

## South Bay Cities Council of Governments

### Transit Operators' Working Group

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Meeting Notes

Attendees: Joyce Rooney & Vinita Waskow (Beach Cities Transit); Kim Turner & James Lee (Torrance Transit); Ernie Crespo & Dana Pynn (GTrans); Martin Gombert (PV Transit); Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG)

#### 1) Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the May 16, 2019 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm. Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

#### 2) Transit Operator Issues and Concerns

The first round of Metro service changes as part of the NextGen study are expected sometime between October 2019 and January 2020. The second round will take place in June-July 2020 and the third round in 2021. There was discussion as to whether or not the municipal operators will take over any of the lines that may be abandoned by Metro. Further study will be needed by the operators due to the requirement that they fund the service costs entirely for the first two years before any formula funding begins.

#### 3) Recap of Transit Operators Working Group Presentation to SBCCOG Board Members

The Transit Operators Working Group presented an overview of municipal transit operations in the South Bay to the SBCCOG's Transportation Committee in June. It was clear to the transit operators that there is little knowledge about the services available in the South Bay currently.

#### 4) Measure M Updates

##### a. Measure M South Bay Multi-Year Sub-Regional Programs Task Force Elimination

Mr. Lantz announced that the MSP Task Force has been disbanded now that the initial 5-year list of projects has been developed. Future issues will be handled through the SBCCOG's existing working groups and committees.

##### b. SBCCOG Measure M MSP Project Recommendations / Measure R Fund Transfer – Status

Mr. Lantz reported that the SBCCOG's Measure M project lists will be approved by the Metro Board at their September Board meeting. He then explained that he recently met with Metro Highway Department staff who informed him that the South Bay's MSPs are programmed as Highway funding, not Transit funding, so all Transit project submissions are ineligible for funding. Mr. Lantz handed out a chart that was included in the Measure M ordinance that indicates which sub-fund each MSP is programmed in. Because this piece was part of the Measure M ordinance, the only way to change it is by going back to the voters.

Mr. Lantz explained that SBCCOG staff is looking into ways to use a provision of Measure R sub-regional funding that allows a transfer between the Highway Sub-Fund and the Transit Sub-Fund once a decade. He also noted that the Measure M Sub-Regional Equity funds are eligible for highway or transit capital projects, particularly those that were submitted as part of the initial MSP 5-year plan of projects or the 2015 Measure M Mobility Matrix.

Ms. Turner added that she had recently been in communication with Metro staff and that it appears there is no way to un-do the MSP highway designation. Mr. Lantz noted Measure M includes a once-a-decade sub-fund transfer program that is triggered after 2027. Both of the Measure R and M transfers would require a 2/3 affirmative vote by the SBCCOG Board and Metro Board.

Mr. Lantz requested that the Transit Operators begin compiling projects that they would like to fund through the potential transfer. Mr. Lantz reminded the working group that the funding could only go towards capital projects and not operations.

**5) Inglewood Special Event Service Coordination Update**

GTrans has continued meeting with Inglewood and is looking to provide a premium seasonal service at the Southwest college parking site, which is one of nine remote parking lots being used for game day parking.

**6) Announcements/Adjournment – Next Transit Operators Working Group meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m. to September 17th, 2019.