

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee  
May 14, 2018  
Notes – No Quorum

**COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR WEIDEMAN NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO QUORUM BUT BEGAN INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AT 10:36 AM**

**I. Welcome / Self-Introductions**

**In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:**

Kurt Weideman, Vice Chair (Torrance)  
David Lesser (Manhattan Beach)  
Jim Butts (Inglewood) – departed at 11:00am  
Britt Huff (Rolling Hills Estates) – arrived at 11:15am

**Non-Voting Representatives**

James Lee, Transit Operators (Torrance Transit)  
Don Szerlip, Metro South Bay Service Council

**Also in attendance were the following persons:**

David Leger (SBCCOG)  
Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)  
Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)  
Young-Gi Harabedian (Supervisor Hahn's Office)  
Michael Ervin (Supervisor Hahn's Office)  
Maryam Adhami (LA County DPW)  
Lance Grindle (LA County DPW)  
Rob Beste (Torrance)  
Godfrey Offoegbu (Torrance Transit)

Melanie McDade (Inglewood)  
Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach)  
Orlando Rodriguez (El Segundo)  
Leslie Scott (Beach Cities Transit)  
Mike Bohlke (Metro)  
Isidro Panuco (Metro)  
Mark Dierking (Metro)  
Jimmy Shih (Caltrans)  
Bob Wolfe (public)

**II. Consent Calendar**

- A. Minutes of January 8, 2018 meeting**
- B. Notes of February 12, 2018 meeting**
- C. Notes of April 9, 2018 meeting**
- D. May 2018 Transportation Update**

No action was taken on the Consent Calendar due to the lack of a quorum.

**III. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates**

**A. Transit Operators Working Group Update**

James Lee reported that Gardena Transit is in the process of doing a line-by-line analysis of their service and noted that Torrance Transit will soon be doing the same. Torrance Transit also received a grant to purchase two CNG fueled buses. Mr. Lee also noted that Metro held a well-attended community meeting in Torrance on their Supplemental Analysis for the Green Line Extension to the South Bay.

**B. Infrastructure Working Group Update – No report given.**

**IV. Metro Policy Advisory Council Update**

Steve Lantz reported that Metro staff presented their "Vision 2028 Plan" that tries to put a framework around the Long-Range Transportation Plan and their NextGen Bus Study.

Committee Member Butts announced that he will be attending a California Transportation Commission meeting in San Diego to testify on behalf of a Metro application for \$1.4B in SB1 funding to build six major rail projects in the County, including the Green Line Extension to Torrance. Mr. Butts will also be advocating for the LAX Connector project.

Mr. Lantz added that this will cover the funding needed for any of the Green Line South design alternatives currently being considered by Metro and should allow the project to be accelerated for completion before the 2028 Olympics and Paralympic Games.

**V. Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs Development Update**

**A. SBCCOG / Metro MSP Funding Agreements Update**

Mr. Lantz and Ms. Bacharach reported that the SBCCOG is currently working with Metro to finalize a funding agreement to begin work on Measure M Multi-Year Sub-Regional Programs. The final version is expected to go before the SBCCOG Board of Directors for approval at the end of May.

Committee Member Lesser asked Mr. Lantz how the SBCCOG will address large projects that may require most of the MSP funding. Mr. Lantz explained that the project would be vetted as part of the development of the five-year list of projects and the amount of funding available each year. The SBCCOG Board will approve the eligibility criteria and ultimately select the projects.

Ms. Harabedian asked what conversations have been had so far regarding the MSPs. Mr. Lantz and Ms. Bacharach explained that the local jurisdictions have been informed that the MSP project selection criteria must be developed first and then a call for projects will be held. Ms. Bacharach added that initial workshops were held in April and that presentations have been made to several of the SBCCOG's working groups, including the Infrastructure Working Group, Senior Services Working Group, and Transit Operators Working Group, but noted that work has been on hold until the funding agreement is finalized.

**B. South Bay MSPs Task Force Update**

Task Force work has been put on hold until funding is available after the MSP Planning funding agreement with Metro is executed.

**VI. Measure R South Bay Highway Program Annual Performance Evaluation (APE) Report**

**A. Local Jurisdiction-led Projects**

**B. Caltrans-led Projects**

**C. Program update**

Mr. Lantz reviewed the APE report with the Committee. The report is available online at: [http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation\\_committee/HANDOUT\\_Attachment%20E%20-%20April%202018%20APE%20report.pdf](http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/HANDOUT_Attachment%20E%20-%20April%202018%20APE%20report.pdf)

Mr. Ervin asked Ms. Bacharach how the meetings with Shirley Choate of Caltrans are going. Ms. Bacharach explained that the SBCCOG is meeting with Caltrans about once a month to discuss project coordination, possible future projects in the South Bay, as well as some of the local jurisdictions' permitting issues as they pertain to SBHP projects.

Ms. Bacharach thanked Mr. Panuco for providing Caltrans project APE information for inclusion in the APE handout.

Mr. Panuco presented a brief update on the SBHP, beginning by reviewing the relationship and constraints between project expenditures, scope, schedule, and budget. Mr. Panuco continued by touching on SBHP funds programmed through 2021, and expenditures by jurisdiction and by year. He finished his presentation with the number of projects completed each year of the program. Mr. Panuco's presentation can be viewed online at: [http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation\\_committee/PRESENTATION\\_SBHP%20Update.pdf](http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/PRESENTATION_SBHP%20Update.pdf)

Mr. Lantz noted that when the program was first started, there were two types of projects: early action and strategic planning. The early action projects were smaller and easier to complete, while the strategic planning projects were larger projects. Mr. Lantz explained that the data shown in the presentation is not unexpected and that there are several larger projects entering the construction phase next year that should significantly change the expenditure amounts for the program.

**VII. Metro Green Line / Crenshaw LAX Line Operating Plan Update**

There was no update on the item. Mr. Wolfe commented that he feels this will be a major issue once the Green Line Extension is built because it will affect how far a rider will be able to go without having to transfer trains.

Committee Member Lesser asked Mr. Lantz when it is appropriate to start advocating for a one-seat (no transfer)

operating plan. Mr. Lantz explained that Metro has to create the operating plan for the line about 6-9 months before the opening of the line. Regarding the Green Line, Mr. Lantz explained that Metro will have to evaluate ridership from Norwalk compared to ridership from the El Segundo station, adding that Metro will not create an operating plan based on the extension to Torrance until the line is being built and ready to open.

Mr. Szerlip added that it may be beneficial to begin a letter writing campaign in advance of the process so that the South Bay's views are heard well before any decision might be made.

#### **VIII. I-105 ExpressLanes Study Update**

Mr. Lantz reported that consultants have been hired, but no work has been done yet. Mr. Lantz noted that the SBCCOG is on the advisory committee that was formed.

#### **IX. Three Month Look Ahead**

Mr. Lantz briefly reviewed the upcoming meetings listed on the Three Month Look Ahead.

Ms. Bacharach reported that at the last IWG meeting, there was a presentation from Waze on their carpool program and data sharing program with cities/agencies, but noted that the SBCCOG is not advocating on behalf of Waze Carpool, Uber, or Lyft

Committee Member Lesser asked Ms. Scott and Mr. Lee what they would like to share with policy makers regarding fixed route transit. Ms. Scott explained that right now, there is a conversation about data that shows decreasing ridership nationwide on fixed route transit services. Mr. Lee added that there should also be a discussion on balancing infrastructure costs/needs, particularly as ridership increases while gas prices rise, as well as the impact of how Uber and Lyft affect transit agencies, and the portion of the population that is dependent on transit.

There was a brief discussion on the Go Monrovia program in which the city partners with Lyft to provide dial-a-ride services at a much lower cost than the traditional publicly-operated dial-a-ride service. They also partner with Lime Bikes. The Transit Operators warned however, that when Federal grants are being used, there is extensive data reporting required and that only Lyft appears to understand cities' data requests.

#### **X. Announcements / Adjournment - The Next Transportation Committee is scheduled March 12, 2018 at 10:30a.m.**

Committee Vice Chair Weideman announced the May 30<sup>th</sup> groundbreaking ceremony for the Torrance Transit Center.

Mr. Lantz reported that there will be an additional Green Line Extension community meeting in Lawndale on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Committee Vice Chair Weideman ended the discussion at 11:48 am.