

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee
May 13, 2019
Meeting Minutes

COMMITTEE CHAIR HORVATH NOTED THAT THERE WAS INITIALLY NO QUORUM BUT BEGAN INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AT 10:34 A.M. A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

I. Welcome / Self-Introductions

In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:

Christian Horvath, Chair (Redondo Beach)	Geoff Rizzo (Torrance)
Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne)	Jim Butts (Inglewood)
Drew Boyles (El Segundo)	

Non-Voting Representatives

Ted Semaan, IWG (Redondo Beach)	Don Szerlip (Metro South Bay Service Council)
James Lee, Transit Operators (Torrance Transit)	Young-Gi Kim Harabedian (Sup. Hahn's Office)

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Orlando Rodriguez (El Segundo)	David Leger (SBCCOG)
Grace Huizar (Lawndale)	Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)
Tunisia Johnson (Inglewood)	Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)
Leslie Scott (Beach Cities Transit)	LaMont Jackson (LM5-Group)
Isidro Panuco (Metro)	Steven Cavus (Redondo Union HS)
Mark Dierking (Metro)	

II. Consent Calendar

- A. January 14, 2019 Transportation Committee Minutes – Approved**
- B. February 11, 2019 Transportation Committee Meeting Notes – Received and Filed**
- C. May 2019 Transportation Update – Received and Filed**

MOTION by Committee Member Butts, seconded by Committee Member Rizzo, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

III. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates

A. Transit Operators Working Group Update

No report was given. Ms. Bacharach asked Mr. Lee if municipal operators monitored other operators' lines such as the new LADOT ExpressBus from DTLA to El Segundo (handout available here: http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/HANDOUT_Commuter%20Express%20439%20Downtown%20LA%20to%20El%20Segundo%20bus.pdf). Mr. Lee explained that they generally monitor services provided by others, but not in the level of detail that LADOT would for its own services. Mr. Lee went on to explain that Torrance Transit is wrapping up a comprehensive line-by-line analysis of their system that will look into improvements that can be made including the creation of specialty express lines similar to the LADOT line referenced by Ms. Bacharach. Ms. Bacharach asked if Mr. Lee would be able to present an update on this at an upcoming Committee meeting. Mr. Lee agreed and will work with SBCCOG staff and the other municipal operators to organize the presentation.

B. Infrastructure Working Group Update

Mr. Semaan provided a brief overview of Metro's Measure UP presentation, an arterial performance measurement pilot program by Metro, and the iPeMS planning tool that is part of the project. Mr. Semaan explained that the tool gives cities the ability to make data-driven decisions by using current arterial performance to identify traffic issues and potential improvements. Ms. Bacharach added that the pilot project is ending in August unless Metro decides to fund the project going forward. She also noted that it could be prudent for Metro to fund the project and have cities use the tool as part of their application for grant funding. Mr. Panuco will do a brief presentation on it at a future Transportation Committee meeting.

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

Mr. Leger briefly reviewed the APE, noting the delays that are now being observed. He explained that there is limited time left to recover some of the delays by the end of June and asked city staff to reach out if they need any assistance in addressing the delays. He then noted that the APE report will reset on July 1st and will be updated to reflect projected progress over the next fiscal year.

The report is available online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/infrastructure/HANDOUT_April%202019%20APE%20Report.pdf

V. Status of Measure R South Bay Highway Program FY20 New Projects List Approval By Metro

Mr. Panuco reported that Metro staff was planning to take the Measure R Board Report that will include new projects/project amendments for all Measure R programs county-wide to the Metro Board in May. However, that was pushed back to June to allow for issues with a couple applications to be resolved. Mr. Panuco explained that he had met with applicants one-on-one to review projects for which Metro has concerns.

VI. South Bay Smart Net Broadband Update

Chair Horvath reported that the Metro Board voted to approve the SBCCOG's application to use \$4.4M in Measure M MSP funding to construct the South Bay Smart Net. He thanked Mayor Butts and Supervisor Hahn for their leadership and assistance as well as those who attended the meeting with Metro CEO Phil Washington and made the case for approving the use of these funds. Ms. Bacharach added that with the funding, the SBCCOG will be able to build the ring and laterals to the identified sites.

Ms. Bacharach explained that cities must now commit to the locations that they want to include in the ring so that a final pricing plan can be developed. The more sites committed will lower the monthly recurring costs the cities will pay. As part of the conditions for Measure M funding, the SBCCOG has begun working with Metro staff, in addition to LA County Dept. of Public Works and City of Manhattan Beach, to identify two or more transportation applications that can be implemented in the short-term using the Smart Net. Additionally, Assemblyman Muratsuchi has included a budget request for approximately \$1M for application development for the Smart Net.

Committee Member Valentine thanked Chair Horvath, Ms. Bacharach, Mayor Butts, Supervisor Hahn, and others who helped secure funding for the project because, without their efforts, it was likely the cities wouldn't have been able to cover the capital costs on their own.

VII. Status of Measure M South Bay Multi-Year Sub-Regional Programs 5-Year Projects List Approval By Metro

Mr. Panuco reported that over the last six months, most sub-regions have submitted their project lists for review by Metro and Metro has worked with applicants to revise the scopes of projects that included ineligible elements. Mr. Panuco noted that there was a lot of good information provided through the applications submitted by the South Bay, and as of this meeting, there are 21 projects ready for approval. There are additional projects that have outstanding issues to address. He noted that Metro may not be able to recommend some projects for funding. Mr. Panuco plans to present the MSP initial 5-year lists to the Metro Board in July for approval. Prior to that action, he will be reaching out to all applicants to inform them of the status of their requests.

Chair Horvath asked Mr. Panuco if he is working with cities to address the aspects of the projects that are not yet ready to recommend. Mr. Panuco informed him that is correct, and that Metro wants to approve projects, not deny projects.

Mr. Panuco added that in future cycles, he should be included as the projects are being reviewed before SBCCOG acts on their lists in order to ensure there is more agreement on eligible projects prior to SBCCOG Board action.

Ms. Bacharach noted that it may be useful for Metro to look into amending the guidelines for the MSPs after this initial cycle to look at what works and what doesn't. Mayor Butts added that although it may be helpful, there will never be a set of guidelines that works perfectly for everyone, and that as long as there is some sort of appeals process (such as to the elected Metro Board), that may suffice in place of continual guidelines amendments.

Mr. Lantz concluded the discussion by requesting a list of reasons why projects were not approved so that the South Bay can learn for the next application cycle.

VIII. Metro Policy Advisory Committee

No update given.

IX. SBCCOG Local Travel Network Update

Ms. Bacharach announced that a technical consultant is being selected and thanked Ted Semaan (Redondo Beach) and Doug Krauss (Hawthorne) for participating on the interview panel. The grant aims to define a safe space for riders on neighborhood electric vehicles, scooters, bicycles, and more. One part of the scope of work includes an expo to showcase some of the 200+ types of vehicles that can be used on the local travel network.

X. Three Month Look Ahead – Received and Filed

The following updates were made to the item: Metro Board approval of the Measure R budget request will take place in June; Metro Board approval of the Measure M MSP 5-Year Project List will take place in July; approval of a new Metro/SBCCOG SBHP funding agreement was removed.

XI. Announcements / Adjournment - The Next Transportation Committee is scheduled for June 10, 2019 at 10:30a.m.

Mr. Szerlip shared his opinion that, as part of the Metro Budget, Metro Board representatives should be working on the following items: 1) Identify and expand existing two-car stations on the Green Line that will require modification to accommodate three-car trains; 2) Improve the power grid for the east end of the Green Line as it has been reported that it isn't sufficient to handle the load; 3) Improve the power grid for the north end of the Crenshaw/LAX Line; 4) Consider a grade separation at the wye intersection. Mr. Lantz explained that these things will help implement the B-2 long-term preferred operating plan that provides a one seat ride along all stretches of the Green Line and Crenshaw/LAX Line.

Mr. Lantz also reported that the EIR for the Green Line extension to Torrance will likely begin in Fall 2019.

Committee Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.