

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee  
November 13, 2017  
Minutes

COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR WEIDEMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:32 AM

I. Welcome / Self-Introductions

In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:

Kurt Weideman, Vice Chair (Torrance)	Jim Butts (Inglewood)
Hany Fangary (Hermosa Beach)	Jim Osborne (Lawndale)

Non-Voting Representatives

Donald Szerlip, Metro South Bay Sector Council  
Stephanie Katsouleas, IWG (Manhattan Beach)  
James Lee, Transit Operators (Torrance Transit)

Also in attendance were the following persons:

David Leger (SBCCOG)	Leslie Scott (Beach Cities Transit)
Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)	Ifeanyi Ihenacho (Torrance Transit)
Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)	Mike Bohlke (Metro)
Orlando Rodriguez (El Segundo)	Isidro Panuco (Metro)
Frank Senteno (Lawndale)	Mark Dierking (Metro)
Rob Beste (Torrance)	

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Minutes of October 9, 2017 meeting
- B. November 2017 Transportation Update – received and filed.

MOTION by Committee Member Butts, seconded by Committee Member Osborne, to APPROVE the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

III. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates

A. Transit Operators Working Group Update

Leslie Scott reported that there was a good Transit Operators Working Group meeting last month. Torrance Transit also announced that the comprehensive analysis of their service lines is expected to be completed in early 2019.

B. Infrastructure Working Group Update

Steve Lantz reported that SBCCOG staff is finished with the one-on-one meetings with city staff and work will now begin on updating the Metro Budget Request. Mr. Lantz also informed the Committee that the administrative procedures for Measure M will be completed by the end of 2017 and work on Measure M sub-regional programs can begin in 2018. Rob Beste added that there needs to be a lot of discussion on what types of projects should be funded through the sub-regional programs.

C. Caltrans South Bay Highway Projects Update

Isidro Panuco reported that the I-405/Crenshaw Blvd project is in the design stage currently. The 110/405 auxiliary lane project will begin construction in late December or early January. Mr. Panuco also reported that the ITS projects are wrapping up and added that he would like to have a presentation made to the Committee on those projects in the beginning of the new year.

IV. Measure R South Bay Highway Program Annual Performance Evaluation Report

The report was handed out at the meeting. Mr. Lantz reviewed the report and noted that although some milestones have not met their target dates yet, there is still time to recover. The milestones must be completed by June 30, 2018 to be considered a completed milestone. The report will now be presented

to the Committee monthly instead of quarterly. The report can be viewed online at:  
[http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation\\_committee/HANDOUT\\_October%20APE%20Report.pdf](http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/HANDOUT_October%20APE%20Report.pdf)

- V. Measure M Guidelines Development and Metro Policy Advisory Council Updates
  - A. **Metro's** Revised Major Capital Project Acceleration / Deceleration Policy
  - B. Public Participation Policy
  - C. Performance Metrics Policy

Ms. Bacharach and Mr. Lantz provided an update on the Measure M Policy Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC has been discussing policies regarding public participation and performance metrics for Measure M. After much discussion, it seems to be agreed that the stakeholder groups will be consulted during the program development and project selection processes, but will not have a voting role in the process. Regarding the performance metrics policy, the "Consumer" group has been advocating for a pre-selected list of performance measures that would be used county-wide. The "Agency" groups have been advocating a list of performance measures of which sub-regions could then select the measures and methods that best fit their sub-regions. There was also discussion as to whether or not the metrics should have a quantitative or qualitative ranking. After a Metro-led discussion, it was agreed upon that the measures would be qualitative.

Committee Vice-Chair Weideman asked Mr. Lantz about the acceleration/deceleration policy that was presented at the previous Transportation Committee meeting. Mr. Lantz stated that Metro staff revised the policy which focuses now on whether or not a project should be accelerated, not if it should be decelerated. Mr. Bohlke added that the evaluation criteria would be available to Metro Board Members, their Deputies, and Metro Board staff. Mr. Bohlke added that there were significant efforts made to ensure that the policy is a "do no harm" policy and that by accelerating one project, Metro does not negatively impact another.

VI. FY 2017-18 Metro Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Jacki Bacharach presented Metro's 40-year financial forecast as laid out in a presentation given by Metro staff to the Metro Board and PAC on the Long-Range Transportation Plan update. The forecast indicated Metro is planning to bond all that it can over the next 40 years, utilizing all of its capacity until 2043, with only about \$11 billion in discretionary funds to be available in the out years. Also, several large, board approved projects were not included in the projections. For more detail, the presentation can be viewed online at:  
[http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation\\_committee/HANDOUT\\_LRTP%20Baseline%20Financial%20Forecast.pdf](http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/HANDOUT_LRTP%20Baseline%20Financial%20Forecast.pdf)

Committee Member and Metro Board Member Butts also informed the Committee of Mayor Garcetti's 28 by 28 program, which aims to accelerate and complete 28 major transportation projects from Measure R and Measure M by the 2028 Olympics.

VII. Green Line Extension Update

Committee Member Fangary shared some information he received from a concerned constituent regarding proposed changes that would require South Bay riders to make two or more transfers in order to get to Downtown Los Angeles. Mr. Lantz stated that it's a very complex issue that gets into rider volume, etc. Mark Dierking added that the concerns are somewhat premature because no changes are being proposed at the moment and the plan the constituent referenced wouldn't begin for two years if enacted. It was proposed to have a Metro staff member present on the proposed changes.

VIII. Metro Express Lanes Update

Ms. Bacharach informed the Committee that she and Mr. Lantz recently met with Metro Express Lanes staff. Metro staff had proposed a study on the feasibility of using Express Lane Net Toll Revenues from the 110-fwy and 10-fwy corridors to build additional Express Lanes in other areas of the county. State law requires that the excess funds (Net Toll Revenues) be re-invested in the corridor in which they are collected. To circumvent state law, Metro staff suggested the funds be "loaned" to other areas with a promise of being repaid in the future. Metro has previously held two calls for projects in the 110 corridors. To date, only 3% of those funds have been utilized. These were major concerns for Ms.

Bacharach and Mr. Lantz and in response, they proposed a letter be sent to Metro outlining the SBCCOG's willingness to help Metro while also ensuring the funds stay in the corridor as intended by state law. The SBCCOG is looking to collaborate with Metro Board Members and Staff to improve the timeliness and effectiveness of the current net roll revenue investment policies and procedures. The letter (which was subsequently approved by the SBCCOG Board) can be viewed online at:

[http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation\\_committee/HANDOUT\\_Draft%20ExpressLanes%20Letter%20to%20Metro.pdf](http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/HANDOUT_Draft%20ExpressLanes%20Letter%20to%20Metro.pdf)

MOTION by Committee Member Butts, seconded by Committee Member Osborne, to recommend the SBCCOG Board of Directors APPROVE the letter with minor amendments. No objection. So ordered.

IX. Announcements / Adjournment - The Next Transportation Committee is scheduled for December 11, 2017 at 10:30am.

Committee Member Butts announced that the LA Philharmonic is moving their youth program to Inglewood.

Leslie Scott announced that the Beach Cities Health District is working with SCAG on a living streets design manual and concept plan for Aviation Blvd. There will be workshops in January and April. Fliers will be sent to the SBCCOG for distribution to its mailing lists.

Committee Vice Chair Weideman adjourned the meeting at 11:37 am.