

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transit Operators' Working Group

February 16th, 2017

Meeting Notes

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

1) Self-Introductions & Approval of the December 1st, 2016 Meeting Notes

2) Transit Operator Issues and Concerns

A brief discussion was held on the prospects of an "Uber Dial-A -Ride" type of service for the South Bay. Steve Lantz mentioned that there were efforts to see if Uber can serve seniors, considering most do not use smartphones. Uber Wave (service for disabled individuals) was also discussed, but it was noted that they do not have an adequate supply of ADA vehicles to serve the region. The group agreed that it was essentially a solution in search of a problem.

3) Measure M

Steve Lantz reported that Jacki Bacharach was appointed as the Representative to the Advisory Council and that he was appointed as the Alternate. They will be working with others to comment on the proposed Measure M Guidelines and serve as a communications channel. Mr. Lantz noted that Metro would like to have the guidelines approved by the Metro Board by their June Board Meeting so they are in place by the time the sales tax begins to be collected.

Mr. Lantz also announced that the SBCCOG Board created a new Transportation Committee to help craft the guidelines for the sub-regional programs in Measure M and help integrate them with those of the Measure R South Bay Highway Program. The first meeting of the new Committee will be March 13th and will meet prior to the Steering Committee every month.

4) Bus Rapid Transit in the South Bay?

There was a short discussion on the possibility of Bus Rapid Transit in the South Bay, but no consensus on any particular route/destination. It was mentioned that a Vermont Corridor BRT line into the South Bay would be a viable route to add to the existing system.

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

Thursday, April 27th was proposed for the next Transit Operators Working Group Meeting.