

## Transit Operators Working Group

### November 13, 2025 Meeting Notes

Attendees: Brian Magumcia, Paige Meyer (Beach Cities Transit); Andy Sywak, Matthew Lazo (Metro); Jacki Bacharach, David Leger, Anne Tsai, Aaron Ruiz (SBCCOG)

#### **1. Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the October 2, 2025 Meeting Notes**

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

#### **2. Transit Operator Updates – No major updates.**

#### **3. Updates on Metro Issues, Initiatives, Studies**

Mr. Lazo provided updates on Line 206 improvements in Hollywood and an additional stop on line 212 before Hawthorne on Imperial to improve stop spacing distance. Many routes are improving running times within the South Bay to better achieve on-time performance; Mr. Lazo clarified that there are no major routing changes or impacts to connections in correlation with other transit operators.

Mr. Sywak added that TAP-to-exit is being reinstated at Union Station (B and D Lines), North Hollywood (B Line), and Pomona North (A Line) on November 17, 2025, with a 7-day grace period before strict enforcement (LA Metro Stations). He clarified that it initially began as a pilot program to increase public safety and decreased reported crimes within the system. It was halted due to safety concerns with fire hazards due to the recently implemented 7-foot tall fare gates at station entrances/exits. Despite this, Mr. Sywak explained that the benefits outweighed the concerns which led to the rule being reinstated.

Mr. Sywak also shared that the J-Line is advancing towards an all-electric fleet; the current fleet is approximately 30% electric with hopes to advance to 100% by the end of the year.

#### **5. SBCCOG Updates**

- **Open House:** The SBCCOG will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, November 20 at 4 pm, which will take place directly prior to the Volunteer Reception and Board meeting. RSVPs are requested. The Western States Petroleum Association will present the impacts of refinery closures at the Board meeting.
- **Measure R/M:** Deadlines have been set for January 16 for any changes to existing projects, and new projects will be due on January 30 to allow time for SBCCOG to determine capacity. The annual Measure R Transit program update is expected to be presented to the Transit Operators Working Group in March.
- **C Line Extension to Torrance:** The C Line Extension to Torrance (CLET) will be discussed at the December Transportation Committee meeting. Mr. Leger shared that staff will most likely not recommend a change in the Board's position regarding the extension.
- **2026 General Assembly:** The 2026 General Assembly will take place at westdrift Hotel in Manhattan Beach on March 26. 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.

- **Waymo:** A representative from Waymo made a presentation at the November Board meeting. Waymo is currently testing in the South Bay, but more charging stations are needed before service can be introduced to the region.

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

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

### **8. Announcements / Adjournment**

The Transit Operators Working Group will not meet in December. The group decided to schedule the next meeting for January 8, 2026.

Mr. Leger adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m. to January 8, 2026.

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