

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee

June 13, 2022

Meeting Minutes

(Held via Zoom)

COMMITTEE CHAIR PIMENTEL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:30 A.M.

I. Welcome / Self-Introductions

In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:

Chris Pimentel (El Segundo)

John Cruikshank (Rancho Palos Verdes)

Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne)

Lilly O'Brien (Sup. Mitchell's Office)

James Butts (Inglewood)

Non-Voting Representatives

Ted Semaan, IWG (Redondo Beach)

Dana Pynn, TOWG (GTrans)

Also in attendance:

Leslie Scott (Beach Cities Transit)

Shrota Sharma (Metro)

Elias Sassoon (El Segundo)

Steven Gota (Metro)

Erick Lee (Manhattan Beach)

Ed Alegre (Metro)

Helen Shi (Manhattan Beach)

Emily Cadena (Metro)

Shin Furukawa (Torrance)

Melissa Park (Metro)

Jill Crump (Torrance)

Isai Rosa (Metro)

Art Reyes (Torrance)

Paula Carvajal-Paez (Metro)

Rubina Ghazarian (City of Los Angeles)

Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)

Kimberly Venegas (City of Los Angeles)

Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)

Maggie Cheung (LA County DPW)

David Leger (SBCCOG)

Jessalyn Waldron (Sup. Mitchell's Office)

Amina Karwa (SBCCOG)

Logan Galimi (Beach Cities Health District)

Constance Turner (Edison)

Sergio Carvajal (Caltrans)

Jim Roldan (HNTB)

Mark Dierking (Metro)

Jim Hannon (SBBC Plus)

Ken Coleman (Metro)

Natalie Mansergh (Lee Andrews Group)

II. Public Comment – no public comment received.

III. Consent Calendar

A. May 9, 2022 Transportation Committee Minutes – APPROVED

B. June 2022 Transportation Report – RECEIVED AND FILED

MOTION by Committee Member Valentine, seconded by Mayor Butts, to **APPROVE** the consent calendar. Approved without objection.

IV. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates

A. Infrastructure Working Group Update

Mr. Semaan reported on the presentation at the June IWG meeting by the California Nevada Cement Association on introducing lime into the cement mixture as a materials and cost-saving idea, as well as a greenhouse gas emission reduction effort. Mr. Semaan informed the Committee that this presentation was helpful information because concrete batch plants in the South Bay need to be converted eventually as this

new mixture becomes the standard. Mr. Semaan reported that IWG is going dark in July and starting September, will start to host hybrid meetings.

B. Transit Operators Working Group Update

Ms. Pynn reported that TOWG discussed the Vermont Transit Corridor extension to San Pedro at the June TOWG meeting and some of their comments were incorporated into the item before the Metro Planning and Programming Committee. TOWG will go dark in July and reconvene in August.

C. Metro Service Council

No updates were provided as Mr. Szerlip could not be present for this month's meeting. Ms. Bacharach noted that she would like the Metro Service Council to deliver a presentation on the Council's roles and responsibilities at a future Transportation Committee meeting.

V. Caltrans District 7 South Bay Projects Update

Mr. Carvajal shared the 2022 SHOPP projects that were approved by the CTC this past May. Mr. Carvajal will be sending Mr. Leger SBCCOG's respective projects and status updates on ongoing projects and their completion dates. Mr. Carvajal also reported that Caltrans is wrapping up the fiscal year. Mr. Lantz recommended the new Director at Caltrans should be invited to the next Transportation Committee to introduce herself.

VI. SBCCOG Local Travel Network Update

Mr. Leger reported that the Steering Committee will be recommending a contract for technical services for wayfinding and signage to the Board. SBCCOG has been meeting with cities in the two LTN corridors on final route refinement. SBCCOG will be making a presentation to Redondo Beach City Council in July. More updates are anticipated for the LTN throughout the summer. Ms. Bacharach reported that SBCCOG will be presenting to the Lomita City Council on July 5. Ms. Bacharach informed the committee that SBCCOG has also started meeting with the City of Los Angeles as well as the Supervisorial District to work on potential solutions to provide LTN routes into and out of El Segundo. Ms. Bacharach also reported that AB 2074, the SBCCOG's bill for micromobility device rebates will not make it through this year. AB 2432, the bill that would allow cities to create a NEV plan will be merged with another bill and will apply to all cities within LA County. The bill will remain AB 2432 and continues to move through the legislature.

VII. Metro Vermont Transit Corridor South Bay Extension Feasibility Study

Mr. Lantz informed the Committee that the Metro Board directed staff to prepare a feasibility study to extend the Vermont Transit Corridor from its planned southern terminus at 120th street further south to the South Bay J (Silver) Line Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) transitway station and to identify potential maintenance facility sites. The study, completed in May 2022, evaluated the feasibility of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), light rail transit (LRT) and Heavy Rail Transit (HRT) to improve transit service in the South Corridor. The Metro study found that due to significant costs and low projected ridership, none of the alternatives would achieve adequate ridership levels worthy of the investment. Mr. Lantz noted that the first steps should be focused on improving existing service, further explaining that the study area also falls within the GTrans reserved service area which would require Metro coordination with them. Mr. Lantz reported that the SBCCOG Board of Directors should have an opportunity to comment on this and SBCCOG's recommendation is to receive the comments from the Transportation Committee.

Ms. Bacharach asked Ms. Pynn if GTrans felt ridership could grow with more service. Ms. Pynn explained that, with sufficient funding, it was certainly possible to increase service frequency as that is one of GTrans' most used routes.

Ms. Bacharach recommended two action items: 1) a letter to go to Metro and Mayor Butts about ExpressLane revenues and where the funds are going; 2) work with GTrans and other transit operators through the TOWG on a possible request for more funds to build ridership through the Vermont Corridor on existing service lines.

VIII. Metro Bike Share Program Update

Ms. Park delivered a presentation on Metro's Bike Share Program. The program is being developed as: 1) a first mile-last mile option; 2) an easy, low-cost and efficient means of transportation; 3) environmentally friendly; 4) travel flexibility; 5) equity opportunities.

The Metro Bike Share Program benefits include: health benefits, economic benefits to cities, serves as gateway to other transportation options, and increases visibility of cyclists. Metro is currently evaluating the program and convening a group to help address critical issues such as fleet stabilization/theft and regionalization/expansion. Ms. Park and Metro asked the Transportation Committee to identify 1-2 individuals from the South Bay to represent the region in this process, participate in the Industry Forum, and review the recommendations and provide feedback. Ms. Bacharach nominated Mr. Leger and Mr. Baum to be the region's representatives since they are project managers of the LTN which should be involved with the Metro Bike Share Program. The full presentation can be viewed online here: [PRESENTATION Metro-Bike-Share-Overview.pdf \(southbaycities.org\)](#)

The Committee had several questions about participating agencies and the cost sharing relationship. Metro staff explained that currently, no cities are participating outside of LA City, with no sites currently in the South Bay. Metro had previously worked with Port of LA to include the bike share program at the waterfront, but the Port decided to not renew the agreement. Metro staff also provided an overview of the cost sharing structure where Metro covers 50% of the capital costs and 35% of operations/maintenance, while partner agencies cover 50% and 65% respectively.

Committee members also had questions about the theft issue. Metro staff explained that theft is a common issue among all bikeshare programs throughout the world. In Metro's program, theft is approximately 10% currently, but has been approximately 15-20% since the program started. Metro aims to reduce that to less than 10% annually.

IX. Presentation: Overview of Metro I-105 Integrated Corridor Management Project

Mr. Alegre delivered a presentation on the I-105 Integrated Corridor Management Project (ICM). ICM is an approach to improving transportation by integrating various networks together, so that partner agencies can manage the transportation corridor as a unified system. The I-105 ICM Project will improve operational capabilities of partner agencies, integrate systems across jurisdictional boundaries for seamless operations, develop incident response plans for improved efficiencies, automate system operations for rapid response, and will be operational when needed for incidents. Concept of Operations anticipated completion is October 2022. System Requirements anticipated completion is February 2023. Design anticipated completion is February 2024.

Mr. Alegre will provide periodic updates to IWG.

The full presentation can be viewed online here: [PowerPoint Presentation \(southbaycities.org\)](#)

X. Brief update on Crenshaw Northern Extension project

Ms. Mansergh invited the Committee to two community meetings for the project which will take place June 16 and June 21.

XI. Three Month Look-Ahead – RECEIVED AND FILED

XII. Announcements / Adjournment

The Transportation Committee will be dark in July.

Committee Chair Pimentel adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 11:57 a.m. to August 8, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. NOTE: the start time for the 8/8/22 meeting was subsequently changed to 10:15 a.m.

To propose an item for the agenda, e-mail to: DavidL@southbaycities.org by August 1, 2022.