



SGVCOG Transportation Committee Approved Minutes

Date: July 19, 2018
 Time: 4:30 PM
 Location: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
 602 E. Huntington Dr., Suite B, Monrovia, CA 91016

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
 The meeting was called to order at 4:39 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members Present

Alhambra B. Messina
 Claremont S. Pedroza
 Diamond Bar D. Liu
 Duarte J. Fasana
 Glendora V. Escalante
 Pomona T. Sandoval
 Temple City A. Avery
 LA County District 5 D. Perry

Members Absent

El Monte
 La Cañada Flintridge
 San Gabriel
 South El Monte
 South Pasadena
 Walnut
 LA County District 1

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter
 K. Ward
 P. Hubler
 C. Cruz
 P. Duyshart

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting

No changes to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Transportation Meeting Minutes: 06/21/2018

There was a motion to approve the 06/21/2018 Transportation Committee Minutes. (M/S: B. Messina / S. Pedroza).

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Alhambra, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Temple City, LA County District 5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	

ABSENT:	El Monte, La Cañada Flintridge, Pomona, San Gabriel, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Walnut, LA County District 1
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PRESENTATIONS

7. LA Metro's NextGen Bus Study

Robert Cáliz, a Senior Manager of LA Metro's Transportation Planning Communication Division, presented on this item; S. Tu presented a majority of the information. He began by stating that a key reason for being at the Public Works TAC is to ask TAC members and engineers for suggestions about treatments, infrastructure, routing changes, etc., which could encourage more ridership in each TAC member's respective cities. Metro needs valuable, technical, and targeted feedback from those who know their cities best.

Mr. Cáliz pointed out that Metro's Bus system has not been significantly updated or revamped in approximately 25 years, meaning that the system is outdated. Since that time, LA County has evolved and transformed quite dramatically. This means that some routes likely service districts and neighborhoods which do not require as much service anymore, while other newly developed neighborhoods and districts which require new, additional, or supplemental bus service to meet the needs of those respective communities do not currently have an adequate level of bus service.

Throughout his presentation, Mr. Cáliz discussed how Metro, as part of the study, is analyzing service parameters, transit speed competitiveness, and transit compatibility indices. Metro's studies are data based and model based, in order to be as scientific, meticulous, and accurate as possible. Metro is also conducting extensive outreach, including by hosting a bi-monthly external working group which includes regional government agencies (such as COGs), non-profit groups, social justice and socio-economic advocacy groups, other transportation agencies, and faith-based groups to provide community input on Metro's outreach, quantitative studies, and, eventually, the actual new bus service models, maps, and plans themselves.

R. Cáliz added that Metro, in order for this massive undertaking of overhauling the bus system to be successful, needs provide a mechanism through which people can provide feedback to Metro on this study. He asked if cities could please provide links to the Bus Study survey or information on City websites. Additionally, if cities have community events, please invite Metro or partner with Metro so that Metro can get feedback right in the community. He asked to please include information in any newsletters, too. Metro can send a Community Tool to cities for public distribution. Metro wants to get feedback from cities, and vice versa.

From September through December, at two of Metro's NextGen Bus Study Working Group Meetings, Metro will be sharing what the preliminary recommended draft service concepts are.

Questions/Discussion:

- Question: How are train trips accounted for when looking at transit trips? Is one goal trying to get more people onto trains from the bus system (meaning the two can complement each other)? Cáliz mentioned how we need to make sure that bus lines feed into the overall transit network. But also, how can we connect even more people to the bus system who might not be currently able to connect to it?
- A Committee member asked: will Metro be analyzing the choice that people will have once there are increased rail options? Cáliz stated that, over the course of the next 10 years, these study results will be adjusted to reflect increased access to rail lines.

- One Committee member stated that her city has a very high dependency on the Metro Bus system. She expressed concern that Metro Bus service seems to be cut, and it is not very dependent anymore. Her school kids also rely on this bus system. She doesn't think that her community has been well-served by the bus system.
- There was a question which asked: are the other bus services included in this study? Cáliz responded affirmatively, and added that other bus services are part of a bus technical advisory committee. Additionally, Metro has conducted one on one meetings with these bus services, and have also conducted regional meetings with municipal services, too.
- One committee member commented that part of the issue has to do with gridlock on the roads, since buses and cars share the road in most areas still. He then asked: can we look at providing bus-only lanes or infrastructure in certain transit corridors? Cáliz said that Metro will also look at infrastructure improvement results/suggestions as part of a study report, too.
- R. Cáliz suggested that cities should submit formal comments or complaints in written/letter form so that Metro can officially record the comments, and so that they can be accurate.
- R. Cáliz also encouraged cities to ask their residents to please fill out the NextGen survey so that Metro can receive a higher volume of valuable input from SGV residents.
- A Foothill Transit staffer also discussed the plans that Foothill Transit has been looking at to enhance its bus service.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. San Gabriel Valley Bike Share Expansion Update: CTC Scope of Work and RFP Process

M. Creter, Executive Director of the SGVCOG, presented on this item. She provided details about the CTC's Scope of Work minimum requirements, and how those mandates were incorporated into COG's draft Request for Proposals (RFP). Ms. Creter also discussed the plethora of requirements for bike share vendors which relate to:

- Launch and pre-launch
- Marketing, outreach, and education
- Maintenance and Operations
- Bicycle Parking Infrastructure
- Bike Parking Strategy
- Ongoing separate plans for maintenance and operations
- Benefits to disadvantaged communities (DACs)
- Ensuring user privacy and data-sharing to public agencies
- Financial plans and components

COG staff is currently gathering a list of cities which are interested in participating in the SGV bike share expansion RFP process. M. Creter explained how staff is seeking the Transportation Committee's concurrence with the Scope of Work and RFP.

Questions/Discussion:

- One Committee member asked: Are the participating cities still listed? Marisa: we are still soliciting participating cities.
- Will bikes which are "anchored" in improper places not "lock," which penalizes the user?
- A Committee member asked: is there a way to analyze the quality of the bike? While Metro is expensive, they have very sturdy bikes. Some dockless bikes, while cheaper for cities, are not as strong and are more feeble. M. Creter noted that there is a chance that the companies might have

to submit an actual bike for review, inspection, and analysis. The COG is currently thinking about this right now.

- The same member expressed concern about the relocation and the recirculation rebalancing of the bikes.
- COG staff pointed out that Monrovia, for example, has an ordinance which regulates and puts a permit process on companies which want to deploy bikes within their city.

There was a motion made to recommend that the SGVCOG Governing Board both authorize the Executive Director to release the RFP for the implementation of a regional automated dockless bike share system and to assign project management for this project to the Capital Projects and Construction Committee. (M/S: S. Pedroza / D. Perry).

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METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) REPORT

9. Oral Report

J. Fasana provided the first portion of this report. There is a proposal that is on the Board’s agenda to expand the number of cities where Metro Rail parking will be charged instead of free. Also, he announced that Metro Staff is working on strengthening the 210 median since more trucks have broken through and landed on the Gold Line tracks, which has caused significant delays or even cancellation of service in the past. This is also a safety hazard, too, as a truck could potentially land on or bump into an actively moving light rail train.

Mary Lou Echternach announced that he was a discussion to get rid of the Call for Projects (Item 20). Metro Staff will start the process of soliciting input from the cities and the COGs regarding which direction to take it. This program has been in place since the 1990s.

Lilian De Loza-Gutierrez, Metro’ Government Relations staffer for the SGV subregion reiterated Robert Cáliz’s request to get NextGen information out to at community events. She also thanked the COG and Partnership for submitting LOSs for SR-71 BUILD grant. Additionally, an Uber and Lyft-type program will launch in El Monte, Rosemead, and South El Monte from the El Monte Bus Station; this will be known as a “Mobility-on-Demand” program. Also, on July 15, Metro implemented TAP on 2nd boarding. Metro will also be going out to 2B cities regarding the First-Last Mile plans soon.

D. Liu of the City of Diamond Bar stated that a design contract for the 57/60 interchange project will be on the Metro Board agenda soon, and it was approved in a committee earlier today. The item will be on the Board’s consent calendar.

UPDATE ITEMS

10. Metrolink Update

A. Davis of Metrolink provided this update report. Metrolink's #1 priority is delivering the SCORE Capital Improvement Program. This is an aggressive vision by Metrolink to improve service levels and improve headways along most of its lines.

Additionally, Metrolink will be continuing its discount programs on the SB Line and Antelope Valley Line. There is also an event this upcoming Saturday for the centennial anniversary of the SB Depot. The event itself will go from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

11. Update on Active Transportation Planning Efforts

No additional report beyond the Bike Share RFP update, which was covered during Item 8.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

12. Oral Report

There was no report on this item.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS

No Committee member items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

M. Creter announced that the Governing Board will go dark in September.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.