

TO: SBCCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: RALPH L. FRANKLIN, CHAIR, METRO SOUTH BAY SERVICE COUNCIL
SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2020
DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm at the Grand Annex, located at 434 West 6th Street, San Pedro, CA 90731.

At the January 10, 2020 Metro South Bay Service Council Meeting, the Service Council Members agreed to have our February meeting immediately following the NextGen Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, February 4. All Service Council Members were in attendance except for Council Member Dan Medina. Once roll call was taken, a Safety Tip was provided as well as the minutes from the January meeting were approved.

The next discussion item allowed the Service Council Members to give their critique on the NextGen Workshop and Next Steps. Several Service Council Members gave their positive input on the layout of the material for the meeting along with the various maps and stations that the attendees could see to get specific information on the various bus line changes. Other Service Council Members expressed how knowledgeable the Metro Staff were as they addressed the concerns raised by those in attendance. I acknowledged that I did not have time to review all of the material and the handouts but planned to attend the next scheduled NexGen workshop in the South Bay which will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm, at The Foundation Center located at 11633 South Western Avenue in Los Angeles. I strongly encouraged the Service Council Members to attend the next NexGen workshop and provide substantive comments to Metro staff on the proposed bus line changes and the potential impact that those changes will have on the bus rider community.

Ms. Dolores Ramos, Metro Chief Administrative Analyst, advised the Service Council to begin thinking about having at least one and possibly two (2), Public Hearings on NextGen. The public will need to be given an opportunity to provide their input on the vast number of changes to the various Bus Lines that will directly, or indirectly, impact the South Bay, other Metro Bus Lines and/or Municipal Bus Lines. After much discussion, the Service Council agreed to have two (2) public workshops in a targeted area that will have the most bus line change impacts. Since the next South Bay NextGen Workshop will be held in late February, we directed Metro Staff to have the Public Hearings in March. Once dates, times and locations are identified, the Service Council Members will decide whether to hold the monthly Service Council Meeting before or after one of the Public Hearings.

The next presenter was Scott Greene, Metro Transportation Planning Manager, who discussed the Regional Updates. The Service Council Members were provided with Metro Board Updates that will be addressed in the near future which include topics such as the Mobility on Demand Update (VIA); Micro Transit to Operations; and the technical team approval for the Green line Extension to Torrance. We were then provided with the remaining dates scheduled for the February and March NextGen Workshops in the South Bay and Downtown Los Angeles.

The meeting concluded with the Service Council Members providing their line ride reports and comments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.