

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee

November 3, 2025

Meeting Minutes

(Held at 357 Van Ness Way Suite 90, Torrance, CA 90501)

COMMITTEE CHAIR PIMENTEL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:33 AM.

I. Welcome / Self-Introductions

In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:

Christopher Pimentel (Chair, El Segundo)

Ray Jackson (Hermosa Beach)

James Butts (Inglewood)

Anne Yoon (LA County SD2)

Bubba Fish (LA County SD4)

Bill Uphoff (Lomita)

Zein Obagi (Redondo Beach)

Non-voting members:

Donald Szerlip (Metro South Bay Service Council)

Also in attendance

Mike Bohlke (Metro Deputy to Mayor Butts)

Andy Sywak (Metro)

Elias Sassoon (El Segundo)

Elizabeth Garcia (DPW)

Sergio A. Carvajal (Caltrans)

Constance Turner (SCE)

Dweejal Torado (Hawthorne)

Lucho Rodriguez (Lawndale)

Deanna Fraley (Rancho Palos Verdes)

Adam Schwartz (Downtown Torrance Association)

David Mach (Torrance)

Pat Furey (Torrance)

Beth Overstreet (Torrance)

Joshua Soliz (Torrance)

Nathan Slater (Ride Beep)

Tony Olmos (Inglewood)

Lisa Trifiletti (Inglewood/Trifiletti Consulting)

Karly Katona (Trifiletti Consulting)

Michael Grossman (DR Consultants & Designers)

Chelsea Schreiber (SBJEA)

Eli Lipmen (Move LA)

Blanca Jimenez (Congresswoman Maxine Waters' Office)

Kathleen Sengstock (Congresswoman Maxine Waters' Office)

David Leger (SBCCOG)

Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)

Jake Romoff (SBCCOG)

Anne Tsai (SBCCOG)

Aaron Ruiz (SBCCOG)

Colleen Villegas (Public)

Christopher Kuhns (Public)

Grace Peng (Public)

Ray Hollar (Public)

Holly Osborne (Public)

Andrew Blackney (Public)

Robin Ramsey (Public)

Annette Owens (Public)

Nassiya Kim (Public)

Kang Katna (Public)

Robin Ramsey (Public)

II. Public Comment

Holly Osborne, Andrew Blackney, Grace Peng, Pat Furey, and Robin Ramsey made public comments concerning the C Line Extension to Torrance, which are available here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcgsXkp_e9Q&t=70s

III. Consent Calendar

A. October 13, 2025 Transportation Committee Minutes (Attachment A)

B. Transportation Report covering October 2025 (Attachment B)

MOTION by Committee Member Butts, seconded by Committee Member Uphoff, to **APPROVE** the consent calendar. Approved without objections.

IV. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates

- A. **Infrastructure Working Group Update** – No major updates.
- B. **Transit Operators Working Group Update** – No major updates.
- C. **Metro Service Council** – No major updates.

V. Caltrans District 7 South Bay Projects Update

Mr. Carvajal reported that Caltrans has secured \$700 million for the Vincent Thomas Bridge rehabilitation project. The district also submitted its nominated 2026 SHOPP (State Highway Operation and Protection Program) project list for review.

VI. Inglewood Transit Connector Phase I Project & Funding Update and SEP Funding Update

Committee Member Butts, alongside the ITC team, provided a detailed project update on the status & timeline of Phase I of the ITC program, which is anticipated to be Olympics-ready by 2028. These Phase I activities include real estate acquisition approvals and engineering reviews. The city clarified that this project was initiated prior to SB 79, so the bill requirements do not materially change the project timeline.

The city also presented the Automated People Mover (APM) Preservation Strategy and plans for mobility hubs & infrastructure improvements. The development of these mobility hubs with pedestrian improvements is underway on Market Street/Florence Avenue and La Brea/Kelso Street in partnership with Elevate Inglewood Partners.

Regarding right-of-way and property needs, the team reported that 23 businesses will require relocation as part of the Phase I acquisition process. Tenants vary in their approach to relocation, with some proactively engaging and others opting to proceed through legal channels. Ms. Turner asked about Southern California Edison and relocation of utilities. Committee Member Butts noted that no relocations are required for SCE facilities, although coordination with SCE continues to ensure there are no utility-related impacts.

Eli Lipmen and Annette Owens made public comment in support of the ITC, which are available here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcgsXkp_e9Q&t=2213s

Ms. Bacharach raised several questions regarding funding transparency, project readiness, and cost escalation. The \$108 million in Measure M Subregional Equity Funds were allocated to the backstop of the ITC project. When the project was no longer proceeding, the SBCCOG Board asked the city to come back to the SBCCOG and let them know if the funds were needed for the ITC or whether they should revert to the Centinela Grade Separation which was their originally intended use. The current deadline to report back was October 2025. Members requested additional clarity on the funding sources and allocations for Phase I. In response, Committee Member Butts outlined committed funding amounts, including \$250 million in Measure M and \$108 million in Measure M Subregional Equity Funds. He also noted ongoing coordination with partner agencies. Concerns were raised about whether delays could increase the risk of losing funding. The project team explained that risks tend to increase when there is no visible or tangible progress, underscoring the importance of moving into construction.

The committee also discussed mobility-related elements associated with the project. The team confirmed that protected bike lanes are not currently planned within mobility hub areas due to speed constraints and roadway limitations. Pedicab service remains a component of the broader mobility strategy; however, the existing pedicab pilot program authorization has expired and will require an extension. The team added that pedicab routing must avoid streets with higher speed limits or conflicts with existing bike lanes, and alternative routing options are being assessed. Members referenced the Local Travel Network (LTN) and discussed how routing adjustments may align with ITC mobility planning.

The ITC team also addressed coordination with major venues, including SoFi Stadium and other entertainment destinations. The team stated that no bus-only lanes are planned on Prairie Avenue. The focus is on mobility hub access, pedestrian circulation, and enhanced transit connectivity for both daily riders and event attendees.

Committee Member Obagi mentioned that improvements are intended to support both fan experience and broader regional mobility goals.

The committee discussed an appropriate date for the ITC team to deliver an update to the Transportation Committee with full project cost estimates and thus whether the SEP funds would need to be retained for the Phase I project. The city responded that the team would require at least one year to generate project costs estimates at 60% design.

The committee reached a consensus to recommend to the Board an extension to the end of September 2026 for the city to report back on the proposed usage of the SEP funds.

VII. Three Month Look-Ahead

SBCCOG staff are working to identify a representative to present on LA28 mobility initiatives in January.

Mr. Szerlip requested updates on the Vincent Thomas Bridge closure and detour routes in the month of February.

The Measure R annual program update will be presented to the Board in February.

Committee members expressed interest in receiving an update from LAWA on the Automated People Mover and road reconfiguration project.

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment: Committee Chair Pimentel adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m. to December 11 at 10:30 a.m.

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