

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee

October 11, 2021

Meeting Notes

*(Held virtually via Zoom)*

**COMMITTEE CHAIR HORVATH NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO QUORUM BUT BEGAN INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AT 10:32 A.M.**

**I. Welcome / Self-Introductions**

**In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:**

Christian Horvath, Chair (Redondo Beach)

Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne)

**Non-Voting Representatives**

Don Szerlip, Metro SB Service Council

Ted Semaan, IWG (Redondo Beach)

James Lee, TOWG (Torrance Transit)

**Also in attendance:**

Leslie Scott (Beach Cities Transit)

Siew Mei Tan (Caltrans)

Lifan Xu (El Segundo)

Myriam Adhami (LA County DPW)

Von Norris (Hawthorne)

Mark Dierking (Metro)

Julian Lee (Lawndale)

Mike Bohlke (Metro Deputy to James Butts)

Carla Dillon (Lomita)

Connie Turner (SCE)

Helen Shi (Manhattan Beach)

Alan Clelland (DKS)

Shin Furukawa (Torrance)

Tami Podesta (HNTB)

Jill Crump (Torrance)

Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)

Ryan Plumb (Torrance Transit)

Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)

Jimmy Shih (Caltrans)

David Leger (SBCCOG)

**II. Public Comment** – no public comments received.

**III. Consent Calendar – No Action Taken**

**A. September 13, 2021, Transportation Committee Minutes**

**B. October 2021 Transportation Update**

**C. Virtual Meetings: AB 361 Declaration of Imminent Risks Posed by COVID-19 to meeting attendees**

**IV. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates**

**A. Infrastructure Working Group Update**

Mr. Semaan shared that the IWG will be meeting on Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup>. He also shared that SBCCOG staff is currently meeting with city staff to review lead agency progress on current Measure R and Measure M projects and potential new Measure M projects.

**B. Transit Operators Working Group Update**

Mr. Lee reported that the group met last week and heard updates on the Measure R and Measure M call for projects, as well as updates on the Measure R South Bay Transit Investment Program.

SBCCOG staff has also been working with Torrance Transit staff to look into including the Torrance Regional Transit Center in the South Bay Fiber Network.

**C. Metro Service Council**

Mr. Szerlip reported that the Council did not have a quorum last month but heard updates on the 2022 customer outreach plan. This month, there were updates on the Metro Youth Council and NextGen implementation. There will be no in-person meetings through the end of the year.

**V. Caltrans District 7 South Bay Projects Update**

Mr. Shih reported there were no updates since last month's meeting.

**VI. Measure R and Measure M Metro Budget Request Updates**

**A. Current Programs of Projects**

Mr. Lantz reported that SBCCOG staff has been meeting with city staff to review the status of current Measure R and M projects and discuss new project ideas.

**VII. Metro Updates**

Mr. Dierking reported that there are virtual walk-tours available for the C Line (Green Line) Extension to Torrance. Outreach remains virtual due to the pandemic, so Metro created story maps to provide a digital walking tour experience.

Mr. Lantz added that the Fareless System Initiative implementation continues. Phase 1 includes K-12 and community college students. Metro continues work to get additional school districts to participate. The pilot program is scheduled for a 20-month period and is being funded by federal funds provided in response to the pandemic.

**VIII. Presentation: Manhattan Beach Advanced Traffic Signal Project Overview**

Ms. Shi began by explaining that the Manhattan Beach Advanced Traffic Signal Project (MBATS) has received tremendous support from the SBCCOG, the Manhattan Beach school district, fire and police departments, Metro, SCAG, and others. The project aims to design and install a state-of-the-art traffic signal system that can be integrated into a broadband network. Ms. Shi then introduced the city's consultant, Alan Clelland with DKS, who went on to explain the project in more detail. MBATS will connect traffic signals to a high-speed fiber network to support emerging real-time traffic management technologies and data sharing. The upgraded signal system will also be able to support video detection, CCTV, dynamic message signs, and also prepares the city for connected vehicles. For more detail, the full presentation is available online here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/PRESENTATION\\_MBATS\\_compressed.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/PRESENTATION_MBATS_compressed.pdf)

**IX. Three Month Look-Ahead**

**X. Announcements / Adjournment**

Committee Chair Horvath ended informational item updates at 11:32 a.m. and adjourned the meeting to November 8, 2021, at 10:30 a. m.