

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee
May 9, 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)	Luke Klipp (Sup. Hahn's Office)
Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne)	Lilly O'Brien (Sup. Mitchell's Office)
James Butts (Inglewood)	
John Cruikshank (Rancho Palos Verdes)	

Non-Voting Representatives

Viviana Gomez (Sup. Hahn's Office)	Dana Pynn, TOWG (GTrans)
Ted Semaan, IWG (Redondo Beach)	Don Szerlip, Metro SB Service Council

Also in attendance:

Leslie Scott (Beach Cities Transit)	Maggie Cheung (LA County DPW)
Diane Amaya (Beach Cities Transit)	Joseph Forgiarini (Metro)
Elias Sassoon (El Segundo)	Mark Dierking (Metro)
Eduardo Hermoso (LA City)	Mike Bohlke (Metro Deputy to James Butts)
Erick Lee (Manhattan Beach)	Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)
Helen Shi (Manhattan Beach)	David Leger (SBCCOG)
Tim Jonasson (PV Estates)	Amina Karwa (SBCCOG)
Anastasia Seims (PV Estates)	Vikas Manocha (Econolite)
Shin Furukawa (Torrance)	Chris Buscarino (Advantec)
Jill Crump (Torrance)	Bill Stracker (JM Diaz)

II. Public Comment – no public comment received.

III. Consent Calendar

A. April 11, 2022 Transportation Committee Minutes – APPROVED

B. May 2022 Transportation Report – RECEIVED AND FILED

MOTION by Committee Member Valentine, seconded by Committee Member O'Brien, to **APPROVE** the consent calendar. Approved without objection.

IV. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates

A. Infrastructure Working Group Update

Mr. Leger informed the Committee that LA County DPW presented at the last IWG meeting on their Pedestrian ITS application that is being piloted in El Camino Village for the visually impaired to be able to safely cross intersections. The second presentation was by Econolite about their Signal Control Priority Solution which leverages the existing signal system to help achieve on-time transit schedules, travel time reduction, and improved ridership. Mr. Leger informed the Committee that both presentations are available on the SBCCOG website to view.

B. Transit Operators Working Group Update

Ms. Pynn reported about the group's conversations on the Crenshaw Line Operating Plan as well as the Green Line Extension to Torrance and the Metro NexGen data sharing opportunity.

C. Metro Service Council

Mr. Szerlip informed the group that the next Service Council meeting is later in the week. He also reported that the Service Council had another budget meeting and that Metro assured there is going to be funding in the Metro FY22-23 budget for the Green Line extension.

V. SBCCOG Local Travel Network Update

Mr. Leger reported that the LTN is moving forward on implementation of the two Phase 1 corridors. SBCCOG had a meeting with Assemblymember Muratsuchi to brief him on the project. He was very excited to learn more about it. The SBCCOG also presented to El Segundo and received support from the Council on moving forward with Phase 1 in their city. SBCCOG will continue working with local jurisdictions' staff to refine the routes and get a Measure M project application ready for submittal to Metro for approval. SBCCOG staff is working to negotiate a contract for technical consulting services for the RFP for wayfinding and signage. Mr. Leger asked the Committee to send him any other stakeholder opportunities in the pilot cities. SBCCOG is working with City Councils, Commissions, and City Staff at the moment. Mr. Leger informed the group that the LTN will be exhibited at the Gardena EV event on May 21. SBCCOG is exploring some State ATP cycle grant opportunities for Phase 2 of implementation.

Committee Member Cruikshank noted that Rancho Palos Verdes voted to support the SBCCOG's two bills regarding the LTN. He also asked that SBCCOG staff continue to explore connections into the Peninsula and the Western Avenue commercial corridor.

VI. Amendment to FY22-23 Measure M MSP Annual Program Update (added Attachment C) – Recommend Board Approval

Mr. Lantz informed the Committee that SBCCOG received a request by Palos Verdes Estates on May 4 asking for construction funds for their project on Palos Verdes Dr West. Previously, the SBCCOG had approved funding for the environmental and final design of the project. In March, the PVE City Council approved its preferred alternative and approved moving forward with final design and then into construction which would begin March 2023. Mr. Lantz informed the Committee that SBCCOG would need to add the project to this budget cycle otherwise the city would have to wait another year. Metro staff has indicated that they could include this budget request amendment as part of the FY22-23 programming that is still being evaluated.

Committee Member Cruikshank shared that he is fully supportive of this action and noted the congestion that occurs through that corridor.

MOTION by Committee Member Cruikshank, seconded by Committee Member Valentine to **RECOMMEND SBCCOG Board approval** of the Measure M MSP Annual Program Update amendment. Approved without objection.

VII. Caltrans District 7 South Bay Projects Update

No updates.

VIII. Presentation: Metro Staff Recommendation for Crenshaw/LAX Line – Green Line Operating Plan – Recommend Board Position

Mr. Forgiarini presented an update on the operating plan options being evaluated for Crenshaw/LAX Line – Green Line interlined train service. The Metro Board adopted Motion 2017-0730 in November 2018 for a

one-year pilot of the C-3 operating plan that was supported by both the South Bay and Gateway Cities COGs as a compromise measure. However, with subsequent delays to the opening of the line, it does not appear that Metro has time to implement the pilot plan before interlined service begins in late 2023 due to significant work required for the Airport Metro Connector (AMC) project. Metro staff will be conducting relevant public outreach to develop an updated Crenshaw/LAX line operating plan recommendation, which won't be presented to the Metro Board until early 2023 in advance of late 2023 when operation of the Crenshaw/LAX line through the AMC site and interlined service becomes possible. This would not impede the opening of the initial Crenshaw/LAX operating segment between the Exposition Line and the Westchester station in 2022.

The full presentation can be viewed online here: <https://youtu.be/1u2gB0ErY0c?t=1314>

Metro staff will reconnect with SBCCOG later in the year for further updates. This item will be tabled for future discussion. Mr. Forgiarini agreed to return at the end of the summer or early fall to deliver another update, tentatively scheduled for September 12, 2022.

IX. Three Month Look-Ahead – RECEIVED AND FILED

X. Announcements / Adjournment

The Committee will discuss in June whether it will go dark in July or August.

Committee Chair Pimentel adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m. to June 13, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

Next Transportation Committee meeting – Monday, June 13, 2022, 10:30 a. m.

To propose an item for the agenda, e-mail to: DavidL@southbaycities.org by June 3, 2022.