
MEMORANDUM

TO: SBCCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: RALPH L. FRANKLIN, CHAIRMAN: METRO SOUTH BAY SERVICE COUNCIL
SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2018
DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

The first presenter, Mr. Scott Greene, Transportation Planning Manager, spoke on Metro's NextGen Update and a request was adopted to have a Public Workshop concerning this matter. The presentation focused on "Transit Competitiveness and Market Potential". Over the course of two years, the study process will consist of the evaluation of Market Demand, Travel Patterns and Existing Demand during Spring/Summer 2018; Policy Choices for Service (or Market) Priorities, Service Characteristics and Network Design during Fall 2018/Winter 2019; Service Design Guidelines and Route/Schedule Changes during Spring/Summer 2019; and Implementation and Marketing during Fall 2019/Winter 2020. We discussed the four (4) types of customers that Metro has classified as a percentage of all LA County residents. Frequent riders make up 7% of the riders on public transit. They make up approximately 80% of their boardings and are those persons who primarily travel to and from work. Occasional riders make up 22% and include those persons who travel to/from doctor appointments, retail markets, etc. Infrequent riders make up 55% and are those persons who may travel to the occasional Dodger game, for example. The final group are non-riders who make up approximately 16% and have no interest in public transit. The ultimate concern is to weigh in on transit accessibility as only 85% of the transit covers complete trips made in the region. Transit is most competitive when it is no more than twice as slow as driving and, currently, it only captures 13% of the travel. On Thursday, November 15, 2018 at the City of Inglewood City Hall, a public meeting will be held, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, to take public comment.

The next presenter, Mr. Conan Cheung, Metro Senior Executive Officer, spoke on the Crenshaw Rail Operating Plan. This presentation continues the ongoing discussion regarding the eleven (11) options or alternatives to connect the riders from the Crenshaw/Expo Line to the Crenshaw/Green Line to Redondo Beach and/or Norwalk. Mr. Cheung acknowledged that of all of the options, Metro staff recommends Alternative C-1. He also stated that Metro has reached out to South Bay Cities COG and the Gateway COG. The South Bay Cities has three (3) preferred selections (listed in order of preference): 1st. Alt C-5, 2nd Alt C-4 and 3rd Alt C-3. Gateway's priorities were: 1st Alt C-3 and 2nd Alt C-1. The public had an opportunity to weigh-in on their preferences as well which were 1st Alt C-1 and 2nd Alt C-2 because of the fewer number of transfers between lines. Mr. Cheung also stated that the South Bay Cities COG had requested that the study be narrowed down to four (4) alternatives which would include long term option Alt B-2 and opening day options Alt C-3, Alt C-4 and Alt C-5. The public engagement will include for this item to come before the South Bay Cities COG Board Meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2018. The Metro Board will receive the public comments at their Board Meeting on October 25, 2018.

Following the presentations, Council Members were given the opportunity to comment on any matters and report their line rides. Don Szerlip, Dan Medina, Ernie Crespo and myself gave line ride reports. Meighan Langlois commented on the recent horrendous fire on the 105 Freeway which stopped the Green Line from operating for hours. It was a nightmare for the commuters and we were sorry to hear of the tragic loss of lives due to this accident.

Metro Transportation Associate, Mr. Carlos Rico, presented the Q4 FY18 Quarterly Station Evaluation Report and requested that three (3) stations be added and one (1) station be deleted from the Quarterly Evaluation Reports which the Service Council Members approved. Each quarter, Metro evaluates 26 stations/transit centers and 10 rail – only stations across the entire system. The South Bay has six (6) of those locations and of the six (6) stations, only one reflected that some improvement was needed and that was the South Bay Galleria Transit Center. Pictures were provided of the stations at the time they were evaluated. The Aviation/LAX Green Line Station was removed from the quarterly evaluation list due to the construction taking place in that area. We will now have eight (8) stations for quarterly evaluation which include the additions of the Carson Silver Line, Crenshaw Green Line and Hawthorne/Lennox Green Line Stations along with the current Harbor Gateway Transit Center, Harbor Freeway, South Bay Galleria Transit Center, LAX City Bus Center, and Inglewood Transit Center.

Finally, Mr. Gary Spivack, Metro Deputy Executive Officer, reminded us that there will be Community Workshops concerning the changes near Crenshaw Rail Stations. This will affect both the bus and rail service and the changes would occur simultaneously. Public comment on these proposed changes on bus service will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2018, from 10:00am -12:00pm, at the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza Community Room located at 3650 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, in Los Angeles. The Metro Green Line meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, at the Proud Bird located at 111022 Aviation Blvd., in Los Angeles.

This concludes my report.