

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee

March 9, 2026

Meeting Minutes

(Held at 357 Van Ness Way Suite 90, Torrance, CA 90501)

COMMITTEE CHAIR PIMENTEL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:32 AM.

I. Welcome / Self-Introductions

In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:

Christopher Pimentel (Chair, El Segundo)
Rodney Tanaka (Gardena)
Alex Monteiro (Hawthorne)
Anne Yoon (LA County SD2)
Bubba Fish (LA County SD4)
Bill Uphoff (Lomita)
Nina Tarnay (Manhattan Beach)
Zein Obagi (Redondo Beach)

Non-voting member:

Donald Szerlip (Metro South Bay Service Council)

Also in attendance:

Mike Bohlke (Metro Deputy to Mayor Butts)
Kasey Shuda (Metro)
Andy Sywak (Metro)
Minji Kwon (Metro)
Sergio Carvajal (Caltrans)
Ken Young (Caltrans)
Nathan Bass (Caltrans)
Andy Chen (Caltrans)
Rimma Tebeleva (Caltrans)
Osama Megalla (Caltrans)
Samuel Gallardo (Caltrans)
George Saker (Caltrans)
Diana Jimenez (Caltrans)
Dana Pynn (GTrans)
Peter Puglese (Inglewood)

Shin Furukawa (Torrance)
Lucho Rodriguez (Lawndale)
Elizabeth Garcia (LA County)
Vikas Manocha (Econolite)
Michael Grossman (DR Consultants & Designers)
Ray Hollar (Public)
Holly Osborne (Public)
Christopher Truman (Public)
David Leger (SBCCOG)
Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)
Jake Romoff (SBCCOG)
Anne Tsai (SBCCOG)
Aaron Ruiz (SBCCOG)

II. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

III. Consent Calendar

- A. February 9, 2026 Transportation Committee Minutes (Attachment A)
- B. Transportation Report covering February 2026 (Attachment B)

MOTION by Committee Member Obagi, seconded by Committee Member Monteiro, to **APPROVE** the consent calendar. Approved without objections.

IV. SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates

- A. **Infrastructure Working Group** – Ms. Tsai reported that the IWG was dark in February. At the upcoming March meeting, Metro staff are scheduled to present their Complete Streets Policy. The Measure M reviewing subcommittee is also scheduled to complete their review of new projects by March 11.
- B. **Transit Operators Working Group** – Ms. Pynn shared that the group received updates on the SBCCOG's General Assembly and Measure R transit program.
- C. **Metro Service Council** - Mr. Szerlip shared that the I-105 Express Lanes project is adding two lanes in each direction. The Metro Board has also determined that service changes will go into effect on July 19 after the World Cup. Mr. Szerlip also shared updates regarding the Metro Ad Hoc Board Composition Committee, which may expand the Metro Board.
- D. **Caltrans District 7 - Agency Updates** – Mr. Carvajal shared that the California Transportation Commission will be voting and adopting the 2026 SHOPP-nominated projects, which should be released in late March. The district also finalized their Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 project certification for the 2028 SHOPP cycle.

V. Olympics Mobility Concept Plan Update

Ms. Shuda shared an update on the Olympics Mobility Concept Plan. There will be 36 sports played with over 15,000 athletes. In LA28's budget, there were no funds allocated for public transportation. With a national special event security designation, most parking lots at the venues will be inaccessible. The Games also have a hard start date, beginning on July 14, 2028. The Games are expected to have 15 million spectators, 5 billion viewers through media platforms, 150 heads of state, and \$18 billion of economic output. Metro also has their 28 by 28 project list that has been ongoing since 2017. LA28, Metro, Caltrans, Metrolink, LADOT, SCAG have partnered to move transit projects forward, creating a list of priority work streams. The plan also includes shade infrastructure to address heat concerns, with more trees planted and water-cooling stations. LA Metro also received the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant, which is a \$139 million federal grant that funds 35 miles of bus priority enhancements, 5 first-last mile corridors, 5 mobility hubs, and 3 open-street locations. These projects have cleared NEPA and CEQA and are approaching 85% design work, with some projects expected to begin construction and implementation by the end of this year. The overall request for the Games has been reduced from \$3 billion to \$2 billion due to time constraints regarding some projects. The Games Enhanced Transit Service (GETS), the shuttle service providing transportation to and from venues, has been reduced from borrowing 2,700 buses to 1,747 buses. Spectators and the workforce are expected to all share these buses to and from venues, with the estimated number of employees not yet finalized. The GETS system will also be implemented for the World Cup events. In addition, the Games Route Network (GRN) is planned to be implemented over 210 highway miles and 100 miles of local, arterial miles intended to serve as a lane for athletes to ensure their efficient arrival to venues. Along with this, first-last mile improvements are planned for pedestrian walkways, increased shade, increased signage, and hydration stations. Metro will not spend any local funds for the GETS or GRN systems, with Metro also improving normal bus service and reliability. A project involving adding a 3rd car on the C/K line is not included as an Olympic project.

Ms. Shuda clarified that the Inglewood projects are not led by Metro. Ms. Shuda also clarified that Metro would add permanent Throne Restrooms to most of their stations and mobility hubs.

Committee Member Obagi offered that the Redondo Beach Transit Center is available for bus storage during the Olympics.

Committee Member Fish asked if there is an estimated time for LA28's security perimeters to be announced. Ms. Shuda shared that LA28 is expected to begin public outreach in the Summer, which is when the perimeters are likely to be announced.

The full presentation is available here:

<https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/10142911/South-Bay-Cities-COG-3.9.26.pdf>

VI. Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck Replacement Project Update

Mr. Bass delivered an update on the Vincent Thomas Bridge deck replacement project. The Vincent Thomas Bridge is on State Route 47 connecting Terminal Island with San Pedro, with the project intended to preserve the bridge's deck structural integrity and improve the overall safety for the traveling public and maintenance workers. Ms. Tebeleva shared that the project finalized design in November of 2025, with preparatory field work beginning in February 2026. The pre-closure phase is expected to begin this month and be completed in October of 2026, which includes overnight one-directional closures until the Summer. The full-closure phase begins November 2026 and is expected to be completed in Winter of 2027-2028. The post-closure stage will occur between Winter 2027-2028 until Winter 2028/2029, with overnight one-directional closures as well. Mr. Young shared that the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) is a collaborative development of local detours, with respect to challenge areas. In terms of incident management, Mr. Young noted that Caltrans is also working with LA Metro to extend existing coverage for freeway service patrols on I-110 and I-710, with additional coverage on routes such as the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). The Technical Advisory Committee and the Community Advisory Committee will also continue to meet through the time of construction to address any concerns or challenges. Locations are also being identified for traffic control officers to be present at, in collaboration with the City of Los Angeles. Mr. Young clarified that all positions are funded within the project.

The full presentation is available here: <https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/09133742/Vincent-Thomas-Bridge-Deck-Replacement-030925.pdf>

VII. Three Month Look-Ahead – Received and filed

Mr. Leger shared that Measure M project recommendations will be shared at the following Transportation Committee meeting in April.

VIII. Announcements

Ms. Bacharach shared that SBCCOG has confirmed all speakers for the panels at the General Assembly on March 26, 2026.

IX. Adjournment: Committee Chair Pimentel adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m. to April 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Prepared by Aaron Ruiz, CivicSpark Fellow and Anne Tsai, Transportation Project Coordinator