

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee
June 11, 2018
Meeting Minutes

COMMITTEE CHAIR HORVATH NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO QUORUM BUT BEGAN INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AT 10:34 AM. UPON THE ARRIVAL OF COMMITTEE MEMBER JIM BUTTS AT 11:15 AM, THERE WAS A QUORUM PRESENT TO ALLOW COMMITTEE ACTIONS.

I. Welcome / Self-Introductions

In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:

Christian Horvath, Chair (Redondo Beach)
Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne)
Hany Fangary (Hermosa Beach)
Jim Butts (Inglewood) – arrived at 11:15am
David Lesser (Manhattan Beach) – arrived at 11:40am

Non-Voting Representatives

Stephanie Katsouleas, Infrastructure Working Group (Manhattan Beach)
Michael Ervin (Supervisor Hahn's Office)
Don Szerlip, Metro South Bay Service Council

Also in attendance were the following persons:

David Leger (SBCCOG)	Mike Bohlke (Metro)
Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)	Isidro Panuco (Metro)
Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)	Mark Dierking (Metro)
Maryam Adhami (LA County DPW)	Medford August (Metro)
Lance Grindle (LA County DPW)	Conan Cheung (Metro)
Rob Beste (Torrance)	Jimmy Shih (Caltrans)
Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach)	David Grethen (Hermosa Beach PW Commission)
Leslie Scott (Beach Cities Transit)	
Crystal Killian (LADOT)	

II. Consent Calendar

A. Minutes of January 8, 2018 meeting

B. Notes of February 12, 2018 meeting; Notes of April 9, 2018 meeting; Notes of May 14, 2018 meeting

C. June 2018 Transportation Update

Upon Committee Member Butts' arrival at 11:15 a. m., the Consent Calendar was reviewed.

MOTION by Committee Member Butts, seconded by Committee Member Valentine, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

III. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates

A. Transit Operators Working Group Update

Mr. Lantz reported that the major topic of discussion has been preparing transit service plans for the new Inglewood Stadium for regular and special events. A consultant has been brought on board by Inglewood to assist in the planning for 2020 transit service.

B. Infrastructure Working Group Update

Ms. Katsouleas reported that there was discussion on a dig-once policy and a presentation from West Basin on their desalination plant at recent IWG meetings.

IV. Metro Policy Advisory Council Update

Ms. Bacharach reported that the PAC met last week and discussed how Metro's Vision 2028 Strategic Plan fits with the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Ms. Bacharach noted that the Vision 2028 plan is expected to be the controlling document that drives other documents such as the LRTP. The LRTP is a financially constrained plan where the Vision 2028 is not.

Ms. Bacharach also explained that Metro is considering another Call for Projects; the Metro budget contains a structural deficit; and Metro hopes to increase its farebox recovery rate from 16% (today) to 20% within in the next five years.

Mr. Lantz added that under the Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs, there is funding for active transportation projects and that he would like to be able to leverage the Measure M sub-regional funds with regional ATP funding via the Call for Projects.

V. Metro Vision 2028 Strategic Plan – SBCCOG Comments

Ms. Bacharach briefly reviewed the comment letter submitted by the SBCCOG, particularly the SBCCOG's concern for the lack of specificity in the document.

Mr. Panuco noted that the Metro Board will take action on the Vision 2028 Plan in July.

VI. Metro Next Gen Bus Study Presentation

Mr. Medford August, from L. A. Metro's Operations Planning Department, began by explaining that the Metro bus network has not had a major update in over 25 years and that LA County's population has grown by more than 1 million in that time. Metro is currently studying ways to redesign the transit system to increase and retain ridership as well as increase customer satisfaction. For more detail and statistics, Mr. August's full presentation is available at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/PRESENTATION_NextGen%20Bus%20Study_0.pdf

Metro is providing 7 million bus hours of service but due to increasing congestion, the bus speeds are slowing down. Mr. Lantz asked if Metro plans on removing service or moving service from one area to another as part of this plan. Metro staff explained that it is too early in the process to say; all options are on the table.

There was also discussion that Express Service is too sparse in the South Bay. Ms. Katsouleas commented that when she used to ride LADOT service to Downtown Los Angeles, a hub and spoke model was used which dramatically improved service and ridership. Mr. Cheung noted that if that model looks viable, that may be an option Metro implements.

Committee Member Fangary noted that he rides LADOT to his office Downtown Los Angeles, adding that knowledge about the transit system is crucial for riders, as well as experience riding the network.

Mike Bohlke requested that the supervisorial districts be overlaid on the trip origins chart.

Committee Chair Horvath thanked Metro for their presentation and added that he felt like there was a lot of good feedback given and believes there is a lot of ridership potential in the South Bay if Metro can competitively serve the market.

VII. Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs Development Update

A. SBCCOG / Metro MSP Funding Agreements Update

Ms. Bacharach reported that the Funding Agreement is still being reviewed by Metro Legal Counsel; she is optimistic it will be signed by July.

B. South Bay MSPs Task Force Update

Task Force work has been put on hold until funding agreement with Metro is executed.

VIII. Measure R South Bay Highway Program Annual Performance Evaluation (APE) Report

Ms. Bacharach noted that there was an orange color added to the chart to indicate projects experiencing an external delay. Mr. Lantz reviewed the APE report with the Committee. The report is available online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/HANDOUT_May%202018%20APE%20Report.pdf

IX. Metro Green Line / Crenshaw LAX Line Operating Plan Update

Conan Cheung of Metro reported that Metro staff will be taking a Crenshaw/LAX – Green Line operating plan to the Metro Board in June for approval. Part of the process has been matching the level of service to ridership figures for each segment. Mr. Cheung explained that Metro also considers travel demand and where transfers are taking place and destinations of those that transfer. Mr. Cheung noted that Metro wants to make sure that all segments have direct service to LAX.

Mr. Szerlip asked Mr. Cheung when the plan will be re-evaluated after initial implementation. Mr. Cheung explained that Metro does a survey after the line opens to see how it is operating and will make necessary adjustments.

Mr. Grethen asked if the track infrastructure in place will allow for the changes if needed. Mr. Cheung responded that the infrastructure is there, but that there are certain operating constraints when there are junctions.

Committee Chair Horvath asked if a one seat ride to Hollywood could be possible. The response was that the service will be reassessed when it goes to Torrance.

Mr. Lantz noted that with the LAX People Mover, Inglewood Stadium, and Green Line Extensions to Torrance, each of these openings should warrant a reconsideration of the existing operating plan.

X. I-105 ExpressLanes Study Update

Ms. Bacharach noted that a follow up meeting with Metro Board Members Hahn, Fasana, and Butts is waiting to be scheduled.

XI. Three Month Look Ahead

Mr. Lantz briefly reviewed the upcoming meetings listed on the Three Month Look Ahead, pointing out that there will be a discussion on the Southbound 405 curve project by Mr. Panuco at the July Transportation Committee meeting, and a discussion on public infrastructure needs for autonomous vehicles at the July IWG meeting.

XII. Announcements / Adjournment - The Next Transportation Committee is scheduled July 9, 2018 at 10:30a.m.

Committee Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 11:44 am.