

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transit Operators' Working Group

October 18th, 2018

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Joyce Rooney, Vinita Waskow (Beach Cities Transit); James Lee (Torrance Transit); Steve Lantz, David Leger (SBCCOG)

1) Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the September 20, 2018 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 2:23pm. Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

2) Transit Operator Issues and Concerns

No updates or reports were given.

3) Measure M Updates

a) Measure M South Bay Multi-Year Subregional Programs Task Force Update

b) Draft HEOI and TSMIP Sub-Regional Program / Project Selection Criteria

Mr. Lantz briefly reported that the Measure M MSP Task Force is still working on project selection and performance criteria for the Measure M MSPs.

Mr. Lee expressed that he thought the initial draft selection criteria were very fair, with only minor language changes suggested. Mr. Lee added that during the MSP Task Force meeting, there was much discussion surrounding the required local match that might be placed on the MSPs, noting that it is not much of a concern to him since the Transit Operators (and most Public Works Departments) should be used to similar requirements because it is standard in many grants. Ms. Rooney added that her only concern with the local match requirement is that larger cities with access to more matching funds may be prioritized ahead of other projects belonging to cities that may not have similar matching funds.

Mr. Lee also noted that regarding the discussion surrounding the economic vitality criteria, it may be worth explaining the cost of not doing a project compared to trying to determine the value of actually doing the project.

4) SBCCOG Crenshaw/LAX – Green Line Operating Plan Options

a) SBCCOG Board Options Letter

b) Metro Board Deliberations Update

Mr. Lantz explained that the SBCCOG initially favored Alternatives C4 and C5, but reported that Alternative C3 was a compromise operating plan supported by both the SBCCOG and Gateway COG. Supervisor Hahn and Mayor Butts are committed to trying to get Metro Board approval of C3 as the operating plan. Mr. Lantz asked the Transit Operators what expanded bus service should be provided. The Transit Operators agreed that Sunday service and later service hours would most likely be the most beneficial. There was also discussion about creating a special service, such as an I-405 Express Service to UCLA. Mr. Lee noted that UCLA is very interested in a transportation alternative such as this for its students/staff and would likely be willing to partner with a Transit Operator to turn it in to a reality.

5) Special Event Service Coordination

The Transit Operators continue to meet with Inglewood representatives in an attempt to create transit service to and from the city for special events. They expressed some frustrations when it comes to getting the data they need to be able to provide service cost estimates.

6) Green Line South EIR Update

Mr. Lantz reported that the Metro Board voted to initiate the EIR at the September Board meeting. The EIR will be moving forward in Spring 2019 and will hopefully define other needs outside of the scope, including infrastructure improvements along the Green Line to make the Alternative B2 operating plan a possibility. Mr. Lantz reminded the Transit Operators that it is very important to participate in this part of the process particularly responding to the Notice of Preparation and EIR Scoping meetings.

7) Meeting Attendance RSVP/Cancellation Policy

Mr. Lantz asked that Transit Operators work with SBCCOG staff to identify industry and other events that may impact future TOWG meetings so the meetings can be coordinated ahead of time if there would not be adequate attendance to hold the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m. to November 15, 2018.