

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Transportation Committee

May 11, 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)
Bubba Fish (LA County SD4)
Bill Uphoff (Lomita)
Nina Tarnay (Manhattan Beach)
Zein Obaji (Redondo Beach)

Non-voting member:

Donald Szerlip (Metro South Bay Service Council)

Also in attendance:

Mike Bohlke (Metro Deputy to Mayor Butts)
Sergio Carvajal (Caltrans)
Sona Juharyan (Caltrans)
Andy Sywak (Metro)
Matthew Bresolin (Metro)
Marie Kim (Metro)
Elias Sassoon (El Segundo)
Brandon Araujo (Hermosa Beach)
Constance Turner (SCE)
Shin Furukawa (Torrance)

Elizabeth Garcia (LA County)
Irma Galicia (LA County)
Matt Suska (LA County)
Holly Osborne (Public)
Florence Gharibian (Public)
David Leger (SBCCOG)
Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)
Jake Romoff (SBCCOG)
Aaron Ruiz (SBCCOG)

II. **Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

III. **Consent Calendar**

- A. April 13, 2026 Transportation Committee Minutes (Attachment A)
- B. Transportation Report covering April 2026 (Attachment B)

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

IV. **SBCCOG Transportation Working Group Updates**

- A. **Infrastructure Working Group** – Mr. Leger shared there were no major updates at the April meeting. Ms. Bacharach noted that at the next meeting, the group will discuss limitations regarding cost increases on projects, revenue that is generated for projects, and creating a fiber policy.
- B. **Transit Operators Working Group** – Mr. Leger noted that the group was dark in May.

C. **Metro Service Council** - Mr. Szerlip shared that Sofi Stadium will be advertised as “Los Angeles Stadium” due to World Cup guidelines, with LA Metro using 300 shuttles to transport attendees to and from the venue. By June 12, transit riders will be able to pay fares directly using a credit or debit card; no TAP card is needed. Mr. Szerlip also noted the opening of the first extension of the Metro D Line on May 8.

V. **Caltrans District 7 - Agency Updates** – Mr. Carvajal reported that District 7 is preparing for the May CTC and has finished the submittals for the June CTC. Caltrans is also working on the 2027 State Highway System Management Plan (SHSMP), which examines the current asset inventory of the State Highway System. Mr. Carvajal also stated that Caltrans is compiling draft asset inventory conditions, which will provide a baseline and projected condition of all projects programmed to date and identify any performance gaps.

VI. **Metro FY26-27 Proposed Budget**

Ms. Kim and Mr. Bresolin presented Metro’s FY26-27 proposed budget that will be presented to the Metro Board for approval this month. Ms. Kim reported that the proposed budget is balanced at \$9.7 billion. Metro transit operations are budgeted for \$2.99 billion, with bus service at \$1,939.8 million, rail service at \$1,035.3 million, and Metro Micro at \$23.8 million with a total of 8.8 million revenue service hours. Ms. Kim also provided updates on station experience improvements which include safe, clean restrooms, tap-to-exit with taller fare gates, elevators/escalators, and lighting retrofits.

Ms. Bacharach questioned if the stations with tap-to-exit are strictly for rail stations or bus stations as well. Ms. Kim explained that bus stations with BRT will include tap-to-exit, with no fare gates included.

Ms. Kim shared that Metro also plans to enhance customer experience with a multi-layered public safety approach that includes care-based services, the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Metro transit security, and private security. Metro also intends to enhance cleaning services on buses, trains, stations, and Metro facilities.

Committee Member Pimentel asked if DPS officers will have arrest authority and be armed. Ms. Kim replied that DPS officers act as normal, armed police officers, but private security does not.

Ms. Kim also presented Metro’s capital improvement program which allocates \$186 million for buses, \$189.7 million for rail, and all other asset improvements at \$200.8 million for a combined total of \$576.5 million.

Ms. Bacharach asked if the cost for midlife refurbishments and overhauls is money that is needed. Ms. Kim replied that this is funding that is already allocated for the asset improvements.

Ms. Kim reported the total funding for transit infrastructure developments with planning at \$229.3 million, construction at \$1,739.9 million, and closeout of projects at \$66.3 million which totals \$2 billion.

Committee Member Uphoff asked for clarification on the \$52.3 million for the K Line extension to Torrance. Ms. Kim explained that due to the alignment change to Hawthorne Blvd, this funding is for design and assessing the right-of-way requirements.

Ms. Kim reported a total of \$1.76 billion on regional allocations and pass-throughs and \$2.3 billion for other programs, which include general planning and programming and congestion management.

Ms. Bacharach noted that she does not believe this is enough information to sufficiently comment on the budget and asked what funds are being used to balance the budget. Ms. Kim mentioned that 50% is from Prop 8, Prop C, Measure R, and Measure M. Other funding sources include federal and state grants as well as fare, advertising, and toll revenues. Ms. Bacharach also requested detailed information on the revenue sources and the need for state of good repair. Ms. Kim explained that she will get back to the committee with an answer later.

The full presentation is available here: <https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/13083649/FY27-Budget-Outreach-Presentation.pdf>

- VII. Metro Board Composition Ad Hoc Committee Update** – Mr. Leger shared that a recommendation from the Metro Ad Hoc Committee will be presented to the Metro Board in June.
- VIII. Three Month Look-Ahead** – The committee discussed adding an update presentation on the Metro C Line (Green) midlife rebuild in September. The IWG will also bring back a draft of Measure M MSP policies that were first introduced to the committee in April in August. Committee Member Pimentel requested an update on the LAX Landside Access Mobility Project. Committee Member Uphoff also requested a recap of the World Cup in September.
- IX. Announcements** – The committee will be dark in July.
- X. Adjournment:** Committee Chair Pimentel adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m. to June 8 at 10:30 a.m.

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