

Metro South Bay Service Council Monthly Meeting Review for February 2, 2026
Overview Compiled by Donald Szerlip, Chairman

A Safety Tip was given by Transportation Planning Manager Matt Lazo. He advised everyone that they should not lean against train doors, even when the train is in motion.

Minutes from the January 5, 2026 meeting were approved.

Joe Forgiarini, Senior Executive Officer, gave us an update on service planning for the upcoming World Cup games at SoFi Stadium. The first event will be the USA vs Paraguay at 6:00PM, June 12, with additional games to be held on June 15, 18, 21, 25 & 28, July 2 & 10. These dates conflict with the normal implementation of the June Service Changes on Sunday, 6/21. Discussions are ongoing as to whether changes should happen prior to the games on June 7 or, because changes on that date could have a significant effect on out-of-town visitors, on July 19 following the World Cup.

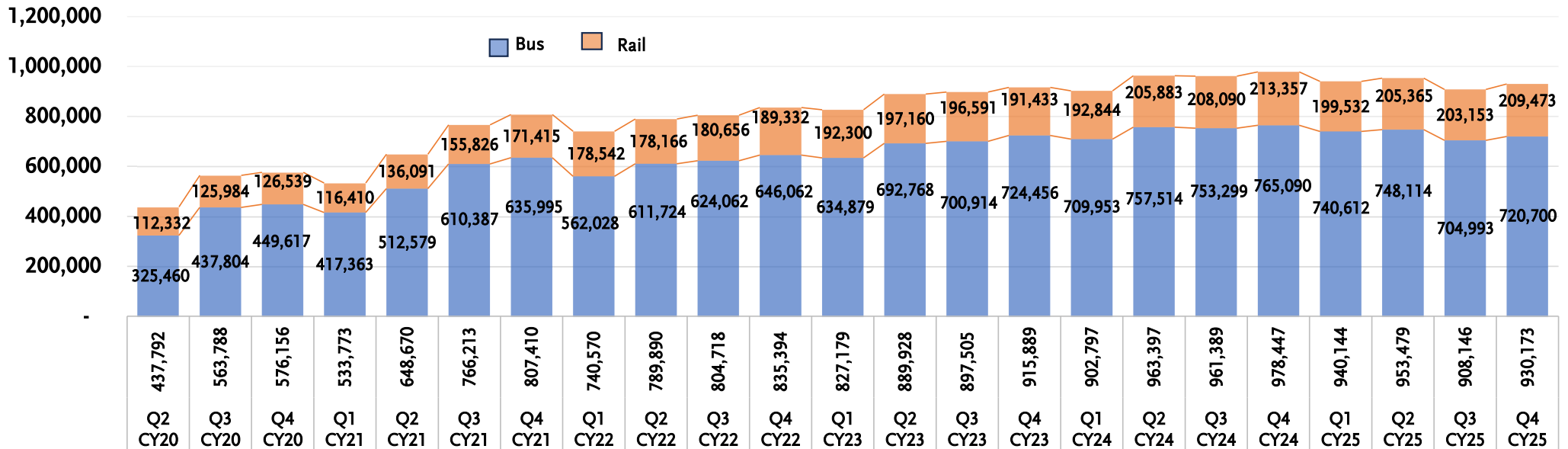
An overview of Senate Bill 707 was given by Dolores Ramos, Service Council Senior Manager. The bill establishes new rules for remote participation of Council Members at scheduled meetings. The Council rejected the idea of permanently having all meetings held remotely but supported the options for individual members to participate remotely when meeting the established and authorized criteria.

Regional updates were presented by Joe Forgiarini, Senior Executive Officer and Andy Sywak, Community Relations Manager. December total ridership for 2025 vs 2024 was down 2.7% on bus but up 2.7% on rail. Compared to Pre-Covid ridership in December, 2019, weekday usage is at 82%, Saturdays at 94% and Sundays at 102%. Impacts from ongoing overhead wire replacement on the C Line for February and March were outlined. Recaps of systemwide success on New Year's Eve and for the Rose Bowl Parade and Game were noted, as were the Metro Board's approval of a LPA for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor and their unanimous approval of the FEIR for the C Line Extension to Torrance. The C Line approval was not for the LPA, but for routing the line down Hawthorne Boulevard.

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

Respectfully submitted on February 18, 2026
Donald Szerlip
Chair - Metro South Bay Service Council

Systemwide Average Weekday Ridership



December Total Ridership Percentage Change 2025 over 2024:

- Bus: -2.7% Rail: +2.7%
- Monitoring ridership for impacts from workers returning to full time office attendance. Please note December 2025 had one more weekday and one less Sunday compared to 2024.

December % of Pre-Pandemic Avg Daily Systemwide Ridership

| | 2025 | 2019 | %Pre-Covid |
|-----------|---------|-----------|------------|
| Weekday: | 893,728 | 1,096,174 | 82% |
| Saturday: | 668,691 | 710,509 | 94% |
| Sunday: | 537,076 | 526,817 | 102% |

Average Weekday Rail Ridership by Line - Dec 2025

| Line | Dec-25 | % Recovery | Dec-24 | % Recovery | Dec-19 |
|-------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
| A/E/L | 112,311 | 69.0% | 110,252 | 67.7% | 162,782 |
| B/D | 62,047 | 47.5% | 66,813 | 51.2% | 130,522 |
| C/K | 26,950 | 91.4% | 24,756 | 83.9% | 29,501 |

Note: Recovery compares 2025 and 2024 against 2019 with A/E/L compared as a group due to Regional Connector using 2018 data for A Line due to New Blue impacts.

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 79.2% in December 2025 (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 77.4% in December 2025 (rail station data available month to month)