

South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) - March 11, 2026

Attendees: Erik Zandvliet, Gilbert Gamboa (Manhattan Beach); Cheryl Ebert (El Segundo); Jesse Reyes, Lauren Sablan (Redondo Beach); Caleb Cho, Helen Shi (Torrance); DJ Torado (Hawthorne); Lucho Rodriguez (Lawndale); Fadi Abboud, Joe Linn, Kimberly Venegas, Rachel Junken (Los Angeles); Kirsten Graham (Rolling Hills Estates); Russ Bryden (Rancho Palos Verdes); Marty Amundson, Elizabeth Garcia, Pat Smith (LADPW); Winnie Fong, Marta Polovin, Shrota Sharma, Andy Sywak, Erika Pinto, Ed Alegre, Mike Bohlke (Metro); Constance Turner (SCE); Michael Grossman (DR Consultants & Designers); Vigger Davidian (Iteris); Jack Zhai (DKS Associates); David Madera (Advantec); Lucy Flores (Steady Solutions); Charlene Palmer (RSE); Steven Anderson (Kimley-Horn); Jacki Bacharach, Anne Tsai, Aaron Ruiz (SBCCOG)

- I. **January 14, 2026 IWG Meeting Notes and February Transportation Report** – Mr. Zandvliet called the meeting to order at 12:03 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. The Housing Trust Board will meet for the first time on April 23.
 - General Assembly: The 2026 General Assembly will be held on March 26, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 pro 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. Projects involving Van Ness Ave and 182nd are currently in preliminary design.

A full project update report is available here: <https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/11171735/SBCCOG-TSSP-and-ITS-Feb-Draft.pdf>

 - c) L.A. Metro Updates
 - 1) ITS Program: Mr. Alegre shared that the ITS program is preparing for the 2026 World Cup as a test for the 2028 Olympic Games by analyzing data from various sources and working with the City of Inglewood. LA Metro is also progressing on the Regional Integration of ITS, with member cities from the South Bay. Ms. Sharma shared that she is the lead on the I-405 integrated management project, which has completed design. The project is currently in the pre-construction phase with a scheduled construction start date of September 2026. Ms. Sharma also shared information about the Measure Up Clearguide pilot safety module training on March 18, 2026.
 - 2) Metro Board Actions: Mr. Sywak shared that the D Line Extension is opening on May 8, 2026. This includes new stops at Wilshire/La Brea, Wilshire/Fairfax, and Wilshire/La Cienega.

 - d) Metro Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – No members were present.

- e) Streets and Freeways Subcommittee – Mr. Zandvliet shared that the subcommittee did not meet this past month.
- f) Opportunities to Serve - Mr. Zandvliet 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.
- g) Caltrans South Bay Projects Update:
No representative was present. Mr. Zandvliet shared that Caltrans is breaking ground on their PCH North CapM project later this month.

III. **Metro Complete Streets Training:**

Ms. Fong presented an overview of the Metro Complete Streets Policy and shared training and resources available to public agencies. Ms. Bacharach requested that Metro include all forms of micromobility in Complete Streets policy. Metro staff also conducted an interactive menti poll during the meeting to allow agency staff to share local challenges and workshop topics of interest.

The full presentation is available here: <https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/11171816/Complete-Streets-Presentation-South-Bay-COG-Inf.-Working-Group-20260311.pdf>

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

The Measure R South Bay Highway Program was approved by the SBCCOG Board in February.

The Measure M Reviewing Subcommittee is currently reviewing Measure M project requests for 8 existing and 11 new projects for a total of \$158 million.

- V. **3-Month Look Ahead:** The Infrastructure Working Group will make a recommendation for the Measure R Transit and Measure M program updates to the Transportation Committee in April.

VI. **Announcements/Adjournment:**

Mr. Zandvliet adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m. Next meeting April 8th 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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