

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transit Operators' Working Group

March 15th, 2018

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Steve Lantz, David Leger, and Aaron Baum (SBCCOG); Joyce Rooney (Beach Cities Transit); James Lee and Godfrey Offoegbu (Torrance Transit); Martin Gombert (PV Transit); Rafael Molina, Jimmy Shih, and Allen Chen (Caltrans)

1) Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the February 15, 2018 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 2:10pm.

2) Transit Operator Issues and Concerns

Steve Lantz gave a brief update on the Caltrans SHOPP PCH repaving project scheduled for 2021/2022. Mr. Lantz explained the several cities are looking at coordinating their projects along PCH with the Caltrans project and potentially having Caltrans deliver them as part of the Caltrans larger project using Measure R SBHP or Local Return funds. The projects would need to be categorically exempt for Caltrans to incorporate them into the Caltrans SHOPP projects. Mr. Lantz informed the group that if there were any Transit Capital projects along PCH under consideration, that they should be sent to the Project Manager, John Lee, at Caltrans.

3) Measure M Updates

a) Measure M Policy Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Lantz reported that there were only two COG directors represented at the meeting earlier in the week. He also noted that the PAC was originally established as an advisory committee to the Metro Board on Measure M policies but the work has shifted to administrative guidelines so the committee has been advising Metro staff. Now that the guidelines are completed, the PAC may shift its focus the Metro Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. There is discussion as to whether the PAC should be dissolved as a Metro Board advisory committee and/or restructured as to its purpose and membership. Mr. Lantz also briefly mentioned the new equity platform that Metro has adopted as a framework to increase access to opportunity. There is no official Metro Board policy at the moment on this issue, but the framework will be used to guide selection of Metro's policies and project priorities in the future.

4) Spotlight Presentation: Measure M South Bay Multi-Year Subregional Programs Implementation Workshop

Mr. Lantz gave a presentation on the development process for the Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs (MSPs). He reviewed the three South Bay MSPs and discussed with the group what next steps are needed. A task force will be developed to determine the project performance and selection criteria. Mr. Lantz encouraged representatives from the Transit Operators Working Group to participate on that task force.

For more detail, Mr. Lantz's full presentation is available online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/PRESENTATION_Measure%20M%20MSP%20Development.pdf

5) Caltrans Transit Signal Priority

Allen Chen of Caltrans discussed the Caltrans Transit Signal Priority program with the group. Mr. Chen explained that Caltrans has improved much of its fiber optic network and communication systems in the region and has developed applications for traffic signal system communication. Mr. Chen explained that with the new technology, including direct short-range communication, cities can develop an interface to connect vehicles with the traffic signal system in order to deliver information to "connected" buses. Mr. Chen noted that Caltrans is able to build an application that works with existing technology on the buses without forcing the existing technologies to become obsolete.

6) Announcements/Adjournment – Next Transit Operators Working Group meeting: The next meeting will be scheduled for April 19th at 2:00 p. m. The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.