an annual oral or written report on its review, which shall be considered by the Board at a public meeting. Any final written report shall be a public record. To preserve the integrity and independence of the oversight process, the committee's

responsibilities shall not include decision-making on spending priorities, financing plans or tax rate projections or assumptions and the committee shall have no authority to direct, nor shall it direct, County staff or officials.

B. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint nine (9) members to the citizens' oversight committee with special consideration given to organizational representatives most impacted by H.R. 1. Committee members must either reside in or work in Los Angeles County. Citizens' oversight committee members shall serve a three-year term and are eligible to be reappointed by the Board of Supervisors, at their discretion.

C. For so long as any proceeds of the retail transactions and use tax remain unexpended, the Auditor-Controller shall cause a report to be prepared by an independent auditor and filed with the Board of Supervisors no later than March 31 of each year, stating: (i) the amount of retail transactions and use tax proceeds collected and expended in the prior year; and (ii) the status of any projects or description of any services or programs funded from proceeds of the retail transactions and use tax.

4.70.160 Annual Report.

In order to ensure public fiscal accountability, the County shall provide a public report summarizing all expenditures of funds raised pursuant to the retail transactions and use tax on an annual basis and shall subject the funds to independent audit/oversight by the citizens' oversight committee created pursuant to this ordinance or in a manner otherwise directed by the Board of Supervisors.

4.70.170 Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

4.70.180 Effective Date.

This ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of the County's retail transactions and use tax and shall be considered as adopted upon the date the vote is declared by the Board of Supervisors, and shall go into effect 10 days after that date.

4.70.190 Execution.

The Chair of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to attest to the adoption of this ordinance by the voters of the County.

4.70.200 Termination Date.

The authority to levy the tax imposed by this ordinance shall terminate on October 1, 2031.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance, and all the provisions thereof, shall become effective only upon affirmative passage by a majority of the eligible voters of this County pursuant to article XIIC, section 2 of the California Constitution and applicable provisions of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

SECTION 3. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a government funding mechanism for general County purposes, and the County is not committing to a course of action with respect to the tax revenue and, therefore, the ordinance is not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378, subdivision (b)(4), of the CEQA Guidelines.

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing ordinance was PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the people of the County of Los Angeles voting on the 2nd day of June 2026.

Chair of the Board of Supervisors

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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

April 14, 2026

Creating Public-Facing Safety Net Dashboards to Track the Impact of H.R.1 and Other Health Policy Changes

The County of Los Angeles (County) is home to the nation’s second-largest county health care system, the Department of Health Services (DHS), and the largest county mental health department, the Department of Mental Health (DMH). The County’s Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) manages the largest Medi-Cal enrollment in the State of California, and the Department of Public Health (DPH) is one of the largest public health departments in the nation.

DHS serves approximately 500,000 patients annually, regardless of insurance, income, or immigration status through a network of state-of-the-art treatment and research facilities, including Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles General Medical Center, Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center, and the Ambulatory Care Network (ACN). The ACN operates 24 clinics across the County, including major centers such as the Martin Luther King Jr. Outpatient Center, the High Desert Regional Health Center, El Monte Comprehensive Health Center, and the San Fernando Health Center. The ACN is committed to providing world-class, compassionate health care that is safe and accessible to all patients, regardless of ability to pay.

Although DPH is not primarily responsible for providing direct healthcare services,

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it plays a crucial safety-net role in delivering immunizations and in testing and treatment related to tuberculosis and sexually transmitted infections. DPH comprises 39 programs and multiple public health centers located throughout the County, serving its ten million residents.

DPSS ~~administers~~ helps millions of low-income County families and individuals with safety net and social services. This includes Medi-Cal and additional essential safety net programs ~~to millions of County residents~~, including CalFresh, CalWORKs, General Relief, the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants, the Refugee Program, and In-Home Supportive Services.

H.R. 1 will result in significant reductions to critical health care and safety net funding across County health and social services departments, affecting thousands of current beneficiaries and destabilizing safety net hospitals. DHS anticipates a \$280 million loss in fiscal year 2025-26, and projects an annual deficit of approximately \$1.85 billion by fiscal year 2028-29, driven largely by Medicaid cuts. H.R. 1 is projected to result in approximately \$750 million per year in lost DHS revenue.

DPH projects a \$200 million to \$300 million reduction in federal and state funding. The department is forecasting a minimum \$24 million deficit this fiscal year, requiring clinic closures, personnel reassignments, and potential layoffs. Future deficits are expected to worsen as federal revenues decline.

Since the signing of H.R. 1, from July 2025 to February 2026, more than 200,000 County residents have lost full-scope Medi-Cal coverage. CalFresh has experienced similar declines, with over 100,000 individuals losing food assistance. These losses reflect the compounding effects of federal policy changes under H.R. 1, the expiration of COVID-era continuous coverage protections, and heightened fears regarding public charge rules.

In the face of threatened service reductions, lay-offs, and closures, it is critical that the public has timely and reliable access to information regarding impacts to the County's health and social services safety net. DPSS currently maintains a public-facing dashboard with monthly summary-level caseload data; however, additional data and analysis are necessary to understand the full scope of H.R. 1's impact. Early indicators point to

disproportionate enrollment losses in certain geographic areas. Enhanced transparency regarding enrollment trends, disenrollment patterns, and geographic disparities is essential to ensure the County can target interventions effectively and maintain equitable access to safety net services for vulnerable populations.

The Chief Executive Office's Chief Data Officer oversees the County's Information Hub, a cross-departmental data platform designed to advance a person-centered, 360-degree view of client services and improve care coordination and outcomes. Integrating public-facing safety net dashboards into a unified portal would provide the County with a centralized data-sharing system that is accessible and straightforward for policymakers, advocates, and County residents to navigate.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Direct the Director of the Department of Health Services (DHS), within 60 days, to add to its public-facing website, a dashboard that is updated monthly (or as it becomes available) and includes:
 - a. To the extent available, workload data from all County DHS facilities (each hospital and ambulatory care network site), including but not limited to visit volumes; wait times to be seen once patients arrive; wait times to receive specialty care appointments once requested; wait times for specialty care services once prescribed; and other quality and utilization metrics.
 - b. Visit volume broken down by specialty type.
 - c. Visit volume broken down by in-person and telephonic and/or virtual visits.
 - d. To the extent available, quality of care data, including compliance with federal and State standards, quality metrics, and patient experience scores.
2. Direct the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), within 60 days, to add to its public-facing website a dashboard that is updated monthly and includes clinic workload volumes, as well as patient cycle times and wait times, by service type and by clinic site.
3. Direct the Director of the Department of Mental Health (DMH), within 60 days, to add to its public-facing website a dashboard that is updated monthly and includes:
 - a. Workload data from DMH directly operated clinic-sites and outpatient

- programs, ~~(including Psychiatric Urgent Care Centers and Crisis Residential Treatment Programs~~ including client volumes; ~~wait times for~~ time to first intake appointment ~~initial assessments~~ and follow up appointments; and other service utilization metrics.
- b. DMH to also include a separate dashboard that includes Psychiatric Urgent Care Centers and Crisis Residential Treatment Programs, tracking the same metrics as noted above.
- ~~c. b.~~ Visit volume broken down by program, service type, and clinic-site (outpatient services, crisis services, specialty clinics), and by in-person versus telephonic and/or virtual encounters.
- ~~d. e.~~ Data regarding access to care, including the average number of days from referral to first appointment across DMH directly operated programs.
4. Direct the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), within 60 days, to add to its public-facing dashboard monthly updates that enable straightforward comparison of the following metrics across Supervisorial Districts, Service Planning Areas, office locations, and administered programs (CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, General Relief, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants, Refugee Program, and In-Home Supportive Services) to the extent the data exists and is available:
- a. Application processing times in accordance with State reporting standards.
 - b. Caseload volumes.
 - c. Enrollment and disenrollment trends, with month-by-month comparisons.
 - d. To the extent available, program reach index rates (defined as the estimated percentage of eligible residents enrolled in each program).
 - e. To the extent available, new application caseload volumes.
 - ~~f. e.~~ Application approval and denial rates, including the top three reasons for denials.
5. Direct the Directors of DHS, DPH, DMH, and DPSS to ensure that each dashboard, directed in items 1 through 4, includes historical data beginning no later than January 1, 2025, so that policymakers and the public may assess pre-

existing trends and attribute changes to specific policy events, including the implementation of H.R. 1.

6. Direct the Chief Executive Office's Chief Data Officer, in coordination with the Directors of DHS, DPH, DMH, and DPSS, to, within 90 days, report back in writing to the Board on the feasibility of integrating the dashboards described in directives 1 through 4 above into a unified, public-facing portal through the County's Information Hub, and to provide findings and a proposed implementation timeline.

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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

April 14, 2026

Strengthening Prevention and Response Efforts to Flea-Borne Typhus in Los Angeles County

Over the past 25 years, flea-borne typhus (FBT), a potentially life-threatening disease caused by *Rickettsia typhi*, has re-emerged across the United States. This trend is especially noticeable in Los Angeles County (County), where cases have steadily increased, reaching 187 cases in 2024 and rising further to 220 cases in 2025, the highest number ever recorded. As of March 20, 2026, there have been 17 cases reported for the year. Nearly 9 out of 10 individuals infected with FBT require hospitalization. Cases are especially high in the unincorporated community of Willowbrook, the Los Angeles neighborhood of Westlake, and the city of Santa Monica. Individuals experiencing homelessness face significantly higher risk factors for infection.

FBT typically begins with flu-like symptoms and is transmitted through contact with infected fleas. Infection occurs when flea feces enter the body through cuts, abrasions, or mucous membranes, such as the eyes. While most cases are mild, severe illness requiring hospitalization and, in rare cases, death, can occur. FBT is treatable with antibiotics and is not transmitted from person to person. Cases occur throughout the year but tend to peak in the late summer and fall months.

In December 2025, the County’s Department of Public Health (DPH) declared an outbreak in Willowbrook. Five cases were identified, with symptom onset between August

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and December. All individuals were hospitalized but ultimately recovered. Reported exposures included contact with free-roaming cats, opossums, and rodents, which are known to carry infected fleas. This marks the fourth documented outbreak in Willowbrook since 2017, highlighting an ongoing risk in the area.

To address these concerns, DPH plans to engage with multiple County departments, including the Departments of Public Works, Homeless Services and Housing, Animal Care and Control, and Parks and Recreation, to coordinate efforts aimed at reducing environmental risk factors. Conditions contributing to transmission include illegal dumping, overgrown vegetation, free-roaming animals (such as cats, dogs, and chickens), and the presence of homeless encampments. Additionally, DPH has conducted outreach to local hospitals to improve clinical recognition, diagnosis, and early treatment of FBT. Veterinary clinics have also been engaged to promote flea prevention practices among pet owners.

Building on these ongoing efforts across departments, there is an opportunity to strengthen coordination and better align activities to reduce environmental risk factors associated with FBT in impacted areas. Knowledge gaps remain among both residents and County departments about FBT risks and prevention strategies. The ongoing presence of FBT in Willowbrook highlights the need for sustained attention, improved coordination, and long-term solutions to reduce risk in the County. Strengthening public awareness, prevention strategies, and response efforts will support sustained, long-term efforts to reduce FBT exposure in the community.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Direct the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), in collaboration with the Directors of the Departments of Public Works (DPW), Animal Care and Control (DACC), Homeless Services and Housing (HSH), and any other affected departments, to ensure that the Los Angeles County (County) collective response to the directives below is coordinated, aligned and strategic.

2. Direct the Director of HSH, in coordination with the Directors of DPH and DPW, to identify and prioritize encampment sanitation needs in areas impacted by flea-borne typhus (FBT) outbreaks.
3. Direct the Director of DPW, in collaboration with the Directors of DPH, HSH, DACC, and, as appropriate, the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM) and other local jurisdictions, to develop and implement a coordinated approach to reduce environmental factors contributing to FBT transmission in Willowbrook and to eliminate food sources in the streets of impacted unincorporated areas that attract animals that may carry typhus-infected fleas. This includes engaging in targeted efforts to:
 - a. Keep streets and sidewalks free of trash, garbage, fecal material, pet droppings and other food sources;
 - b. Ensure a sufficient number of waste bins to prevent trash accumulation between pick-up days; and
 - c. Help control harborage conditions in impacted unincorporated County-responsible areas, including targeted efforts to:
 - i. Keep vegetation trimmed and maintained;
 - ii. Remove cast-off items; and
 - iii. Eliminate rodent burrows in planters along streets and sidewalks.
4. Direct the Director of DACC, in coordination with the Directors of DPH and DPW, to identify flea control efforts that can be enhanced in FBT-impacted unincorporated areas.
5. Direct the Director of DPH, in collaboration with the Directors of DPW, DACC, and HSH, community groups, veterinarians, and other partners, including local schools, to:
 - a. Continue to identify areas needing immediate remediation to address the outbreak and adopt other environmental strategies that provide long term, sustainable control and reduce community conditions that

increase the risk of FBT exposure in Willowbrook and other impacted unincorporated areas; and

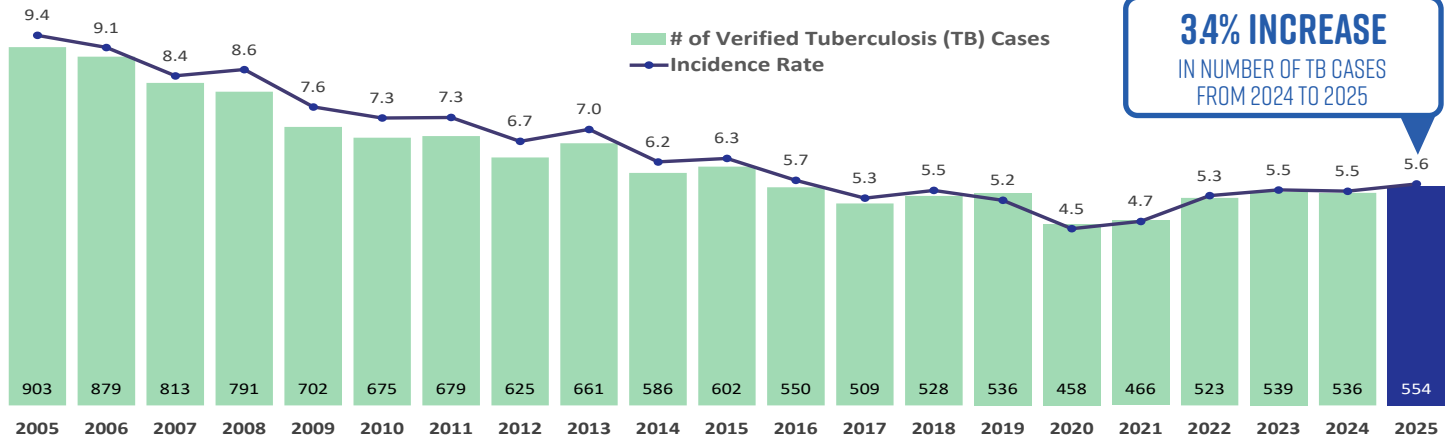
- b. Communicate with residents, business owners, cities and unincorporated areas about steps they can take to reduce environmental risks for FBT and mitigation strategies, including notifying owners to clean debris and refuse on private land.
6. Direct the Director of DPH, in collaboration with the Directors of DPW, HSH, DACC and, if appropriate, ACWM, to report back to the Board in writing in 90 days with reports from each department on their respective directives.

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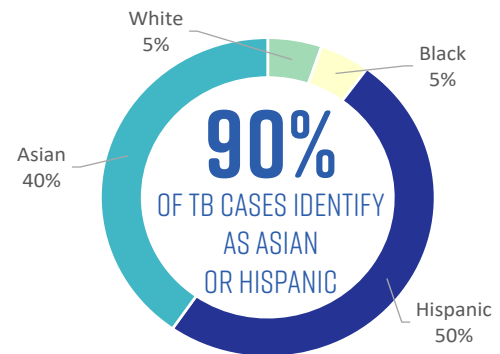
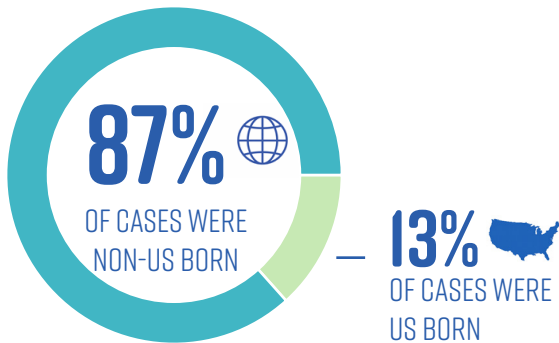
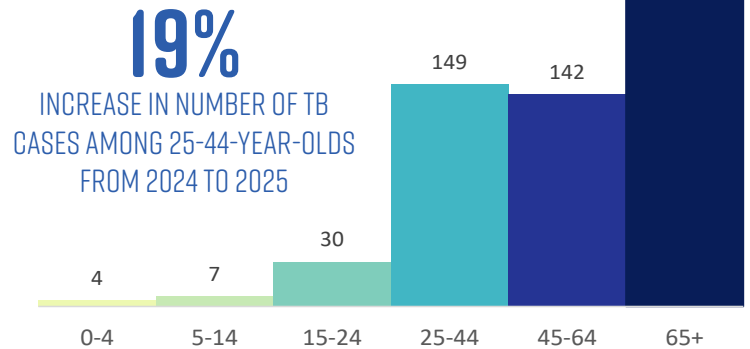
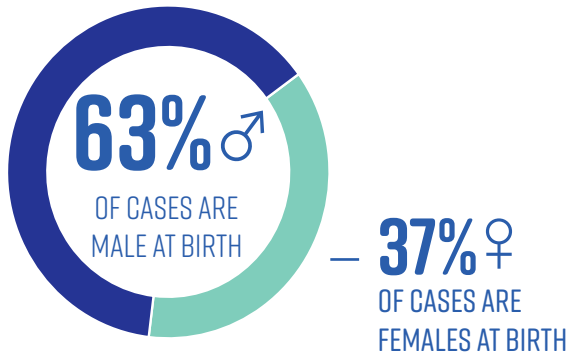
34% INCREASE
IN NUMBER OF TB CASES
FROM 2024 TO 2025

2,837 TB EVALUATIONS INITIATED (2025)

1% INCREASE IN TB EVALUATIONS VS. 2024

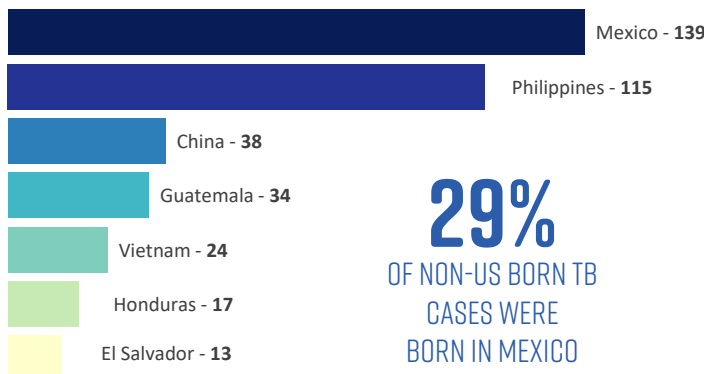
12% ESTIMATED CASES DUE TO RECENT TRANSMISSION (2023-2024)

674,425 ESTIMATED PERSONS WITH TB INFECTION (2024)



THERE WERE NO TB CASES IN 2025 AMONG THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER AND AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE RACE/ETHNICITY GROUPS.

TOP 7 COUNTRIES OF BIRTH FOR TB CASES:



29% OF NON-US BORN TB CASES WERE BORN IN MEXICO

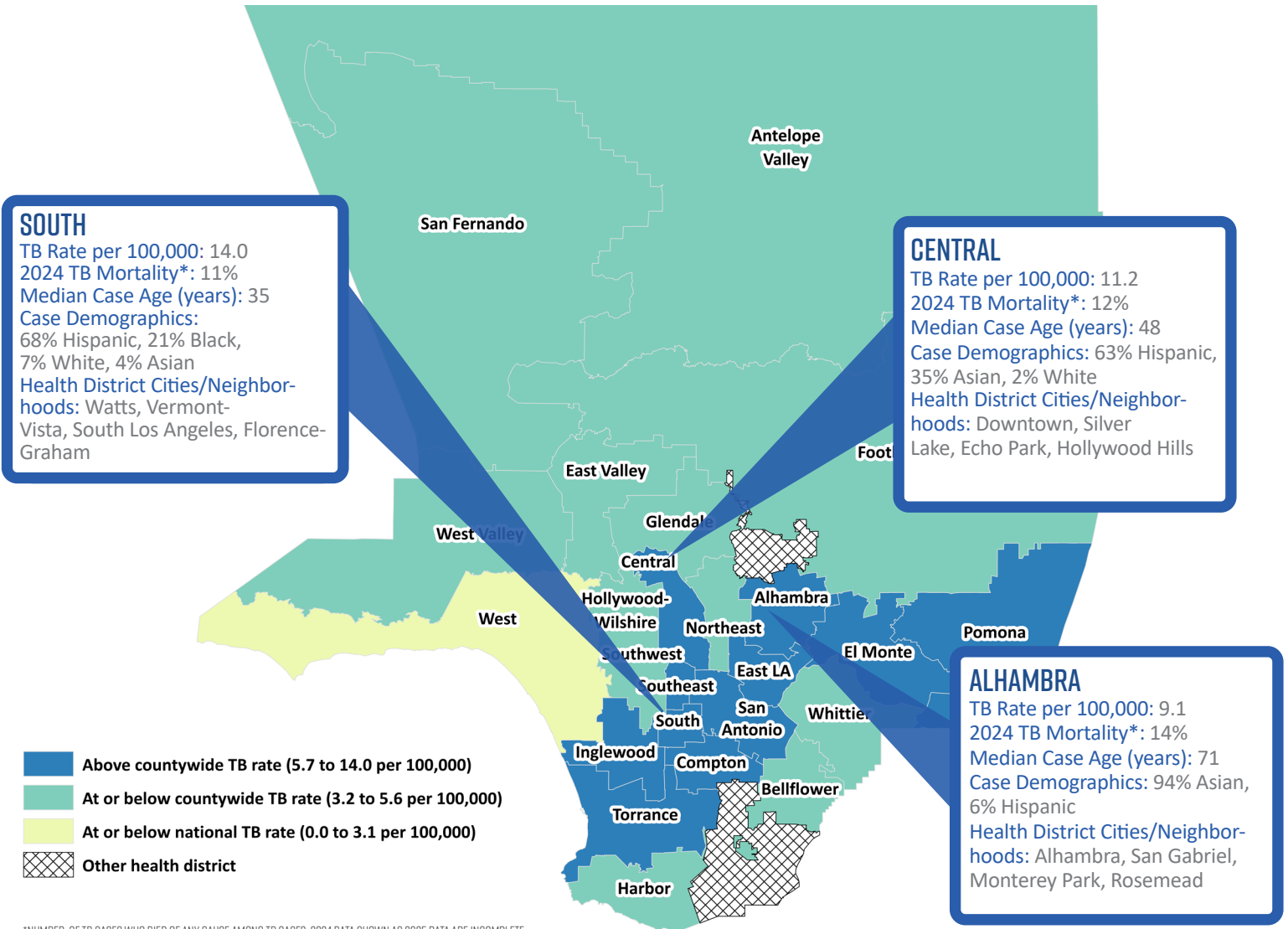
CHARACTERISTICS

- 17%** of 2024 TB cases died before completing treatment (+2.3% vs. 2023)
- 11%** of 2025 TB cases with drug susceptibility testing had first-line drug resistance* (-7.1%)
- 30%** of 2025 TB cases had diabetes (-3.6%)
- 7%** of 2025 TB experienced homelessness within 12 months before diagnosis (+0.9%)
- 6%** of 2025 TB cases were co-infected with HIV (+1.4%)

(PERCENT DIFFERENCES COMPARED TO 2024 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)
*FIRST-LINE DRUGS: ISONIAZID, RIFAMPIN, ETHAMBUTOL, PYRAZINAMIDE. RESISTANCE MAY BE UNDERESTIMATED DUE TO A PYRAZINAMIDE REAGENT SHORTAGE LIMITING PHENOTYPIC TESTING.



TB CASE RATES BY HEALTH DISTRICT 2025 (TOP 3 DISTRICTS WITH HIGHEST RATES HIGHLIGHTED)



*NUMBER OF TB CASES WHO DIED OF ANY CAUSE AMONG TB CASES. 2024 DATA SHOWN AS 2025 DATA ARE INCOMPLETE
 **PASADENA & LONG BEACH EXCLUDED AS THEY HAVE THEIR OWN HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

TB CONTROL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 2025

- » Provided 912 consultations on the diagnosis, treatment, and hospital discharges of possible confirmed TB disease.
- » Provided TB testing and treatment incentives for patients: 5,228 grocery store cards, 8,410 meal coupons, 352 gas cards/bus passes, and 4,242 nights of housing.
- » Oversaw investigations of 2,302 priority contacts associated with 492 pulmonary TB cases.
- » Conducted over 60 cluster investigations; detected and responded to 10 outbreaks in 2025.
- » Partnered with Service Planning Area 2 Community Field Services & Pacoima Beautiful to engage 23 individuals linked to a silicosis related TB outbreak among engineered stone fabrication workers in the San Fernando Valley.
- » Launched the Southern California Regional Community of Practice to End TB, expanding TB testing and treatment in LAC and engaging 88 unique organizations in the Community of Practice forum.

For more information on TB, please call 213-745-0800 or scan the QR code. →

