

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
Transit Operators Working Group**

October 7, 2021  
**Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Dana Pynn (GTrans); Steve Lantz, Amina Karwa & David Leger (SBCCOG); Randy Iwasaki (AWS)

**1. Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the September 2, 2021 Meeting Notes**

The virtual meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m. Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

**2. Transit Operator Issues and Concerns Including COVID-19 Impacts**

Mr. Lantz opened discussion for the agencies to share pandemic and general issues and concerns.

Ms. Pynn shared that GTrans started regular Sunday service to So-Fi Stadium in Inglewood on September 12<sup>th</sup> via a new 7X line. Service begins at the Harbor Gateway Transit Center and ends at the stadium. She informed the group that the service is currently a pilot, but boardings have steadily increased and consideration will be given to making it a permanent service. If resources allow, the service may be offered more than just Sundays.

**3. Measure R and Measure M Updates**

- **Measure R South Bay Transit Investment Program approval**

Mr. Lantz reported that Metro approved the program of projects in September. Funding agreements can now be executed for the projects with funding programmed in the current fiscal year.

- **FY22-23 Measure R & Measure M South Bay Metro Budget Request (MBR) Process**  
- **One-on-one meetings**

Mr. Lantz explained that SBCCOG staff has been meeting with city staff to review existing Measure R and Measure M projects and discuss the upcoming Metro Budget Request process. Now that the Measure R South Bay Transit Investment Program is approved and funding was transferred from the South Bay Highway Program, SBCCOG staff is not recommending that the SBCCOG consider any new Measure R projects in the current MBR cycle and is recommending that all uncommitted Measure R funding be reserved to complete existing projects and handle some potential cost increases, but Measure R South Bay Transit Program funding for new projects is not currently available. Measure M MSP funding remains available, and any eligible new projects will be funded from Measure M. All new project requests or existing project augmentation requests need to be submitted by December 1.

**4. Updates on Metro Issues, Initiatives & Studies**

- **Metro Fareless System Initiative**

Ms. Pynn shared that GTrans will be asking the Gardena City Council to approve their participation in the program for both k-12 and junior college students. She shared that FSI has now been renamed to 'GoPass'. Metro continues to work through issues such as lost TAP cards and will be looking into alternative solutions.

**5. Presentation: Overview of CCTA EDA grant for broadband by Randy Iwasaki**

Mr. Iwasaki provided a brief overview of Contra Costa Transportation Authority's EDA grant for broadband infrastructure. Although CCTA was not successful in the grant application this

round, they will continue to seek funding to implement the project. The project would develop a scalable digital infrastructure platform for broadband and would monetize data on behalf of the public sector in collaboration with the private sector. For more details, Mr. Iwasaki's full presentation is available online here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/HANDOUT\\_EDA-Grant-for-Broadband-presentation.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/HANDOUT_EDA-Grant-for-Broadband-presentation.pdf)

**6. October 2021 Transportation Update:** Item was received and filed.

**7. Three Month Look-Ahead:** Item was received and filed.

**8. Announcements/Adjournment – Next Transit Operators Working Group meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m. to a virtual meeting on 11.4.21, at 2:00 p.m.