

**Transit Operators Working Group**

**October 5, 2023 Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Dana Pynn, Chair (GTrans); Diane Amaya (Beach Cities Transit); Jacki Bacharach & David Leger (SBCCOG)

**1. Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the September 14, 2023 Meeting Notes**

The virtual meeting was called to order by Ms. Pynn at 2:06 p.m. Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

**2. Transit Operator Issues and Concerns**

Ms. Pynn shared that GTrans ran a line to Manhattan Beach at the request of City Council for a short trial period. It was a trolley like service that launched in August with the last trip over Labor Day weekend. It ran Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. GTrans will be compiling ridership numbers and other data points to bring back to Council to determine if they want to make it permanent. Ms. Pynn also announced that she was recently named Assistant Director of Transportation as well.

Ms. Amaya reported that Beach Cities Transit took receipt of five new buses in August that were put into service in September. Beach Cities Transit is also working to finish up a transit services study.

**3. Measure R South Bay Transit Investment Program Update & FY24-25 Annual Program Update Process/Lead Agency Meetings**

Mr. Leger reported that the Metro Board approved the SBTIP Annual Program Update at their September meeting. SBCCOG staff will be calling for one-on-one meetings with project lead agencies in October to review project progress and discuss any potential requests for additional funding as part of the FY24-25 Annual Program Update process. Mr. Leger reminded the group that no new Measure M projects will be solicited this year as the program has limited funding available and a project list of over 70 active projects in varying stages of completion. Available funds will be reserved for existing projects for the FY24-25 funding year.

**4. Updates on Metro Issues, Initiatives & Studies**

**-C Line Extension to Torrance**

Mr. Leger shared that Metro postponed any action on the C Line Extension locally preferred alternative to allow Supervisor Mitchell to hold additional community meetings. Metro is not likely to discuss the item until February/March at the earliest. Ms. Amaya shared that Beach Cities Transit believes significant improvements at the corner of Hawthorne/Artesia would be needed if Metro were to select the Hawthorne Blvd alternative.

**5. SBCCOG updates**

Mr. Leger shared that the SBCCOG and the City of El Segundo will be holding a ribbon cutting celebration for the Local Travel Network pilot project in the city on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm. The SBCCOG's 2024 General Assembly will focus on artificial intelligence and the benefits/concerns about the technology for cities. Prior to the SBCCOG Board meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a housing education forum on regional housing trusts. The SBCCOG will be honoring its volunteers at a dinner reception on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm.

**7. Three Month Look-Ahead:** Item was received and filed.

## **8. Announcements / Adjournment**

Mr. Leger will send out a poll to the group to determine if there should be November and/or December meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

*Prepared by David Leger*