

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee
March 9, 2020
Meeting Minutes

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)	James Butts (Inglewood)
Chris Pimentel (El Segundo)	Geoff Rizzo (Torrance)
Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne)	Jennifer LaMarque (SD-4)

Non-Voting Representatives

Ted Semaan, IWG (Redondo Beach)	Don Szerlip, Metro South Bay Service Council
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Also in attendance were the following persons:

Ken Berkman (El Segundo)	Mark Dierking (Metro)
Cheryl Ebert (El Segundo)	Paul Backstrom (Metro)
Alan Leung (Hawthorne)	Robert Calix (Metro)
Akbar Farokhi (Hawthorne)	Mike Bohlke (Metro Deputy to James Butts)
Louis Atwell (Inglewood)	Celeste Milam (Arellano Associates/Metro)
Tunisia Johnson (Inglewood)	Lisa Tifiletti (Trifiletti Consulting/Inglewood)
Jill Crump (Torrance)	Omar Pulido (Trifiletti Consulting/Inglewood)
Nasser Razepoor (Rancho Palos Verdes)	Tami Podesta (HNTB)
Leslie Scott (Beach Cities Transit)	Julie Ann Anopol (Willdan)
Dana Pynn (GTrans)	Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)
Jimmy Shih (Caltrans)	Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)
Daniel Kopulsky (Caltrans)	David Leger (SBCCOG)
Mark Yamarone (Metro)	Natalie Champion (SBCCOG)

II. Consent Calendar

A. February 10, 2020 Transportation Committee Minutes - APPROVED

B. March 2020 Transportation Update – RECEIVED AND FILED

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. Infrastructure Working Group Update

Mr. Semaan reported that the IWG is scheduled to meet later this week so there is nothing new to report since the last meeting. Mr. Semaan noted that the sub-committee met and finalized recommendations for the new match policy for Measure R SBHP/Measure M MSPs.

B. Transit Operators Working Group Update

Ms. Pynn reported that the TOWG met March 5th and had a good discussion on the Metro Budget Request. Ms. Bacharach asked how the NextGen Plan is impacting local transit operators. Ms. Pynn noted that they are working closely with Metro and that operators are considering assuming some of the service Metro will be cutting back.

C. Metro Service Council – No update given.

IV. Monthly Project Status Update

After the elimination of the required monthly reporting by Metro, SBCCOG staff has reached out to city staff to receive brief project updates. The previous APE reports will be distributed quarterly now. The monthly status report is available online:
http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/HANDOUT_SBHP%20Project%20Updates%20February%202020%20%281%29.pdf

V. Recommended Applications and Funding Allocations for FY 20-25 Measure M MSPs Metro Budget Request

Mr. Lantz reported that at this time each year, the SBCCOG Board is asked to recommend an annual Metro Budget Request to Metro for new funding beginning July 1st. This year's action is slightly different as it also includes recommendations for funding for transit capital projects assuming approval of the Decennial Measure R Transfer Policy by the Metro Board. A subcommittee of Infrastructure Working Group and Transit Operators Working Group staff was formed to review, rank, and recommend projects. The subcommittee also recommended a new uniform matching policy that would apply to both Measure R SBHP and Measure M MSP project requests.

Committee Member Butts stated his support for the subcommittee's recommendation and support for restricting new Caltrans project funding to PAED/PSE phases only. Mr. Kopulsky asked where right-of-way and construction funding was intended to come from. Committee Member Butts indicated that the State should consider funding those phases. Mr. Lantz reminded the Committee that when Measure R SBHP was first created, it funded early phases (such as environmental and design phases) of Caltrans projects to strategically position them for outside funding for right-of-way and construction. The subcommittee proposal does the same. It does not preclude Caltrans from seeking SBHP/MSP funding for those later phases but does not guarantee any funding support past PSE. Ms. Bacharach added that the SBCCOG will work alongside Caltrans to secure those additional funds and help lobby Sacramento legislators. Chair Horvath also explained that the subregion wants to work with Caltrans jointly, but cannot and should not be doing it alone.

Mr. Lantz also explained that the Measure R SBHP budget request includes a list of transit capital projects that are recommended for funding pursuant to the Metro Board approval of the Transfer Policy. The Board is expected to vote on the Transfer Policy in May.

Committee Member Butts thanked the SBCCOG Board for their leadership in advocating for the Transfer Policy and the work of Ms. Bacharach, Mr. Lantz, and SBCCOG staff for conducting a fair and straightforward call for projects.

MOTION by Committee Member Butts, seconded by Committee Member Pimentel, to **APPROVE** the Measure M MSP Metro Budget Request. No objection. So ordered.

VI. Recommended Applications and Funding Allocations for FY 20-25 Measure R SBHP Metro Budget Request

Discussion on this item took place in conjunction with the Measure M MSPs Metro Budget Request item.

MOTION by Committee Member Butts, seconded by Committee Member Valentine, to **APPROVE** the Measure R SBHP Metro Budget Request. No objection. So ordered.

VII. Metro NextGen Study Impacts

Mr. Lantz explained that Metro had just completed its work on proposed route changes as part of their NextGen line restructuring plan. Mr. Lantz identified proposed impacts to Metro service in the South Bay and reviewed those changes with the Committee. Significant changes include the elimination of some lines and the shortening of others. Some lines would also experience improved frequency under the new plan. Metro has been working in coordination with local municipal operators as part of the plan.

VIII. Metro Bus Rapid Transit Vision and Principles – RECEIVED AND FILED

Mr. Backstrom explained that Metro's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Vision & Principles Study is a comprehensive study that will establish the standard of a future BRT network. It will develop the overall vision, goals, and objectives and define local BRT operational standards/design guidelines. It also aims to identify and prioritize ideal candidate corridors and create a network of future potential projects countywide. A technical advisory committee comprised of Metro staff, other transit providers, and local cities was formed at the beginning of the project and regularly meets to provide input. The team has identified 84 corridors for further study, which will be narrowed down to 30, then a final 15 that will be presented to the Metro Board. There is no funding identified for

implementation of any of the corridors at this time. Mr. Backstrom's presentation is available online here: <https://arellano.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=86c72807b2f948269efe34c180072c3b>

IX. Three Month Look-Ahead

Committee Member LaMarque announced that the Board of Supervisors will be honoring Torrance Transit for their 80th anniversary and for being named Transit Agency of the Year by the California Transit Association.

Committee Chair Horvath reminded everyone that the General Assembly is taking place on March 19th.

X. Announcements / Adjournment

Committee Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m. to April 13, 2020.