

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee
August 12, 2019
Meeting Minutes

COMMITTEE CHAIR HORVATH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:32 A.M.

I. Welcome / Self-Introductions

In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:

Christian Horvath, Chair (Redondo Beach)
Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne)

Drew Boyles (El Segundo)
James Butts (Inglewood)

Non-Voting Representatives

Ted Semaan, IWG (Redondo Beach)
James Lee, Transit Operators (Torrance Transit)

Don Szerlip (Metro South Bay Service Council)
Young-Gi Kim Harabedian (Sup. Hahn's Office)

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Orlando Rodriguez (El Segundo)
Ernie Crespo (GTrans)
Steve Finton (Torrance)
Art Reyes (Torrance)
Mike Bohlke (Metro)
Mark Dierking (Metro)
Jackie Su (Metro)
Peter Carter (Metro)

Isidro Panuco (Metro)
Jimmy Shih (Caltrans)
Karl Lindquist (Caltrans)
Shelly McCarthy (EXP)
Portia Gonzalez (EXP)
David Leger (SBCCOG)
Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)
Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)

II. Consent Calendar

- A. June 10, 2019 Transportation Committee Minutes – Approved**
- B. July 8, 2019 Transportation Committee Meeting Notes – Received and Filed**
- C. August 2019 Transportation Update – Received and Filed**

MOTION by Committee Member Valentine, seconded by Committee Member Butts, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

III. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates

A. Infrastructure Working Group Update

Mr. Semaan reported that the IWG was given a presentation on the Regional Integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems (RIITS) and its connection to the upcoming South Bay Fiber Network.

B. Transit Operators Working Group Update

Mr. Lee reported that the Transit Operators Working Group met in July and discussed ongoing Inglewood service coordination and the Transit Operator eligibility issue for Measure M projects.

C. Metro Service Council – Don Szerlip

Mr. Szerlip announced that there was a presentation from LAWA on the Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project which will relocate runway exits, extend/improve taxiways, create new terminals, and improve road access to the airport. Metro staff also presented an update on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor.

IV. FY 2020/2021 Metro Budget Request Process and Project Eligibility for Measure R South Bay Highway Program and Measure M Multi-Year Sub-Regional Programs – Received and Filed

Mr. Panuco began by reviewing the process by which the Measure M guidelines were developed (via the PAC) and that Metro worked with COG staff to incorporate the guidelines into the eligibility documents included in the packet.

Mr. Lantz followed up by explaining over the past year and a half, SBCCOG staff, city stakeholders, and Metro staff participated in the Measure M MSP Task Force in order to develop the project eligibility criteria and project selection criteria for Measure M MSP projects. Earlier this year, a call for projects was held, the projects were reviewed, and those found eligible were sent to Metro for eligibility review and approval. However, it was recently brought to the SBCCOG's attention that projects submitted by municipal transit agencies (Torrance Transit, GTrans, Beach Cities Transit, etc.) are ineligible because the South Bay's MSPs are classified under the "Highway" sub-fund in Measure M, not the "Transit" sub-fund. This means that transit projects are ineligible for the South Bay MSP funds.

Mr. Lantz continued, noting that many aspects of proposed projects have been removed from the projects due to "ineligible" project scope. As part of the efforts to combine the Measure R and M call for projects, SBCCOG staff worked with Metro to develop a revised list of eligible projects. The list included in the agenda packet incorporates edits made by Metro staff.

Mr. Panuco noted that there are issues to be ironed out on the project eligibility lists and encouraged SBCCOG staff to get Metro sign-off on any Measure R/M related item in the future before distribution. Ms. Bacharach responded that this list should have been finalized because it had already gone to Metro for comment and approval, also noting that staff is still awaiting comments on the proposed process schedule too.

Ms. Bacharach took a moment to briefly report on a COG Directors meeting with Metro CEO Washington to go over "lessons learned" on the Measure M MSP submission process because it did not seem to work well for any sub-region. It was brought up at this meeting that the interpretation of the MSP project criteria recently changed.

Mr. Lantz continued by reviewing the draft process calendar, noting that one-on-one meetings with city staff will be held in September to go over project ideas, after which formal applications will be submitted based off Metro/SBCCOG comments at the meetings. The SBCCOG Board will formally approve the lists of projects in January, with the Metro Board acting in March, so that funding agreements can be drafted and executed for funding beginning July 1. If Metro staff has given their sign-off on projects during the one-on-one meetings as planned, it should simply require formal actions taken at Metro after SBCCOG recommendations are made.

Chair Horvath asked if there were funding sources within Measure M to fund Transit projects. Mr. Lantz explained that there are no sources in the South Bay's MSPs.

V. Measure R South Bay Highway Program Annual Performance Evaluation Report – Received and Filed

Mr. Lantz explained that the chart has been reset to reflect new milestone goals for the new fiscal year. Project progress will be tracked against these baseline goals throughout the year, with a goal of successfully completing at least 80% of the milestones. The full report is available online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/HANDOUT_July%202019%20APE%20Report.pdf

Status of Measure M South Bay Multi-Year Sub-Regional Programs 5-Year Projects Lists Approval by Metro – Received and Filed

Mr. Panuco reported that the item will be going to the Metro Board in September, noting that apart from the handful of ineligible projects, most have been approved in some form.

Sepulveda Pass Transit Corridor Study Update – Received and Filed

Mr. Carter presented a brief overview of Metro's Sepulveda Transit Corridor study which aims to develop a transit service effectively connecting the San Fernando Valley, the Westside, and down to LAX. The project would include a Valley-Westside phase, followed by a Westside-LAX phase. The study is looking into heavy rail and monorail concepts with multiple alignment options. Metro is issuing a Predevelopment Agreement (PDA) which brings in a private sector project developer in the early stages to help define and design the project. This would also allow the contractor to submit a firm fixed price delivery bid upon completion of the PDA. Mr. Carter's presentation is available online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/PRESENTATION_sepulveda_transit_corridor_2019-0724.pdf

Ms. Bacharach added that although the potential project is currently slated as two phases, the phases are programmed over 25 years apart in the Long-Range Transportation Plan. The SBCCOG drafted a letter urging Metro to include bringing the service all the way to LAX as part of the EIR, through which the project could then

be phased. By including both phases in the initial EIR, an EIR update would only be needed for Phase 2 as opposed to a whole new EIR process. The draft letter is available online:
http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/HANDOUT_8.19%20letter%20re%20Sepulveda%20pass%20EIR.pdf

Committee Member Valentine asked for the pros and cons are including the full line in the EIR. Mr. Lantz and Ms. Bacharach explained that pros include: ridership estimates for both segments, so you get a better idea of what ridership ultimately might be; it also sets the ground for potential acceleration of one or both phases; and may highlight the benefit of using one rail technology over another. Cons include: the lack of funding to fully implement one or both phases of the project.

MOTION by Committee Member Boyles, seconded by Committee Member Valentine, to recommend the Board of Directors submit the proposed letter to Metro. No objection. So ordered.

VI. Caltrans SB 1 Presentation – Received and Filed

Mr. Lindquist provided a brief overview of SB 1 efforts underway in Caltrans District 7, and particularly the SBCCOG area. Mr. Lindquist began by providing a review of the different SB 1 funding programs as well as planned/in-construction/completed projects totaling \$1.46B in Caltrans District 7. Mr. Lindquist also went over District 7's funding programmed via SB 1 competitive programs, totaling close to \$2B. Mr. Lindquist also highlighted some of the SB 1 projects taking place in the South Bay in Redondo Beach and Harbor City. For more detail, the full presentation is online at:
http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/PRESENTATION_Caltrans%20D7%20SB1%20update.pdf

VII. Spotlight: South Bay Transit Operators / Services

Mr. Lee presented on South Bay municipal Transit Operators and their services. Mr. Lee began by noting there are 18 bus lines total between the agencies of Torrance Transit, Beach Cities Transit, and GTrans. These agencies cover 156sq miles from Redondo Beach to Long Beach and run over 4.5M service miles annually.

Mr. Lee continued by reviewing some of the statistics for the individual operators, what their service means for the South Bay, and concluded by touching on some upcoming projects such as customer amenities and new fleet technologies. Mr. Lee also reviewed the Torrance and GTrans Line-By-Line analyses which are like Metro's NextGen Bus Study as well as service to Inglewood/NFL Stadium.

Committee Member Valentine asked how service can be expanded in Hawthorne and how the lines are determined. Mr. Lee explained that they are looking into a new line into the city, but that service is largely dictated by funding availability and the results of studies such as the line-by-line analysis. Committee Member Valentine then asked if it was possible to expand service into the high-density core of Hawthorne to help reduce congestion there and to pay for it through Measure R/M funding. Mr. Lee indicated that it's not likely eligible for funding from those sources.

Committee Member Boyles asked what the preliminary plans are for the Inglewood Stadium service. Mr. Lee explained that what is being considered at this point is street level service accomplished by modifying existing lines to accommodate the new stadium. There are still more discussions needed though.

Mr. Szerlip inquired about the use of off-site parking lots and if it would be a paid service. Mr. Lee noted that it is an option, but that it's too early to say exactly what the plans will be. He will return to the Committee to discuss the specific service to Inglewood once there is more developed.

For more detail, the full presentation is available on the SBCCOG website:
http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/PRESENTATION_South%20Bay%20Municipal%20Transit%20Operators_0.pdf

VIII. Project Updates

A. South Bay Smart Net Broadband Project

Ms. Bacharach reported that the Master Agreement is scheduled to go before the SBCCOG Board in August. ADF will be visiting city council meetings to provide background on their council items. The SBCCOG continues to work with Metro on the funding agreement as well as a bridge loan for the project.

B. SBCCOG Local Travel Network

Ms. Bacharach reported that Fehr and Peers was hired as a technical consultant and continues to develop a potential system network. There will be a series of public workshops, likely culminating in a large expo of local travel vehicles sometime in Spring 2020.

C. ExpressLane Revenues

Ms. Bacharach reported that there has not been a meeting recently but noted that John Fasana is expected to put a motion before the Metro Board to restrict the borrowing of ExpressLanes funding.

IX. Three Month Look-Ahead – Received and Filed

Mr. Szerlip asked if it would be helpful to include the South Bay Service Council meetings on the Three-Month Look-Ahead. Mr. Lantz will begin adding those meetings to the calendar.

X. Announcements / Adjournment

Committee Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.