

South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) - April 8, 2026

Attendees: Erik Zandvliet, Gilbert Gamboa (Manhattan Beach); Jun De Castro (Gardena); Andy Winje (Redondo Beach); Caleb Cho, Helen Shi (Torrance); DJ Torado, Selena Acuna (Hawthorne); Aksel Palacios, Kimberly Venegas, Rachel Junken (Los Angeles); Marty Amundson, Elizabeth Garcia, Pat Smith, Matt Suska (LADPW); Minji Kwon, Mike Bohlke (Metro); Constance Turner (SCE); Michael Grossman (DR Consultants & Designers); Wayne Richardson (HDR Inc); Alex Zhu (DKS Associates); Pamela Manning (Transtech); Aaron Edwards (Nextech Systems); Jacki Bacharach, David Leger, Anne Tsai, Jake Romoff, Aaron Ruiz (SBCCOG)

- I. **March 11, 2026 IWG Meeting Notes and March Transportation Report** – Mr. Zandvliet called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. Mr. Zandvliet highlighted that the first sentence of IV is relating to Measure M MSP Projects regarding the Reviewing Subcommittee. The meeting notes and report were accepted as amended.

- II. **Agency & Other Update Reports**
 - a) SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach reported the following updates -
 - General Assembly: The 2026 General Assembly was held on March 26, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the westdrift Hotel in Manhattan Beach with over 375 attendees. An exhibit hall also featured SBCCOG’s sponsors and cities.
 - Housing Trust: The SBCCOG has proceeded 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 30, 2026. The Housing Trust is funded through Measure A and SBCCOG will receive \$13 million annually, with \$7 million going towards production, preservation, and ownership (PPO) to be administered by the Trust. SBCCOG also intends to pursue other funding sources for housing, such as federal and state grants. The Housing Trust will work with developers on filling the gap in affordable housing and can also fund the low-income component of developments. The Trust cannot do any projects that the jurisdiction that they are in doesn’t support.
 - Equitable Building Decarbonization Program: The Energy Efficiency team is working with cities to directly replace and install appliances in low-income areas.
 - City Orientation Meeting: SBCCOG will host a City Orientation Meeting on May 21, 2026 at 3 p.m. to allow city staff to familiarize themselves with SBCCOG and network with other staff members.

 - b) L.A. County Public Works – South Bay Traffic Forum Update:
Mr. Smith shared that project updates are few. A project involving the Van Ness Ave and 182nd intersection is currently in the design phase. Mr. Amundson also updated the group that final designs for the I-105/405 ICM project are expected soon.

 - c) L.A. Metro Updates
 - 1) ITS Program: No members were present to provide updates.
 - 2) Metro Board Actions: Mr. Leger highlighted that in the March meeting, the Metro Board approved the locally preferred alternative (LPA) for the K Line north extension. The Metro Board will be dark in June and Measure R approvals are expected in July.

 - d) Metro Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – Due to a recent hacking issue at Metro, the Technical Advisory Committee did not meet in April. Mr. Leger reported the TAC has also been considering meeting bimonthly. The TAC will also operate under SB 707 which allows for remote flexibility.

- e) Streets and Freeways Subcommittee – No updates were provided.
- 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:
Ms. Tsai explained that there are no major updates, but it has been requested that the group provide regular updates on the PCH Capital Preventive Maintenance (CAPM) project. Construction groundbreaking for the project will occur in the City of LA on May 27, 2026. Mr. Zandvliet suggested that a Caltrans representative attend the IWG meetings bimonthly to provide direct updates.

III. FY26-27 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs Funding Recommendation:

Ms. Tsai presented an overview of the Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs annual funding recommendations. The SBCCOG received funding augmentation requests for 8 existing projects and 11 new projects, in addition to 2 reprogramming requests with no additional funding. In total, \$158 million was requested in additional Measure MSP funding. The Measure M Reviewing Subcommittee is recommending \$82.26 million in additional funding for existing projects and \$26.52 million in new project funding for a total of \$108.78 million. Due to several projects with a broadband nexus, opportunities were identified for integration with the South Bay Fiber Network (SBFN). The Reviewing Subcommittee is recommending that all Measure M and R broadband projects that plan to install fiber communication conduit be required to allocate fiber capacity for SBFN communication with access rights, and that all future projects that plan to open up the right-of-way for fiber optic communications be required to install additional conduit for the SBFN with access rights.

Mr. Leger clarified that until this year, SBCCOG has been able to view the 5-year window as a lump sum because there has always been enough funding for all projects each fiscal year. Measure M has a strict annual programming amount that is allowed to be spent. After the 2026-2027 fiscal year, \$1.8 million will remain. Mr. Leger also noted that if a project is delayed, the reprogramming of funds is necessary for SBCCOG to have an accurate calculation of funding.

A question was raised regarding the possibility of appealing a project that was not approved for this fiscal year. Mr. Zandvliet answered that the Reviewing Subcommittee did not open an option for any project to get reviewed again if it was not approved, unless there was an error with the criteria or documentation.

MOTION by Mr. Winje to recommend to the Transportation Committee approval of the 26/27 FY Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs Funding Update with the additional condition of allocating fiber capacity for SBFN communication with access rights and discussing policy for revenue-generating projects, SECONDED by Member Palacios and APPROVED.

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 and is currently under review at Metro.

- V. **3-Month Look Ahead:** IWG deferred the possibility of going dark in an upcoming month to the following meeting.

VI. Announcements/Adjournment:

Mr. Zandvliet adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m. Next meeting May 13th 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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