



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Transportation Committee Minutes

Date: May 21st, 2009

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Garvey Community Center, Rosemead

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
Glendora	D. Tessitor
Industry	T. Spohn, J. Ballas
LA County District 5	M. Cano
La Verne	S. Johnson
Montebello	R. Urteaga
San Gabriel	D. Gutierrez, M. Paules
South El Monte	J. Gonzales
Walnut	T. King

Members Absent

None

SGVCOG Staff

N. Conway
B. Cooke
M. Creter
M. Echternach

Guests

R. Huff, California State Senator
A. Leahy, METRO CEO
L. Dolley
P. Hubler, ACE Construction Authority
L. Bibby, METRO
B. McAllester, METRO
R. Richmond, ACE Construction Authority
S. Amiri, METRO
P. Doudar, LAC DPW

2.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3.0 Consent Calendar

- 3.1 April 19th, 2009 Transportation Committee Meeting Notes
- 3.2 Transit Operators
 - 3.2.1 Foothill Transit (*Page 3*)
 - 3.2.2 Montebello Bus Lines

3.2.3 Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Sector (*Page 4*)

3.3 Correspondence/Media Publications

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar (M/S/C: D. Tessitor/ C. Herrera/ Unanimous).

4.0 Congestion Mitigation Fee Pilot Study Presentation

Metro staff presented an update on the Congestion Mitigation Fee Feasibility Study. The purpose of this study is to create a model demonstrating how a fee on new development projects could provide needed funding for new transportation projects that would mitigate the impacts of the new development. As part of this pilot study, Metro staff is working with the cities in the San Gabriel Valley to gather data from each city on possible transportation projects as well as review growth projects in order to develop a model of how such a fee would be implemented. METRO staff is meeting with each city individually throughout the months of May and June to discuss these issues, review the proposed program, and answer any questions that cities may have.

5.0 SB 652 (Huff)

The Chair indicated that in April, the Governing Board adopted a position of support for this legislation, which would identify the COG and ACE as political subdivisions of the State, with the intent being to make ACE eligible for Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) grants. Since that time, SGVCOG General Counsel has identified some issues with the language of the legislation that require clarification. This legislation has gone through committee, but was pulled from the Senate Housing & Trans Committee by the author at the request of METRO. Senator Huff indicated that this legislation is a work in progress and that his staff is working with ACE, SGVCOG and FRA to ensure that this legislation accomplishes its intended purpose.

There was a motion to support the legislation, pending amendments that would address the concerns of SGVCOG General Counsel (M/S/C: T. King / S. Johnson / Unanimous).

There was a question regarding the timeframe of this legislation. Senator Huff indicated that his staff would be able to provide a status update a next month's Transportation Committee meeting.

6.0 Metro Board Report (LACMTA)

The Chair indicated that METRO is in the process of developing its budget and that the Finance Committee approved (4-0) allocating \$10 million of Measure R funds to the Gold Line Foothill Extension.

There was discussion regarding the composition of the Measure R Citizens' Oversight Committee.

6.1 Art Leahy, Metro Chief Executive Officer

Art Leahy, the newly appointed CEO of METRO, introduced himself to the Committee and discussed future planning efforts at METRO.

7.0 Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (*Recommended Action: For Information Only*)

T. Spohn reported on this item and indicated that ACE Construction Authority CEO Rick Richmond will be presented with the Engineering Achievement Award by the Los Angeles County Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies of California

8.0 Gold Line Foothill Extension Status Report

S. Pedroza distributed copies of his written report.

9.0 New Business

The Chair indicated that at the next meeting there will be a presentation on progress associated with the 57/60 interchange.

10.0 Next Meeting

11.0 Adjourn