

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee
June 8, 2020
Meeting Minutes
(Held virtually via Zoom)

COMMITTEE CHAIR HORVATH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:36 A.M.

I. Welcome / Self-Introductions

In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:

Christian Horvath, Chair (Redondo Beach)	Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne)
Chris Pimentel (El Segundo)	Patrick Furey (Torrance)
Stacey Armato (Hermosa Beach)	

Non-Voting Representatives

Ted Semaan, IWG (Redondo Beach)	Don Szerlip, Metro South Bay Service Council
James Lee, TOWG (Torrance Transit)	

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Elias Sassoon (Rancho Palos Verdes)	Mark Dierking (Metro)
Charles Eder (Rancho Palos Verdes)	Mike Bohlke (Metro Deputy to James Butts)
Nasser Razepoor (Rancho Palos Verdes)	Corie Vamos (Epic Land)
Art Reyes (Torrance)	Tami Podesta (HNTB)
Rachel Roque (Sup. Hahn's Office)	Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)
Leslie Scott (Beach Cities Transit)	Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)
Jimmy Shih (Caltrans)	David Leger (SBCCOG)

II. Public Comment – no public comments received.

III. Consent Calendar

- A. March 9, 2020 Transportation Committee Minutes - APPROVED**
- B. June 2020 Transportation Update – RECEIVED AND FILED**

MOTION by Committee Member Armato, seconded by Committee Member Pimentel, to **APPROVE** the consent calendar. No objection. So ordered.

Ms. Bacharach asked the Committee to consider adding discussion of a letter on the I-105 ExpressLanes project to the agenda.

MOTION by Committee Member Armato, seconded by Committee Member Valentine, to **ADD** the I-105 ExpressLanes discussion to the agenda. No objection. So ordered.

IV. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates

A. Infrastructure Working Group Update

Mr. Semaan reported that the IWG met May 13th and received updates on the South Bay Fiber Network and statuses of the Measure R and M Metro Budget Requests. The working group also discussed impacts of COVID-19 on operations, CIPs, and budgets.

B. Transit Operators Working Group Update

Mr. Lee reported that the TOWG met the prior week and discussed COVID-19 impacts as well and discussed recovery efforts. There was also discussion on impacts from the recent civil unrest and an update on the Measure R Transfer Policy.

C. Metro Service Council

Mr. Szerlip reported that the Service Council met virtually in May for the first time since the pandemic began. There were quarterly station evaluation reports presented by the outside firm hired to conduct the evaluations. The evaluations were normally done by Metro staff on a truncated list of stations. This year, Metro hired an outside firm to do the reports so that all stations could be evaluated along with key bus stops.

V. Monthly Project Status Update

Mr. Leger announced that a quarterly update of the Annual Performance Evaluation was posted to the SBCCOG website. There will be a final report provided at the next meeting which will cover progress throughout FY20. Meetings will be scheduled with city staff in July to set new milestones for FY 2020-21. The report is available online here:

https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/HANDOUT_SBHP%20APE%20Report%20May%202020.pdf

VI. Metro COVID-19 Mobility and Affordability Recovery Action Plan – RECEIVED AND FILED

Mr. Lantz briefly reviewed Metro's COVID-19 Mobility and Affordability Recovery Action Plan with the committee. Metro has extended its current FY20 budget through September and will consider a modified FY21 budget at that time. Metro has seen a slight increase in ridership but still expects a multi-year recovery to pre-pandemic ridership levels. Metro anticipates a 30% reduction in sales tax revenues which will impact Measure R and M programs along with other Metro projects. Metro also plans on looking at fare restructuring which could impact non-Metro fares (such as the integration with municipal operators).

VII. FY 2021 SBCCOG Metro Budget Request Update – RECEIVED AND FILED

Mr. Lantz noted that Metro is expected to act on the Measure R SBHP budget request this month and the Measure M MSP budget request in August.

VIII. Metro Measure R Transfer Policy Update

Mr. Lantz provided a brief update on the county-wide decennial Measure R Transfer Policy and the SBHP Transfer Program. The Metro Board is expected to vote on the policy by June. It was also recently learned that Metro must provide LA County legislative representatives a one-year notice of their intention to amend the measure which means that the amendment would officially happen in June/July 2021.

IX. Three Month Look-Ahead – RECEIVED AND FILED

X. Announcements / Adjournment

Mr. Lantz discussed the I-105 ExpressLanes issue added at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Lantz explained that Caltrans is looking to bond for the construction of the I-105 ExpressLanes and recommended the SBCCOG Board submit a position letter to the CTC regarding items the South Bay would like included in the project, such as local parallel arterial improvements that integrate with the freeway project. This is an important issue because there are no federal funds in the proposed project so all revenues collected will go towards repaying the capital costs of the project, leaving no surplus funding for local projects as in the I-110 ExpressLanes.

The Committee agreed that staff should draft a letter for approval by the SBCCOG Board at their June meeting.

Committee Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. to July 13, 2020.