

## South Bay Cities Council of Governments

### Transit Operators' Working Group

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

#### Meeting Notes

Attendees: Steve Lantz, David Leger (SBCCOG); Joyce Rooney, Amy Ahdi, Leslie Scott (Beach Cities Transit), James Lee (Torrance Transit), Ernie Crespo (Gardena Transit);

**1) Self-Introductions & Approval of the September 22, 2016 Meeting Notes**

**2) Transit Operator Issues and Concerns**

Beach Cities Transit: There is not enough funding for transit centers' ongoing maintenance costs. Funding for construction is much easier to locate, but ongoing funding for operations and maintenance is difficult to obtain. Perhaps Measure M funds may be used for this?

A question was asked in regards to the status of the Metro Call for Projects. Steve Lantz responded that as of right now, everything is on hold, and that if the restructuring went forward, it would be likely Transit Category funding would remain a countywide category rather than be allocated to subregions for a disaggregated competitive process.

**3) Measure M Resources in the South Bay: What We Know Today**

Steve Lantz reviewed the current information known about Measure M, including the regional projects and sub-regional programs. Mr. Lantz reported that the SBCCOG will be urging Metro to allow maximum autonomy for the sub-regional programs so that each sub-region can develop its own guidelines (as long as they are in accordance with the goals of Measure M). Mr. Lantz announced that there will be a workshop on Measure M implementation prior to the January 26<sup>th</sup> SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting.

**4) Bus Rapid Transit in the South Bay?**

Mr. Lantz reviewed a conceptual corridor for a Bus Rapid Transit line in the South Bay that would connect the Blue Line with the Silver Line and to the Torrance Transit Center and possibly to the Green Line in El Segundo. The transit operators indicated that they want to run the line, possibly collaboratively, as opposed to allowing Metro to run it.

**5) Announcements/Adjournment – Next Transit Operators Working Group meeting: February 2017?**

Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> was proposed for the next Transit Operators Working Group Meeting.