

South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Transit Operators' Working Group
 March 5th, 2020
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Joyce Rooney & Dianne Amaya (Beach Cities Transit); Dana Pynn (GTrans); Omar Pulido (Trifiletti Consulting/Inglewood); Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG)

1) Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the February 6, 2020 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

2) Transit Operator Issues and Concerns

Ms. Pynn shared that there were some concerns about state legislation that would require free transit for particular groups. The legislation is still in development and will continue to be monitored.

3) Update on Measure R SBHP Decennial Transfer

This item was discussed as part of the Metro Budget Request update below.

4) Update on Metro Budget Request

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. Mr. Lantz reviewed the draft Measure R and M Metro Budget Requests with the group. The handouts are available online here:

<http://southbaycities.org/committees/transit-operators-working-group/transit-operators-working-group-meeting-26>

The proposed Metro Budget Request for Measure M only includes highway projects, while the Measure R request includes both highway and transit projects. The SBCCOG's proposed budget requests provide funding for Caltrans projects only for environmental and design phases. All but approximately \$50M in available Measure R funding through the sunset of the measure in 2039 has been programmed, with that balance being reserved for future cost overruns/escalations. Measure M allocations are limited to highway projects at least through 2026.

5) NextGen Study Status Update

Mr. Lantz noted that Metro staff released the proposed NextGen Plan changes and explained that in the South Bay sub-region, there appear to be more negatives than positives. Ms. Pynn added that GTrans has been discussing options for assuming service with Metro. Further updates will be made at future meetings.

6) Inglewood Special Event Service Coordination Update

Mr. Pulido reported that contracts with parking lots for the special event park and ride network were still being worked on. GTrans is working with Inglewood to be a service provider for one of the remote parking sites.

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

Mr. Lantz reported that, pending Metro Board approval, Metro will hold a call for projects for the Open Streets Program which helps produce CicLAVia-type programs. There will be a workshop held on April 21st. Metro is also offering assistance to local jurisdiction in writing the application.

Mr. Lantz asked the operators if there have been any changes to their operations due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak. Ms. Pynn noted that there have not been any service changes yet, but that their crews are using antibacterial cleaning practices on more areas and more frequently. Ms. Rooney added that APTA produced a webinar with best practices.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m. to April 9th, 2020.