



REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**Thursday, August 11, 2022
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM**

Location for In-Person Participation:
Beverly Hills City Hall, 2nd Floor Municipal Gallery
455 N. Rexford Dr. Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Remote Participation via Zoom Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112998714>

Livestream on YouTube:
http://bit.ly/wscocg_livestream

MEETING INFORMATION AND ACCOMMODATION

To combat the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), the member cities of the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG), and the WSCCOG, have held teleconferenced publicly accessible meetings. AB 361 has authorized public meetings to continue to take place via teleconference because State and Local officials are recommending measures to promote social distancing.

The WSCCOG Regular Board meeting on **August 11, 2022** will be held in-person with remote participation using Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube. WSCCOG Board voting members may participate and vote on action items on the agenda in-person or via remote participation using Zoom.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY PROVIDING E-COMMENT

Members of the Public who wish to comment on matters before the Board remotely are strongly encouraged to submit an email with their written comments limited to 1,000 characters to Riley O'Brien at riley@estolanoadvisors.com by no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. *Note: E-Comments received after 12:00 p.m. will be forwarded to the Board and posted on the WSCCOG's website at www.westsidocities.org/meeting as part of the official meeting record. The email address will remain open during the meeting for providing public comment during the meeting. Emails received during the meeting will be read out loud at the appropriate time during the meeting provided they are received before the Board takes action on an item (or can be read during general public comment). For any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Winnie Fong at winnie@estolanoadvisors.com or (323) 306-9856.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS (5 min)

3. ACTION ITEMS (45 min)

A. [Authorization to Conduct Teleconferencing Meetings under the AB 361](#)

Recommended Action: (1) Make findings that a statewide state of emergency continues to exist, and local and state health officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in order to conduct this meeting via teleconference; and (2) Discuss findings under AB 361 and approve conducting the WSCCOG meetings via teleconferencing for the August 11, 2022 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting.

B. [WSCCOG June 9, 2022 Board Meeting Notes](#)

Recommended Action: Approve the draft meeting notes for the WSCCOG Board meeting held on June 9, 2022.

C. [Regional Housing Needs Assessment \(RHNA\) Reform](#)

Presentation: Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG Housing Program Manager

Recommended Action: Discuss the RHNA reform with potential action to submit comments to SCAG.

D. [Metro Crenshaw Northern Extension Project](#)

Presentation: Roger Martin, Metro Senior Manager of Transportation Planning

Proposed Action: (1) Discuss and support for the San-Vicente Fairfax hybrid alignment for the future Crenshaw Northern Extension Project; and (2) Authorize the WSCCOG staff to work with the WSCCOG Transportation Working Group to draft a letter to Metro in support of the alignment.

E. [WSCCOG Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Review](#)

Recommended Action: Certify that the WSCCOG Conflict of Interest Code is up to date and confirm that no amendments are necessary for the 2022 biennial review.

4. [EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT](#) (10 min)

5. LEGISLATION (5 min)

- A. [League of California Cities Update](#) – Jeff Kiernan, LA County Regional Public Affairs Manager

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 min)

7. FUTURE MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Special Board Meeting – Behavioral Crisis and Mental Health (Rescheduled)
i. TBD in September 2022

B. Regular Board Meeting

- i. Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. (Location TBD)

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS (5 min)

9. ADJOURN

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Instructions for Public Comments

You may submit public comments in three (3) ways:

1. **Provide public comments in-person:** Members of the Public may comment on matters on the agenda to the WSCCOG Board in person during the meeting, which will be held at:

Beverly Hills City Hall
2nd Floor Municipal Gallery
455 N. Rexford Dr.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

2. **To listen and provide verbal comments via remote participation on Zoom:** To participate remotely on Zoom, use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112998714>. To make a comment during the meeting on Zoom, use the “raise hand” function located in the participants’ window and wait for the WSCCOG staff to announce your name.
3. **Submit written comments via email to:** Members of the Public who wish to comment on matters before the Board remotely are strongly encouraged to submit an email with their written comments limited to 1,000 characters to Riley O’Brien at riley@estolanoadvisors.com by no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. All written comments received after 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

Instructions for WSCCOG Board Members and Member City Staff in the Meeting

To participate in the meeting virtually as a WSCCOG Board member, Mayor, Councilmember, or staff member of the WSCCOG member cities, please contact Winnie Fong, WSCCOG Project Director at winnie@estolanoadvisors.com before the meeting and provide your name and email address. A Zoom email will be sent to you including a unique link to enter the meeting as a panelist participant.

To make a comment during the meeting, use the “raise hand” function located in the participants’ window and wait for the WSCCOG staff to announce your name.



DATE: August 8, 2022

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff and Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: Authorization to Conduct Teleconferencing Meetings under the AB 361

Recommended Action

1. Make findings that a statewide state of emergency continues to exist, and local and state health officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in order to conduct this meeting via teleconference.
2. Discuss findings under AB 361 and approve conducting the WSCCOG meetings via teleconferencing for the August 11, 2022 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting.

Background

Governor Newsom signed into law AB 361, which went into effect on October 1, 2021 (replacing earlier Executive Orders governing teleconferencing during the COVID-19 state of emergency). This legislation authorizes a local agency to continue the use of teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body (such as the WSCCOG Board) holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency. The bill allowed the WSCCOG Board to conduct a teleconference meeting when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing during a proclaimed statewide state of emergency. There are other findings that can be made that are not relevant here. This report confirms the requirements for continued virtual teleconference meetings for all Brown Act meetings that will remain virtual for this meeting.

The WSCCOG has six member agencies, all of whom are still navigating local states of emergency and determining whether to meet in person, virtually, or both. Staff members in various cities may be working remotely and there is not one uniform standard for safely and comfortably conducting in-person meetings at this time. Accordingly, under AB 361, the WSCCOG may continue to rely on teleconferencing to provide safe meeting environment for officials, staff, and community members by making the required findings. State and local health officials still recommend measures for social distancing, especially during the period when the Delta and Omicron Variant (or other variants) are spreading.

DRAFT MEETING NOTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022
12:00 NOON

Plummer Park
7377 Santa Monica Blvd
West Hollywood, CA 90046

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Beverly Hills:** Councilmember Robert Wunderlich (WSCCOG Vice Chair). Staff: Gabriella Yap, Cindy Owens.
- Culver City:** Councilmember Alex Fisch (WSCCOG Secretary), Councilmember Göran Eriksson. Staff: Shelly Wolfberg, Diana Chang, Troy Evangelho.
- Santa Monica:** Mayor Sue Himmelrich, Councilmember Phil Brock. Staff: Stephanie Venegas, Jason Kligier.
- West Hollywood:** Mayor Lauren Meister (WSCCOG Chair), Councilmember Lindsey Horvath. Staff: Hernan Molina.
- County of LA:** Supervisorial District 3: Fernando Morales.
- WSCCOG:** Staff: Winnie Fong, Riley O'Brien. Legal Counsel: Lauren Langer.
- Other:** Jeff Kiernan (League of California Cities); Chelsea Richer (Fehr & Peers); Katherine Buck (ARUP)

1. WSCCOG REGULAR BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lauren Meister (WSCCOG Chair) chaired the meeting on behalf of Mayor Pro Tempore Sepi Shyne as the alternate member. Mayor Meister called meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

Voting members: Mayor Lauren Meister (WSCCOG Chair); Councilmember Robert Wunderlich (WSCCOG Vice Chair), Councilmember Alex Fisch (WSCCOG Secretary), Mayor Sue Himmelrich, and Fernando Morales.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of April 14, 2022 Meeting Notes

Winnie Fong (WSCCOG) mentioned that the meeting notes should be amended to indicate that Councilmember Göran Eriksson was present at the April 14th meeting.

Councilmember Alex Fisch (WSCCOG Secretary) moved to approve the meeting notes, and Mayor Sue Himmelrich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Plan (MSP) Annual Update

Chelsea Richer (Fehr and Peers) presented on the annual update of the MSP project list, which was initiated in early January 2022 with the guidance and support of the Transportation Working Group. The presentation included an overview of the 2021 adopted MSP list, funding allocation methodology, and the proposed updates. Kevin Burton of the West Hollywood Bicycle Coalition provided a public comment to advocate for all the projects on the MSP active transportation list and emphasized that this provides an opportunity for funding projects that are already in the pipeline and acknowledged the COG's support for the traffic calming on Willoughby. Councilmember Alex Fisch moved to approve the MSP annual update, and Councilmember Wunderlich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Metro Mobility Concept Plan for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Riley O'Brien (WSCCOG) provided a brief report on the proposed list of projects to advocate for the 2028 games as indicated in the staff report. Mayor Himmelrich moved to approve the recommended list of projects for the 2028 games, and Councilmember Fisch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Contract Amendment with the County for the FY 2022-23 Homelessness Regional Coordination and Cities Innovation Fund

Fong provided a brief report on the current programs currently funded by the County's Cities Innovation Fund. The County is allocating additional funds for FY 2022-23 and the WSCCOG staff worked with the cities to allocate the funds and presented the proposed new programs and funding allocation. Fong requested the WSCCOG Board to consider approving the proposed new projects and funding allocation for FY 2022-23 and delegate the WSCCOG the authority to execute the contract amendment with the County. Mayor Himmelrich moved to approve the proposed new programs and funding and Councilmember Wunderlich seconded the motion. Fernando Morales (SD 3) abstained from the vote. The motion passed by the remainder of the Board.

E. Fiscal Actions for FY 2022-23

i. Annual Work Plan for FY 2022-23

Recommended Action: Approve the FY 2022-23 Work Plan

Fong summarized the annual work plan for the next fiscal year, which focuses on continuing efforts related to transportation, housing, and homelessness. Mayor Himmelrich moved to approve the annual work plan, and Councilmember Fisch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. Estolano Advisors Contract Renewal for WSCCOG Executive Director Services for FY 2022-23

Recommended Action: Approve a one-year contract renewal with Estolano Advisors for FY 2022-23.

Lauren Langer (WSCCOG Legal Counsel) presented the draft contract to extend the contract with Estolano Advisors for the WSCCOG's Executive Director services. Mayor Meister moved to approve the contract, and Councilmember Fisch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- iii. Determination of Dues and the Annual Budget for FY 2022-23

Recommended Action: Approve the FY 2022-23 determination of dues and budget.

Fong summarized the draft annual budget for the next fiscal year. Councilmember Fisch moved to approve the determination of dues and the budget, and Mayor Meister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- F. Election of WSCCOG Board Officers for FY 2022-23

- i. Election of the WSCCOG Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Mayor Meister nominated and moved to approve the City of Beverly Hills as the incoming Chair. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisch. Councilmember Wunderlich nominated and moved to approve the City of Culver City to serve as the incoming Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mayor Meister. Councilmember Fisch nominated and moved to approve the City of Santa Monica to serve as the incoming Secretary. Councilmember Wunderlich nominated and moved to approve the City of Culver to serve as the incoming WSCCOG Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mayor Meister. All motions were passed unanimously.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fong summarized the activities undertaken by the WSCCOG staff between April through May, which included an upcoming special WSCCOG meeting to discuss behavioral crisis and mental health with Be Well OC to provide a presentation in July. Councilmember Fisch thanked Mayor Himmelrich for initiating a subregional discussion on mental health.

5. PRESENTATION (20 min)

- A. WSCCOG Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) Program

Katherine Buck (ARUP) presented to the WSCCOG Board the findings and proposed recommendations from the Westside Development Constraints Cost and Land Use Regulation Policy Action study. The consultant team is expected to submit the final deliverable to SCAG on June 30th and the team is requesting comments and feedback on the presentation and study from the cities Board and staff. Meanwhile, Raimi & Associates from the consultant team is working with the cities staff to provide on-call technical assistance in drafting new and/or amending existing ordinances related to housing production between now through June 30, 2023.

6. LEGISLATION

Jeff Kiernan (League of California Cities) provided a brief update on a few items. Fong provided updates on behalf of Josh Kurpies from the Assemblymember Blooms’ office on a trailer bill for housing element compliance. Fong presented the trailer bill language, which proposes that local jurisdictions will have three years and 120 days from the statutory deadline to adopt the housing element to complete any rezonings. The Assemblymember Bloom urges cities to contact their local Senators to support the trailer bill.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Meister acknowledged and thanked the WSCCOG Board for reappointing her to the SCAG Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD). Mayor Himmelrich announced her campaign proposal for a new tax on real estate sales that would raise over \$50 per year to fund homelessness prevention, affordable housing and schools, which received the signatures needed to be placed on the upcoming November ballot. Mayor Himmelrich offered to speak with any local jurisdictions interested in proposing a similar measure. Councilmember Fisch announced upcoming community events in Culver City for Pride month and Juneteenth.

8. FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

Fong noted that the next board meeting will be a hybrid meeting hosted by the City of Beverly Hills on August 11, 2022. Councilmember Fisch provided support for the hybrid meeting. Councilmember Fisch also proposed to the Board to consider a discussion on reforming building codes and standards to allow single-staircase construction in housing that would create more affordable units and reduce costs. The Councilmember added that this is a policy that could be explored under REAP 2.0. Fong will relay this input to SCAG housing staff.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fong presented one public comment that was emailed to the WSCCOG staff from Steve Mayer requesting that the WSCCOG meetings be made available for the public to participate by phone or video. Steve Mayer claimed that it is “incongruent” that the public is unable to participate in WSCCOG meetings by phone or video, stating that all WSCCOG member cities offer “hybrid” options enabling simultaneous in-person and virtual participation. Mayer urged the WSCCOG Board to “make all WSCCOG meetings available to the public in all ways.”

10. ADJOURN

The WSCCOG Board adjourned at 1:16 p.m.



DATE: August 8, 2022
TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board
FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff
SUBJECT: Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Reform

Recommended Action

Discuss the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) reform with potential action to submit comments to SCAG.

Background

SCAG is currently pursuing to reform the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process. During the 6th RHNA cycle, stakeholders have raised issues related to the regional determination methodology, the use of land planning factors in the SCAG RHNA methodology, and basis for RHNA appeals. As part of Assembly Bill 101, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is tasked with preparing a report on the RHNA reform and making recommendations to the State Legislature by December 31, 2022. While there is currently no information available about HCD's timeline, SCAG began an outreach process to stakeholders to collect input on RHNA reform and make recommendations to the SCAG's Community, Economic Development Committee (CEDC) and Regional Council for submittal to HCD.

Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG Housing Program Manager will make a presentation to the WSCCOG Board to provide an overview of the RHNA reform process, stakeholder input process, feedback from recent listening sessions, and the timeline for SCAG's RHNA reform recommendations to HCD (refer to [Attachment A](#) for the presentation). For more information, visit <https://scag.ca.gov/rhna>.

Attachments

- A. SCAG's RHNA Reform Presentation



RHNA REFORM

August 11, 2022

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RHNA Reform

- During the 6th RHNA cycle, a number of issues were raised by jurisdictions and stakeholders
 - Calculation of regional determination
 - Factors used to determine housing distribution in the methodology
 - Role of Connect SoCal household projections
 - And more!
- SCAG has committed to review these issues and facilitate conversations with HCD to reform RHNA

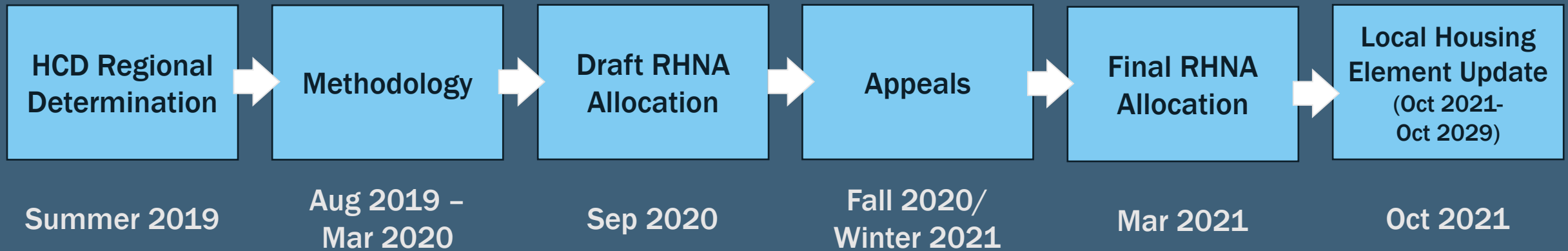
State RHNA Reform

- AB 101 (2019) requires the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to *“develop a recommended improved RHNA allocation process and methodology that promotes and streamlines housing development and substantially addresses California’s housing shortage”*
- Includes statewide stakeholder participation
- Limited to RHNA (Government Code 65584 through 65584.2)
 - **Does not include zoning or housing element issues**
- HCD must submit a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2023

SCAG RHNA Reform

Date	Action
July 6, 2022	Public Information and Input Session on RHNA reform
July 19, 2022	Housing Working Group meeting
July 21, 2022	Technical Working Group meeting
August 12, 2022	RHNA reform comments due to SCAG: housing@scag.ca.gov
TBD	Special CEHD Meeting
TBD	Presumed statewide workshops on RHNA reform by HCD
TBD	CEHD Meeting to review and approve recommendations to Regional Council
TBD	Regional Council approval of CEHD recommendations/submit final RHNA Reform recommendations to HCD
TBD	Presumed due date for comments to HCD on RHNA Reform
TBD	
December 31, 2023	Due date for HCD's report to the Legislature on RHNA Reform

6th Cycle RHNA Timeline



Regional Determination

HCD provides a regional determination in consultation with SCAG and the Department of Finance (DOF)

4th Cycle
regional determination
(2006-2014)

699,368

5th Cycle
regional determination
(2013-2021)

412,137

6th Cycle
regional determination
(2021-2029)

1,341,827

Regional Determination

SCAG: 10.1%
US avg: 3.4%

5 th cycle calculation	
Existing + Projected households	6,516,345
-Occupied Units (and Tribal HH)	-6,044,940
=Subtotal	468,595
+Vacancy need	13,445
+Replacement need, 0.5%	2,410
-Vacant units	-75,390
=Regional determination	409,060

6 th cycle calculation	
Existing + Projected households	6,801,760
+Vacancy need	178,896
+Overcrowding, 6.7% (new!)	459,917
+Replacement need, 0.5%	34,010
-Occupied Units	-6,250,261
=Subtotal	1,224,352
+Cost burden (new!)	117,505
=Regional determination	1,341,827

RHNA Methodology: Primary Factors

Based on:



Share of
household growth



Job Accessibility



Transit
Accessibility



Social Equity
Adjustment

- Household income distribution
- Other indicators of resources (environment, education, economy)

RHNA Reform Input

Comment highlights

- There should be a panel of experts to review the regional determination by HCD before its finalized
- HCD did not reflect all required factors in State housing law when providing a regional determination
- The regional determination should have been a range as in prior cycles
- The 6th cycle determination was not sufficient to meet SCAG housing needs

RHNA Reform Input

Comment highlights

- “Consistent with the development pattern of the SCS” should be more clearly defined
- More weight and emphasis should be put on transit accessibility and jobs access
- Transit and job access factors should be based on the planning period, not long-term
- Distribution methodology factors should include:
 - High wildfire risk
 - Exceeding prior RHNA need
 - Density
 - High median rents
 - Vacant office space and remote employee market
 - Aging infrastructure and cost of development

RHNA Reform Input

Comment highlights

- More time should be provided for jurisdictions appealing their RHNA
- Trade and transfer of RHNA units should be allowed between jurisdictions, maybe with parameters
- Trade and transfer of RHNA units should not be allowed between jurisdictions
- Subregional delegation should not be made available

Questions for Discussion

- What are your thoughts on a panel of experts reviewing individual regional determinations from HCD before they are finalized?
 - Who should be on this panel? What role could it have?
- What other factors should be included in the RHNA methodology?
 - Should these additional factors be codified statewide or at the discretion of the COGs?
 - What should be the basis year for the factors? Current, short-term, long-term?

Questions for Discussion

- How can we continue furthering the objective of affirmatively furthering fair housing?
- How can the appeals process be less cumbersome for jurisdictions (and stakeholders)?

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THANK YOU!

For more information, please visit:

<https://scag.ca.gov/rhna>



DATE: August 8, 2022

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

SUBJECT: Metro Crenshaw Northern Extension Project

Recommended Actions

- (1) Discuss and approve support for the San-Vicente Fairfax hybrid alignment for the future Crenshaw Northern Extension Project; and
- (2) If approved, authorize the WSCCOG staff to work with the WSCCOG Transportation Working Group to draft a letter to Metro in support of the alignment.

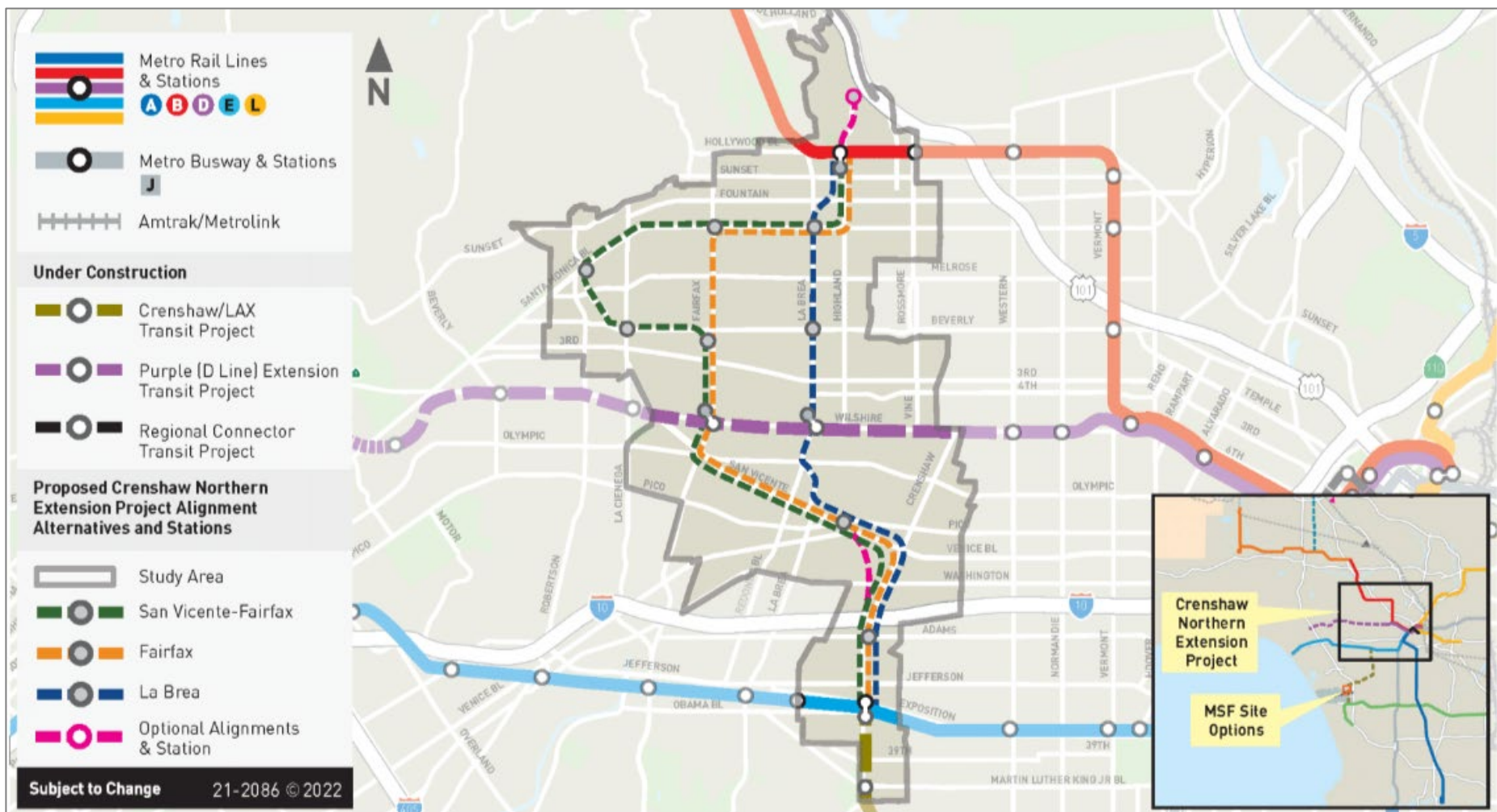
Background

The Northern Extension of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line (Crenshaw North) has been one of the WSCCOG's top priority transit projects since before the passage of Measure M. Three alternatives remain in consideration for Crenshaw North, which includes: (1) La Brea; (2) Fairfax; and (3) San Vicente-Fairfax (also known as the "Hybrid" alternative). All three alternatives start at the Expo/Crenshaw E Line (Expo) station and travel north to the Hollywood/Highland B Line (Red) station, with an optional extension to the Hollywood Bowl (see **Figure 1**). However, the alternatives take different routes through Mid City Los Angeles and West Hollywood, ranging from 6 to 10 miles in length and including between 7 and 10 new stations (see **Figure 2**). The primary difference between the alternatives is a tradeoff between end-to-end travel time and service to new communities, major job centers, and regional destinations in between (see **Figure 3**).

Travel Time Savings vs. Jobs, Population, and Destination Served

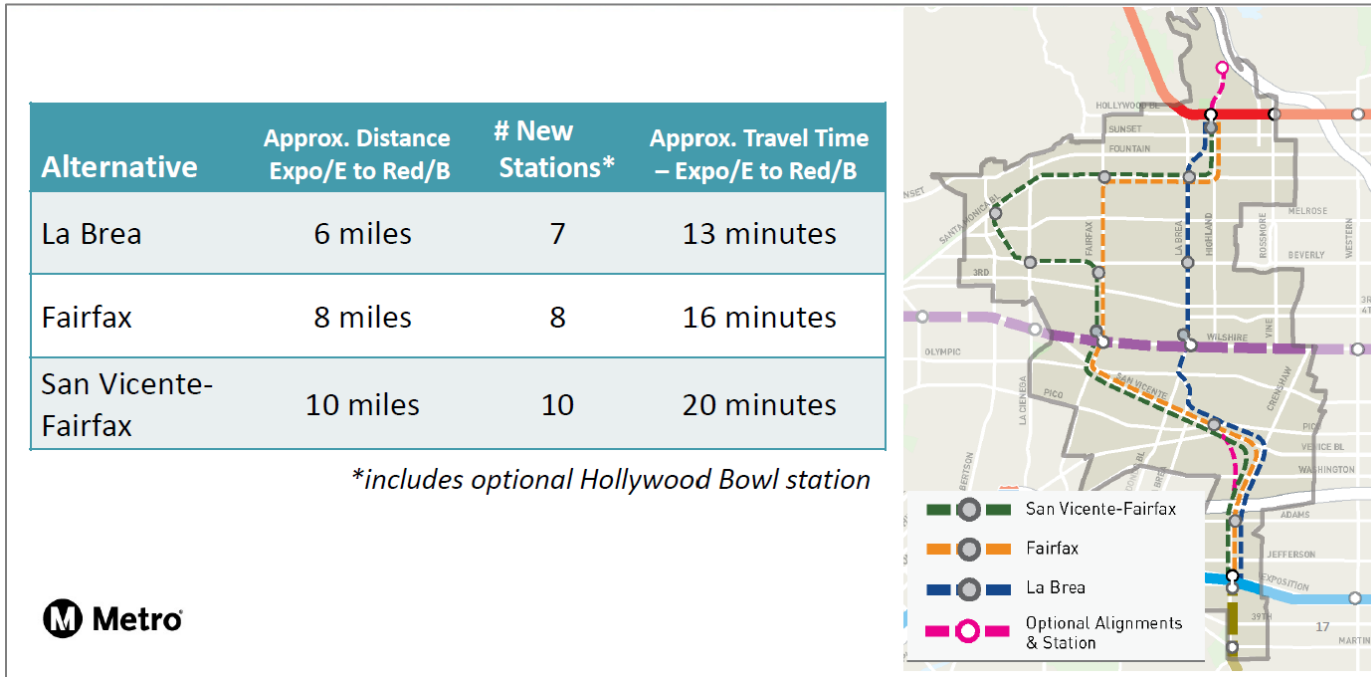
The La Brea alternative would make the trip from the E Line (Expo) to the B Line (Red) 7 minutes faster than the San Vicente-Fairfax alternative. However, the San Vicente-Fairfax alternative would put three times as many jobs and six times as many residents in walking distance to new stations while serving key regional job centers and destinations that the La Brea Alternative would bypass (see **Figure 4**). These destinations include Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, the Beverly Center, the Grove, the Original Farmers Market, CBS Television City, the Pacific Design Center, Fairfax High School, West Hollywood Park, Pan Pacific Park, LACMA and Museum Row, West Hollywood's Rainbow District, and Little Ethiopia as shown in **Figure 3**.

Figure 1: Project Map



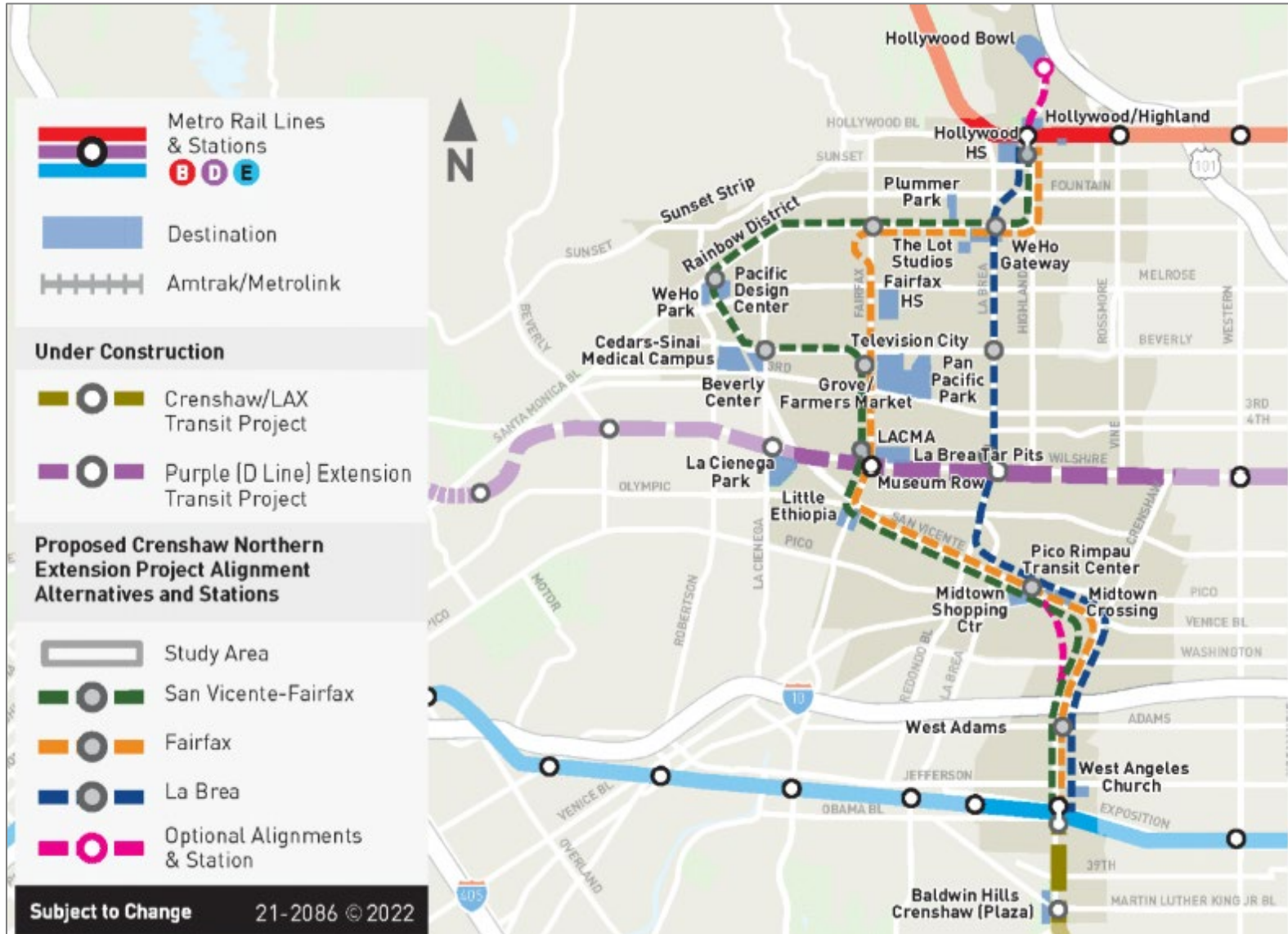
Source: Metro Crenshaw Northern Extension Project Update (June 2022) [\[Link\]](#)

Figure 2: Summary of Alternatives



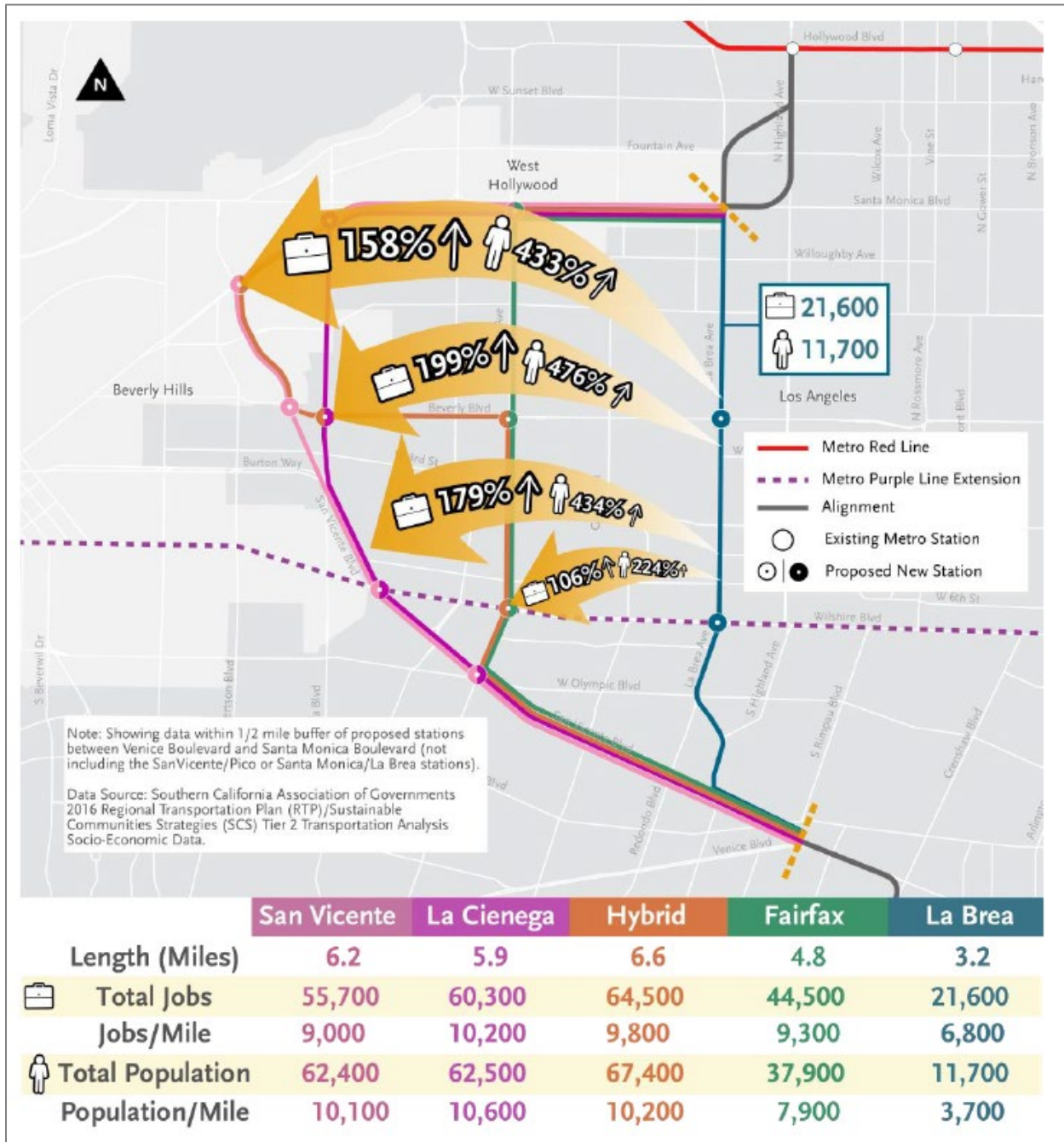
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Figure 3: Major Destinations



Source: Metro Crenshaw Northern Extension Project Update (June 2022) [\[Link\]](#)

Figure 4: Comparison of Alternative Access to Employment and Population (2040)




Source: Metro Advance Alternative Analysis Study – Executive Summary (February 2020) [\[Link\]](#)

Although the San Vicente-Fairfax alternative is slower for end-to-end trips than the La Brea route, it would provide enormous travel time savings to areas that would not benefit from the La Brea alternative. In most cases, San Vicente-Fairfax alternative would still be faster end-to-end than existing transit or driving, particularly when accounting for traffic and parking (see **Figure 5**).

Figure 5: Travel Time Comparisons

Between	And	Auto	Transit - WITHOUT Project	Transit – WITH Project
Hollywood	LAX (Metro Connector)	40-80	55-90	32-40
Hollywood	West Adams	20-45	40-65	10-18
Hollywood	Downtown Inglewood	28-75	65-90	27-35
Hollywood	Cedars-Sinai*	14-35	30-45	8
West Adams	Westwood	26-65	55-70	19-20
West Adams	Cedars Sinai*	16-40	40-55	10
Leimert Park	Downtown Beverly Hills	24-65	55-65	21-22
Leimert Park	Westwood	30-65	60-75	25-26
Leimert Park	Grove/CBS*	20-55	50-65	17
LAX (Metro Connector)	Miracle Mile	25-65	60-80	27-29
LAX (Metro Connector)	Grove/CBS*	28-65	60-75	31
Downtown Culver City	Hollywood	24-55	55-70	24-32
Downtown Inglewood	Miracle Mile	20-60	50-70	22-27
LAX (Metro Connector)	West Hollywood Park*	30-70	80-100	34






 **subject to alignment alternative*

Source: Metro Crenshaw Northern Extension Project Update (June 2022) [\[Link\]](#)

Ridership and Cost Comparison

As Metro’s ridership model is very sensitive to long distance regional and commute trips, the three remaining alternatives have similar daily ridership estimates ranging from 88,400 (La Brea) to 90,000 (San Vicente-Fairfax “Hybrid”), which are the highest ridership estimates of any light rail project in the US (see **Figure 6**). However, the City of West Hollywood has formally requested that Metro perform supplemental modeling during their environmental analysis to accurately reflect the potential for local, mid-day, off-peak, late-night, healthcare, recreation, and tourism trips that the City of West Hollywood believes are not typically well estimated by Metro’s existing ridership model. According to Metro’s 2020 Advanced Alternatives Screening Study, Crenshaw North will cost between \$3 billion (La Brea) and \$6.5 billion (San Vicente-Fairfax). However, as Metro recently announced they will not consider a less-expensive aerial alignment for the La Brea alternative, nor will they consider a station at Santa Monica Blvd and La Cienega Blvd for the San Vicente-Fairfax alternative, the gap in cost between these alternatives will likely decrease during the environmental review process.

Figure 6: Key Performance Results for the Advance Alternative Analysis Alternatives

	SAN VICENTE	SAN VICENTE DESIGN OPTION 1 - LA CIENEGA	SAN VICENTE DESIGN OPTION 2 - Hybrid	FAIRFAX	LA BREA
Key Map					
Travel Time & Distance	19.0 min 9.6 mi	18.4 min 9.2 mi	20.6 min 9.9 mi	15.7 min 8.0 mi	12.4 min 6.3 mi
Ridership	90,800	90,800	90,000	88,800	88,400
Low-income Riders*	32,100	32,500	32,000	32,500	32,700
Cost	\$4.3-\$6.4 B	\$4.4-\$6.2 B	\$5.5-\$6.5 B	\$4.7-\$5.3 B	\$3.0-\$4.4 B

*Based on home-based work trips

Source: Metro Advance Alternative Analysis Study – Executive Summary (February 2020) [\[Link\]](#)

Cost Estimates, Funding, and Financing

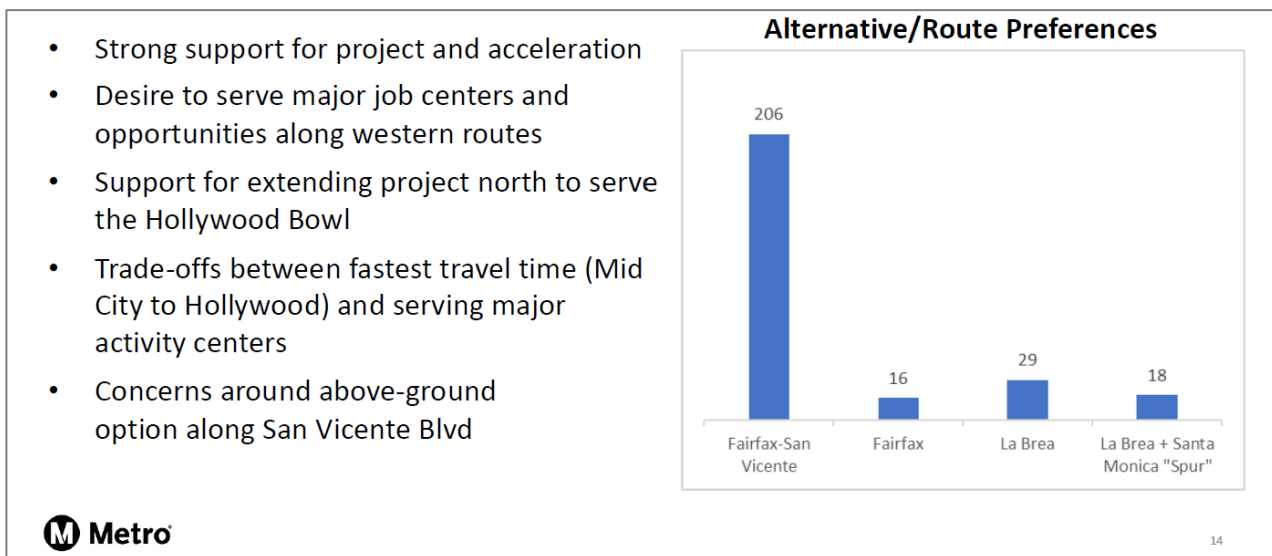
As Metro’s Measure M Expenditure Plan includes only \$2.24 billion for the project in 2041-2047, a significant funding gap remains for the project. The City of West Hollywood proposed several strategies to help fund the project, including a potential enhanced infrastructure financing district (EIFD), potential joint development of Metro’s Division 7 Bus Yard site and the adjacent Los Angeles County Sheriff Station, new station-adjacent advertising in West Hollywood, and local sales tax revenues. The City’s Funding Study estimated that West Hollywood could contribute up to \$1.13 billion over 45 years and that significant additional value could be captured if the City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles also participated in a potential EIFD along the Crenshaw North corridor.

The City of West Hollywood also identified low-interest federal loans, with favorable terms and extremely long repayment schedules through the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA), as another potential funding method to help advance project funding. In October 2021, the WSCCOG Board also voted to allocate \$40 million of its \$160 million Metro Subregional Equity Program (SEP) funding to support predevelopment efforts on the project, and LADOT also identified Crenshaw North as one of three priority projects for the Central City Subregion, which controls an additional \$235 million in SEP funding. With extremely high ridership projections, Crenshaw North would be highly competitive for any state or federal funding available. Metro’s adopted “Measure M Early Project Delivery Strategy” allows projects to be considered for acceleration if they meet certain requirements, such as new revenue, additional support from local jurisdictions, environmental clearance, property availability, while also ensuring projects are not accelerated if they negatively impact other projects.

Support for the San Vicente-Fairfax (Hybrid) Alternative

Throughout Metro’s community outreach for the project, the majority of public feedback on the alternatives under consideration has favored a western route associated with the San Vicente-Fairfax alternative alignment (see **Figure 7**). The Crenshaw North project would directly run through City of West Hollywood and the City of Los Angeles Council District 5 (CD 5). The City of West Hollywood has supported a western route for several years (refer to the City’s website for more information <https://www.weho.org/services/public-transportation-transit-options/finish-the-line>). Councilmember Paul Koretz of CD5 recently submitted a letter to Metro on July 29, 2022 (refer to **Attachment A**) indicating his support for the San Vicente-Fairfax alternative and his “sincere hope that current and future community leaders and elected officials will begin to coalesce in a partnership that helps to make this happen in an organized and accelerated fashion.”

Figure 7: Stakeholder Feedback on Crenshaw North Alternative/Route Preferences



Source: Metro Crenshaw Northern Extension Project Update (June 2022) [\[Link\]](#)

Support from the entire WSCCOG Board would build momentum for the San Vicente-Fairfax alternative in advance of Metro’s Fall 2023 selection of a locally preferred alternative, reduce uncertainty in discussions around potential funding mechanisms, and likely would enable earlier completion of the project. In late July 2022, the WSCCOG staff shared the information contained in this report with the WSCCOG Transportation Working Group and received no objections to the recommended action to support the San Vicente-Fairfax alternative.

For more information and access documents and meeting materials related to this project, visit <https://www.metro.net/projects/crenshaw-northern-extension/>.

Attachment

- A. Comments on the Northern Extension of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Environmental Impact Report post-scoping period - Councilmember Paul Koretz (July 29, 2022)

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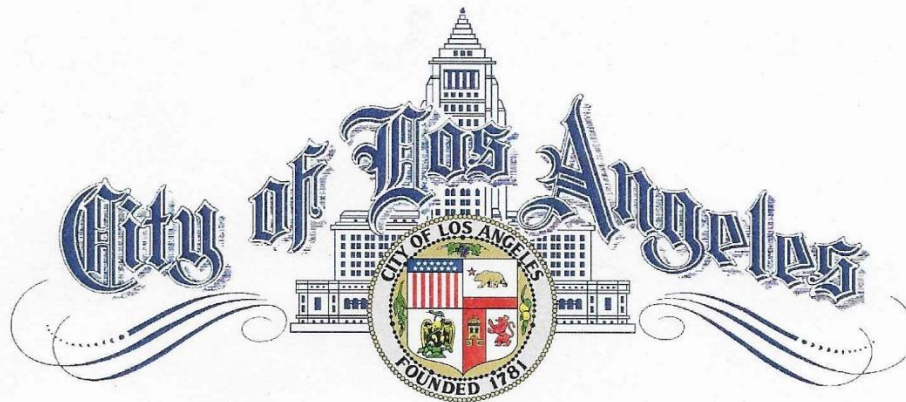
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July 29, 2022

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Re: Comments on the Northern Extension of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Environmental Impact Report post-scoping period

As I am now in my final six months serving the Westside on the Los Angeles City Council I wanted to add my own thoughts regarding what I see as the best alternative in the selection of the route for the future Crenshaw Northern Extension line that will serve the western LA basin and will better connect this area to the entire region. My staff and I were still doing our own due diligence during the public scoping process and I did not want to lose an opportunity to offer my own thoughts which I hope will be helpful as the environmental process moves forward toward the completion of the draft document. I have had the opportunity to serve this region as a Councilmember in both the City of Los Angeles and the City of West Hollywood, as well as in the California State Assembly for much of the past 32 years and I know this area and its needs very well. The selected route will likely be a crucial factor in the economic vitality of this region.

I strongly support the building of this new line and appreciate all efforts being undertaken to potentially expedite the funding and building of this new project. It is my sincere hope that my successor in Council District 5, the Council District 10 representative, and our new Mayor will actively partner with other key stakeholders toward this goal.

I truly believe that all three alignments being considered in this process each add value to the long-term vitality of the region and significantly enhance rail network connectivity. However, I do believe that the San Vicente-Fairfax hybrid alignment adds the most significant value with the greatest potential connectivity with current and likely future employment centers, housing, shopping, entertainment, tourism, and medical uses. I believe that my colleagues and City of West Hollywood neighbors have already made a persuasive case for this alignment. However, I feel a compelling need to weigh in on the reasons why this alignment brings great benefit to the City of Los Angeles.

Perhaps the most compelling argument in favor of this alignment is the current presence and significant long-term investment by the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. This is the sixth largest employer in the region and likely will continue to grow in importance in future years. There is a tremendous opportunity for Metro to help make a

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public transit connection easier for this growing workforce, patient base, and interrelated businesses. We also see the potential rebirth of other businesses such as the Beverly Center, Beverly Connection, and countless other properties in close proximity. The hybrid option also ties in opportunities to reach other key employment, business, entertainment, and tourism destinations to the east with a station planned near CBS, Farmer's Market, and the Grove. This of course also includes the Wilshire-Fairfax station which will connect with the Wilshire Corridor/Miracle Mile and Museum row stations. I believe that the great benefits of the hybrid option far outweigh the approximately seven minutes of additional trip time for the hybrid option over the La Brea corridor option.

The La Brea alignment may bring potential economic growth for this corridor, but it does not come with the many already existing and built-in potential that we see from the hybrid alignment. The Fairfax alignment has the advantage of reaching some of the destinations already mentioned, but would completely miss Cedars-Sinai and many of the other key locations in close proximity, including the vital west side of the City of West Hollywood.

The fact that three times the number of jobs and six times the population are located within walking distance from the San Vicente-Fairfax alignment compared to the La Brea alignment is perhaps the most persuasive argument in favor. It demonstrates that this increased financial outlay and added travel time are greatly outweighed by this great potential long-term investment. It is my sincere hope that current and future community leaders and elected officials will begin to coalesce in a partnership that helps to make this happen in an organized and accelerated fashion. We are building this alignment for future generations, but I of course hope to see this hybrid option built so that I will be able to utilize it during my lifetime. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District



DATE: August 8, 2022

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff and Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: WSCCOG Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Review

Recommended Action

Certify that the WSCCOG Conflict of Interest Code is up to date and confirm that no amendments are necessary for the 2022 biennial review.

Background

The Political Reform Act requires every local government agency to review its conflict of interest code biennially to determine if any changes are needed. A conflict of interest code tells public officials, governmental employees, and consultants what financial interests they must disclose on their Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). The Board of Supervisors is the code reviewing body of the WSCCOG's Conflict of Interest Code (refer to [Attachment A](#)). All Agency Heads are required to submit to the Board of Supervisors a Biennial Review Certification Form by October 3, 2022 (refer to [Attachment B](#)), indicating whether or not changes are necessary to amend the WSCCOG's code based on the following questions:

- Is the current code's effective date more than five years old?
- Have there been any substantial changes to the agency's organizational structure since the last code was approved?
- Have any designated positions been eliminated or re-named since the last code was approved?
- Have any new positions been added since the last code was approved?
- Have there been any substantial changes in duties or responsibilities for any positions since the last code was approved?

If an amendment to our Conflict of Interest Code is required, the amended code must be forwarded to Board of Supervisors for approval within 90 days of filing the Biennial Review Certification Form. An Agency's amended code is not effective until it has been approved by the Board of Supervisors. The WSCCOG staff consulted with the WSCCOG Legal Counsel in July on whether changes are required to our Conflict of Interest Code. Since there have been no changes to our organization's structure or function since 2012 that would require amending the code, the WSCCOG staff and Legal Counsel recommends that the WSCCOG Board certify that its Conflict of Interest Code is up to date and that no amendments are necessary for the 2022 biennial review.

Conflict of Interest Code
Of the

WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (WSCCOG)

Incorporation of FPPC Regulation 18730 (2 California Code of Regulations,
Section 18730) by Reference

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code of Regs. 18730), which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code. After public notice and hearing, it may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730, and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, are hereby incorporated into the conflict of interest code of this agency by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendices (or Exhibits) designating officials and employees and establishing economic disclosure categories shall constitute the conflict of interest code of this agency.

Place of Filing of Statements of Economic Interests

All officials and employees required to submit a statement of economic interests shall file their statements with the Executive Director, or his or her designee. The Executive Director, or his or her designee, shall make and retain a copy of all statements filed by its Governing Board Members, Alternate Board Members, as appropriate, and its Executive Director and forward the originals of such statements to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County.

The agency shall retain the originals of statements for all other Designated Positions named in the agency's conflict of interest code. All retained statements, original or copied, shall be available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Section 81008).

Conflict of Interest Code
Of the

WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

EXHIBIT "A"

CATEGORY 1

Persons in this category shall disclose all interests in real property within the jurisdiction. Real property shall be deemed to be within the jurisdiction if the property or any part of it is located within or not more than two miles outside the boundaries of the jurisdiction or within two miles of any land owned or used by the agency.

Persons are not required to disclose property used primarily as their residence or for personal recreational purposes.

CATEGORY 2

Persons in this category shall disclose all investments and business positions.

CATEGORY 3

Persons in this category shall disclose all income and business positions.

CATEGORY 4

Persons in this category shall disclose all business positions, investments in, or income (including gifts and loans) received from business entities that manufacture, provide or sell services and/or supplies of a type utilized by the agency and associated with the job assignment of designated positions assigned this disclosure category.

CATEGORY 5

Individuals who perform under contract the duties of any designated position shall be required to file Statements of Economic Interests disclosing reportable interests in the categories assigned to that designated position.

In addition, individuals who, under contract, participate in decisions which affect financial interests by providing information, advice, recommendations or counsel to the agency which could affect financial interests shall be required to file Statements of Economic Interests, unless they fall within the Political Reform Act's exceptions to the definition of consultant. The level of disclosure shall be as determined by the executive officer (or head) of the agency.

Conflict of Interest Code
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EXHIBIT "B"

<u>Designated Positions</u>	<u>Disclosure Categories</u>
Governing Board Member	1, 2, 3
Alternate Governing Board Member	1, 2, 3
Executive Director	1, 2, 3
General Counsel	1, 2, 3
Treasurer	2, 3
Consultants	5

EFFECTIVE: 06-07-2012

2022 BIENNIAL REVIEW CERTIFICATION FORM*Submit now or no later than October 3, 2022*

Name of Agency: _____

Name of Agency Head: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Agency Code Officer: _____ Office Phone No.: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Accurate disclosure is essential to monitor whether officials have conflicts of interest and to help ensure public trust in government. The biennial review examines current programs to ensure that the agency's code includes disclosure by those agency officials who make or participate in making governmental decisions.

This agency has reviewed its conflict of interest code and has determined that (check one box):
 1. AN AMENDMENT IS REQUIRED (Check all that apply. You have 90 days to submit your changes):

Include new positions

Revise disclosure categories

Revise the titles of existing positions

Delete titles of positions that have been abolished and/or positions that no longer make or participate in making governmental decisions

Other (*describe*) _____

 2. THE CODE CHANGES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ADOPTION BY THE COUNTY.
 3. NO AMENDMENT IS REQUIRED.

If your code has not been amended in more than five years, amendments may be necessary.

Verification (to be completed if no amendment is required)

This agency's conflict of interest code accurately designates all positions that make or participate in the making of governmental decisions. The disclosure categories assigned to those positions accurately require the disclosure of all investments, business positions, interests in real property, and sources of income that may foreseeably be affected materially by the decisions made by those holding designated positions. The code includes all other provisions required by Government Code Section 87302.

Signature of Agency Head or Designee

Date

All agencies must complete and return this notice even if no amendment is required, and regardless of how recently your code was approved or amended. Please submit this notice no later than Monday, October 3, 2022 to COICODES-Desk@bos.lacounty.gov

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FPPC



DATE: August 8, 2022

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

Below is a summary of WSCCOG activities between June 1, 2022 and August 8, 2022:

Administrative Activities

- **Finance**
WSCCOG staff worked with the City of Beverly Hills to transfer Treasurer duties and documents to the City of Culver City. The City of Beverly Hills is currently obtaining proposals from audit firms for the FY 2021-22 WSCCOG financial statements. WSCCOG staff anticipates presenting a recommendation to the WSCCOG Board on the proposed audit firm and fee at the next WSCCOG Board meeting.
- **Form 700**
WSCCOG staff is working with the cities to process the Form 700 Assuming Office and Leaving Office statements with the County for the incoming and outgoing WSCCOG Board members.
- **Regional Coordination**
WSCCOG staff participated in the following meetings: SCAG Subregional Executive Directors Meeting; SCAG Housing Working Group meeting; COG Executive Director meetings; Metro CEO and Subregional Directors meeting.

Transportation Initiative

- **Working Group**
WSCCOG staff convened a Transportation Working Group in June. Refer to [Attachment A](#) for agenda items discussed in the meeting.
- **Measure M Multi-year Subregional Program (MSP)**
Fehr & Peers submitted the revised Project Readiness and Project Financial Plan forms to Metro to review for the WSCCOG's first annual MSP update. WSCCOG staff also processed the reimbursement request to Metro on activities related to the MSP update.

Homelessness Initiative

- **Working Group**

WSCCOG staff convened a Homelessness Working Group in June. Refer to [Attachment B](#) for agenda items discussed in the meeting.

- **Behavioral Crisis and Mental Health**

WSCCOG staff prepared background materials and summary of current programs related to Behavioral Crisis and Mental Health across the Westside subregion. WSCCOG staff scheduled the Special Board Meeting regarding a presentation from Be Well OC on Behavioral Crisis and Mental Health on July 25, 2022. The meeting was rescheduled due to the absence of a quorum. WSCCOG staff is currently working on scheduling the meeting in September.

- **Regional Homelessness Coordination and Innovation Funds**

WSCCOG prepared a quarterly report to the County CEO on the activities from the Regional Homelessness Coordination and Innovation Funds grant program.

Housing Initiative

- **Working Group**

WSCCOG staff convened a Housing Working Group in June and August. Refer to [Attachment C](#) for agenda items discussed in the meeting.

- **Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 1.0**

- Administrative Activities

- WSCCOG staff prepared a quarterly report and monthly invoice to SCAG on the REAP projects. WSCCOG staff also attended check-in meetings with the consultants to discuss the status of the projects.

- Project #1: Development Constraints Cost and Land Use Regulation Policy Actions

- ARUP and Veronica Tam consultant team completed the following deliverables for the Westside Development Constraints Cost and Land Use Regulation Policy Actions Project:
 - Comprehensive Development Costs Database – Compares the cost for land acquisition, entitlement/permitting, soft costs/holding costs, and cost of construction under existing land use and development regulations.
 - Development Constraints Analysis – This analysis identifies the development and administrative constraints on housing production in the Westside subregion. The study also includes specific policy actions and the feasibility of each of the key actions for the individual cities to consider adopting to eliminate or address the identified development constraints. To access the final memo, click [here](#).
 - Housing Production Policy Best Practices – This report includes best practices recommendations of policies from cities across the country that

are leading in accelerating housing production. To access the final memo, click [here](#).

- Raimi & Associates continued technical assistance to the cities of Beverly Hills and Santa Monica on housing-related ordinances.
- Project #2: Westside Fair Housing Study
 - WSCCOG staff continues to work on the Fair Housing Study, including background research on historical discriminatory housing laws and policies, conducting a fair housing assessment on the entire Westside subregion, and reviewing the cities' Housing Elements to summarize the cities' fair housing goals, objectives, and actions.
- Project #3: Affordable Housing Funding Program Study
 - ECONorthwest completed individual interviews with the Westside cities for the Affordable Housing Funding Program Study.
- **REAP 2.0**

WSCCOG staff met with SCAG Housing team to discuss REAP 2.0 Subregional Partnership opportunities and potential projects. WSCCOG staff also reviewed all Westside cities' Housing Elements to identify opportunities to fund activities to implement the Housing Elements under REAP 2.0. WSCCOG staff will continue working with the Housing Working Group to develop a proposed scope for the SCAG application to request for funding. Initially planned for the Fall, SCAG's application window is now expected to open in the first quarter of 2023.

WSCCOG Transportation Working Group

Agenda for Tuesday, June 28, 2022

1. Discussion
 - a. LA County Infrastructure Initiative
 - b. SEP Allocation
 - c. Redistricting and Boundary Maps
2. WSCCOG Updates
 - a. June Board meeting recap
3. Metro Updates
 - a. Street Safety, Data Sharing, and Collaboration Policy
 - b. Recurring Items
 - i. Sepulveda Transit Corridor
 - ii. Crenshaw Northern Extension
 - iii. Westside/Central Service Council Meeting - Recap
4. Regional, State, and Federal Updates
 - a. Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant
 - b. Federal Bridge Investment Program

Agenda for Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Meeting cancelled

Tentative Agenda for Tuesday, August 23, 2022

1. Potential agenda items
 - a. Metro Bike Share Forum recap; LA County Infrastructure Initiative presentation; Measure M Subregional Equity Program (SEP) priority projects discussion; Purple Line cost overrun discussions; and Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program

WSCCOG Homelessness Working Group

Agenda for Wednesday, June 22, 2022

1. WSCCOG Board Special Meeting (mid-late July)
 - A. Scheduling Presentation from Be Well OC
 - B. Potential questions for Be Well OC
 - C. Prepare reference materials from cities on latest efforts related to mental and behavioral health programs
 - D. Who should we invite?
2. County Innovation Fund
 - A. Invoices for May
 - B. Update on contract amendment for FY 22-23 funding
3. Strategic Plan Activities Update
 - A. HMIS Request Status
 - B. Homelessness Outreach Career Pipeline
 - C. Schedule meeting with DMH regarding 9-8-8 Rollout
 - D. WSCCOG Fair Housing Study
4. LAHSA and County CEO-HI
 - A. BRCH recap (Pending if staff is available)

Agenda for Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Meeting cancelled due to rescheduled Special Meeting on Behavioral Crisis and Mental Health

Tentative Agenda for Wednesday, August 24, 2022

1. Potential agenda items
 - a. Debrief from Special Meeting; 988 rollout update and discussion with the DMH; Blue Ribbon Committee on Homelessness (BRCH) debrief from County-CEO HI; and Update from Santa Monica College on the Homelessness Service Sector Career Pipeline Advisory Group

WSCCOG Housing Working Group

Agenda for Tuesday, June 14, 2022

1. REAP 1.0 Project Updates
 - a. Presentation from ARUP Project #1 deliverables
 - b. Schedule interviews with ECONorthwest with housing and finance staff at each city for the Regional Affordable Housing Funding Program study
 - c. Overview of Fair Housing goals and discussions on proposed scope of work for the framework
 - d. Technical Assistance Needs
 - i. Beverly Hills – Multi-family residential regulations and address SB 234 requirements
 - ii. Santa Monica on R1 zoning ordinance to incorporate SB9 requirements with local modifications
 - iii. West Hollywood and Culver City - TBD
2. REAP 2.0
 - a. Update and feedback

Agenda for Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Meeting cancelled due to scheduled interviews with ECONorthwest and individual cities

Agenda for Tuesday, August 2, 2022

1. Housing Element Updates
 - a. Round robin updates from each city on status of Housing Elements
2. REAP 2.0 Discussion
 - a. Discussion on technical assistance needs to implement Housing Elements
 - b. WSCCOG Application to SCAG
3. REAP 1.0 Progress Update
 - a. Fair Housing Study
 - b. Subregional Affordable Housing Funding Program
 - c. Ongoing Housing Ordinance TA
4. RHNA Reform
 - a. Presentation from SCAG and discussion with WSCCOG Board Members on Thursday, August 11

Tentative Agenda for Tuesday, September 6, 2022

1. Potential agenda items
 - a. Cities housing element updates; Fair housing study preliminary findings and discussion on subregional goals and objectives



TO: WESTSIDE CITIES COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FR: JEFF KIERNAN, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
RE: CAL CITIES UPDATE FOR 8/11/2022 MEETING (as prepared AUG 2)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

It is crunch time for the legislature. Now that they have returned from Summer Recess, legislators only have until midnight on August 31 to pass legislation plus an August 12th fiscal deadline for bills that must still pass out of the Appropriations committees. Most bills will still need to pass a full vote on the Floor of both houses, so your advocacy is very important now -- the exceptions are those bills that have not been substantially amended in their second house (in the Assembly for SB bills and the Senate for AB bills). Feel free to reach out to me if you have questions on a specific bill.

The bulk of the State's FY22-23 budget has already been signed into law and although there is still a possibility additional budget trailer bills will be passed by the legislature; I do not expect that any remaining trailer bills will contain significant funding amounts. To that end, Cal Cities intends to continue our efforts to allocate \$933.5 million owed to cities, counties, and special districts all over the state for reimbursement of unfunded state mandates for the FY2023-24. For your reference, Westside Cities are owed:

Table with 2 columns: City Name and Amount Owed. Rows include Beverly Hills (\$936,155), Culver City (\$324,445), Los Angeles (\$147,883,216), Santa Monica (\$1,731,775), and West Hollywood (\$582,915).

On legislation, Cal Cities continues to focus pressure on the bills that impact cities and are still under consideration by the Legislature. Of those bills, 35 bills have been elevated as priority bills that Cal Cities has asked for our members' help to defeat or pass. You can find an updated list of all priority bills HERE, but I've pulled out several below to highlight for the Westside Cities:

AB 916 (Salas) Accessory Dwelling Units – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Requires cities increase the height maximum of ADU's from 16 to 18 feet on all parcels and to 25 feet for multifamily or single-family parcel located within a half mile of transit. AB 916 also would add a provision which sets a minimum height requirement of 25 feet for ADUs that are attached to a primary single-family residence. Location: Senate Appropriations

AB 1740 (Muratsuchi) Catalytic Converters; AB 2407 (O'Donnell) Vehicle Tampering: theft of catalytic converters; and SB 1087 (Gonzalez) Catalytic Converters – SUPPORT.

AB 1740 – Requires a core recycler who accepts a catalytic converter for recycling to maintain a written record that contains, in addition to the vehicle identification number under existing law, the year, make, and model of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed. Also, would prohibit a core recycler from entering into a transaction to purchase or receive a catalytic converter from a person that is not a commercial enterprise or owner of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed.

AB 2407 – Requires a core recycler who accepts a catalytic converter for recycling to report all sale information to the chief of police or to the sheriff. Also, would prohibit a core recycler from providing payment for a catalytic converter unless they obtain a thumbprint of the seller

- Assembly Votes: Gipson – AYE; Muratsuchi – AYE; O'Donnell – AYE.

SB 1087 – Prohibits any person from purchasing a used catalytic converter from anybody other than certain specified sellers.

AB 1685 (Bryan) Parking Violations – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Requires cities and other processing agencies to forgive at least \$1,500 in parking fines and fees annually for a qualified homeless person, allowing applicants to request forgiveness at least four times a year.

AB 2011 (Wicks) Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022 – OPPOSE.

Requires cities to ministerially approve, without condition or discretion, certain affordable and mixed-use housing developments in areas of a city where office, retail, or parking are principally allowed regardless of any inconsistency with a local government’s general plan, specific plan, zoning ordinance, or regulation. This bill also prohibits locally imposed parking minimums at these developments.

Location: Assembly Appropriations

AB 2097 (Friedman) Residential and Commercial Parking – OPPOSE

Prohibits cities from enforcing minimum parking requirements for developments located within ½ mile of a major transit stop (15 minute headway during peak hours).

Location: Senate Appropriations

SB 6 (Caballero) Local Planning: Housing: commercial zones – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Creates a new process allowing residential development on certain commercial and industrial sites, including allowing qualifying projects to use the streamlined application procedures of SB 35 (Wiener, 2017).

Location: Assembly Appropriations

SB 897 (Wieckowski) Accessory Dwelling Units – OPPOSE

Requires cities to allow ADUs to be constructed with a height of up to 25 feet, within 1/2 mile of a major transit stop or high-quality bus corridor, and permit constructed ADUs that are in violation of state building standards and in violation of local zoning requirements.

Location: Assembly Appropriations

SB 932 (Portantino) General plans: circulation element: bicycle and pedestrian plans and traffic calming plans – OPPOSE.

Would require cities to adopt significant bicycle, pedestrian, and traffic calming elements when they develop and revise their general plans on or after June 30, 2024. Would also create a new legal liability for local governments between January 2024 and January 2028, if a local government fails to implement those plans.

Location: Assembly Appropriations

SB 1067 (Portantino) Housing Developments: Parking Requirements – OPPOSE.

Would significantly restrict parking requirements within ½ mile of public transit. Public transit is defined as: 1) a high-quality transit corridor (includes ferry terminals, rapid transit or the intersection of bus routes with 15-minute headways).

Location: Assembly Appropriations

SB 1186 (Wiener) Medicinal Cannabis Patients’ Right of Access Act – OPPOSE.

Undermines the intent of the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) by eliminating a local jurisdiction's ability to prohibit medical cannabis delivery activities, regardless of the needs or conditions in the jurisdiction.

Location: Assembly Appropriations

Eggman Behavioral Health Package: Cal Cities is recommending a support position on Senator Eggman's bills that would modernize California's behavioral health continuum. Although SB 965 and SB 1416 did not move out of committee we are still supportive of [SB 929 \(Eggman\)](#), [SB 970 \(Eggman\)](#), [SB 1035 \(Eggman\)](#), [SB 1154 \(Eggman\)](#), [SB 1127 \(Eggman\)](#), and [SB 1238 \(Eggman\)](#).

- Cal Cities also has a support if amended position on [SB 1338 \(Umberg\)](#), the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Court program, also known as CARE Court.

Upcoming Events

August 4 from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM: Annual Installation Ceremony & Dinner, honoring Calabasas Council Member and Outgoing Division President James R. Bozajian and welcoming Diamond Bar Council Member and Division President-Designate Andrew Chou. Also, Rolling Hills Council Member Bea Dieringer will be sworn in as Vice President of the Division. Event will be at the Diamond Bar Center in Diamond Bar. Register [HERE](#) or at [LACities.org](#).

September 7 – 9: [Annual Conference & Expo](#) (*Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach*)

- September 7 at 11:30 AM: **Los Angeles County Division Luncheon at the Annual Conference in Long Beach**. Register [HERE](#).