

Elevate SD 2020: Labor Working Group Meeting 1 – Executive Summary

Date: Friday, July 12, 2019
Location: San Diego/Imperial Labor Council
Attendees: 18

Overview:

In addition to presentations from MTS marketing and planning staff, attendees were asked to participate in two interactive elements: a values priority activity, and small group discussions. The following summarizes the feedback provided from those activities.

Top Values:

Participants were given five stickers, and asked to identify their top values that should help shape the future of transit. Below are the results:

1. Provide faster service - 8
2. Provide access to jobs and education - 8
3. Provide more frequent service - 6
4. Reduce traffic congestion - 6
5. Reduce GhGs/Benefit the environment - 6
6. Help seniors/disabled with mobility - 3
7. Improve roads/highways to support transit - 3
8. Provide viable alternatives to the car - 0
9. Other - 0
10. Provide low-cost fares - 0

Round-Table Summaries:

Participants also broke up into small groups for a round-table discussions facilitated by MTS staff. They were asked to share what they thought of the project concepts discussed in the presentation by MTS staff. Feedback is as follows:



Group 1

24-hour service is important to bus operators and it helps service workers/food service industry

Beach access seems like a great way to connect colleges to the beaches

The list doesn't highlight ways to improve service outside of transit priority areas

It's an ambitious list

With fare discounting, must be sure it competes with parking options for employees in job centers.

Often times they can be parking discounts during off-peak hours

The list should emphasize construction opportunities, and that the work being performed and jobs being created are high quality

Any fare discounting should also be simplified fares - seniors are confused

Any technology improvements should build on mobile ticketing - need to highlight this

Transit Utility Lanes are good for bus operators - separated from general traffic lanes

It's also good for commuters to see buses zipping by

Love the waterway concept

Job creation is important

None of the jobs created by this list should be privatized

Dedicated new tracks are not mentioned

No heavy rail mentioned

Pros & Cons - Waterway system

Pros - New rider experience, fun, builds bridge between convention centers

Cons - Need a specific route, unproven

Not improving existing infrastructure

Could have enforcement issues

Need Navy buy-in

Pros & Cons - 24-hour service

Pros - provides access to jobs/education; no one has to sleep in their car, which happens now

Cons - Security can be an issue

Group 2

Increasing frequency, span of service, protected lanes of freeways should all be prioritized in this list

Electrifying the fleet - needs to have worker training component

List is all-encompassing

Purple Line/Blue Line - airport are all good

We like light rail projects

Low priority - skyways, waterways (fuel?), lower fares (they seem pretty low right now)

Missing -

no mention of the 54 freeway for transit utility lanes

Incentive programs with other agencies