

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transit Operators Working Group

May 5, 2022 Meeting Notes

Attendees: Dana Pynn, Chair (GTrans); Joyce Rooney & Leslie Scott (Beach Cities Transit); Scott Greene (Metro); Steve Lantz, David Leger, & Amina Karwa (SBCCOG)

1. Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the April 7, 2022 Meeting Notes

The virtual meeting was called to order by Chair Pynn at 2:03 p.m. Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

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

Ms. Rooney reported that Redondo Beach may have a new tentative opening date for their transit center, sometime around August. She reported that some progress has been made, the parking lot has been paved, but a lot of improvements still need to be completed. She also mentioned their transit study is underway with Stantec.

Chair Pynn asked the group if masks were still required to which all group members unanimously said yes.

Mr. Greene reported there will be a Metro service shake-up on June 26 but there will be no major changes; everything remains the same since February. There will also be a late-September shake-up, which will likely incorporate the changes needed for the new Redondo Beach transit center. Metro is still short on operators and is recruiting heavily, but has seen a reduction in service cancellation since the last service adjustments were made. Mr. Greene also noted that Metro's Crenshaw-LAX Line is going to begin testing in July now that construction has been substantially completed.

3. Crenshaw Line Operating Plan Update

This is an item that is going to the Transportation Committee at their May meeting. Mr. Lantz reported that previously, the SBCCOG agreed with the Gateway Cities COG to support operating plan "C3" as a one-year pilot. However, Metro's Operations Department has determined there is not sufficient time to do a one-year pilot of C3 before the southern segment of the CLAX opens in Fall 2023. Hence, Metro staff is likely to recommend an alternative operating plan, "C2", which would create a one-seat ride north-south on the Crenshaw-LAX Line from Expo to Redondo Beach, and Green Line riders from Norwalk would have to transfer at the Century/Aviation station to then take the Crenshaw-LAX Line north to Expo or south to Redondo Beach. SBCCOG staff is recommending support for the C2 operating plan at this time because it is likely to provide better service for South Bay riders, particularly with the eventual extension south to Torrance and the Crenshaw North expansion to Hollywood.

4. Updates on Metro Issues, Initiatives & Studies

-Green Line Extension to Torrance

Mr. Lantz reported that Metro is in the environmental process for the extension to the Green Line to Torrance. The public comment period is over. The draft EIR will be completed this summer and released for public comment in Fall 2022.

-Metro NextGen Data sharing

Mr. Leger shared an informational link in the Zoom chat. Metro is making available the origin-destination trip data from the NextGen study. A webinar can be accessed using this link:

<https://catalog.riits.net/dataset/measure-up-locus>

5. May 2022 Transportation Update: Item was received and filed.

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

7. Transportation Committee Agenda: Item was received and filed.

8. Announcements / Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m. to June 2, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.