

Metro South Bay Service Council Monthly Meeting Review for October 7, 2021
Overview Compiled by Donald Szerlip, Chairman

The meeting began with the swearing in of two Council members – Charles Deemer, a reappointment, and Bob Wolfe, a new member. Bob gave a short introduction to himself and told why he wanted to serve.

The first order of business was to discuss future meeting times and locations. Metro will not support in person meetings at this time, so consideration was given to options for our ongoing virtual meetings. Much to the delight of the Councilmembers, our traditional time slot for the meetings was now available. The Council voted unanimously to hold our meetings on the second Friday of each month starting at 9:30 AM going forward.

A Safety Tip was given by Senior Director of Planning Joe Forgiarini. Minutes were approved for the September 2, 2021 meeting.

A report on the establishment of a Metro Youth Council was given by Tania Taylor, Community Relations Manager. Recognizing that the voices of youth are missing from Metro, a Youth Council of 25 members representing Metro's nine sub-regions is being established. With members ranging in age from 14 to 17 years old, the goal is help them engage and participate in Metro planning, projects, programs and initiatives. Member terms will be for one year during which they will meet monthly and also participate in Metro's Leadership Training as they become familiar with, and give comments about, Metro programs and policies. The application period is active now through November 11.

Some service changes were made in September. A report was provided about these incremental changes implemented as part of Next Bus by Senior Director Joe Forgiarini.

The Metro Regional Update was given by Joe Forgiarini, Senior Director of Planning, and Mark Dierking, Community Relations Manager. Updates were provided for systemwide ridership, Covid impacts on the Metro workforce, the extra service being added in response to increasing ridership. Metro has produced a Virtual Walking Tour of the C (Green) Line Extension through the South Bay. Visit arcg.is/H9TrW to take the tour.

The meeting concluded following Council Member Comments and Public Comments on non-agenda items.

Respectfully submitted October 22, 2021