

## Transit Operators Working Group

March 5, 2026 Meeting Notes

Attendees: Dana Pynn (GTrans, Chair); Andy Sywak, Matthew Lazo (Metro); Paige Meyer, Tyron Gunn (Beach Cities Transit); James Lee, Ryan Plumb (Torrance Transit); Jacki Bacharach, Anne Tsai, Aaron Ruiz (SBCCOG)

### **1. Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the January 8, 2026 Meeting Notes**

The virtual meeting was called to order by Ms. Pynn at 2:03 p.m. Meeting notes were accepted as presented.

### **2. Transit Operator Updates –**

- Ms. Pynn shared that GTrans will be going to council to purchase two electric double-decker buses through Measure R administered by the SBCCOG, aiming to complete delivery before the 2028 Olympics. Ms. Pynn reported that they will also begin planning routes and alternate routes if necessary for the buses.
- Mr. Lee reported that the Connect Torrance program has been selected for an American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Award.
- Ms. Meyer shared that BCT is meeting with the council to focus on youth ridership and how to adjust routes accordingly. BCT will also be swapping some routes to allow for more efficient operations. Ms. Pynn advised it is crucial to adhere to their public participation plan.
- Mr. Gunn shared that BCT met with the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant team about applying for APC counters along with match funding for CPI projects, digital bus stop signage, and wayfinding signage. Mr. Lee noted that extensive reporting is necessary.

### **3. Updates on Metro Issues, Initiatives, Studies –** Mr. Sywak shared the following Metro updates:

- The first phase of the D Line Extension will open May 8, 2026, with stops going westbound from Wilshire/Western to new stops at Wilshire/La Brea, Wilshire/Fairfax, and Wilshire/La Cienega.
- The Metro Board has formed an ad hoc committee to consider a reconfiguration of the Board.
- The Metro Board will not meet in June as Metro will be focusing on public outreach during the World Cup.
- The C line schedule will experience adjustments in March due to overhead wire replacement construction.
- The March presentation to the Metro Service Council can be viewed here: [Regional Updates: South Bay Service Council](#)

### **5. SBCCOG Updates**

- **Measure R Transit Investment Program Updates:** Ms. Tsai reminded the group that any cash-flow adjustments for projects are due by March 27 to the SBCCOG.
- **2026 General Assembly:** The 2026 General Assembly will have 3 panels. Ms. Bacharach also shared that attendees must register to receive lunch. The SBCCOG invites municipal transit operators to exhibit in the exhibit hall.

### **6. Transportation Report Covering February 2026:** Item was received and filed.

**7. Three Month Look-Ahead:** The Metro Board will not be meeting in June. The Transportation Committee will receive a presentation on the Olympic Games Mobility Plan and Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck Replacement project in March.

**8. Announcements / Adjournment:** Mr. Lazo shared Metro's shuttle program for the World Cup, functioning as a park-and-ride system, which will allow Metro to find any errors and refine the program ahead of the Olympics: [Go Metro to the World Cup](#)

Ms. Pynn adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m. to April 2, 2026.

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