

Transportation Committee
February 11, 2019
Meeting Notes – NO QUORUM

COMMITTEE CHAIR HORVATH NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO QUORUM BUT BEGAN INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AT 10:43 A.M.

I. Welcome / Self-Introductions

In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:

Christian Horvath, Chair (Redondo Beach) Drew Boyles (El Segundo)
Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne)

Non-Voting Representatives

Stephanie Katsouleas, IWG (Manhattan Beach)
James Lee, Transit Operators (Torrance Transit)
Don Szerlip (Metro South Bay Service Council)

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Orlando Rodriguez (El Segundo)	Isidro Panuco (Metro)
Cheryl Ebert (El Segundo)	Mark Dierking (Metro)
Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach)	David Leger (SBCCOG)
Rob Beste (Torrance)	Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)
Godfrey Offoegbu (Torrance Transit)	Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)
Eddie Guerrero (LADOT)	Natasha DeBenon (Ghirardelli Assoc.)

II. Consent Calendar

- A. January 14, 2019 Transportation Committee Minutes**
- B. February 2019 Transportation Update**

III. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates

A. Transit Operators Working Group Update

Mr. Lee reported that Torrance Transit is wrapping up their comprehensive operations analysis which looks at potential route realignments and operational changes. He also announced that “Bus Rodeo” season is beginning, explaining that the various transit agencies in the area host events that test the driving skills of their operators. Torrance Transit will be hosting their event on March 30th.

B. Infrastructure Working Group Update

Ms. Katsouleas reported that at the last IWG, the City of Inglewood presented the transportation projects related to the Stadium Development, including the proposed reversible lanes on Prairie Avenue. The IWG will be hearing a presentation on Measure W, the stormwater tax, at their next meeting.

IV. Measure R South Bay Highway Program Annual Performance Evaluation (APE) Report

Mr. Lantz briefly reviewed the APE, noting the delays that are now being observed. Ms. Katsouleas added that there is progress on the delayed Manhattan Beach project, explaining that there is a court date in April to move the Right of Way process forward.

Mr. Panuco added that the red seen on the charts leads to time extension requests and often additional costs. He added that some of these delayed projects are very old and are in their 2nd or 3rd time extension. Regarding the Measure R Metro Budget Request, Mr. Panuco noted that some projects will not be approved at this time.

The report is available online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/HANDOUT_January%202019%20APE%20Report.pdf

V. Measure M Multi-Year Sub-Regional Programs Development

Mr. Lantz presented the memo recommending an initial five-year program of projects for the three Measure M Multi-Year Sub-Regional Programs. Mr. Lantz explained that the Project Selection Committee individually reviewed each of the projects and then met as a group to finalize their recommendations. Mr. Lantz further

explained that the proposed projects were broken down into categories: “Tier 1” projects are considered ready to be recommended to Metro for eligibility review at the February 11th Steering Committee meeting; “Tier 2” projects are considered eligible but require additional information or items and will be considered for recommendation at the March 28 Board of Directors Meeting. The Board could also consider projects that the Project Selection Committee determined should be “Deferred Projects” include potentially eligible projects that can be considered for a future MSP project request cycle; and “Ineligible Projects” include projects with scope ineligible for Measure M MSP funding.

Mr. Panuco added that he has already completed review of other sub-regional Measure M, noting that some projects have been rejected. However, those projects could be amended and reapplied for.

The memo and exhibits are available online:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/HANDOUT_Attachment%20D%20-%20Initial%20Measure%20M%20Project%20List%20with%20Exhibits.pdf

VI. Metro Policy Advisory Committee Update

Ms. Bacharach reported that the PAC discussed the Reimagining LA County white paper. The white paper began as the “28 by ‘28” list. Metro staff has identified sufficient funding for 20 of the projects, with 8 projects needing an additional \$26B in funding. The shortfall has created a need to identify potential funding sources such as congestion pricing, toll lanes on all freeway lanes, charging fees on Transportation Network Companies (like Uber and Lyft). Metro staff responded to the shortfall with the “Reimagining LA County” white paper. All three stakeholder groups that make up the PAC agreed that Metro had too many large items in the white paper. The PAC felt that the implementation and funding of the 28 by ‘28 list should be wholly separate from the projects that need further evaluation, particularly the issue of congestion pricing.

Ms. Bacharach also added that the PAC agreed that congestion pricing can be a tool for many things, but not as a pricing strategy as Metro is currently posing it. The PAC also felt Metro was not clear in how all the major initiatives at Metro (LRTP, Vision 2028, Equity Platform, NextGen Bus Study) work together. The PAC feels that the LRTP should be the guiding document upon which everything else is built. Lastly, the PAC believed that sub-regional funds are local funds that should not be on the table as potential funding sources for projects on the 28 by ‘28 list.

Mr. Szerlip asked if Metro was considering the efficacy of all of the projects on the 28 by ‘28 list, adding that some may not be needed by the 2028 Olympics and should not have been on the list to begin with. Mr. Lantz responded that it is very likely the Metro Board may have to prioritize the projects that are on the list for that reason, for deliverability constraints, or for lack of timely funding.

VII. Metro’s “Re-Imagining LA County: Mobility, Equity, and the Environment” Funding / Financing White Paper

This item was discussed under Item VI above.

VIII. Express Lane Interfund Borrowing Update

Mr. Lantz briefly explained that the advisory group is currently evaluating various funding proposals that include interfund borrowing. Ms. Bacharach added that it’s likely Metro will be borrowing the money one way or another to expand the ExpressLane network, and that the questions to be answered are about how much they will take and how they will take it. Meetings are still underway, and updates will be provided at future meetings.

IX. Three Month Look Ahead

Ms. Bacharach noted that Metro is beginning a Goods Movement study that may propose countywide standards for trucking routes, etc.

X. Announcements / Adjournment - The Next Transportation Committee is scheduled for March 11, 2019 at 10:00a.m.

Ms. Bacharach announced that the General Assembly will take place February 28th.

Committee Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.