

Metro South Bay Service Council Monthly Meeting Review for May 4, 2026

Overview Compiled by Donald Szerlip, Chairman

May the fourth be with you!

Minutes from the March 2, 2026 and April 6, 2026 meetings were approved.

Chris Reyes, Operations Support Senior Director, gave an update about plans for the World Cup. SoFi Stadium will be renamed to Los Angeles Stadium (or LA Stadium) for the duration of the games. Using 300 buses, Metro will bring passengers to the Stadium from 14 hubs throughout the county. Buses will include 100 from LA Metro, 100 from SoCal Regional Transit Operators plus 100 buses supplied by charter services. Regular Metro service will not be affected. Extensive new wayfinding signage will be used throughout the County. Tap payments from your phone, including direct cash purchases, will be fully operational by gametime.

An update of the Reconnecting Neighborhoods (RCN) Mobility Concept Plan was given by Nolan Borgman, Senior Director, Special Projects. The program, which spans 11 cities and 4 unincorporated areas, is funded by a \$139M USDOT Grant and will make 30 miles of bus improvements, mobility hubs and 3 first/last mile locations. In the South Bay, Avalon and Del Amo Boulevards will have bike lanes installed plus crosswalk and landscaping improvements with construction anticipated during 2027. Broadway will have dedicated bus lanes installed along with new bus shelters at 20 locations. All improvements will be completed before the Olympics.

The Council approved revisions to the Service Council Bylaws.

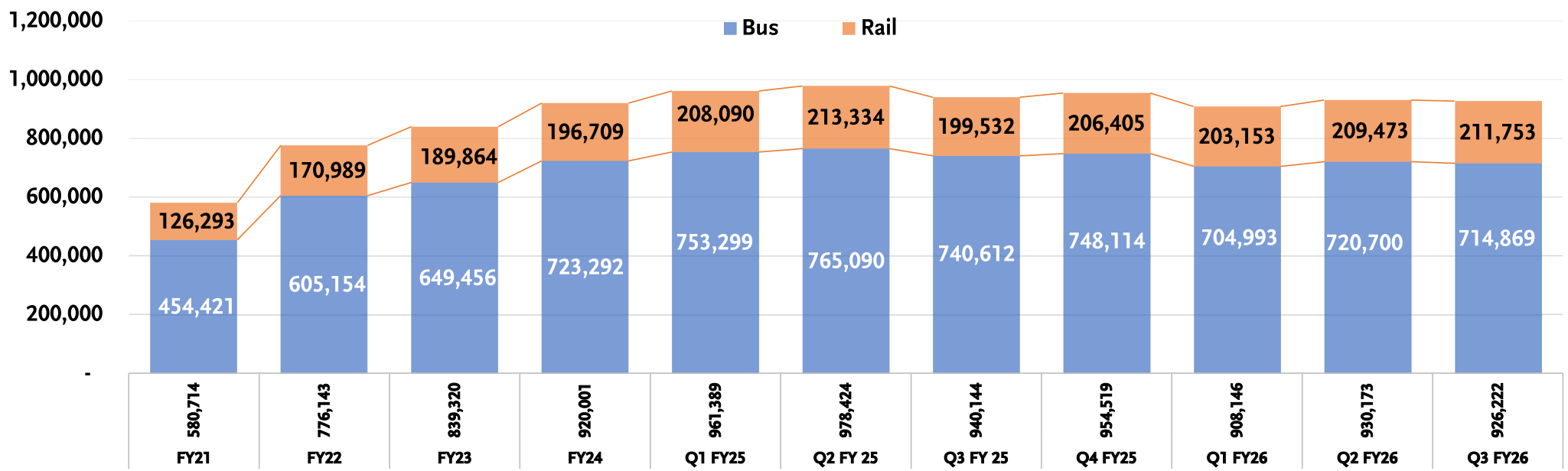
Regional updates were presented by Wayne Wassell, Service Planning Director and Matt Lazo, Transportation Planning Manager. Ridership recovery remains robust with Metro bus service carrying 98% and rail carrying 108% of the riders served prior to Covid. Andy Sywak, Community Relations Manager, spoke about how to submit suggestions to the Ad-Hoc Board Composition Advisory Body, Bike Month celebration during May and of the upcoming Meet & Confer.

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

Respectfully submitted on May 15, 2026

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Chair - Metro South Bay Service Council

System Average Weekday Ridership



March Total Ridership % Change 2026 over 2025:

- Bus: -2% Rail: +8%

Average Weekday Rail Ridership by Line March 2026			
Line	Mar-26	Mar-25	% Recovery
A/E/L	127,496	114,198	111.6%
B/D	63,541	66,033	96.1%
C/K	30,497	24,112	126.5%

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 79.4% in March 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 77.2% in March 2026 (rail station data available month to month)