

Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. (via GoToMeeting)

Attendance

Jacki Bacharach	Randy Johnson	Stephanie Ramirez
Jasneet Bains	Eli Akira Kaufman	Mary Reyes
John Bwarie	Marianne Kim	Seleta Reynolds
Kerry Cartwright	Steve Lantz	Talin Shahbazian
Mark Christoffels	Bryn Lindblad	Nancy Silva
Roderick Diaz	Megan McClaire	Arthur Sohikian
Terry Dipple	Nancy Pfeffer	Cynde Soto
David Feinberg	Andres Ramirez	

PAC Business and Minutes

Meeting started at 1:35pm. Chair Roderick Diaz explained the structure of the new agenda. Chair Diaz called roll and asked for motion to approve minutes. Mr. Mark Christoffels moved with Ms. Marianne Kim seconding; no dissents on approval of minutes.

PAC Survey

Chair Diaz shared with the PAC the results of the PAC survey and stated that the officers would share the results with members in a follow up email.

COVID-19 Recovery Team

Mr. Joshua Schank presented slides on how the Recovery Task Force [\[link\]](#) has responded to COVID-19.

NextGen

Mr. Conan Cheung presented slides on how Transit Service [\[link\]](#) has responded to COVID-19. Ms. Nancy Pfeffer asked what NextGen principles would follow as Metro builds back its ridership, to which Mr. Cheung stated that Metro would build back to all day frequent service on Tier 1 and 2 lines, not just during peaks. Ms. Pfeffer followed up by asking what NextGen thought of the alternative mobility options suggested by the Recovery Team. Mr. Cheung stated that these could be useful so long as they do not duplicate or compete with existing bus lines. Ms. Bryn Lindblad asked how Metro would handle the need for social distancing and how Metro would reduce crowding, and Mr. Cheung stated that Metro is working on the Transit app to enhance usability for customers.

Budget

Mr. Drew Phillips presented slides on the Financial Plan [\[link\]](#) as it relates to COVID-19. Questions on this topic came from Mr. Kerry Cartwright who asked what of the Measure M and R amounts comprise the \$1.06 billion dollar loss in revenue. Mr. Phillips stated that it is approximately \$100M per tax per year. Mr. Phillips assured Mr. Cartwright that his team would continue provide updates to the Board as this is something that concerns everyone. Ms. Ann Wilson asked if Metro has spoken to any of the agencies involved with the projects put in bucket 2 to find out if they might lose funding due to a delay. Mr.

Phillips stated that he could not speak to that since that is under Planning’s purview. Ms. Wilson stated that her agency was not contacted and that this is something that Metro should address moving forward; Mr. Jim de la Loza agreed.

Draft LRTP

Ms. Kalieh Honish presented slides on the now-released Draft LRTP [\[link\]](#). Comment from the PAC came from Ms. Bryn Lindblad who stated that seven miles of bike lane within Equity Focused Communities (EFCs) was underwhelming. However, Mr. Jon Overman, Cambridge Systematics, explained that this only included Metro bike lanes funded through the financial plan and that there were a lot more bike lane miles once jurisdiction sponsored projects are counted; Mr. Overman would make a clarification on that topic. Mr. Diaz suggested the PAC write a letter forming general opinions on the LRTP to which Ms. Honish offered to hold a working group to further elaborate on the matter. Chair Diaz agreed and moved onto Goods Movement in the interest of time.

Goods Movement Strategic Plan

Mr. Michael Cano presented slides on the Goods Movement Strategic Plan [\[link\]](#). Comments from the PAC members included one from Mr. Kerry Cartwright who commended Mr. Cano for his team’s efforts and that his agency, the Port of Los Angeles, has been working with Mr. Cano to bring this strategic plan to fruition. Chair Diaz urged Mr. Cartwright to lead a group within PAC to work on a comment letter, to which Mr. Cartwright agreed.

Announcements

Mr. Jacob Lieb announced that the Active Transportation Program would be taking a list of projects to the Board. PAC letter regarding the Congestion Reduction Study will be distributed to Metro’s Planning and Programming Committee and PAC staff will facilitate this process; Chair Diaz thanked the PAC for their hard work on this matter. PAC will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, from 1:30-3:30pm since the regular PAC meeting falls on September 8, 2020, the day after Labor Day. Other announcements are available in the PAC packet [\[link\]](#).

Meeting concluded at 3:40pm.