

South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) - May 13, 2026

Attendees: Erik Zandvliet (Chair), Gilbert Gamboa (Manhattan Beach); Ryan Liu, Lauren Sablan (Redondo Beach); Caleb Cho, Helen Shi (Torrance); DJ Torado (Hawthorne); Rachel Junken (Los Angeles); Marty Amundson, Elizabeth Garcia, Pat Smith, Matt Suska (LADPW); Minji Kwon (Metro); Huy Ngo (Caltrans); Kirsten Graham (Rolling Hills Estates); Oscar Antillon (Palo Verdes Estates); Russ Bryden (Rancho Palos Verdes); Michael Grossman (DR Consultants & Designers); Alex Zhu, Brian Chandler (DKS Associates); Pamela Manning (Transtech); Alex Apodaca, Janna McKhann (Nextech Systems); Rachel Van Diepen (Ghirardelli Associates); Vigen Davidian (Iteris Inc); Sabrina Forsell (G3 Quality); Jacki Bacharach, David Leger, Aaron Ruiz (SBCCOG)

- I. **April 8, 2026 IWG Meeting Notes and April Transportation Report** – Mr. Zandvliet called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. The meeting notes and report were accepted.

- II. **Agency & Other Update Reports**
 - a) SBCCOG: Ms. Bacharach reported the following updates -
 - Housing Trust: The SBCCOG is planning its second meeting on May 21, where the group is expected to approve funding for 93 affordable units in Hawthorne.
 - Equitable Building Decarbonization Program: The Energy Efficiency team is working with cities to directly replace and install appliances in low-income areas.
 - Safe Streets For All (SS4A): The SBCCOG is moving forward with an SS4A grant agreement after an estimated two-year delay.
 - Biodiversity Grant: The SBCCOG applied for a biodiversity grant through the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, which would provide funding for 3 biodiversity demonstration grants in 3 different cities.

 - b) L.A. County Public Works – South Bay Traffic Forum Update:
Mr. Smith shared that 3 projects are currently entering the construction phase, which include the El Segundo TSSP, Normandie TSSP, and Rosecrans East TSSP. Projects in the design phase include a project involving the Imperial Highway and Rosecrans West, in the Arterial System Detection ITS project. Mr. Zandvliet asked for an update on Manhattan Beach Blvd, and Mr. Smith explained that he is awaiting a CSR from Manhattan Beach.

 - c) L.A. Metro Updates
 - 1) ITS Program: No members were present to provide updates.
 - 2) Metro Board Actions: Mr. Leger highlighted that the Metro Board will be dark in June and August. Measure R funding recommendations are expected to be approved in June.

 - d) Metro Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – Mr. Leger shared that CTC updates for the FY27 initial eligibility list were provided. The Local Streets and Roads program is due to the CTC by July 1. Applications for the Transit Intercity Rail Program are due May 18. The SBCCOG is still looking for a TAC delegate, and under SB 707, a remote option to attend the meeting is available.

 - e) Streets and Freeways Subcommittee – No updates were provided.

 - f) Opportunities to Serve - Mr. Zandvliet announced that there is an opening on TAC for a delegate and an opening on the Streets and Freeways Subcommittee for an alternate to represent the SBCCOG.

- g) Caltrans South Bay Projects Update: Mr. Ngo reported that beginning May 27, Caltrans will begin construction on the PCH CAPM project that includes ADA curb ramps, 30 bus paths, and bike lanes. Caltrans aims to pause work during the World Cup and complete construction before the Olympics.

III. **Metro Measure R MyGrants Portal:**

Ms. Kwon shared a presentation providing a tutorial on how to use MyGrants Portal for Measure R and Measure M projects. This portal is used to manage projects, receive notifications, and submit invoices for subregional projects and provides a streamlined system to ensure agencies have their invoices reviewed and paid on time. Starting this quarter (Q3 of FY2026), Measure R projects will be required to submit QPERs through the MyGrants Portal instead of by email.

IV. **Measure R & M Policy Discussion**

Mr. Leger shared that the Transportation Committee in April directed the IWG to develop policies to govern the Measure R & M subregional programs in terms of integration with the South Bay Fiber Network (SBFN), revenue generation and cost sharing. In addition, the Transportation Committee is interested in developing limitations on additional funding for cost overruns. Current program policies allow projects to request additional funds for cost increases. Mr. Leger stated that the goal is to finalize new policies by September before kicking off the FY27-28 funding cycle. The following ideas for cost overrun policies were suggested:

- Require new project applications to provide more detailed cost information.
- Incorporate a cost factor or inflation factor to ensure that costs are still relevant upon execution of funding agreement and actual project start date.
- Bind lead agencies to a maximum project cost at initial application submission.
- Implement cost penalties for agencies that deviate from programming schedule.

For SBFN integration and revenue generation, SBCCOG staff decided to discuss with Mr. Zandvliet separately to brainstorm policy conditions.

Ms. Bacharach suggested that the SBCCOG develop a survey for IWG members to provide input on draft policies. Mr. Leger asked the group to provide examples and suggestions from other analogous grant programs.

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

VI. **Announcements/Adjournment:**

Mr. Zandvliet announced that Manhattan Beach is launching a Circuit Microtransit Pilot Program that will cost \$5 and \$2.50 for seniors. This program is funded by Prop A.

Mr. Zandvliet adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m. Next meeting June 10th 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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