

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee

January 9, 2023

Meeting Minutes

(Held at 2355 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite 125, Torrance, CA 90501 & virtually via Zoom)

COMMITTEE CHAIR PIMENTEL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:34 A.M.

I. Welcome / Self-Introductions

In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:

Chris Pimentel, Chair (El Segundo)

Jim Butts (Inglewood)

Zein Obagi Jr. (Redondo Beach)

Lilly O'Brien (LA County D-2)

Viviana Gomez (LA County D-4)

Non-Voting Representatives

Ted Semaan, IWG Chair (Redondo Beach)

Also in attendance:

Leslie Scott (Beach Cities Transit)

Elias Sassoon (El Segundo)

Carla Dillon (Lomita)

Erick Lee (Manhattan Beach)

Helen Shi (Manhattan Beach)

Anastasia Seims (Palos Verdes Estates)

David Wahba (Rolling Hills Estates)

Shin Furukawa (Torrance)

Jill Crump (Torrance)

Namrata Sen (Caltrans)

Sergio Carvajal (Caltrans)

Maggie Cheung (LA County DPW)

Errol Taylor (Metro)

Mark Dierking (Metro)

Kelvin Zan (Metro)

Joseph Forgiarini (Metro)

Mike Bohlke (Deputy to Mayor Butts)

Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)

Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)

David Leger (SBCCOG)

Bill Stracker (JM Diaz)

Holly Osborne (Public)

Ray Hollar (Public)

Candace Nafissi (Public)

II. Public Comment – no public comments received.

III. Consent Calendar

A. November 14, 2022 Transportation Committee Minutes - APPROVED

B. Transportation Update Covering December 2022 – RECEIVED AND FILED

MOTION by Committee Member Obagi, 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. Semaan reported that the IWG was dark in December and will be meeting again this week.

B. Transit Operators Working Group Update – no update

C. Metro Service Council – no update

V. Caltrans District 7 South Bay Projects Update

Ms. Sen provided a written update on Caltrans projects which is available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/HANDOUT_Caltrans-Updates.pdf

Ms. Bacharach announced that the SBCCOG presented to the California Transportation Commission in December on the Local Travel Network/micromobility. The SBCCOG is attempting to add micromobility as another modality, similar to active transportation.

VI. Update on Measure R/M Annual Update Process

Mr. Lantz reported that requests for additional funding for existing projects were due December 1st. New Measure M project applications are due January 16th. Due to funding constraints in upcoming fiscal years, new projects will only be considered after supplemental funding needs for existing projects are evaluated. SBCCOG staff is currently evaluating requests received by December 1st and will be returning with Measure R South Bay Highway Program recommendations in February.

VII. Presentation: Rail Lines State of Good Repair

Mr. Taylor provided a brief overview of Metro's FY23 Rail Lines State of Good Repair program. He explained that the FY23 program includes 15 traction power projects (\$220M); 11 rail communication projects (\$100M); 5 SCADA projects (\$38M); 13 train control projects (\$132M); and 1 track system project (\$37M). He went on to detail some C Line projects including an overhead contact wire replacement. Mr. Taylor's full presentation is available online here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION_Metro-Rail-Line-State-of-Good-Repair.pdf

VIII. Three Month Look-Ahead – Received and Filed

A. March 2, 1-5 pm Green Line Bus Tour

Ms. Bacharach explained that the SBCCOG is organizing this tour to provide South Bay elected officials and city staff the opportunity to see areas along the Gold/Expo lines that are analogous to what is being considered for the C Line (Green) extension to Torrance. Supervisor Mitchell's office is assisting with the bus, which holds approximately 50 people. Those interested in participating should email Ms. Bacharach.

IX. Announcements / Adjournment

Committee Chair Pimentel adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m. to February 13, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.