

## WESTSIDE CITIES

- BEVERLY HILLS
- CULVER CITY
- LOS ANGELES
- SANTA MONICA
- WEST HOLLYWOOD
- COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**Date:** March 19, 2009

**TO:** Westside Cities Council of Governments

**FROM:** Gordon R. Anderson, Interim Executive Director

**SUBJECT: WESTSIDE CITIES COG JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES**

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Governing Board review the alternative jurisdictional boundaries for the COG and direct staff on final boundaries.

### Executive Summary

The COG Liaison/Technical committee is recommending alternative jurisdiction boundaries for the COG Governing Board to consider because there remain questions on the Easterly and Southerly proposed boundaries, primarily should LAX be included in the COG boundaries or not.

Simply stated, the proposed WSCCOG boundaries are Mulholland Dr on the North, Laurel Canyon Blvd to the City of West Hollywood city limits, Highland Ave to Wilshire Blvd and **either** La Brea Ave or La Cienega Blvd on the East, **either** Manchester Ave or Imperial Hwy on the South and the Pacific Ocean on the West.

### Discussion

The COG Liaison/Technical committee used current maps developed by SCAG and Metro to discuss the boundaries. Neither map responded totally to the COG needs. The proposed WSCCOG boundary discussion that follows incorporates the guidance provided by the COG Board in January. The proposed WSCCOG boundaries:

- The **Northerly boundary** would be from the West generally along the northerly boundary of Topanga State Park and continuing east along Mulholland Drive to Laurel Canyon Boulevard;
- The **Easterly boundary** would be for the North beginning at Mulholland Drive, South along Laurel Canyon Boulevard to Hollywood Boulevard, East to Fairfax Avenue, South to the northern city limits of the City of West Hollywood, East to Highland Avenue, continuing South to Wilshire Boulevard, then West to **either La Brea Avenue or Fairfax Avenue**,

- **If West to La Brea Avenue**, then South to Centinela Avenue, West to La Cienega Boulevard, then continuing South to Manchester Avenue **(if LAX is to be included, the Easterly boundary would continue South along La Cienega Boulevard to Imperial Highway)**;
- **If West to Fairfax Avenue**, then South to La Cienega Boulevard and continuing along La Cienega Boulevard South to Manchester Avenue **(if LAX is to be included, the Easterly boundary would continue South along La Cienega Boulevard to Imperial Highway)**;
- The **Southerly boundary** would be from the East **either at Manchester Avenue or Imperial Highway** West to the Pacific Ocean; and
- The **Westerly boundary** would be from **either Manchester Avenue or Imperial Highway** at the Pacific Ocean North along the ocean generally to the westerly boundary of Santa Ynez Canyon Park, then North to the westerly boundary of Topanga State Park.

### **Background**

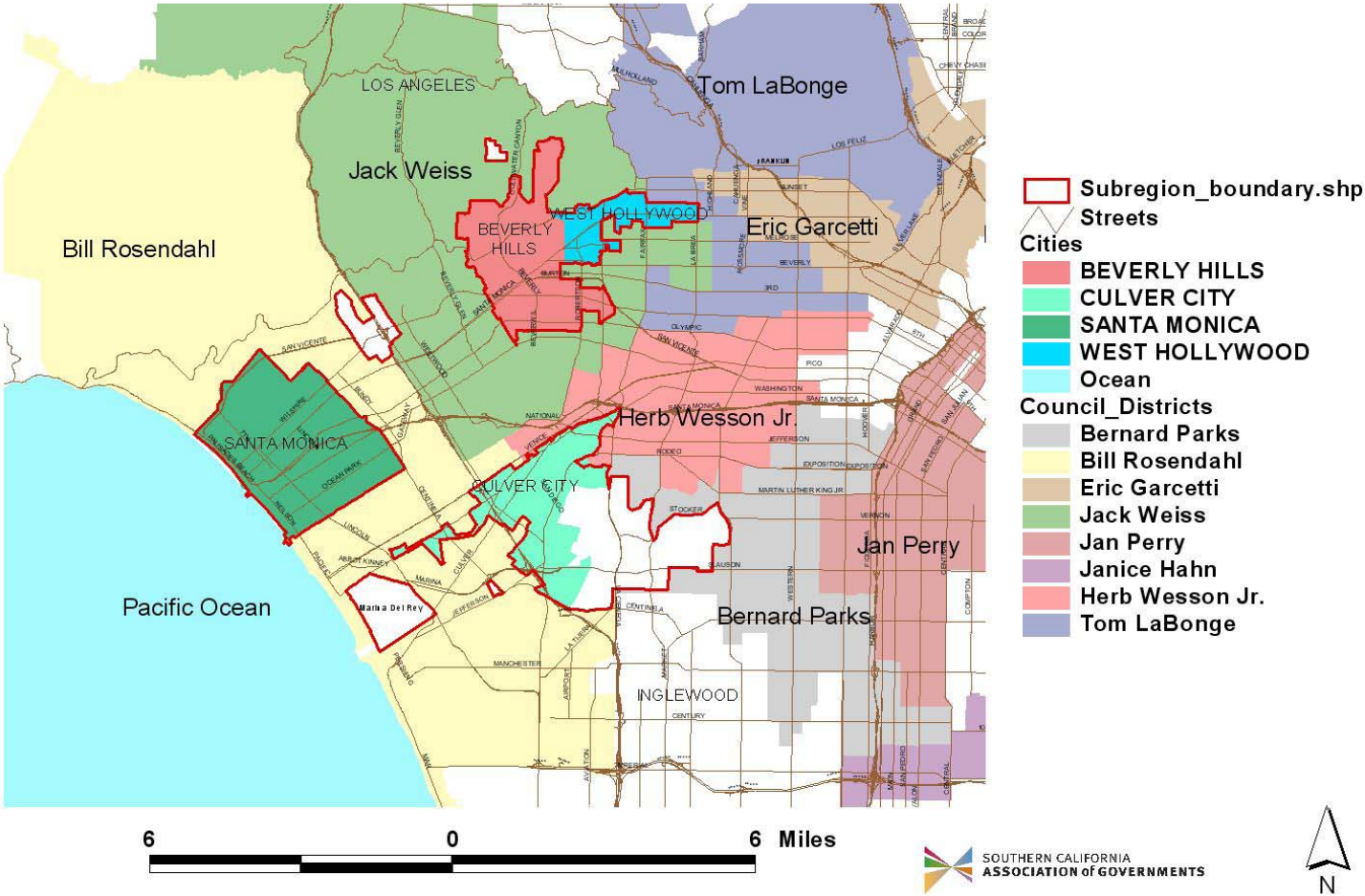
Discussion of the COG boundaries began several months ago. At the November 2008 Board meeting, the COG Subcommittees were requested to discuss the boundaries at their meetings in December and following input from staff to be brought back to the Board for consideration. The COG Committees and COG Governing Board in January concurred on the following nine (9) thoughts that staff used in developing alternatives for Board to consider:

1. Avoid boundaries that will change, use major streets,
2. Consider including the 6 Westside planning areas included in the Workforce Housing Study,
3. Use census maps,
4. Determine how much stakeholder interest the COG wants the (new) Supervisor Ridley-Thomas to take,
5. Consider where our clout is coming from,
6. What involvement do we want in the development of the Lincoln Corridor and future development at LAX and Playa Vista,
7. Buy-in and comfort level by the City and County of Los Angeles representatives to the COG is crucial,
8. Consider Mulholland as the northerly boundary as it is the top of the watershed and an area of potential future development, and
9. Include Westwood.

Attachment A: SCAG – Westside Cities Subregional Map

Attachment B: Metro – Preliminary Regional Transportation Network Map

# Westside Cities Subregion



### Metro - Preliminary Regional Transportation Network Westside Cities

