

South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Transit Operators' Working Group
April 19th, 2018
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Steve Lantz, David Leger (SBCCOG); Joyce Rooney, Leslie Scott (Beach Cities Transit); Ernie Crespo (GTrans)

1) Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the March 15, 2018 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 2:08pm.

2) Transit Operator Issues and Concerns

Joyce Rooney brought up the CARB regulation requiring 25% of an agency's buses to be electric by 2026 and 100% electric by 2030. This is a major issue for some agencies who do not currently have a plan to electrify their fleet and do not have the infrastructure in place to operate and maintain an electric fleet. Beach Cities Transit is in the process of building their new transit station which has little to no room for the required charging bays, etc. Steve Lantz added that the SBCCOG could possibly investigate funding and financing opportunities to help accomplish these requirements.

Ernie Crespo gave a brief update on the "NFL gameday service" concept that is being considered. The consultant who is doing the line by line analysis for GTrans has suggested a "seasonal" service to provide service to the Inglewood Stadium. Preliminary suggestions are for a few key pick up / drop off (such as the Harbor Gateway Transit Center). There was interest in having the SBCCOG advocate for bus pick-up and drop off areas at the front of the arena. As the idea is further developed, more updates will be provided.

3) Measure M Updates

a) Measure M Policy Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Lantz noted the PAC originally was reporting to the Metro Board on Measure M policies, but the work has shifted to administrative guidelines, so the committee has been advising Metro staff. Now that the guidelines are completed, the PAC may shift its focus the Metro Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. Beginning in June, the PAC will meet quarterly instead of monthly.

Mr. Lantz also gave an update on new equity platform that Metro is considering as a framework to increase access to opportunity. Metro Planning Staff has now added "racial equity" to the framework in addition to the original "economic equity" and other traditional transportation and quality of life metrics. This even caught some Metro Executives off guard. Individuals looking for social equity may be looking to use the economic aspect of race to accomplish their goals via Metro's investments throughout LA County. There is no official Metro Board policy at the moment on this issue, but it will be refined by Metro staff for consideration by the Metro Board at a future date.

4) Measure M South Bay Multi-Year Subregional Programs Implementation Task Force Workshop Update

Mr. Lantz reported that the Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs Implementation Task Force met one time after the IWG meeting in March. The group brainstormed the types of projects that they may be interested in doing. The next step, after the SBCCOG executes a funding agreement with Metro, will be to get in to the details of developing 5-year lists of projects for each of the three MSP funding categories. Mr. Lantz also added that as the guidelines are written, they are silent on the role of subregional entities such as the SBCCOG, beyond program development. This means that project oversight and administration may not be roles undertaken by the SBCCOG with the 0.5% funding currently provided and would have to be incorporated into the budgets of the selected projects.

5) Metro Next Gen Bus Study Issues and Process

Mr. Lantz asked the group if Metro had been giving them any information on the Next Gen Bus Study, and if so, if it looks as if Metro will be pulling back service. Ms. Rooney mentioned that there had been a couple of

presentations made, but noted that it is probably too early in the process for Metro to have decided on pulling back any service. The issue will continue to be monitored.

6) Transit Facilities at Green Line South Stations

Mr. Lantz informed the group that Torrance and Redondo Beach should be keeping track of the costs for their respective Green Line transit facilities, so they can be claimed as part of the required 3% contribution. The facilities must be included in the Green Line Extension EIR for those costs to be considered a part of the 3% requirement.

7) Announcements/Adjournment – Next Transit Operators Working Group meeting: The next meeting will be scheduled for May 17th at 2:00 p. m. The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.