

## South Bay Cities Council of Governments

### Transit Operators' Working Group

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

### Meeting Notes

Attendees: Joyce Rooney (Beach Cities Transit); Kim Turner, Godfrey Offoegbu, James Lee (Torrance Transit); Ernie Crespo & Dana Pynn (GTrans); Steve Lantz & David Leger (SBCCOG)

#### 1) Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the July 17, 2019 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm. Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

#### 2) Transit Operator Issues and Concerns

Ms. Turner expressed her concerns that there is still very little coordination between Metro NextGen staff with local transit operators. Mr. Crespo added that there are potentially substantive changes happening to some of the main transit lines coming in to the South Bay that feed into the Torrance Transit and GTrans systems. There are also concerns amongst the Transit Operators that Long Beach Transit may be starting service in/out of the Harbor Gateway Transit Center which is outside of their service area.

The Transit Operators are interested in a potential presentation to the SBCCOG's Board of Directors in January to share their concerns with NextGen implementation.

#### 3) Measure R South Bay Sub-Fund Transfer Update

Mr. Lantz reviewed the possibility of a transfer of funds from the Measure R South Bay highway sub-fund to a transit sub-fund in order to fund transit capital projects in the South Bay. Currently there are no sub-regional transit funding sources available in the South Bay. This opportunity is afforded by the once-a-decade provision in Measure R that allows the Metro Board of Directors to transfer funds from one sub-fund to another. In order to identify the magnitude of a potential transfer, SBCCOG staff has requested potential projects from both Transit agencies, Metro, Caltrans, and city public works departments. Mr. Lantz explained that this funding could be used for large transit projects such as the Centinela Grade Separation (Expo Line) as well as the local match requirement as part of the Green Line extension to Torrance. Transit Operators shared some of their initial project ideas such as bus acquisition for EV compliance and/or expanded service, improved bus stop amenities and next-bus technologies, and EV bus charging infrastructure. The agencies will further develop their ideas and will submit any applications to the SBCCOG by October 31.

The Transit Operators are urging no local match requirement as part of the potential Transit Funding program.

#### 4) Inglewood Special Event Service Coordination Update

South Bay Transit Operators continue to meet with Inglewood staff to discuss potential service opportunities, but discussions have not been very productive thus far.

#### 5) Announcements/Adjournment – Next Transit Operators Working Group meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m. to November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.