

Transit Operators Working Group

June 5, 2025 Meeting Notes

Attendees: Dana Pynn (Chair, GTrans); Andy Sywak (Metro); Brian Magumcia (Beach Cities Transit); David Mach, Ryan Plumb (Torrance Transit); David Leger, Anne Tsai (SBCCOG)

1. Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the May 1, 2025 Meeting Notes

The virtual meeting was called to order by Ms. Pynn at 2:04 p.m. Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

2. Transit Operator Updates

Mr. Magumcia shared that Beach Cities Transit (BCT) attended the CTAA Expo this past week. Mr. Magumcia shared that BCT reconnected with El Dorado at the expo and will potentially follow up with them for future bus procurement. Ms. Pynn shared that GTrans has had issues with El Dorado in the past and advised that BCT use existing state contracts for procurement. Ms. Pynn also offered to connect Mr. Magumcia with GTrans' maintenance manager to discuss specific buses.

Mr. Magumcia added that the city council awarded an operating contract to Transportation Concepts.

Mr. Mach shared that the Connect Torrance microtransit service has expanded its service zone and hours from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Ms. Pynn shared that Gtrans will be starting its Line G serve to Manhattan Beach in two weeks, which will operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays through Labor Day.

3. Updates on Metro Issues, Initiatives, Studies

The group shared takeaways and reflections from the Metro Bus Stop Summit. Those who attended the summit felt that the event was educational and interactive. Ms. Tsai shared highlights from the summit, including Big Blue Bus's Adopt-a-Stop program, discussions about holding regular educational forums through councils of governments, and creative strategies to generate ad revenue through bus shelters. Mr. Leger noted that bus stop projects could be used for remaining Measure R Transit funds.

The LAX/Metro Transit Center will open June 6, at 5 p.m. Mr. Sywak shared that Metro is anticipating a large crowd for the grand opening. Attendees will be asked to park at the ConRAC facility, while VIPs will take the train from Aviation/Imperial to the transit center.

Metro will be holding its State of the Agency event on July 9 at Union Station. Whittier Councilmember Fernando Dutra will replace Supervisor Janice Hahn as the Metro Board chair.

Metro recently held a workshop for the Open and Slow Streets grant opportunity, which will fund open streets events in support of the FIFA World Cup and 2028 Olympics.

A feasibility study is underway for a water taxi from Long Beach to San Pedro. An update will be presented to the ad hoc Olympic committee in August. Ms. Pynn noted that Long Beach Transit currently operates two water taxis: the AquaLink and AquaBus.

5. SBCCOG Updates

- **Office Move:** The SBCCOG will relocate to a new office at 357 Van Ness Way starting on July 1, 2025.
- **Election of Officers:** The SBCCOG Board will be selecting its new Chair, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair in June for the July 2025-June 2026 term.
- **REAP 2.0 Mobility Hubs:** The SBCCOG released an RFP to study mobility hub locations and conceptual plans in the South Bay.

Mr. Sywak inquired about the next immediate steps for the Inglewood Transit Connector (ITC). Mr. Leger shared that the City of Inglewood will work with Metro to formalize an amendment to their funding agreement. The ITC team will return in October with a more detailed presentation on the project's funding plan. Ms. Pynn asked if the ITC has been awarded or is awaiting federal funding. Mr. Leger responded that it is unclear whether the city will be able to reallocate the \$1 billion from the FTA towards the re-imagined project.

Ms. Pynn shared that transit operators are having issues accessing federal dollars due to conflicts between California immigration enforcement laws and federal administration priorities. In addition, the governor has recommended cutting zero-emission transit money, which GTrans is concerned about.

6. Transportation Report Covering May 2025: Item was received and filed.

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

8. Announcements / Adjournment

Mr. Mach shared that Torrance Transit is applying for the Carl Moyer grant and will reach out to GTrans to discuss.

Ms. Pynn adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m. to August 7, 2025. The TOWG will not meet in July.

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