

# **South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

## **South Bay Transit Operators Working Group**

### **AGENDA**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2019  
3:00 p. m. - 4:30 p. m.**

**SBCCOG Office  
20285 Western Avenue, Suite 100  
Torrance, Ca. 90501**

- 3:00 p. m. Self-Introductions and Approval of the October 22, 2019 Meeting Notes (Attachment A)**
- 3:05 p. m. Transit Operator Issues and Concerns**
- 3:15 p. m. Evaluation of Applications Submitted for Measure M & R Call for Projects (Attachment B)**
- 3:45 p. m. NextGen Study status**
- 4:00 p. m. “Micro by Metro” Microtransit Pilot Project**
- 4:15 p. m. Inglewood Special Event Service Coordination Update**
- 4:00 p. m. Metro Transit to Parks Initiative**
- 4:25 p. m. Announcements**
- 4:30 p. m. Adjournment**

***Next Transit Operators Working Group meeting date –?***

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### Transit Operators' Working Group

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

### Meeting Notes

Attendees: Joyce Rooney (Beach Cities Transit); Kim Turner, Godfrey Offoegbu, James Lee (Torrance Transit); Ernie Crespo & Dana Pynn (GTrans); Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG)

#### 1) Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the July 17, 2019 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm. Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

#### 2) Transit Operator Issues and Concerns

Ms. Turner expressed her concerns that there is still very little coordination between Metro NextGen staff with local transit operators. Mr. Crespo added that there are potentially substantive changes happening to some of the main transit lines coming in to the South Bay that feed into the Torrance Transit and GTrans systems. There are also concerns amongst the Transit Operators that Long Beach Transit may be starting service in/out of the Harbor Gateway Transit Center which is outside of their service area.

The Transit Operators are interested in a potential presentation to the SBCCOG's Board of Directors in January to share their concerns with NextGen implementation.

#### 3) Measure R South Bay Sub-Fund Transfer Update

Mr. Lantz reviewed the possibility of a transfer of funds from the Measure R South Bay highway sub-fund to a transit sub-fund in order to fund transit capital projects in the South Bay. Currently there are no sub-regional transit funding sources available in the South Bay. This opportunity is afforded by the once-a-decade provision in Measure R that allows the Metro Board of Directors to transfer funds from one sub-fund to another. In order to identify the magnitude of a potential transfer, SBCCOG staff has requested potential projects from both Transit agencies, Metro, Caltrans, and city public works departments. Mr. Lantz explained that this funding could be used for large transit projects such as the Centinela Grade Separation (Expo Line) as well as the local match requirement as part of the Green Line extension to Torrance. Transit Operators shared some of their initial project ideas such as bus acquisition for EV compliance and/or expanded service, improved bus stop amenities and next-bus technologies, and EV bus charging infrastructure. The agencies will further develop their ideas and will submit any applications to the SBCCOG by October 31.

The Transit Operators are urging no local match requirement as part of the potential Transit Funding program.

#### 4) Inglewood Special Event Service Coordination Update

South Bay Transit Operators continue to meet with Inglewood staff to discuss potential service opportunities, but discussions have not been very productive thus far.

#### 5) Announcements/Adjournment – Next Transit Operators Working Group meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m. to November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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Attachment B

November 19, 2019

To: SBCCOG Transit Operators Working Group – November 19, 2019 Meeting  
SBCCOG Board of Directors –November 21, 2019 Meeting

From: Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director  
Steve Lantz, Transportation Director

Subject: Evaluation of Applications Submitted for Measure M & R Call for Projects & Sub-Fund Transfer Option

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

*Goal A: Environment, Transportation, and Economic Development.* Facilitate, implement, and/or educate members and others about environmental, transportation, and economic development programs that benefit the South Bay. Strategy 5 – Actively pursue opportunities for infrastructure funding for member agencies.

BACKGROUND

Measure R Decennial Sub-Fund Transfer

Funding in the Measure R Ordinance is assigned to specific line items on an Appendix A Expenditure Plan. The Expenditure Plan assigns funding specific to each line item from two Measure R sub-funds, one for highway capital projects and programs and the other for transit capital projects and programs. The Measure R South Bay Highway Program (SBHP) is assigned to the Measure R Highway Sub-Fund.

Measure R SBHP funds have always been limited by Metro and SBCCOG policy to highway and arterial projects that reduce vehicle delay and are located within a mile of a state highway or freeway. Because of the Measure R highway sub-fund limitation, South Bay transit capital projects have been deemed ineligible to date.

A Decennial Highway/Transit Sub-Fund Transfer provision in the Measure R Ordinance provides an opportunity to use SBHP funding for high-priority transit projects in addition to high priority highway projects in the South Bay.

An explicit policy and process in the Measure R ordinance permits, but does not require, a once-a-decade transfer of funds between the Measure R Highway and Measure R Transit Sub-funds no sooner than January 2020. The Metro Board must approve all Measure R Expenditure Plan funding assignment transfers between the Measure R highway and transit sub-funds throughout L. A. County in a single action. It appears that the South Bay is the only sub-region in which a transfer would be sought. A 2/3 affirmative vote of the Metro Board is required to transfer the Measure R funds between the Highway and Transit sub-funds. The Measure R Ordinance is silent on the role of the sub-regional councils of governments in the Sub-Fund transfer process

but throughout the Measure R SBHP, the SBCCOG has developed recommendations to Metro on the use of these funds.

Although transferring Measure R SBHP funds from the highway sub-fund to the transit sub-fund would reduce available SBHP highway funding by the amount of the transfer, the passage of Measure M significantly increased and extended the availability of sub-regional highway funding in the South Bay.

#### SBHP Funding Available For A Decennial Sub-Fund Transfer

Over the next decade, the SBCCOG staff estimates that there is approximately \$560 million in uncommitted Measure R South Bay Highway Program (SBHP) funding. All of the available funding in this program would be restricted for highway capital projects unless a sub-fund transfer is approved as described above. It also should be noted that the cost to complete active SBHP projects is approximately \$127 million. If Metro chose to complete all projects, the net available for new SBHP-funded projects by 2029 would be \$433 million.

In addition, there is approximately \$358 million in three uncommitted Measure M Multi-Year Sub-Regional Programs (MSPs). All of the available funding is currently restricted for highway capital projects. Measure M also includes a decennial highway/transit sub-fund transfer provision beginning no sooner than January 2028.

The Metro Board also has committed \$130 million in Measure M or other funding sources to the South Bay Measure M South Bay Sub-Regional Equity Program (SREP). Metro initially programmed the SREP after 2043, after Measure R expires and Measure M rises from a half-cent to one cent. However, the Metro Board has already approved funding from the SREP for current projects in the San Fernando Valley and San Gabriel Valley. Following this precedent, some or all of the \$130 million allocated to the South Bay could be made available before 2029 at the discretion of the Metro Board. SREP funding can be used for highway or transit capital projects.

In addition to completing current SBHP projects, the SBCCOG Board has discussed the potential to use sub-regional funding sources to provide the 3% local match that Metro requires to be committed once the Green Line Extension from El Segundo to Torrance reaches 30% design. The contribution amount will not be known until the scope of the project is determined following completion of the environmental clearance process, selection of a locally-preferred alternative and completion of 30% final design. However, SBCCOG staff estimates this commitment could range from \$40-60 million.

Beyond these two commitments, the SBCCOG issued a call for highway and transit projects to be considered in the SBCCOG's FY 2020-21 Metro Budget Request. SBCCOG received 48 applications totaling \$1.3 billion, of which 34 are traditional highway project applications valued at \$972.6 million. There were also 14 transit project applications valued at \$410.2 million that would need a Measure R SBHP transfer from the highway to the transit sub-fund.

## RECOMMENDATION

Review the projects submitted for both Measure R and M, the cost to complete current projects and the opportunity to transfer funds this one time only. A thorough conversation should take place as decisions related to these projects will affect the funding availability for the next 10 years.

Further, SBCCOG Staff recommends SBCCOG Board support the City of Inglewood's application requesting Metro to use up to \$130 million in South Bay Sub-Regional Equity Funds for the Centinela Grade Separation project.

Exhibit 1 – Summary of Available R/M South Bay Sub-Regional Revenues vs Applications

Exhibit 2 – FY 2020-21 Metro Budget Request New Project Applications List

## South Bay Highway Programs Revenues vs Project Requests

### Revenues

Measure R Uncommitted Revenues Through 2029: \$560 million

Measure M Uncommitted Revenues in 3 MSPs through 2029 \$358 million

Total Funds Available \$918 million

### Possible Commitments

Cost to Complete active SBHP projects: (\$127 million)

Green Line South 3% Local Match (\$ 50 million)

Total Possible Commitments (\$177 million)

Net M/R Sub-Regional Funds available through 2029 \$741 million

Total Highway and Transit Applications received as of 10/31/19 \$1.3 billion



Attachment B, Exhibit Z: Fy 2020/2029 Measure R Commitments & Fund Transfer Project Applications

Metro FA Project ID	Lead Agency / Description	Project Type (Hwy/Transit)	New Funding Requested Through 2029			
			MR SBHP	MM HOIP	MM TSMIP	MM SREP
<b>New Project Requests</b>						
1	Beach Cities Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility	T	\$33,433,950			
2	Beach Cities Transit** CNG Bus Replacement (nine vehicles)	T	\$5,611,895			
3	Beach Cities Transit** Zero Emission Bus Conversion (eight vehicles)	T	\$11,000,000			
4	Carson Circuit Regional Transit Center	T	\$2,745,000			
5	Gardena Transit Solar Charging Fueling System Expansion	T	\$2,000,000			
6	Gardena Transit** Bus Replacement (CNG/EV - 15 vehicles)	T	\$12,375,000			
7	Gardena Transit Service Expansion Bus Purchase (CNG/EV - 30 vehicles)	T	\$24,750,000			
8	Inglewood Transit Centinela Grade Separation	T				\$130,000,000
9	Inglewood Transit Transit Connector Project	T	\$250,000,000			
10	Torrance Transit Expansion Buses (20 CNG/4 EV)	T	\$20,000,000			
11	Torrance Transit Return of the Red Car Urban Circulator Trolley	T	\$4,500,000			
12	Torrance Transit Regional Transit Center Parking Structure	T	\$40,000,000			
13	Torrance Transit MicroTransit Expansion	T	\$240,000			
14	Torrance Transit Construction of Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle Charging Station	T	\$3,500,000			
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>\$410,155,845</b>			<b>\$130,000,000</b>
1	Caltrans/Metro I-110 Improvements at PCH off-ramp (EA34810)	H	\$43,000,000			
2	Caltrans/Metro Auxiliary lanes on Route 405 from Artesia Boulevard to El Segundo Boulevard. (EA 35310)	H	\$145,800,000			
3	Caltrans/Metro I-405 from El Segundo Blvd. to Imperial Highway - northbound Aux Lanes and Ramp Widening (EA 36570)	H	\$154,200,000			
4	Caltrans/Metro I-405 Improvements from Main Street to Western Avenue	H	\$200,000,000			
5	Caltrans/Metro I-405 from I-110/Main Street to Wilmington Avenue - Aux Lanes (EA 35940)	H	\$145,800,000			
6	Caltrans/Metro Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Improvements (EA 32580) (Local Projects)	H	\$8,400,000			
7	Metro/Caltrans I-405 Improvements from Western to Crenshaw	H	\$60,000,000			
8	Metro/Caltrans I-105 Integrated Corridor Management	H	\$23,309,750			
9	Carson ITS-fiber, cameras, hardware, and communication devices	H		\$700,000		
10	Carson Avalon Blvd TSSP	H		\$1,530,000		
11	Carson Sepulveda Blvd. Widening	H	\$7,360,000			
12	El Segundo Park Place Gap Closure (Design/ROW support)	H	\$5,000,000			
13	El Segundo Park Place Gap Closure (ROW/Construction)	H	\$120,000,000			
14	Gardena Redondo Beach Blvd. Operational Improvements	H	\$5,567,000			
15	Hawthorne Crenshaw Blvd Mobility Project	H			\$9,000,000	
16	Hawthorne Rosecrans Ave Mobility Project Phase II	H			\$4,500,000	
17	Hermosa Beach Pacific Coast Highway Mobility and Accessibility Project	H		\$11,400,000		
18	Inglewood Changeable Message Signs and CCTV	H		\$7,000,000		
19	Inglewood Connected Vehicles	H		\$10,000,000		
20	Inglewood Downtown ITS	H		\$11,100,000		
21	Inglewood First/Last Mile	H			\$6,500,000	
22	Inglewood** I-405 Overpass project	H	\$21,000,000			
23	Inglewood Manchester Blvd Improvement Project	H			\$17,000,000	
24	Inglewood Prairie Avenue Improvement Project	H			\$9,000,000	
25	Inglewood TMC Expansion	H		\$4,000,000		
26	LA County DPW Westmont/West Athens Pedestrian Plan Phase II	H			\$1,165,000	
27	Palos Verdes Estates PV Drive West Corridor Expansion	H		\$676,500		
28	Port of Los Angeles SR-47 / Vincent Thomas Bridge / Front Street/Harbor Blvd reconfiguration	H	\$25,170,760			
29	Rancho Palos Verdes Western Avenue Improvements Project	H	\$3,300,000			
30	Redondo Beach Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Improvements at Palos Verdes Boulevard	H	\$4,700,000			
31	Redondo Beach North Redondo Beach Bikeway (NRBB) Extension - Felton Lane to Inglewood Avenue - Construction	H			\$1,000,000	
32	Redondo Beach North Redondo Beach Bikeway (NRBB) Extension - Inglewood Avenue - Design	H			\$200,000	
33	Redondo Beach Traffic Signal Communications and Network System	H		\$2,000,000		
34	SBCCOG South Bay Fiber Network	H		\$2,500,000		
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>\$972,607,510</b>	<b>\$50,906,500</b>	<b>\$48,365,000</b>	

\* Indicates potentially ineligible project

Requests:	
Total Measure R Transit	\$410,155,845
Total Measure R Hwy	\$972,607,510
Total Measure M Hwy	\$50,906,500
Total Measure M TSMI	\$48,365,000
Total Measure M SREP	\$130,000,000
<b>Total Requests</b>	<b>\$1,612,034,855</b>

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