

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee

June 12, 2023

Meeting Minutes

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

COMMITTEE CHAIR PIMENTEL BEGAN INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AT 10:19AM. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:25 A.M.

I. Welcome / Self-Introductions

In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:

Chris Pimentel, Chair (El Segundo)	Zein Obagi Jr. (Redondo Beach) (10:25 arrival)
Bill Uphoff (Lomita) (10:25 arrival)	Lilly O'Brien (LA County D-2)
John Cruikshank (Rancho Palos Verdes) (10:29 arrival)	Luke Klipp (LA County D-4)

Non-Voting Representatives

Don Szerlip (Metro SB Service Council)	Viviana Gomez (LA County D-4)
James Butts (Inglewood – virtual)	

Also in attendance:

Daniel Rodman (LA City)	Steve Lantz (Metro Deputy to Mayor Butts)
Elias Sassoon (El Segundo)	Mark Dierking (Metro)
Erick Lee (Manhattan Beach)	Joseph Forgiarini (Metro)
Helen Shi (Manhattan Beach)	Scott Greene (Metro)
Cathy Bui (Torrance)	Michel'le Davis (Metro)
Brenda Moun (Torrance)	Mark Llinsenmayer (Metro)
Sergio Carvajal (Caltrans)	David Leger (SBCCOG)
Leona Green (LA County PW)	Ray Hollar (Public)
Andrew Choie (LA County PW)	Holly Osborne (Public)
Mike Bohlke (Metro Deputy to Mayor Butts)	

II. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

III. Consent Calendar

A. May 8, 2023 Transportation Committee Minutes - APPROVED

B. Transportation Update Covering May 2023 – RECEIVED AND FILED

Mr. Leger shared a set of revised minutes ([available here](#)) that included a comment from Committee Member Klipp during the C Line Operating Plan discussion regarding reference to Torrance being the end of the C Line. Given that the line has not been extended and the South Bay has not yet taken a position on the extension itself, Committee Member Klipp had recommended referring to it more generally as the “southern” or “South Bay” terminus of the C Line in the item that goes to the SBCCOG Board of Directors.

MOTION by Committee Member O'Brien, seconded by Committee Member Klipp to **APPROVE** the consent calendar with the revised minutes. Approved without objection.

IV. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates

A. Infrastructure Working Group Update

Mr. Leger reported that the IWG will be meeting on Wednesday. A speaker from the California Infrastructure Delivery Coalition (Cal-Infra) will be presenting on alternative project delivery methods. Cal-Infra is a public-private-labor group that aims to provide education and information on tools available to deliver infrastructure projects as quickly and efficiently as possible. There will also be a discussion on a potential sub-regional application for Safe Streets 4 All funding to create a safety action plan which, if adopted by cities, would give them the ability to apply for implementation funds in a future grant cycle.

B. Transit Operators Working Group Update

Mr. Leger shared that the group met earlier in the month, but no major issues were discussed. Torrance announced that they would be opening their regional transit center on June 10th.

C. Metro Service Council

Mr. Szerlip reported the Service Council did not have a quorum at its last meeting, but heard public comment on the C/K Line Operating Plan.

V. Caltrans District 7 South Bay Projects Update

Mr. Carvajal announced that Nemrata Sen who had been providing updates to the Committee was transferred back to her permanent position from the temporary one she had been in. Until further notice, Mr. Carvajal will share the monthly reports. The written update on Caltrans projects is available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/HANDOUT_Caltrans-Project-Status-Report-June-2023.pdf

VI. Metro ExpressLanes Net Toll Revenue Grants

Ms. Davis presented a brief overview of the ExpressLanes program, previous grant cycles, and funding capacity for Round 3. State law requires net toll revenues be invested within the corridors in which they are collected. Round 3 will award \$72.5M in grant funds towards projects that improve transit uses, system connectivity, and roadway improvements within 3 miles of the 110/10 freeways. Applications for funding are due August 6th. The full presentation is available online here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION_Net-Toll-Revenue-Grant-Program.pdf

VII. C Line (Green)/K Line (Crenshaw-LAX) Operating Plan – APPROVED

Mr. Forgiarini provided the Committee a brief overview of Metro's outreach regarding the C/K Line Operating Plan and the results of those efforts. Mr. Forgiarini reviewed survey results which indicated broad support for Option 2 throughout all the responses, particularly in those coming from South Bay and West Side Cities areas. Gateway city riders tended to slightly prefer Option 1. Mr. Forgiarini also reviewed the evaluation criteria used to evaluate each option including the simplicity of the network; direct access to LAX People Mover; matching regional travel patterns; minimized extra resources (rail cars, operating costs); and north-south line development. He went on to explain that Option 2 scored very highly among all criteria, but came in slightly more expensive than Option 1 to operate. However, Option 1 did not match regional travel patterns as well nor did it create a new north-south line when coupled with future rail expansion. In addition to the survey results, the evaluation criteria led Metro Staff to recommend the Board approve Option 2 as the C/K Line operating plan. The presentation is available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION_C-K-Line-Operating-Plan.pdf

Mr. Leger briefly reviewed the agenda item, noting that the SBCCOG staff is recommending Option 2 as the preferred operating plan because it creates a one seat ride between the Expo line and the southern terminus of the C Line. When the line is expanded south to Torrance, and north to Hollywood, this would provide South Bay residents a one seat ride from Torrance to Hollywood while also reaching key destinations and job centers such as LAX and the Inglewood Entertainment District on the way.

Committee Member Obagi asked if the options were explained to individuals surveyed. Mr. Forgiarini confirmed that in addition to the maps, there were written descriptions of what each operating plan entailed.

Committee Member Klipp noted that in 2018, minimizing transfers was part of the criteria, and asked why it was not included as part of this evaluation. Mr. Forgiarini explained that since Option 1 or 2 both required a transfer, staff determined it was not as important to have this time around.

Committee Member O'Brien shared that Supervisor Mitchell's office received some more detailed data that indicated broad support for Option 2 from riders in stations throughout SD-2.

MOTION by Committee Member Obagi, seconded by Committee Member O'Brien, to **RECOMMEND BOARD SUPPORT** for C/K Line Operating Plan Option 2. Opposition by Committee Member Klipp. Motion passed.

It was brought to the Committee's attention that the Metro Operations Committee will be voting on the item on Thursday, with the Metro Board voting on it at their meeting later in the month. Mr. Leger shared with the Committee that instead of going to the Board of Directors, the recommendation will be presented to the Steering Committee later in the day as an emergency action so that the SBCCOG may have an adopted position in time to submit to Metro.

VIII. Three Month Look-Ahead – Received and Filed

IX. Announcements

Committee Member O'Brien announced that Supervisor Mitchell is hosting a CicLAvia event in conjunction with the Juneteenth celebration on June 18th. The event will take place in South LA near Jesse Owens Park.

X. Adjournment: Committee Chair Pimentel adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m. to July 10, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.