

Metro South Bay Service Council Monthly Meeting Review for September 18, 2020  
Overview Compiled by Donald Szerlip, Chairman

Chair made opening remarks encouraging all Council members to be actively involved and ask questions as we evaluate lines and vote on our recommendations to the Metro Board. A Safety Tip was given by Scott Greene and the August 14 minutes were approved.

The majority of this meeting was voting on suggested NextGen Bus Plan proposals. Staff began with an overview of the plan's goals and a summary of changes embodied in the proposals given by Conan Cheung, Senior Executive Officer. Staff then made individual line presentations summarizing the proposed changes. Joe Forgiarini, Senior Director, Service Performance & Analysis, assisted by Scott Greene, Transportation Planning Manager, gave the overviews and answered Council member questions.

To move the process along expeditiously, line presentations were done in groups (see attached chart). Lines were grouped first by the Council's oversight authority (primary or secondary) and then by the quantity of public concern and response. The first group included lines where the SB Service Council had First Authority but there was little public concern. Council approved all NextGen recommendations in one vote for these 22 lines. The next group were lines where the Council had Secondary Authority and there was little public concern. Council approved all NextGen recommendations in one vote for these 11 lines. The third group included lines where the Council had First Authority but there was a medium amount of public concern which resulted in changes to each line's original proposals. Included in these 6 lines were a pair of small shuttle routes. Council members expressed a desire to see the Inglewood Shuttle operate on Sundays so as to service numerous churches. All changes were approved in one motion which also included direction for staff and the local Council representative to meet and discuss how to address this need. Only 1 line was in the group in which the Council had 2<sup>nd</sup> Authority and there was a medium amount of public concerns. It was approved.

Finally, the Council addressed those lines where it had 1<sup>st</sup> Authority and there were numerous comments and concerns expressed by the public. These lines were addressed in 2 parts. The first line considered was Line 130, currently a contract line, which goes from South Redondo Beach, through Hermosa Beach, along Artesia Blvd and out to El Monte. Staff proposed bifurcating this line at the Artesia Blue Line station and transitioning operations to municipal operators. Torrance Transit is anxious to take over the western portion of the line. It is proposed that Long Beach Transit assume operation of the eastern segment, but they aren't excited and will consider the proposition in a few years. Recognizing that the eastern segment is actually within the jurisdiction of the Gateway Cities Service Council, the SB Service Council decided to leave decisions on this segment to the Gateway Council and, therefore, took no action. The SB Service Council did vote to move forward with the NextGen proposal which will

see Torrance Transit operate the line from the Blue Line west to the beaches. The final consideration was all about San Pedro. The final proposals had taken numerous turns in response to the most concentrated public commentary received about any South Bay lines. Changes included revamping Metro's service throughout the peninsula to achieve broader coverage on main arteries while continuing to provide service to all major local destinations. Additionally, the final proposal included the reestablishment of line 450 which provides a one seat ride to downtown Los Angeles via the Harbor Freeway with a stop at the Harbor Gateway Transit Center. Comments taken from the public at this meeting clearly demonstrate that staff has created a transit network that meets the needs of local riders. The Council approved all NextGen changes to the 4 lines serving San Pedro.

Despite the meeting running long, the council then received the Metro Bus Performance Report given by Scott Greene, Transportation Planning Manager for the South Bay, and Mark Dierking, the sector's Community Relations Manager. The overview included not only the standard performance areas reviewed at each meeting, but also included a report on Metro's ongoing Covid 19 protocols. Coverage was included regarding the opening of the new Patsaouras Plaza Bus Station, Metro's activities for September Bike Month and an update on the scheduling of activities in analysis of the Green Line Extension to Torrance.

The meeting concluded following Council Member Comments and Public Comments on non-agenda items.

Respectfully submitted September 23, 2020

Metro South Bay Service Council Monthly Meeting Review for October 9, 2020  
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A Safety Tip was given by Jorge Martinez, Transportation Planning Manager, and the September 18 minutes were approved.

The Council received an overview of the Traffic Reduction Study currently underway from Ryan Wiggins, Senior Transportation Planning Manager. The goal of the study is to implement a pilot program that will yield knowledge about the effectiveness of using congestion pricing strategies to reduce traffic volume and congestion. Accepting the premise that in Los Angeles County the demand for road space will inevitably accede the supply, the study hopes to find ways to manage that demand by implementing a charge to travel a certain road or enter a specified section of the county, to reduce demand and road use. There are currently thought to be two possible ways to implement congestion pricing. The first option is along a linear corridor. The second is to isolate a cordon area such as a center city. Metro is currently trying to identify a place to conduct the study and hopes to present the Metro Board with an implementation plan by the end of 2022.

The FY Q1 Station Evaluation Program Update was given by Jorge Martinez, Transportation Planning Manager. Stations are now cleaned using a Covid 19 Sanitizing protocol with all rail stations being treated at least 2 times daily, some even 3 times. Using only internal Metro personnel, quarterly station reviews are now being done at 56 stations, an increase of eleven, using 32 measures of performance. In the South Bay 11 stations were inspected – 5 rail stations, 3 busway stations and 3 transit centers. Though one station experienced no rating change in this evaluation, the remaining ten stations all had increases in their overall ratings.

Regional updates were provided by Joe Forgiarini, Senior Director, Service Performance and Mark Dierking, Community Relations Manager. Included was information about how Metro was supporting the upcoming election by locating numerous ballot drop boxes throughout the system; implementation of UV sanitizing and electric buses on the Orange Line.

The meeting concluded following Council Member Comments and Public Comments on non-agenda items.

Respectfully submitted October 12, 2020

November anticipated agenda topics:

- NextGen Bus Plan Update
- Microtransit Update
- Green Line Extension to Torrance