

## South Bay Cities Council of Governments

### Transit Operators' Working Group

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Meeting Notes

Attendees: Steve Lantz, David Leger (SBCCOG); Joyce Rooney, Leslie Scott, Vinita Waskow (Beach Cities Transit); Dana Pynn (GTrans)

#### 1) Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the April 19, 2018 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 2:10pm. The meeting notes were accepted as submitted.

#### 2) Transit Operator Issues and Concerns

There was further discussion following up on last month's topic of transit fleet electrification. Ms. Scott proposed the idea of a study via Measure M that would identify charging needs in the South Bay as well as potential funding sources. At last month's meeting, it was reported that state regulations may require 25% of an agency's buses to be electric by 2026 and 100% electric by 2030. Ms. Rooney reported that approximately 90% of the statewide fleet is non-electric as of today. Mr. Lantz asked Ms. Rooney if she could prepare a short memo on the issue of fleet electrification that could be shared with the SBCCOG Executive Director to see if the SBCCOG could help the Transit Operators (such as conducting a study or finding potential funding sources).

#### 3) Measure M Updates

##### a) Measure M Policy Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Lantz reported that the PAC is beginning to return to a policy advisory committee following completion of the Measure M Administrative Procedures. The PAC is looking at the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update as well as the Vision 2028 plan. Beginning in June, the PAC will meet quarterly instead of monthly.

##### b) Measure M South Bay Multi-Year Subregional Programs Implementation Update

Mr. Lantz reported that the SBCCOG is currently working on finalizing the Funding Agreement with Metro that would allow work to begin on the three South Bay Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs guidelines and the initial 5-year lists of projects.

Ms. Pynn asked Mr. Lantz if Metro has any veto power over the list of projects. Mr. Lantz explained that Metro can deem something ineligible for Measure M funding but cannot prioritize the list of projects.

#### 4) Metro Next Gen Bus Study Issues and Process

Mr. Lantz informed the group that there was a third presentation made on the Study, which focused on the public outreach and initial listening Metro is doing as a first study task. Once they understand what constituents are seeking in a revised transit network service plan, they will be able to evaluate the current services and develop scenarios within +/-10% of their current 7 million annual service hours.

#### 5) Autonomous Transit in South Bay

Mr. Lantz reported on the ITS/Autonomous Vehicle workshop he attended in Torrance. He noted that there were several vehicle manufacturers in attendance, adding that he felt they were marketing themselves beyond their current technical ability. Mr. Lantz was asked if the South Bay would be interested in being a testbed for automated vehicles. The Transit Operators recommended that the issue should be monitored until there is a regulation or action by a City Council that furthers the topic and discussion.

#### 6) Metro Microtransit Study / Orange County Flex

Mr. Lantz briefly reviewed OC Flex, an on-demand ride service provided by the Orange County Transit Authority. This pilot is a microtransit program that will provide riders with shorter wait times and curb-to-curb pickup/drop off. OCTA will measure the cost-effectiveness of the number of shared rides and connections to transit trips, as well as customer service in determining the program's future. LA Metro will also be studying microtransit via the three consulting firms they just hired.

Ms. Pynn added that GTrans has considered replacing their Christmas day service with Uber by offering a discount for riders, particularly due to the high costs and low ridership numbers on the holiday.

**7) Special Event Service Coordination**

Mr. Lantz noted that there is nothing new to report on this topic. The Transit Operators asked the SBCCOG to continue advocating for transit access to the Inglewood Stadium.

**8) Transit Facilities at Green Line South Stations**

Mr. Lantz informed the group that Metro seems to be narrowing down the design options for the Green Line Extension to either the option that trenched the line along the existing right of way or the option for at grade alignment using Hawthorne Blvd.

**9) Announcements/Adjournment – Next Transit Operators Working Group meeting:** The next meeting will be scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p. m. The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.