

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transit Operators' Working Group

November 15th, 2018

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Joyce Rooney, Leslie Scott, Vinita Waskow (Beach Cities Transit); James Lee, Godfrey Offoegbu (Torrance Transit); Monica Van Luven (GTrans); Steve Lantz, David Leger (SBCCOG)

1) Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the October 18, 2018 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm. Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

2) Transit Operator Issues and Concerns

Mr. Lantz reported that Caltrans has awarded the SBCCOG a planning grant to develop a slow-speed lane network. The Transit Operators asked for updates to be provided when relevant. Mr. Lee added that Torrance Transit is applying for a grant to do a study for stadium service in Inglewood. The study would identify what traffic mitigation would be needed, the number of buses needed, etc. Torrance Transit will likely be asking for a letter of support from the SBCCOG.

It was also discussed that some transit agencies are having difficulties when it comes to charging their electric buses. One agency in particular is only able to charge two of its 12 buses at the same time. They are also running into issues of time of day rates that they are charged. Transit agencies may apply for Measure M funding to address some charging issues if/when appropriate.

3) Transit Operators Working Group Webpage Description

A webpage was created on the SBCCOG website to post and archive TOWG meeting materials. The Transit Operators provided guidance on the working group description for the webpage.

4) Measure M Updates

a) Measure M South Bay Multi-Year Subregional Programs Task Force Update

b) Draft HEOI and TSMIP Sub-Regional Program / Project Selection Criteria

Mr. Lantz briefly reported that the Measure M MSP Task Force is still working on project selection and performance criteria for the Measure M MSPs. Drafts were included in the agenda packet for review. Ms. Scott asked that Transit Stop Improvements be specifically identified in the TSMIP (I or II) programs. She recommended that these projects include lighting, signage upgrades, and more communication elements.

5) SBCCOG Crenshaw/LAX – Green Line Operating Plan Options

a) C-1 vs C-3 Map and Letters

b) Bus Transfer Facilities

c) Metro Operations Committee / Board Deliberations Update

Mr. Lantz directed the group's attention to the sample letters in the agenda packet. These can be shared with the community and they are encouraged to submit comments to Metro. Mr. Lantz also reported that the Operations and Customer Service Committee voted earlier in the day to support Alternative C-3 and will make that recommendation to the Metro Board. The advocacy by South Bay and Gateway Cities COGs helped convince the committee of the merits of a C-3 pilot. The Metro Board will now take up the issue at their December 6 meeting.

In relation to the changes/construction occurring at the LAX area of the Green Line and Crenshaw Line, Mr. Lantz inquired as to whether or not Transit Operator lines/transfer points were being changed. The Transit Operators reported that their operating routes will remain unchanged at least until the Crenshaw Line opens in 2020.

6) Special Event Service Coordination

The last meeting with Inglewood was cancelled but attempts to create transit service to and from the city for special events continue. The operators expressed some frustrations when it comes to getting the data they need from Inglewood to be able to provide service cost estimates.

7) Green Line South EIR Update

Mr. Lantz reported that the notice of preparation is being issued in Spring 2019 and will include 2 routes: one along the railroad right of way either at grade or with raised and/or below-grade segments; the other along the south side of the I-405 and the median of Hawthorne Boulevard between the I-405 and the South Bay Galleria in Redondo Beach.

8) Meeting Attendance RSVP/Cancellation Policy

Mr. Lantz asked that Transit Operators work with SBCCOG staff to identify industry and other events that may impact future TOWG meetings so those meetings can be postponed or cancelled ahead of time if there would not be adequate attendance to hold the meeting. The meeting announcements will also be sent out as Outlook Calendar invites.

9) Announcements/Adjournment – Next Transit Operators Working Group meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m. to January 17, 2019.