

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

South Bay Transit Operators Working Group

AGENDA

Thursday, November 13, 2025

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

- 2:00 p.m. Self-Introductions & Approval of October 2, 2025 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 October 2025 (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, December 4th at 2pm

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

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Transit Operators Working Group

October 2, 2025 Meeting Notes

Attendees: Dana Pynn (GTrans, Chair); Brian Magumcia, Paige Meyer, Tyron Gunn (Beach Cities Transit); James Lee, Ryan Plumb (Torrance Transit); Andy Sywak, Matthew Lazo (Metro); David Leger, Anne Tsai (SBCCOG)

1. Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the September 11, 2025 Meeting Notes

The virtual meeting was called to order by Ms. Pynn at 2:05 p.m. Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

2. Transit Operator Updates

Mr. Gunn reported that BCT has been experiencing issues with their tracking devices under their current Syncromatics system. Torrance Transit and GTrans both use Clever but also reported similar issues. Mr. Lee explained that there are dead spots across the service territory, which may contribute to the issues. Mr. Magumcia added that the problem is rooted in a combination of dead spots, software, and hardware issues. Mr. Lee shared that coverage for Torrance Transit improved following a switch to the city's broadband system for emergency channels.

Mr. Lee reported that the Torrance Transit team is currently in the field conducting maintenance inspections. Torrance is expecting delivery of 24 new buses soon as well as an additional order for 20 buses next year. The agency experienced pushbacks from the federal administration for purchasing zero-emission buses, but the FTA was amicable to switching to CNG buses. The red car urban trolley vehicles are anticipated to be delivered within the next few months in preparation for service launch next summer or fall.

Mr. Sywak shared that the C Line Extension FEIR Metro Board decision is still pending.

Mr. Lazo announced that Metro has begun providing shuttle buses from the LAX/Metro Transit Center to SoFi Stadium. Shuttles will continue to run for Dodgers playoff games. Ms. Pynn noted that since Metro stopped shuttle service at the Lennox station, GTrans has experienced capacity issues on the 7x bus. Ms. Pynn and Mr. Lazo acknowledged a need for more signage to direct gameday riders at the station.

Ms. Pynn shared that all operators are attending safety meetings this week. GTrans is installing fully closed barriers for all El Dorado buses and will issue giant silver keys to operators. GTrans is also changing the "quoting the fare" policy, which is the source of most confrontations on buses. Processes will be implemented for operators to alert their supervisors and involve the police department for repeat offenders. Signage on board will now state that customers are responsible for paying the fare. Mr. Magumcia asked if GTrans has a customer code of conduct. Ms. Pynn responded that GTrans has a draft but has not been able to bring it forward for many reasons, including law enforcement requirements that the PD does not have the capacity to enforce. Drinking liquids on buses is also an issue, but it is not applied equally among operators. Mr. Lee suggested that an automatic voice

enunciation system should be able to quote the fare and alleviate the responsibility of the drivers, which may reduce assaults on buses. Mr. Lazo added that Metro's policy requires operators to quote the fare once. He added that issues arise among customers with mobility impairments when customers refuse to put on a seatbelt.

Ms. Pynn reported that GTrans received its final shipment of 6 new electric buses, for a total of 13 Gillig electric buses. However, the agency does not have permanent chargers installed and is currently using mobile chargers. GTrans has identified a generator as a temporary solution until the Charge Ready infrastructure is installed.

Ms. Tsai shared written updates from Jason Jo with Carson. The city is anticipating the delivery of two 14-passenger battery-electric buses in October, which will be the first battery-electric addition to the city's fleet. The city is also considering ordering two additional electric buses. The public works department is currently finalizing conceptual drawings for the Victoria Transit Center at CSUDH.

3. Updates on Metro Issues, Initiatives, Studies

Mr. Leger shared that the SBCCOG is awaiting input from the Transportation Committee chair to discuss the C Line Extension FEIR at the October meeting.

The Measure R Transit annual program updates were approved by the Metro Board in September. Mr. Leger reminded agencies to schedule an annual one-on-one with the SBCCOG.

5. SBCCOG Updates

- **City Staff Orientation:** The SBCCOG will host an orientation for new city staff on Wednesday, October 22 to introduce the SBCCOG's programs, initiatives, and partnerships.
- **Artificial Intelligence Forum Series:** A save the date was distributed for the SBCCOG's first AI forum on October 30 at 3:30 pm. The hybrid meeting will focus on current AI use cases in South Bay cities. All agency staff are welcome to attend.
- **Open House:** The SBCCOG will be hosting an Open House on November 20 at 4 pm, which will take place directly prior to the Volunteer Reception and Board meeting.
- **2026 General Assembly:** The 2026 General Assembly will take place on March 26. The theme will be "Let the Games Begin: How Sports and Entertainment are Shaping the South Bay." The SBCCOG is currently considering various venues for the event.
- **Regional Housing Trust:** A strategic plan has been drafted and will be presented to the Board in October. A vote will take place in November to recommend that cities join a new joint powers agreement (JPA). Four cities must opt in to form a housing trust.
- **Mobility Hubs:** SCAG will present its new mobility hub implementation guide at the October Transportation Committee meeting.

- **CivicSpark Fellows:** Three new CivicSpark Fellows will begin service at the SBCCOG beginning next week.
- **Metro South Bay Service Council:** A new nomination for a vacancy on the Service Council was approved by the SBCCOG Board in September and accepted by the Metro Board in October.

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

Mr. Sywak mentioned that the LAX Automated People Mover has been delayed to Summer 2026.

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

Due to conflicts with the annual California Transit Association meeting, the group decided to move the November meeting to November 13.

Ms. Tsai clarified that the November Transportation and Steering Committee meetings will be held on November 3, not November 10.

8. Announcements / Adjournment

Mr. Gunn announced that the Redondo Beach public works department will be resurfacing Kingsdale Ave from 182nd St to Grant Ave for 50-60 days beginning mid to late October. Buses will still be able to access the Redondo Beach Transit Center, but the city may install a temporary pedestrian bridge.

Mr. Lee shared a memorandum from the Department of Transportation that issued a new rule on restricting issuance of non-domiciled commercial driver's license (CDLs).

Ms. Pynn adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m. to November 13, 2025.

Prepared by Anne Tsai, Project Coordinator

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MONTHLY SBCCOG TRANSPORTATION REPORT

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

COVERING OCTOBER 2025

Edited by Aaron Ruiz & Anne Tsai

Federal

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Announces Consequences for California's Failure to Enforce English Language Requirements for Truckers

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy announced that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will withhold over \$40 million from California following an investigation that found the state has failed to comply with the Department's English Language Proficiency (ELP) standards.

In total, \$40,685,225 from Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) funding awarded to California will be impacted. MCSAP provides grant funding for states to conduct roadside inspections, traffic enforcement, safety audits of trucking companies, and public education campaigns.

For FMCSA to restore funding, California must adopt and actively enforce a law, regulation, standard, or order that is compatible with the federal ELP requirement for commercial drivers. This means state inspectors need to begin conducting ELP assessments during roadside inspections, and those who fail must be placed out-of-service.

On August 26, 2025, the Department announced California was among states in danger of losing federal funds if they failed to adopt and enforce ELP requirements for commercial motor vehicle drivers. In July, California Highway Patrol has also publicly stated it had no intention of following this federal regulation.

The Department is currently performing a nationwide audit of non-domiciled commercial driver's license (CDL) issuance.

Source (edited to remove political statements): <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/trumps-transportation-secretary-sean-p-duffy-announces-consequences-californias>

State

California Invests Nearly \$5 billion for Local Projects, Bridge Repairs, Alternative Transport Options and Freight Movement

On October 17, the California Transportation Commission approved \$4.9 billion to improve safety and mobility on local streets and state highways as well as fund new alternative transportation options and zero emissions projects.

More than half of the allocation will provide 600 local governments and regional transportation agencies with their annual funding to fix roads, bridges and other transportation needs statewide.

Among the projects approved is \$700 million for repairs and critical upgrades needed for the Vincent Thomas Bridge, a 60-year-old span in the Port of Los Angeles that will soon undergo a

major deck refurbishment. Another \$140 million will fund truck climbing lanes among other improvements to Interstate 80 in the Sierra foothills between Applegate and Emigrant Gap, a major west coast freight thoroughfare.

Pedestrian facilities also received support from the allocations, including an award of \$97 million to replace a pedestrian bridge that connects neighborhoods south of the City College of San Francisco campus and other improvements to Interstate 280 between San Francisco and San Mateo counties. And \$6.3 million will be spent on new sidewalks, bike lanes and traffic controls in the cities of Santa Barbara and Santa Rosa and in Santa Clara County.

Source: <https://dot.ca.gov/news-releases/news-release-2025-016>

California Launches Data-Driven Road Safety Initiative to Save Lives

Key state partners joined together as California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) Secretary Toks Omishakin, California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS) Secretary Kim Johnson and other state and local leaders unveiled a new statewide initiative to reduce severe traffic crashes in California's highest-risk areas. The program launches with a new statewide policy on road safety and two designated safety corridors: Avalon Boulevard in Los Angeles and State Route 91 in southeast Los Angeles County.

Secretaries Omishakin and Johnson signed the new Secretary's Policy on Road Safety, committing California to a prevention-first, Safe System Approach to eliminate fatal and serious traffic injuries on October 15. Grounded in public health principles, the policy aligns agency decisions and investments to reduce exposure, crash likelihood and injury severity. It sets an interim goal to cut deadly and serious injury crashes by 30% by 2035 and reconvenes a cross-sector task force to develop a prioritized action plan. The policy embeds safety across departments—through design, operations, policy and investment—with a focus on equity and measurable, population-level impact.

In 2023 alone, there were approximately 3,600 fatalities and more than 14,000 serious injuries in California on all public roadways.

The state has allocated \$7 million to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation for safety upgrades along Avalon Boulevard. Crash data from 2019 to 2023 shows Avalon Boulevard, between E Jefferson Boulevard and San Pedro Street, experienced 122 fatal and serious injury crashes. These crashes resulted in a total of 21 fatalities and 115 serious injuries.

More than \$191 million is also being invested in operational and safety improvements along State Route 91, spanning from Vermont Avenue to the Orange County line. Additional safety corridor locations are under review.

The initiative's comprehensive approach combines infrastructure, engagement and policy innovation to create safer, more connected corridors. Planned improvements may include:

- **Safe Crossings and Intersections:** High-visibility markings, upgraded signal timing and redesigned intersections to reduce conflict points and improve pedestrian safety

- Connected Mobility Options: Infrastructure to support safe walking, biking and transit access for all users
- Education and Engagement: A new SLOWCAL social media campaign will promote awareness and community involvement.
- Law Enforcement Partnerships: Where welcomed by communities, law enforcement will support safety efforts based on local priorities.
- Speed Management: Tools such as automated speed safety cameras will help promote safe driving speeds.

California analyzed crash data across all public roads, including state highways, city streets and county roads. Corridor selection was guided by UC Berkeley’s SafeTREC using a High Injury Network methodology applied to crash data over five years (2019–2023). Sites were prioritized based on crash severity, context and the readiness of project partners.

Progress will be measured by reductions in fatal and serious injury crashes. Leading indicators such as vehicle speeds, conflict points and telematics data (including braking and acceleration patterns) will help identify risks early and guide proactive adjustments.

Source: <https://calsta.ca.gov/press-releases/2025-10-15-data-driven-road-safety-initiative-launch>

Region

LA Metro Releases Industry Playbook to Help Transit Agencies Deliver World-Class Service for Major Sports, Entertainment Events

Drawing on lessons from mega sporting events, political conventions, mega concerts and other large-scale events from around the world, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) announced the release of the Special Event Transportation – Guidance and Opportunities (SetGo) Playbook, a comprehensive resource of best practices for transit agencies of all sizes to deliver transportation for major sports, entertainment and cultural events.

The Playbook was developed through Metro’s SetGo Program, a national workshop series conducted with the American Public Transportation Association (APTA). It draws on lessons from international and domestic events, including the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Atlanta 1996, Salt Lake 2002, London 2012), the Las Vegas Formula One Grand Prix, major concert tours, conventions and more.

Beyond its primary emphasis on major sporting events, the Playbook also draws on lessons from a wider spectrum of special events, recognizing that many of the same principles of planning, delivery and after-action evaluation apply across these event types and sizes.

[A Resource for Mega-Events](#)

The Playbook identifies transit service strategies for upcoming international-scale events in the U.S., including the FIFA World Cup 2026™, the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the Utah 2034 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Designed as a living document, it will evolve as agencies continue to test and refine approaches through future events. It also will serve as a guide for elected officials and host committees to help them understand the critical transportation practices that will need to be deployed to make their event world class.

Key Focus Areas

The Playbook organizes best practices across five subject areas:

- Purpose & Need – mission alignment, advocacy and coordination inside and outside the agency.
- Service Plan – demand forecasting, supplemental service, first/last mile strategies, and speed and reliability.
- Safety & Emergency Management – crowd management, security and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) planning.
- Customer Experience – accessibility, signage and wayfinding, integrated ticketing, ambassadors and “surprise and delight” activations.
- Agency-Wide Success Strategies – budgeting, workforce readiness, training, technology, contingency planning and after-action processes

For each of these focus areas, the Playbook provides guiding questions that agencies can use to evaluate readiness during planning, adjust strategies in real time during delivery and capture lessons learned in after-action reviews.

This approach not only helps agencies implement best practices and align service with mission and long-term goals, but also promotes consistency across the country, ensuring riders experience the same reliable, high-quality service no matter where they travel.

Source: <https://www.metro.net/about/la-metro-releases-industry-playbook-to-help-transit-agencies-deliver-world-class-service-for-major-sports-entertainment-events/>

Trends

Rivian spinoff ALSO reveals modular TM-B e-bike

Rivian’s new micromobility spinoff, ALSO, has unveiled its first lineup of small electric vehicles aimed at reshaping short-distance travel. The company introduced the TM-B, a modular electric bike, alongside two four-wheel electric quads called TM-Q, designed for both consumer and commercial use. ALSO’s mission is to address the “last-mile” mobility challenge by providing efficient, software-defined vehicles that offer practical and exciting alternatives to cars for trips under 15 miles.

The TM-B e-bike features a modular top frame adaptable to different rider sizes and uses — from commuting to recreation — and runs on ALSO’s proprietary DreamRide system, which digitally controls pedaling feel and regenerative braking. The bike integrates vehicle-grade

battery technology with USB-C fast charging, a touchscreen “Portal” display for navigation and apps, and smart security that automatically locks when the rider walks away. ALSO’s TM-Q quads extend this modular, connected approach to small four-wheel EVs, with a consumer version for families and a commercial variant targeting urban delivery fleets.

The company has also announced a partnership with Amazon to deploy custom e-cargo quads in the U.S. and Europe, signaling a strong entry into the logistics sector. Backed by Rivian and other partners, ALSO’s launch represents a broader trend of automakers expanding into connected micromobility — blending the sophistication of electric vehicles with the accessibility and efficiency of e-bikes and compact EVs.

Source: <https://electriccarsreport.com/2025/10/rivian-spinoff-also-reveals-modular-tm-b-e-bike/>

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November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026
<p>3. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inglewood Transit Connector Phase I Project & Funding Update and SEP Funding Update <p>3. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <p>6. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>12. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <p>14. Metro South Bay Service Council</p> <p>20. SBCCOG Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WSPA Presentation on Refinery Closure Impacts to the South Bay Inglewood Transit Connector SEP Funds Deadline Extension 	<p>4. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>4. Metro Board</p> <p>8. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C Line Extension <p>8. SBCCOG Steering Committee/Board</p> <p>10. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <p>12. Metro South Bay Service Council</p>	<p>8. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>9. Metro South Bay Service Council</p> <p>12. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olympics Games Mobility Plan <p>12. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <p>14. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <p>22. Metro Board</p> <p>22. SBCCOG Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baldwin Hills & Urban Watersheds Conservancy Update Cool Roofs Study Update 	<p>5. Transit Operators Working Group</p> <p>9. SBCCOG Transportation Committee</p> <p>9. SBCCOG Steering Committee</p> <p>11. Infrastructure Working Group</p> <p>13. Metro South Bay Service Council</p> <p>26. Metro Board</p> <p>26. SBCCOG Board</p>

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