LAS VIRGENES – MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMAL CITY MANAGERS DISCUSSION

Wednesday, July 20, 2022, 8:30 A.M.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order: Steve McClary, Chair

2. Executive Director's Report – Attachment

3. Water/Drought – David Pedersen, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, will provide a brief update

4. Broadband – Discussion Item

5. General Discussion of Potential COG Projects

6. General Comments

7. Future Agenda Items

8. Adjournment

Please contact Terry Dipple terry@lvmcog.org or 818-968-9088 if have any questions.

Agenda Report

DATE: July 20, 2022

TO: City Managers

FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to update the city managers on the status of COG projects and other items of interest.

Grant to Update the COG's Hazard Mitigation Plan –The COG's grant application to Cal OES to update the COG's Hazard Mitigation Plan was submitted on April 8, 2022. The Request for Information (RFI) was received from Cal OES, last month. I have been working with Cal OES staff and their consultant to provide additional information necessary before Cal OES can forward the application to FEMA. It has been a very frustrating process to provide the additional detailed information.

COG Homeless Working Group – The COG's Homeless Working Group held a follow-up meeting on June 27, 2022 to discuss issues related to homelessness. The meeting notes were sent to the Governing Board and city managers this week. The Homeless Working Group is waiting to receive the County contract and Statement of Work before the next meeting, in August.

COG Liability Insurance – I received the renewal application from the insurance broker and will be completing and returning it, this month. The coverage expires/renews in September. It covers the Governing Board, city managers, and executive director. Maureen Micheline and Gabriel Graham are also covered by this policy.

COG Highway Working Group – I am continuing to meet individually with all of the COG cities to discuss the next phase of Measure M funding and the additional $12 million in Measure R funds that Supervisor Kuehl committed to allocating to the COG cities in 2022. The project list for the COG's 9th Year of Measure M funding will be presented to the TAC and Governing Board in September 2022. Once approved by the COG, it will go to the Metro Board for approval in January 2023.

COG Executive Directors Monthly Check-In with Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins – Regular monthly meeting with LA County COG executive directors and the CEO are proving to be very productive.

Metro Project Updates – I continue to meet regularly with Metro Highway and Active Transportation staff to discuss the status of COG projects.

COG's Homeless Outreach Coordinator – Gabriel continues to provide weekly updates on his assistance to people experiencing homelessness in the region.

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DATE: July 20,2022

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FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director

SUBJECT: South Bay Cities COG Broadband Project

OVERVIEW

Recently, Rob de Geus, Philippe Eskandar and I held a meeting with Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director and Aaron Baum, from South Bay Cities COG to discuss their South Bay Fiber Network project.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and provide direction.

BACKGROUND

In 2016, with the use of $6.9 million in Metro Measure M funds, the SBCCOG studied, and subsequently constructed, a Gigabyte municipal fiber optic network to serve the internet and broadband needs of the SBCCOG city members and other participating public agencies. For city governments, the SBFN provides high-speed, secure, and resilient broadband – a critical technology tool that has led to faster more affordable internet for the day-to-day operations at city hall but also to "smart cities" applications that will unlock economic development and innovations for the South Bay Cities. These innovations may include: enhanced transportation applications to improve traffic flow; community broadband at parks; online permitting; and the real-time monitoring of city infrastructure in the right of way. The SBFN is the 21st Century infrastructure that will support these opportunities. Network service began in August 2020 and continues to grow. Use of the funding for IT infrastructure was a creative application of these public funds, which are typically targeted for road improvements.

A two-year study by Magellan Advisors identified the challenges local governments face by spending "too much for too little IT service." SBFN enables local municipalities and other public agencies to access a secure, high-speed, 1 gigabyte (GB) network at a rate of $1,000 per month, roughly half the cost of what commercial rates might be for similar service in the South Bay.

The new network is also scalable to accommodate future geographic expansion and data growth and provides a platform for the following examples of "smart city" applications:

- Work-from-Home Governments – High speed internet will support cities' accelerated transition to telework through COVID-19 and beyond, and the evolution to "smart city halls" that can provide virtual municipal services and interactive distance learning to residents, with outcomes of reduced traffic and greenhouse gas emissions through "trips not taken." Enhanced online services will be available to their residents, such as permitting and processing applications.

- Improved Traffic Management – Real-time traffic information from LA County's Information Exchange Network (IEN) will be available for each participating agency. In partnership with Metro's Regional Integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems (RIITS), South Bay cities will be able to combine and share transportation data as a resource for congestion management, improved transit services, and support of transportation demand management (TDM) programs.

- Future Autonomous Vehicle (AV) Support – High speed and resilient broadband capacity will be necessary for vehicle-to-network and vehicle-to-vehicle communications for a safe and reliable AV transportation system.

- Telehealth and Telemedicine Opportunities – Applications include remote diagnostics, video appointments, transmission of large files, such as MRIs, scans, etc., initially to be utilized by Beach Cities Health District and Lundquist Institute for Biomedical Innovation, with possible future expansion to other health care providers.

Additional benefits of low-cost broadband to participating agencies include the following:

- Greater resiliency for IT services, useful for emergency preparedness and data back-up

- Efficient use of cloud-based software applications for day-to-day business

- Necessary IT capacity for future video and audio-based municipal software applications

- Sharing of municipal software platforms with other public agencies, including:

  o Online permitting or applications with Los Angeles County

  o Sub-regional geographic information system geographic information system (GIS) mapping tools with other cities and SBCCOG

- The opportunity for cities to install municipal Wi-Fi in public spaces, parks and buildings

- Future expansion of broadband infrastructure for commercial and residential use