

TO: SBCCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: RALPH L. FRANKLIN, CHAIR, METRO SOUTH BAY SERVICE COUNCIL
SUBJECT: **MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2019**
DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am at Inglewood City Hall.

The first presenter, Pamela Christian, Metro Talent Acquisition Director, spoke on the Metro Transportation School Overview. She addressed the new Metro E3 Youth Initiative which focuses on preparing Los Angeles County youth for career and college pathways in the global transportation industry by teaching them transferable STEAM skill through their Expose, Educate and Employ the Next Generation platform. Metro will partner with SEED Los Angeles (Transportation School), a public charter college-prep boarding school for career readiness in transportation infrastructure, STEM and the humanities. The Vermont Manchester campus will be on 4.2 acres of land located on the east side of the 8400 & 8500 blocks of South Vermont Ave. The development will consist of 180 affordable housing units, 60,000 sq. ft. of retail (including a grocery store), up to 400 students for a Public Charter Boarding School, a Metro Transit Learning Center and a Parking Structure. The boarding school will consist of a regional occupational school and students in the Los Angeles County area may apply. Metro and the SEED Foundation will concentrate on reaching out to at-risk students with a GPA of 2.0 to 2.5 who are presently in foster care, homeless and/or have had a brush with law enforcement. All accepted students will be housed in the boarding school free of charge and can stay weekly until graduation. The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Spring 2020 with the SEED School Opening scheduled for Fall 2022.

The next presenter, Aida Berry, Metro Senior Manager with the Office of Civil Rights, spoke on Title VI update. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects people from discrimination based on race, color or national origin in programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance. The Metro Board must be aware of the agency's responsibilities under Title VI and Metro Board approvals are now a requirement under the Title VI Circular. The evaluation of service and fare changes requires assessment of Title VI and applies only to transit providers that operate 50 or more fixed route vehicles in peak service and are located in urbanized areas of 200,000 or more in population. It is the responsibility of all transit agencies with fixed route transit, regardless of size, to ensure equitable service and fare changes. Ms. Berry provided us with information on Metro's Major Service Change Policy, Metro's Disparate Impact Policy, and Disproportionate Burden Policy (disproportionate burden refers to an adverse impact borne by low-income populations). All of these items must be vetted before any route changes or fares are amended to be in compliance with Title VI.

The Regional Performance Report was presented by Scott Greene, Metro Transportation Planning Manager, and he provided us with a three month review of the South Bay performance on Bus Cleanliness, On-Time Performance, Bus Customer Complaints, Mean Miles between Mechanical Road Calls, Average Weekday Metro Bus

Ridership, South Bay Accidents, by category, and Average Weekday Boardings for Bus and Rail by mode. He advised us that the weekend Green Line closures – Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project - will continue into October 2019 and Green Line Rail weekend service will be suspended between Crenshaw Station and Redondo Beach Station. Free shuttle bus service will be provided: Friday 9:00pm to Saturday 2:00am; Saturday 4:00am to Sunday 2:00am; and Sunday 4:00am to 12:00 midnight. The Green Line Rail Service will resume at 3:00am on Monday. He also advised us that the Culver City Transit Center (Westfield Mall) will be temporarily closed from Tuesday, September 3, 2019 to Monday, September 16, 2019, to allow for the installation of new bus stop furniture and to fix potholes.

We then had Dolores Ramos, Metro Chief Administrative Analyst, present the new TAP Wearables. TAP Flex wristbands are made of silicone and are available in black or blue. They are available at all Metro Customer Centers and cost \$10.00. TAP wearables function just like a regular TAP Card. You can load stored value and passes onto it and register it on-line at taptogo.net. In addition, she advised us that LADOT will offer free DASH bus rides for all Los Angeles Unified School District students, Los Angeles Community College District students and all Student/College/Vocational Reduced Fare TAP card holders during this 2019-2020 school year. To apply for a student or college/vocational reduced fare TAP card, go to: taptogo.net/reduced_fare. Copies of the print application will be distributed to LAUSD students during the first few weeks of school.

The meeting concluded with Service Council Members making comments and giving their Adopt-A-Line Ride Reports.