

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transit Operators' Working Group

July 19th, 2017

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Steve Lantz, David Leger (SBCCOG); Leslie Scott (Beach Cities Transit); Dana Pynn (GTrans)

1) Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the June 19, 2017 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 2:45pm.

2) Transit Operator Issues and Concerns

Beach Cities Transit (BCT) is launching a new detour at LAX in August due to ongoing construction projects on Century Blvd. This is expected to take up to 3 years, leading BCT to question whether the change is considered a "temporary detour" or "route change" due to the significant amount of time. BCT asked if any other transit operators have experienced an FTA review where such a long duration detour was made, and what happened if so. GTrans said that it might depend on each operator's own policies, and that it might be possible to exempt construction-related detours.

3) SBCCOG Transportation Committee Update

a) SB1 – Overview

Steve Lantz reported that Transportation Committee reviewed funding sources from SB1. Mr. Lantz asked the Transit Operators what they are doing with SB1. GTrans said that there are two components for them: 1) additional STA money that is distributed by formula; 2) Transportation Improvement Fee which is allocated by the STA formula, but it's for state of good repair.

Mr. Lantz also announced that Caltrans will be resurfacing Pacific Coast Highway from El Segundo to Wilmington in two phases in 2021-2022. Caltrans met with local cities to ensure they are involved in the early environmental and design changes. The local cities and Caltrans will be coordinating their projects. Mr. Lantz informed the Transit Operators that they might want to get involved as Caltrans may be narrowing lanes and expanding sidewalks which would reduce the amount of room for buses.

b) Playa del Rey Traffic Calming

Mr. Lantz briefly reviewed the Playa del Rey issue with the group and transitioned into possible issues that may arise when Measure M is fully underway. Mr. Lantz noted that there may be requests for similar projects as the Playa del Rey project as part of Measure M.

4) Measure M Guidelines

a) Metro Measure M Policy Advisory Council Update

b) Metro Board Actions on Measure M Master Guidelines Approval

c) Looking Ahead: Administrative Guidelines; Long Range Transportation Plan; Possible subregional projects?

Mr. Lantz reported that the Metro Board approved the Master Guidelines for Measure M at their meeting and that the final guidelines are available on Metro's website.

Metro Staff will now begin working on the Administrative Guidelines which will shape the sub-regional programs. He then briefly reviewed the 4 sub-regional programs: Highway Operational Improvements; Short-term Mobility and Sustainability; Longer-Term Mobility and Sustainability; and Sub-Regional Equity.

If a Transit Operator was interested in doing transit improvements that reduced vehicle miles travelled, they would be able to apply for funding for the project(s) through the Mobility and Sustainability programs (curb-cuts, technology, etc).

Mr. Lantz also noted that there is a possibility that outside interest groups would approach a city for projects through Measure M (such as bike paths). BCT suggested vetting the guidelines through the various SBCCOG committees/working groups and establishing a priority list of types of projects that should rise to the top.

BCT asked Mr. Lantz when funding would be available for the Measure M sub-regional programs. Mr. Lantz said that the tax was collected starting July 1, but that funding wouldn't be available until after the Administrative Guidelines are completed, which is sometime around the end of the year.

Mr. Lantz also reported that Metro is going to be updating their Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) over a two-year timeframe. The only guidance this far is that there should be more strategy and policy as opposed to programming as in previous versions of the LRTP.

- 5) **Announcements/Adjournment – Next Transit Operators Working Group meeting:** SBCCOG Staff will send out a survey to the Transit Operators Working Group to gauge whether the working group wants to meet in August or go dark and meet in September. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.