

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee  
July 12, 2021  
Meeting Minutes  
(Held virtually via Zoom)

**COMMITTEE CHAIR HORVATH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:31 A.M. A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AT 10:37 A.M.**

**I. Welcome / Self-Introductions**

**In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:**

Christian Horvath, Chair (Redondo Beach)  
Chris Pimentel (El Segundo)

James Butts (Inglewood) (10:37am arrival)  
Luke Klipp (Supervisor Hahn's Office)

**Non-Voting Representatives**

Leslie Scott, TOWG (Beach Cities Transit)

Don Szerlip (Metro South Bay Service Council)

**Also in attendance:**

Diane Amaya (Beach Cities Transit)  
Jason Jo (Carson)  
Lifan Xu (El Segundo)  
Selena Acuna (Hawthorne)  
Peter Puglese (Inglewood)  
Julian Lee (Lawndale)  
Ramzi Awwad (Rancho Palos Verdes)  
David Wahba (Rolling Hills Estates)  
Shin Furukawa (Torrance)  
Art Reyes (Torrance)  
Jimmy Shih (Caltrans)  
Sergio Carvajal (Caltrans)  
Kelly Lamare (Caltrans)

Maryam Adhami (LA County DPW)  
Maggie Cheung (LA County DPW)  
Mark Dierking (Metro)  
Mike Bohlke (Metro Deputy to James Butts)  
Lilly O'Brien (Supervisor Mitchell's Office)  
Shay Roehm (Aescit)  
Vikas Manocha (Econolite)  
Avygail Sanchez (HNTB)  
Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)  
Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)  
David Leger (SBCCOG)  
Graham Jenkins (Public)

**II. Public Comment** – no public comments received.

**III. Consent Calendar**

**A. May 10, 2021 Transportation Committee Minutes - APPROVED**

**B. July 2021 Transportation Update – RECEIVED AND FILED**

**MOTION** by Committee Member Pimentel, seconded by Committee Member Butts, to **APPROVE** the consent calendar. Approved without objection.

**IV. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates**

**A. Infrastructure Working Group Update** – no update given

**B. Transit Operators Working Group Update**

Ms. Scott reported that the working group met the previous week and discussed operations returning to normal levels, slow but steady ridership returning, and coordination with Metro on the Fareless System Initiative.

**C. Metro Service Council**

Mr. Szerlip noted that there was a meeting last week where the Council received an update from the Metro Streets Safety Policy team. Metro staff presented on ridership numbers which are showing an increase in ridership, but still nowhere near pre-pandemic levels. The Service Council will not be meeting in August.

**V. Caltrans District 7 South Bay Projects Update**

Mr. Shih provided an update on various Caltrans projects taking place in the South Bay. He noted that on his report, the column marked “CCA” is the anticipated construction completion date. His report with detailed project updates is available here:

[https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation\\_committee/HANDOUT\\_Caltrans%20Projects%20Update%20July%202021.pdf](https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/HANDOUT_Caltrans%20Projects%20Update%20July%202021.pdf)

## **VI. Updates on Metro Projects, Programs, and Initiatives**

### **A. SBCCOG FY 22 Metro Budget Request**

Mr. Lantz reported that the Metro Board is anticipated to act on the Measure R Metro Budget Request this month, along with the Measure R Transfer. The Measure M MSP budget request will likely be acted upon in September.

### **B. Subregional Funding Framework**

Mr. Lantz reviewed current and anticipated funding levels for the South Bay Measure R and M programs. He noted that after the Measure R Transit Transfer of \$400M is approved, there will be approximately \$75M in funding remaining in Measure R South Bay Highway Program, which is expected to be needed to complete projects already underway, essentially meaning that the Measure R program has been expended. For Measure M MSPs, there is a new annual allocation provided by Metro each year. SBCCOG staff anticipates approximately \$100M in funding available in the three MSPs.

Mr. Lantz added that staff is working on a MSP Implementation Framework so the cities are all on the same page regarding the types of projects the South Bay wants to complete, criteria for those projects, etc. He shared that the Measure R South Bay Highway Program has an implementation plan, but there is not yet one for Measure M MSPs.

Chair Horvath shared that he thinks cities and the SBCCOG need to start thinking regionally or cross-jurisdictionally, such as a corridor project that improves signal synchronization across multiple cities. He added that fiber-based projects would be ideal so Metro understands why the SBFN was such a smart investment.

### **C. Highway Program Modernization**

Mr. Lantz briefly noted that the Metro Board approved a modernization of the Highway Program that allows it to fund standalone active transportation and transportation demand management projects. Previously, those projects were potentially eligible as elements of larger traditional road improvement projects.

### **D. Metro Measure R Subfund Transfer Policy**

Mr. Lantz reported that the Metro Board is expected to approve the Measure R ordinance amendment at the July meeting which would officially create the South Bay’s Measure R transit capital program.

### **E. Metro Fareless System Initiative**

Mr. Lantz shared that Metro has been working on a strategy to eliminate fares for some of its riders. They have decided to implement the first phase, K-12 and community college students, as early as August for a period between 18-24 months using federal COVID-19 economic relief funds. The pilot period would allow Metro to identify ongoing funding sources that would replace the emergency funding. Board Member Butts added that he thinks it’s a great aspirational goal, but because of the unfunded aspect of it, he is hesitant to support an expansion of the pilot.

## **VII. “EV Charging Innovations: Creating New Revenues and Resources”**

Ms. Roehm presented on EV Charger and Digital Signage technology developed by Aescit that provide a way of not only charging EVs but also sharing dynamic wayfinding, PSAs, advertising, and more. As EV adoption grows, there will be more and more need for charging stations throughout the community. This EV charging kiosk provides cities an opportunity to create a revenue stream from ad space, cross-promotion, data collection, and energy consumption. Ms. Roehm’s full presentation is available online here:

[https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation\\_committee/PRESENTATION\\_Aescit%20Unified%20EV%20Presentation%20SBCCOG%20v27%20July%2012.21.pdf](https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/PRESENTATION_Aescit%20Unified%20EV%20Presentation%20SBCCOG%20v27%20July%2012.21.pdf)

## **VIII. Three Month Look-Ahead – Received and Filed**

### **IX. Announcements / Adjournment**

Mr. Lantz reported that staff is proposing to go dark in August and meet next on September 13th. There was no objection from the committee members.

Committee Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. to September 13, 2021 at 10:30 a. m.