

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transit Operators' Working Group

June 21st, 2018

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Steve Lantz, David Leger (SBCCOG); Joyce Rooney, Leslie Scott, Vinita Waskow (Beach Cities Transit); Ernie Crespo, Dana Pynn (GTrans); James Lee, Godfrey Offoegbu (Torrance Transit)

1) Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the May 17, 2018 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 2:09pm. Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

2) Transit Operator Issues and Concerns

The Transit Operators shared that Metro has informed municipal operators that inter-agency transfers will be conducted only using TAP cards and that paper tickets will no longer be used beginning in mid-July. Metro tokens will be ending in 2019. Metro has provided TAP cards for the Transit Operators to give out for free. The major concern for the Transit Operators is the rushed roll-out of this plan with little to no outreach to riders.

Mr. Lee asked if the SBCCOG Board has taken or will be taking a position on the SB-1 repeal efforts. Mr. Leger informed him that the SBCCOG Board has opposed the repeal measure.

3) Measure M Updates

a) Measure M Policy Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Lantz reported that the PAC has started to look at the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update, as well as the Vision 2028 plan. The PAC will meet quarterly instead of monthly with the next meeting scheduled for September 11.

b) Measure M South Bay Multi-Year Subregional Programs Implementation Update

Mr. Lantz reported that the SBCCOG is currently finalizing the Funding Agreement with Metro that would allow work to begin on crafting the Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs and the associated subregional guidelines and lists of projects. The Agreement is currently with Metro Legal Counsel for approval. Upon execution of the Agreement, the SBCCOG will reconvene the Measure M MSP Task Force to develop the project selection and performance criteria.

4) Metro Next Gen Bus Study Update

Mr. Lantz explained that Metro's Next Gen Bus Study is underway. The study aims to update Metro service to reflect county-wide changes that have taken place since the last comprehensive service re-design was completed over 20 years ago. Mr. Lantz noted that this may mean that service is removed from places such as the South Bay to try and increase ridership in other areas. If Metro lines are abandoned in the South Bay, Mr. Lantz noted that the SBCCOG could try advocating for the Transit Operators by requesting Metro provide two years' worth of operating expenses, like previous Metro policies which provided regional subsidies during the two-year transition of service between Metro and a municipal operator.

Ms. Rooney proposed bringing issues such as this one up to the SBCCOG Transportation Committee to help educate Board Members. Mr. Lantz noted that an introductory presentation to the Transportation Committee or Board of Directors on the municipal operators in the South Bay might be possible. The Transit Operators will discuss this further offline.

5) Crenshaw -LAX Bus Service / Bus-Rail Interface Plan

Mr. Lantz reported that the SBCCOG had just learned of a proposed operating plan that eliminates the one-seat ride from Norwalk to the South Bay on the Green Line. If adopted, Green Line trains that currently serve the El Segundo Employment Area will be routed north at Aviation to the Exposition Line. Green Line riders heading in

to the South Bay will be need to transfer at the Aviation / Century Station to a new Shuttle train that will run from the La Brea Station to the Redondo Beach Station. Riders leaving the South Bay would do the same transfer in reverse. South Bay Riders destined for the Exposition Line will also have to transfer at the Aviation / Century Station to continue their trip on the Crenshaw/LAX line.

6) Inglewood Entertainment District Regular / Game Day Service Coordination

Municipal Operator Directors met with Inglewood Stadium consultants to begin working on plans for regular and gameday service to the stadium and Inglewood Entertainment District. Mr. Crespo added that they are looking into additional parking options as the parking planned at the stadium is inadequate. He also noted that the South Bay is looking to work together to provide this service. Mr. Lantz noted that in his discussions with the City of Inglewood and stadium staff, he reminds them that understanding the daily transit service plan is just as important as the game day service.

7) Transit Facilities at Green Line South Stations

Ms. Rooney reported that the Redondo Beach Transit Center is out to bid for construction.

8) SBCCOG Bicycle and E-Mobility Expo

Mr. Lantz informed the group that the SBCCOG will be hosting a Bicycle and E-Mobility Expo on June 28th from 3:00-5:30pm to educate city staff and elected officials on the different companies beginning to pop up in the region. Attendees include LimeBike, Bird, and others. A track will be set up in the parking lot to allow attendees opportunities to test these mobility options.

9) Announcements/Adjournment – Next Transit Operators Working Group meeting: The next meeting will be scheduled for July 19th at 2:00 p. m. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.