

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee
June 10, 2019
Meeting Minutes

COMMITTEE CHAIR HORVATH NOTED THAT THERE WAS INITIALLY NO QUORUM BUT BEGAN INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AT 10:40 A.M. A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

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)
Jim 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)
Joyce Rooney (Beach Cities Transit)
Dana Pynn (GTrans)
Godfrey Offoegbu (Torrance Transit)
Mike Bohlke (Metro)
Conan Cheung (Metro)
Isidro Panuco (Metro)

Jimmy Shih (Caltrans)
Sergio Carvajal (Caltrans)
Olivia Harris (Caltrans)
David Grethen (Hermosa Bch PW Commission)
Chandler Sheilds (SBCCOG)
Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)

II. Consent Calendar

- A. May 13, 2019 Transportation Committee Minutes – Approved**
- B. June 2019 Transportation Update – Received and Filed**

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

III. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates

A. Infrastructure Working Group Update

No report was given.

B. Transit Operators Working Group Update

No report was given.

C. Metro Service Council – Don Szerlip

Mr. Szerlip announced that Scott Page is now the Deputy Executive of the South Bay Service Council. Mr. Szerlip also reported that there was a presentation on Torrance Transit's Tomorrow Plan. Lastly, Mr. Szerlip informed the Committee that station evaluations/reports will be delivered quarterly going forward.

IV. Measure R

A. South Bay Highway Program Annual Performance Evaluation (APE) Report – Received and Filed

The report is available online at:

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

B. Status of Measure R South Bay Highway Program FY20 New Projects List Approval By Metro

Ms. Bacharach reported that the item will be going before the Metro Board in June as there were three projects up in the air that needed determination. Mr. Bohlke added that all Measure R projects are going to be addressed by the Metro Board in June. Mr. Panuco also added that there have been discussions with Inglewood staff regarding the projects in question, as well as a request from Lomita for additional funding due

to a cost increase on the project that was just completed. The Lomita item may need to be addressed in July's Metro Board meeting.

V. Status of Measure M South Bay Multi-Year Sub-Regional Programs 5-Year Projects Lists Approval by Metro

Mr. Panuco reported that there will be a meeting with SBCCOG and Metro staff to discuss the reviews as well as one-on-one discussions with each jurisdiction that applied. All of this will take place before July's Metro Board meeting which is when the item is expected to be heard.

VI. Metro NextGen Transit Study Update

Mr. Cheung gave a brief update presentation on Metro's NextGen Transit Study. Metro is currently 18 months into the study and is working to incorporate public comments and determine measures of success that do not use typical Key Performance Indicators. Metro also wants to use surveys, census/community household info to go beyond Title VI to address equity needs. For example, single mothers rely on transit more than single fathers.

Metro has held over 200 workshops and gathered countless feedback from attendees and riders. Most survey respondents indicated their desire for a safe and fast/reliable service. Also, is the system easy to find and access and is it equitable in terms of ethnicity and income, age and language.

Metro plans to take the feedback and data to create a revamped bus system that may include hybrid routes (combining local and rapid transit options) and routes that expand/increase services for those who need transit the most and are most likely to use it.

Committee Member Butts asked Mr. Cheung several questions regarding the surveys and sampling that were done to form these recommendations. Committee Member Butts was very interested in the sampling/data collection processes that Metro staff utilized. Mr. Cheung explained that there were over 16,000 responses from county stakeholders, gathered via multiple routes such as social media, focus groups in communities, and more. Metro then looked into communities where feedback was missing and conducted follow-ups accordingly. Population/location data for the workshops can be provided.

Mr. Cheung also added that solutions being considered are not one-size-fits-all and that Metro is not assuming its route structure is ideal. For example, Metro is looking into connecting various transit corridors.

Committee Chair Horvath asked where potential Metro riders live generally. Mr. Cheung pointed him to the propensity map on slide 9 of the presentation.

Committee Member Boyles added that El Segundo's population grows 60-80,000 each day based on commuters into the city and inquired why the city isn't colored to indicate high propensity ridership levels. Mr. Cheung clarified that the map is not focused on work trips specifically and is broader. Also, although high propensity areas are indicated, it doesn't include asking people in those areas if they would use transit.

Ms. Kim Harabedian noted that the next version of the study should also consider choice riders (those who choose to ride) vs. transit dependent riders (those who need to ride). She added that the updates will likely go to the Metro Board in October. There will also be coordination with municipal operators for seamless service (and recommendations on how to accomplish that).

Mr. Cheung concluded by explaining that Metro is looking to implement the study's findings by June 2020. He also agreed to send us outreach information from our subregion.

For further detail, Mr. Cheung's full presentation is available online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/transportation_committee/PRESENTATION_NextGen%20Bus%20Study%20SB_GWC_WSC_Update%20-%20June%202019.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 carrying over 7 million passengers annually with ½ being low income and/or minority. Seniors, students and disabled are almost 20% of the ridership. These agencies cover 156 sq miles from Redondo Beach to Long Beach and run over 4.5M service miles annually removing approximately 12,000 daily car trips from the road.

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 but would an eligible local return use.

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 such as the Torrance Transit Center or El Camino College and whether 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 project's capital costs are being covered by the South Bay's Measure M MSP funding. The project has produced competitive pricing for cities to join (about \$1,000/1GB speed) and is ready to move forward. The goal is to have the cities connected by Spring 2020.

B. SBCCOG Local Travel Network

Ms. Bacharach reported that Fehr and Peers was hired as a technical consultant to help on the project. The SBCCOG will be performing community outreach and seeking guidance from the Transportation Committee members for ideal locations for LTN development/implementation.

C. ExpressLane Revenues

Ms. Bacharach thanked Supervisor Hahn for her help getting meetings scheduled. No developments have happened since last month, but Ms. Bacharach noted that the guidelines for use of the revenue were set 8 years ago and that it would be a good idea to revisit them based on recent discussions and projects taking place in the South Bay.

IX. Three Month Look-Ahead – Received and Filed

X. Announcements / Adjournment

Ms. Bacharach announced that the next meeting will take place at 10:30am, not 11:00am as originally posted.

Committee Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.