

Transit Operators Working Group

April 2, 2026 Meeting Notes

Attendees: Dana Pynn, David Mach, Matthew Lazo, Ryan Plumb, Paige Meyer, Brian Magumcia, Jacki Bacharach, Anne Tsai, Aaron Ruiz

1. Self-Introductions & Acceptance of the March 5, 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 –

- Mr. Mach reported that the quarterly service change will occur on April 5, 2026 to improve run-time on Line 6 during peak times. Due to this Torrance Transit has hired additional drivers and plans to hire as needed moving forward.
- Ms. Pynn shared that GTrans recently welcomed 11 new drivers. Ms. Pynn also announced that the Gardena City Council approved the purchase of double-decker buses.
- Mr. Lazo reported that LA Metro has recently experienced a hacking issue, which gives context to any delays or issues that Metro or stakeholders may have experienced. He also shared that testing the shuttle service for the World Cup has commenced, with a pilot program for an app called Spare that displays directions and routes for drivers.
- Mr. Magumcia shared that they have made minor adjustments to the BCT routes.

3. Updates on Metro Issues, Initiatives, Studies –

- Mr. Lazo shared that there are no major updates as Metro prepares for the World Cup.

4. SBCCOG Updates

- **Measure R Transit Investment Program Updates:** Ms. Tsai brought forward the FY 26-27 Measure R South Bay Transit Investment Program funding recommendation. SBCCOG received one funding request from City of Carson, in collaboration with CSUDH, for \$4 million for the Victoria Transit Center. Ms. Tsai noted that SBCCOG files have previously labeled it as the “Fashion Outlet Transit Center,” while the true location is on the campus of California State University, Dominguez Hills. The City of Carson and CSUDH have been working collaboratively on the university’s mobility hub, of which the Victoria Transit Center is a component. The funds will add mobility hub elements to the scope of this project, to prepare for the 2028 Olympics. With the additional \$4 million, the City of Carson’s total Measure R transit funding would amount to \$15.477 million. Ms. Tsai asked for a recommendation to take to the Transportation Committee.
 - MOTION by Chair Pynn, seconded by Mr. Plumb, to recommend to the Transportation Committee approval of the 26/27 FY Measure R South Bay Transit Investment Program Funding Update. Approved without objections.
- Mr. Mach asked if the City of Carson project fell under the guidelines for the local match or if it was excluded from this policy. Ms. Tsai clarified that this project is exempt from local match, explaining that the SBCCOG funds 100% of projects up to \$20 million.

- Ms. Pynn requested an update on the status of the Inglewood project. Ms. Bacharach shared that the City of Inglewood is expected to provide an update in September as they pivot the project towards the revitalization of Market Street and mobility hubs. Ms. Tsai shared the following attachment with the group: [2025.11.03 ITC-Phase-1-Status-Update-for-SBCCOG.pdf](#)
- Ms. Bacharach stated that the IWG is recommending requirements for new funding on projects that are installing fiber to allow for conduit and access for the South Bay Fiber Network.
- Ms. Bacharach announced that SBCCOG will host a City Orientation Meeting on May 21, 2026.
- The Housing Trust Board meeting has moved its first meeting to April 30, 2026, with 10 cities already confirmed.
- Ms. Tsai shared that the Measure M program recommendation for approval is \$108.7 million in additional funds for this cycle.

5. Transportation Report Covering March 2026: Item was received and filed.

6. Three Month Look-Ahead:

Ms. Bacharach asked if there is interest from GTrans and Torrance Transit to making presentations on their microtransit programs to the Senior Services Working Group.

- Ms. Pynn shared that they lead “Bolt powered by GTrans.” Ms. Pynn informed the group that they have purchased software to improve delivery of the service to appeal to potential on-demand riders to make the program more cost effective. They are continuing service of Bolt and have already completed the pilot phase of the program.
- Mr. Mach reported that Connect Torrance has had steady ridership increases with 27% from the senior population and the rest being the general public for on-demand service. Waits have also slowly increased, but Mr. Mach shared that Connect Torrance is shifting resources from off-peak times to address demands within other times. Four additional wheelchair accessible vehicles (Toyota Sienna Hybrid) have also been purchased through Measure R and will be added to the Connect Torrance fleet.

The Metro Board will not be meeting in June 2026. The Transit Operators Working Group decided not to meet in July 2026.

7. Announcements / Adjournment: Mr. Mach shared that a large Los Angeles Dodgers mural by Robert Vargas, “Samurai of the Diamonds,” has been unveiled at the DoubleTree Hotel in Torrance.

Ms. Pynn adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m. to May 7, 2026.

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