



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Transportation Committee Minutes

Date: July 16, 2009

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Monrovia Library

1.0 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Roll Call / Introductions

Members Present

Alhambra	B. Messina
Claremont	S. Pedroza
Covina	A. Gonzalez
Diamond Bar	C. Herrera
Duarte	J. Fasana
El Monte	P. Wallach
Industry	T. Spohn, J. Ballas
LA County District 5	M. Cano
La Verne	S. Johnson
Montebello	R. Urteaga
San Gabriel	D. Gutierrez
South El Monte	J. Gonzales
Walnut	T. King

Members Absent

Glendora

SGVCOG Staff

N.Conway, Executive Director
B.Cooke, Staff
M.Creter, Staff

Guests

R. Huff, California State Senator
L. Dolley
S. Wiggins, METRO
D. Yale, METRO
B. McAllester, METRO
P. Hubler, ACE Construction Authority
S. Amiri, METRO
P. Doudar, LAC DPW
G. Sund, LA County District 5
S. Page, METRO
B. Jong, METRO
J. Keating, Alhambra
D. Spence, La Canada Flintridge
E. Caracciolo, Avant Garde Inc.

2.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3.0 Consent Calendar

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3.2 Transit Operators

3.2.1 Foothill Transit

3.2.2 Montebello Bus Lines

3.2.3 Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Sector

3.3 Correspondence/Media Publications

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar (M/S/C: A. Gonzalez/ B. Messina/ Unanimous).

4.0 Metro Board Report (LACMTA)

The Chair gave a brief overview of the items for today's meeting.

4.1 METRO's 2009 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

B. McAllester and D. Yale (METRO) gave a presentation on this item. They provided background on the LRTP, the funding and financial assumptions used in creating the draft 2009 LRTP, and an overview and the projects that are being recommended for inclusion in the LRTP. The Committee members asked questions on a number of issues including ridership for proposed rail line and EIR completion timelines for rail projects.

The Executive Director gave a report on this item. He identified the change in designation between strategic (unfunded), funded, baseline, and completed for rail and highway projects in the San Gabriel Valley. He indicated that METRO does not have a fully developed plan for highway projects, particularly related to the sequencing of projects.

There was extended discussion on METRO's anticipated timelines for the adoption of the LRTP and its future strategy for pursuing federal funding.

There was a motion to adopt staff's recommendation as follows:

Recommend to the Governing Board submitting a letter to METRO indicating the SGVCOG's position as follows:

- ✓ Oppose the adoption of the 2009 LRTP until a fully detailed highway project list (including timelines) is completed
- ✓ Support the downtown Regional Connector as the first priority for Federal New Starts funding
- ✓ Recommend that the LRTP be amended to indicate METRO's operating commitment for the Gold Line Foothill Extension if it is completed prior to 2017.

Further recommend that the Governing Board host a Transportation Summit in the next month to identify additional San Gabriel Valley transportation priorities and projects (M/S/C: T. King/ M. Cano/ Unanimous).

4.2 METRO Staff Recommendations for Call for Projects Applications

S. Amiri (METRO) gave a report on this item. She reviewed the number of SGV applications submitted and the number being recommended for funding. Overall, cities in the San Gabriel Valley that did submit applications were very successful, and the San Gabriel Valley is expected to receive its fair share of the funding (18%). However, fewer cities in the San Gabriel Valley submitted applications than in prior years.

She indicated that cities could appeal the recommendations to the METRO TAC July 20-21.

4.3 Update on Congestion Reduction Demonstration Project

S. Wiggins (METRO) gave a report on this item. She stated that METRO staff has developed a draft pricing structure for the toll lanes that will be put into place along portions of the I-10 and the I-110, which will range from \$.25 to \$1.40 per mile, but would remain at no cost to carpools and buses. It is anticipated that single-occupant vehicles will only be allowed to enter when a minimum speed of 45 mph can be maintained. It is expected that this demonstration project will be implemented in 2010.

5.0 Presentation on 57/60 Interchange Improvement Efforts

Staff from the City of Industry gave a presentation on this item. They provided an overview of the history of the project and recent efforts to develop a project that would address the congestion issues in this area.

6.0 Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority –

T. Spohn, Chair of the ACE Construction Authority, gave an update on this item and referred committee members to the report that was included in the agenda packet.

7.0 Gold Line Foothill Extension Status Report

S. Pedroza, SGVCOG Representative on the Gold Foothill Extension Board, gave an update on this item. He indicated that John Fasana has been appointed to serve on the Gold Line Authority Board of Directors.

8.0 New Business

A. Gonzalez (Covina), who has been participating on the Measure R Local Return Subcommittee, gave an overview of the draft guidelines that have been developed regarding how cities may use these funds.

9.0 Next Meeting

10.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.