

## South Bay Cities Council of Governments

### Transit Operators' Working Group

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Meeting Notes

Attendees: Joyce Rooney & Dianne Amaya (Beach Cities Transit); James Lee & Godfrey Offoegbu (Torrance Transit); Dana Pynn (GTrans); Lisa Trifiletti (Inglewood); Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG)

#### 1) Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the November 19, 2019 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p. m. Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

#### 2) Transit Operator Issues and Concerns

Ms. Pynn announced that GTrans just celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Torrance Transit just celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well. Ms. Rooney reported that the Redondo Beach Transit Center just went to bid for construction and noted that bids are due later this month.

#### 3) Update on Measure R SBHP Decennial Transfer

Mr. Lantz explained that in May, the Metro Board is expected to adopt policies that will guide the countywide Measure R decennial transfer. Metro staff will come back to the Board in September with an implementation timeframe. It is likely that FY21-22 will be the first year of transit funding.

At this point, SBCCOG staff is considering using as much Measure M funding as possible for highway projects and therefore leaving as much in Measure R as possible for transit. It is too early to know exactly how many projects will receive funding. An update will be provided to the Transportation Committee on Monday with a recommendation to the SBCCOG Board expected at the end of February. If projects are deferred, they will be eligible to re-apply in a future cycle.

#### 4) Update on IWG-TOWG Subcommittee on Project Selection Criteria and Match Policy

Mr. Lantz noted that the subcommittee was formed to score the new project applications as well as propose a new matching policy. Mr. Lee is the Transit Operator Working Group representative to the subcommittee. Mr. Lee reported that he shared the TOWG priorities at the subcommittee meeting and that the group agreed expansion bus application would take priority over a replacement bus application.

Mr. Lantz explained that the group is also proposing a new matching policy to be applied to Measure R and M project applications that would cap SBCCOG share at \$250M. The new policy would likely be more generous at the lower value and less generous at the higher value, therefore encouraging agencies to seek outside funding for projects like Inglewood's Transit Connector project.

#### 5) NextGen Study Status Update

Mr. Lantz noted that Metro will be holding over 25 workshops that will focus on proposed changes, line by line. There will be significant changes in the South Bay. GTrans and Torrance Transit are in talks with Metro for taking over lines that they plan on abandoning as part of the NextGen Plan implementation. Some agencies have taken over lines in the past and it did not work out well for them financially.

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

Ms. Trifiletti announced that Inglewood just awarded contract for the Transit Plaza/Park and Ride at Prairie Avenue and Arbor Vitae with construction expected to begin in the next few weeks. The 3<sup>rd</sup> party shuttle operator RFP is moving forward. There are efforts underway to create a transit-only lane on La Brea to help expedite transit service to the area. GTrans is planning on doing game day transit service from the South West College parking lot and is still in talks with the City. Torrance Transit is considering expansion of its Line 10 to create new daily service to the area.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m. to March 5th, 2020.