

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transit Operators Working Group

AGENDA

**Thursday, February 16, 2017
2:00 p. m.**

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

- 2:00 p. m. Self-Introductions & Approval of the December 1, 2016 Meeting Notes (Attachment A)**
- 2:05 p. m. Transit Operator Issues and Concerns**
- 2:30 p. m. Measure M**
- a. Advisory Council representation**
 - b. SBCCOG Letter to Metro (Attachment B)**
 - c. SBCCOG Guidelines Development process**
 - d. Creation of Measure M Board Committee**
- 2:45 p. m. Bus Rapid Transit in the South Bay?**
- 2:55 p. m. Announcements / Adjournment - Next Transit Operators Working Group meeting date – April ?, 2017**

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December 1st, 2016

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Steve Lantz, David Leger (SBCCOG); Joyce Rooney, Amy Ahdi, Leslie Scott (Beach Cities Transit), James Lee (Torrance Transit), Ernie Crespo (Gardena Transit);

1) Self-Introductions & Approval of the September 22, 2016 Meeting Notes

2) Transit Operator Issues and Concerns

Beach Cities Transit: There is not enough funding for transit centers' ongoing maintenance costs. Funding for construction is much easier to locate, but ongoing funding for operations and maintenance is difficult to obtain. Perhaps Measure M funds may be used for this?

A question was asked in regards to the status of the Metro Call for Projects. Steve Lantz responded that as of right now, everything is on hold, and that if the restructuring went forward, it would be likely Transit Category funding would remain a countywide category rather than be allocated to subregions for a disaggregated competitive process.

3) Measure M Resources in the South Bay: What We Know Today

Steve Lantz reviewed the current information known about Measure M, including the regional projects and sub-regional programs. Mr. Lantz reported that the SBCCOG will be urging Metro to allow maximum autonomy for the sub-regional programs so that each sub-region can develop its own guidelines (as long as they are in accordance with the goals of Measure M). Mr. Lantz announced that there will be a workshop on Measure M implementation prior to the January 26th SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting.

4) Bus Rapid Transit in the South Bay?

Mr. Lantz reviewed a conceptual corridor for a Bus Rapid Transit line in the South Bay that would connect the Blue Line with the Silver Line and to the Torrance Transit Center and possibly to the Green Line in El Segundo. The transit operators indicated that they want to run the line, possibly collaboratively, as opposed to allowing Metro to run it.

5) Announcements/Adjournment – Next Transit Operators Working Group meeting: February 2017?

Thursday, February 16th was proposed for the next Transit Operators Working Group Meeting.



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January 31, 2017

Honorable John Fasana, Chair
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: South Bay Cities Council of Governments Measure M Policy Recommendations

Dear Chairman Fasana:

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Board of Directors reviewed and approved policy recommendations for inclusion in the Measure M Guidelines. This followed a workshop in which SBCCOG and Metro staff presented an overview of Measure M Implementation steps.

As the implementation guidelines are being drafted by Metro, we ask that the following recommendations be incorporated:

- * Delegate administration of Measure M sub-regional programs to the respective COGs that express a willingness to manage the programs and give them the ability to establish their own guidelines as long as they are in compliance with the Measure M ordinance requirements.
- * Eliminate or restructure the Metro Call for Projects to better align the process with the sub-regional nature of the Measure M program by sub-venting the funding proportionately to COGs and requiring allocation via competitive processes where required.
- * Allow as an alternative to individual city contributions, local investments that meet the Local Contribution Eligibility Criteria to be aggregated over an entire Rail Construction segment to meet the 3% Rail Local Contribution requirement regardless of where in the construction segment the investments are made.

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Rolling Hills Estates Torrance Los Angeles District #15 Los Angeles County

- * Grandfather in previous local expenditures – amount escalated to the original project date - that meet the Local Contribution Eligibility Criteria (e.g. Torrance and Redondo Beach transit center investments at future Green Line South Station sites).
- * Allow each Sub-Region, at its sole discretion, to use Measure M sub-regional funding as the minimum required local match for all competitive Metro grant programs and required local contributions.
- * Work with Sub-Regions to enable acceleration of construction of one or more transit or highway regional projects located within their sub-region (e.g. the Sub Region could lend near-term sub-regional program funding to Metro to accelerate the project(s) with repayment including escalation due when the accelerated regional project was initially scheduled in the Measure M Expenditure Plan Attachment A).
- * Explore sub-regional allocation policy for local return funds that would use the resident population allocation from Metro and allow the sub-region to aggregate it using some agreed upon formula.

The SBCCOG Board also nominated Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director, and Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Transportation Director, as the SBCCOG representative and alternate on the Metro Measure M Advisory Council.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



James Osborne, Chairman
South Bay Cities Council of Governments

cc: Members of the Metro Board of Directors
Phil Washington, Metro CEO
Therese McMillan, Metro Chief Planning Officer
SBCCOG Board of Directors
SBCCOG City Managers