

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

South Bay Transit Operators Working Group

AGENDA

Thursday, March 5, 2026

2:00 p. m. - 3:00 p. m.

- 2:00 p.m. Self-Introductions & Approval of January 8, 2026 Meeting Notes (Attachment A)**
- 2:05 p.m. Transit Operator Updates**
- 2:20 p.m. Updates on Metro Issues, Initiatives & Studies**
- 2:35 p.m. SBCCOG Updates**
 - Measure R Transit Investment Program Updates**
- 2:50 p.m. Transportation Report Covering February 2026 (Attachment B)**
- 2:55 p.m. Three Month Look-Ahead (Attachment C)**
- 3:00 p.m. Announcements / Adjournment**

Next Transit Operators Working Group meeting date – next meeting Thursday, April 2nd at 2pm

To propose agenda items, please contact DavidL@southbaycities.org.

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Transit Operators Working Group

January 8, 2026 Meeting Notes

Attendees: Dana Pynn (GTrans, Chair); Paige Meyer (Beach Cities Transit); David Mach, James Lee, Ryan Plumb (Torrance Transit); Jacki Bacharach, David Leger, Anne Tsai, Aaron Ruiz (SBCCOG)

1. Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the November 13, 2025 Meeting Notes

The virtual meeting was called to order by Ms. Pynn at 2:11 p.m. Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

2. Transit Operator Updates –

- Mr. Mach shared that Torrance Transit will be holding public hearings for Line 1 and 6 service changes and the launch of the trolley services later this year. More info can be found on the [Torrance Transit](#) website. Torrance has also received 23 of their 24 new buses, with 2 electric buses received, and 2 hydrogen buses on the way. Torrance is looking with Southern California Edison on their ChargePoint program to get a heavy-duty electric station constructed.
- Ms. Meyer shared that the Redondo Beach Transit Center is back in operation after street resurfacing impacted access and detours occurred.
- Ms. Pynn shared that representatives from GTrans attended a meeting for the Charge Ready SCE program and construction to bring power has begun, but installation of the chargers has not yet occurred. Ms. Pynn also shared that GTrans is in the process of completing their comprehensive operations analysis on the project called PATH (Planning A Transit Horizon), along with preparing to begin public outreach.

3. Updates on Metro Issues, Initiatives, Studies – No Metro Representative present. Mr. Mach informed the group that the service council is changing their meetings to the first Monday of each month.

5. SBCCOG Updates

- **Measure R/M:** Deadlines for updates on projects, including additional funding, scope modifications, or adjustments to funding, are at the end of the month. A draft will be brought back by March, which then the Transportation Committee will make a recommendation for April before going forward to Metro.
- **REAP 2.0:** SBCCOG was awarded a grant to study and identify potential locations for mobility hubs. Mobility hubs will be oriented in proximity to transit, while others will be tied to micromobility within South Bay neighborhoods. SBCCOG is in the process of developing a suitability tool to narrow down the candidate sites. Because of this, SBCCOG is requesting stop level daily fixed route bus boardings, along with polygon data from micro-transit services (Connect Torrance)
- **C Line Extension to Torrance:** The Transportation Committee remained alignment neutral but is requesting Metro to fund a climate resilience district in the South Bay.
- **2026 General Assembly:** The 2026 General Assembly is progressing and will take place on Thursday, March 26th at the westdrift Hotel in Manhattan Beach. The theme will be “Let the Games Begin: How Sports and Entertainment are Shaping the South Bay.” The SBCCOG is

currently developing the program and planning to host speakers working in several forms of entertainment. Updates will be sent to the cities in the future. The SBCCOG is open to sponsor/speaker ideas that address how the global sports events are affecting the South Bay's ... Open to the idea of a panel regarding the transportation innovations occurring within the South Bay in relation to these events.

- **Housing Trust:** The board gave direction to move forward with the housing trust.
- **SBFN:** A new owner will be taking over the SBFN and looking to expand the network, while meeting with places currently on the network.
- **Homeless Services:** SBCCOG recommends the group speak with their caseworkers regarding any possible homelessness surrounding transit stops or within their cities.

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

7. Three Month Look-Ahead: Transportation Committee was cancelled for January. Expecting an Olympics update possibly in February. Metro presentation Item was received and filed.

8. Announcements / Adjournment

Ms. Pynn adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m. to February 5, 2026.

Prepared by Aaron Ruiz, CivicSpark Fellow and Anne Tsai, Project Coordinator



MONTHLY SBCCOG TRANSPORTATION REPORT

A summary of recent federal, state, regional and local
developments and trends in transportation

COVERING FEBRUARY 2026

Edited by Aaron Ruiz, CivicSpark Fellow

Federal

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Updates Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Program to Include “Buy America” Requirements

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced updates to its electric vehicle charging public interest waiver to incorporate expanded “Buy America” requirements. The revised guidance is intended to increase the share of domestically manufactured components used in federally funded EV charging infrastructure. This raises the required domestic content of EV chargers with the public interest waiver from 55 percent to 100 percent, reflecting a broader federal emphasis on strengthening U.S. supply chains and supporting domestic industry.

The update is designed to ensure that public investments in charging infrastructure contribute to American manufacturing while continuing to support the buildout of a national charging network. The policy builds on existing domestic content rules and signals a continued focus on aligning infrastructure spending with economic development priorities within the United States.

Once the updated waiver is finalized, this requirement will be immediately applicable to federally funded EV charging projects. This further highlights the approach to balancing infrastructure goals with domestic production requirements as EV adoption continues to grow nationwide.

Source: [Trump’s Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Updates EV Charger Program to Include Buy America Requirements | US Department of Transportation](#)

State

California Allocates Nearly \$1 Billion for Safety, Transit, and Climate-Focused Transportation Improvements

The California Transportation Commission has announced that they have allocated nearly \$1 billion to transportation projects across the state aimed at improving safety, expanding transit, and supporting climate goals. The funding package, supported by state and federal sources, is part of ongoing efforts under Governor Gavin Newsom’s infrastructure plans to modernize California’s transportation network and improve mobility statewide.

The \$988.7 million investment includes funding from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Senate Bill 1, with projects designed to enhance goods movement, improve transit and rail systems, and expand walking and biking infrastructure. State officials emphasized that these investments are intended to strengthen economic connectivity while making transportation systems safer and more resilient to climate impacts.

Several projects will directly benefit Southern California and the Los Angeles region, as \$54 million was awarded to fund repairs on SR-2 and SR-27 from damage caused by erosion and

fires. \$49 million was also allocated to a 16-mile Capital Preventative Maintenance project on Pacific Coast Highway near Malibu, which will deliver ADA-compliant pedestrian features and bike lanes in several locations, in addition to 63.4 lane miles of resurfaced roadway. Additionally, funding for the region includes support for improvements to bus services across Los Angeles County.

State transportation leaders noted that the funding package supports a wide range of improvements from bridge repairs and highway upgrades to transit vehicles and active transportation infrastructure. This reflects a continued focus on safety, accessibility, and long-term system resilience across California.

Source: [California Invests Nearly 1 Billion Dollars for Safer Highways, Improving Transit and Expanding Walkable Communities | Caltrans](#)

Region

Congress Approves \$94.3 Million for Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games

Congress has approved approximately \$94.3 million in mobility-related funding to support transportation planning and improvements tied to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, marking a significant step in preparing the region's transportation network for the global event. The funding was included in a federal transportation spending package and is intended to help agencies coordinate operations, enhance mobility, and improve access to venues across Los Angeles County.

Regional leaders, including LA Metro, have emphasized that the investment will support planning and operational strategies needed to manage increased travel demand during the Games. This funding will help Metro continue to work on the Games Enhanced Transit System (GETS), including early service planning, initial land leasing, designing temporary bus facilities, and improving station experiences. It will also support final design and engineering for station upgrades, mobility hubs, light rail improvements, the Games Route Network, and quick-build pedestrian improvements around event venues. This will help advance mobility initiatives aimed at improving connectivity, reliability, and the overall transportation experience for residents and visitors.

The allocation reflects continued coordination between federal and regional partners as Los Angeles prepares for the influx of athletes, spectators, and workers expected in 2028. Officials say the funding will help ensure the region can deliver a transportation system capable of supporting a large-scale international event while also providing longer-term mobility benefits for local communities.

Source(s): [Congress Approves \\$94.3 Million for Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games Transportation | The Source](#)

Trends

Uber Prepares to Launch Robotaxis in Los Angeles

Uber Technologies has announced a new suite of services aimed at supporting autonomous ride-hailing operations as the company prepares to introduce robotaxis in Los Angeles. The initiative, called Uber Autonomous Solutions, is designed to give autonomous vehicle developers access to Uber's customer base, software tools, and operational infrastructure to help scale deployments more efficiently.

The company is working with several partners as part of its broader strategy to expand autonomous mobility. Through a partnership with Volkswagen, Uber plans to launch a shared robotaxi service using the electric ID, with testing already underway. Uber has also outlined additional collaborations with companies such as Waymo, Lucid Motors, and Nuro.

Rather than developing its own autonomous driving technology, Uber is increasingly positioning itself as a platform provider that connects riders with partner-operated autonomous fleets. The company says this approach allows vehicle developers to focus on technology while leveraging Uber's established marketplace and trip data to support operations.

The announcement comes amid growing competition in the robotaxi sector, with companies including Tesla and Waymo continuing to expand testing and service areas. Uber's recent investments in charging infrastructure and platform tools reflect a broader industry trend toward the support of autonomous ride-hailing, particularly in major urban centers like Los Angeles.

Source: [Uber says it will launch robotaxis in Los Angeles this year - Los Angeles Times](#)

Updated 2/24/26

March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026
<p>2. Metro South Bay Service Council</p> <p>5. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>9. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincent Thomas Bridge Closure Update • Olympics Mobility Concept Plan Update <p>9. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <p>11. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro Complete Streets Training <p>26. Metro Board</p> <p>26. General Assembly – westdrift Hotel, Manhattan Beach: “Let the Games Begin: How Sports and Entertainment are Shaping the South Bay”</p>	<p>2. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>6. Metro South Bay Service Council</p> <p>8. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY26-27 Measure M MSP and Measure R Transit Annual Program Update <p>13. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY26-27 Measure M MSP and Measure R Transit Annual Program Update • SCAG Local Data Exchange (LDX) <p>13. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <p>23. Metro Board</p> <p>23. SBCCOG Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA Air Force Base Update (Tentative) • South Bay Fiber Network Transfer of Ownership (Tentative) • Classification and Compensation Study Results • FY26-27 Measure M MSP and Measure R Transit Annual Program Update • Metro Board Composition Ad Hoc Committee Update 	<p>4. Metro South Bay Service Council</p> <p>7. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>11. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro Annual Budget <p>11. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <p>13. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <p>28. Metro Board</p> <p>28. SBCCOG Board</p>	<p>1. Metro South Bay Service Council</p> <p>4. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>8. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-105 ExpressLanes Update <p>8. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <p>10. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <p>25. Metro Board</p> <p>25. SBCCOG Board</p>

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