

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) - January 14, 2026

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

- I. **January 14, 2026 IWG Meeting Notes and December Transportation Report** – Ms. Tsai called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The meeting notes and report were accepted as presented.

- II. **Agency & Other Update Reports**

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

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

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

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

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

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

V. 3-Month Look Ahead:

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

VI. Announcements/Adjournment:

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

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