

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee
September 12, 2022
Meeting Minutes
(Held virtually via Zoom)

COMMITTEE MEMBER CRUIKSHANK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:35 A.M.

I. Welcome / Self-Introductions

In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:

Chris Pimentel, Chair (El Segundo)	Luke Klipp (SD-4) (11:20 arrival)
Jim Butts (Inglewood) (10:43 arrival)	Viviana Gomez (SD-4)
Dionne Faulk (Inglewood)	Lilly O'Brien (SD-2)
John Cruikshank (Rancho Palos Verdes)	

Non-Voting Representatives

Don Szerlip (Metro South Bay Service Council)

Also in attendance:

Elias Sassoon (El Segundo)	Cosette Stark (Metro)
Erick Lee (Manhattan Beach)	Giovanna Gogreve (Metro)
Helen Shi (Manhattan Beach)	Michel'le Davis (Metro)
Shin Furukawa (Torrance)	Mark Dierking (Metro)
Art Reyes (Torrance)	Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)
Sergio Carvajal (Caltrans)	Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)
Andrew Choie (LA County DPW)	David Leger (SBCCOG)
Shahrzad Amiri (Metro)	Darin Johnson (Mark Thomas)
Andrew Madrid (Metro)	Chris Buscarino (Advantec USA)
Mark Linsenmayer (Metro)	

II. Public Comment – no public comments received.

III. Consent Calendar

A. August 8, 2022 Transportation Committee Minutes - APPROVED

B. Transportation Update Covering August 2022 – RECEIVED AND FILED

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

IV. Presentation: Metro FY22-23 Budget

Ms. Stark and Ms. Gogreve provided the Committee a brief overview of Metro's adopted \$8.75 billion FY22-23 budget and highlighted key programs and initiatives such as Transportation Infrastructure Development (\$2.96 billion) and Transit Operations & Maintenance (\$2.2 billion). Also highlighted was Metro's "people first" initiative which focuses on the customer experience. Ms. Gogreve also reviewed Metro's expanded public engagement process where they received over 8,000 budget survey responses and over 4,000 written comments. The full presentation is available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION_METRO-FY23-Budget.pdf

Ms. Bacharach asked about the C Line (Green) mid-life rebuild work and if that's included within the budget. Ms. Amiri shared that upgrades are being considered in conjunction with the I-105 ExpressLanes project, particularly the overhead power system. Mr. Dierking will help arrange a presentation.

V. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates

A. Infrastructure Working Group Update

Mr. Leger reported that Spectrum presented on their Smart Cities program at the August meeting. Infrastructure LA, a public/private stakeholder consortium led by LACDPW will be presenting in September on the group and some of the new infrastructure funding programs being rolled out.

B. Transit Operators Working Group Update

Mr. Leger reported that the group met for the first time since June and discussed recent changes in their organizations. The Redondo Beach and Torrance transit centers should open by the end of the year.

C. Metro Service Council

Mr. Szerlip reported that there was an update on the Metro Micro pilot program which has been largely successful but has also been limited by driver availability. Mr. Szerlip also noted that the October meeting will now take place October 21st because the regularly scheduled meeting was moved due to a conflict with a Metrolink meeting at the same time. Metro requires all virtual meetings to originate from the Metro Board room.

VI. Caltrans District 7 South Bay Projects Update

Mr. Carvajal shared an updated list of Caltrans Ambassadors who are contacts for cities should they have issues or concerns. He also shared an updated report on Caltrans projects in the South Bay.

Ambassador Program handout: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/HANDOUT_Caltrans_AmbassadorsProgram_ContactSheet-SBCCOG.pdf

Projects Update: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/HANDOUT_Caltrans-SBCCOG-Project-Info-9.12.22.pdf

VII. Report by Metro on I-110 ExpressLanes Revenues

Ms. Amiri and Mr. Linsenmayer provided an overview and history of the I-110 ExpressLanes, including some of the results so far such as an 11% decrease in GHG emissions and doubling of ridership on the Silver Line. They also briefly touched on the Net Toll Revenue Grants that provide funding for projects along the ExpressLanes corridor. Round 1 in 2014 allocated nearly \$20M to 20 projects (72% spent) and Round 2 in 2016 allocated nearly \$28M to 21 projects (50% spent). It was noted that there are some delivery issues with projects due to a variety of reasons including city-staff capacity. Mr. Linsenmayer also touched on the program's financial obligations and annual revenue/expenses. Ms. Amiri highlighted that Metro has allocated nearly \$20M to replace the existing transponders with a new model as required by the state.

The full presentation is available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION_ExpressLanes.pdf

Ms. Bacharach suggested a meeting to discuss how the SBCCOG could help Metro with the transponder exchange program.

VIII. Measure R/M Annual Update Process

Mr. Lantz explained that SBCCOG staff will be meeting with lead agency staff over the coming weeks to discuss the status of existing projects, anticipated requests for additional funding, and new projects. Applications for additional funding for existing projects are due in December with new project applications due in January.

IX. Three Month Look-Ahead – Received and Filed

X. Announcements / Adjournment

Committee Chair Pimentel adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m. to October 10, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.