

Metro South Bay Service Council Monthly Meeting Review for April 6,2026  
Overview Compiled by Donald Szerlip, Chairman

The meeting began with a listening session for public input for the Ad Hoc Committee of the Metro Board tasked with evaluating and recommending the future composition of the Metro Board. South Bay Community Relations Manager Andy Sywak set the stage with an overview of how Metro came into being, the history of the Board composition and Measure G, which expands the County Board of Supervisors. Public comments were given from in person attendees, email submissions and many phone participants. In general, the public wanted to see more transit riders and transit experts on the panel. Few, if any, cared for the Board to be expanded with additional elected officials.

Spencer Vrieze, Principal Budget Analyst and Tim Chen, Executive Officer, Finance gave an update on budget development for fiscal year 2027. This update concentrated on transit infrastructure development. Total budget is \$2,058.1M, down 5.65% from the prior year due to project phase shifts. Budget includes \$221.4M for planning, \$1,752.5M for construction plus \$40.3M for completion of ongoing projects.

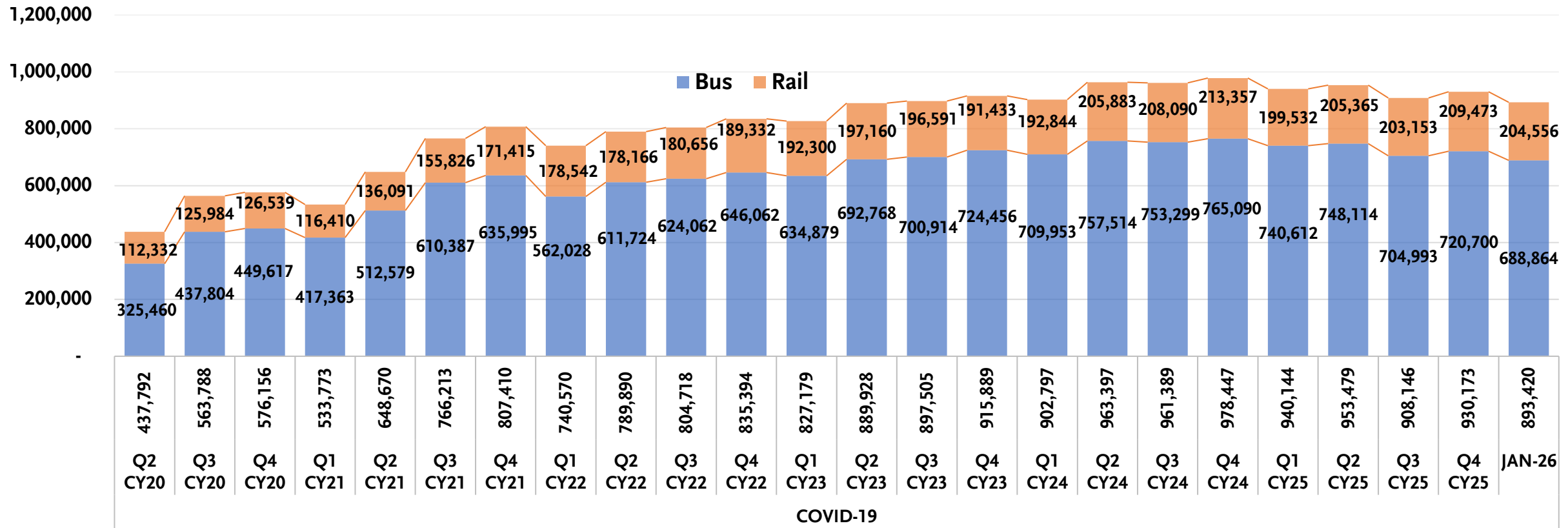
Regional updates were presented by Andy Sywak, Community Relations Manager. Ridership remains robust with Metro serving more than 920,000 passengers daily during February, 2026. A Bus Bridge will operate between Crenshaw and Vermont Stations on the C Line from 4/24 through 4/27 resulting in service on both the C & K Lines operating with 13-minute headways. Free fares throughout the Metro system will be available on Earth Day, April 22.

The meeting concluded following Council Member Comments and Public Comments on Non-agenda Items.

Respectfully submitted on April 14, 2026

Donald Szerlip  
Chair - Metro South Bay Service Council

# Systemwide Average Weekday Ridership Update



## January Total Ridership % Change 2026 over 2025:

Bus: -5.4% Rail: +1.0%

Monitoring ridership for impacts from workers returning to full time office attendance.

January 2026 had one less weekday and one more Saturday compared to 2025.

## Average Weekday Ridership – Jan 2026 v. Jan 2025

Line	Jan 26	Jan 25	% Variance
Bus	688,864	729,709	94.4%
A/E	116,646	102,851	113.4%
B/D	60,269	61,030	98.8%
C/K	27,641	24,785	115.5%

## Ridership Analysis Relative to Equity Focus Communities (Metro 2022 EFC Map):

Bus – Percent of all weekday bus activity within Equity Focus Communities increased from 73% in November 2019 to 79.0% in January 2026 (bus stop data available month to month)

Rail – Percent of all weekday rail activity within Equity Focus Communities increased from 51.7% in FY19 to 77.1% in January 2026 (rail station data available month to month)