

# SGVCOG Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes

Date:April 19, 2021Time:12:00 PMLocation:Zoom Virtual Meeting

# PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- Call to Order
   R. Guerrero called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance R. Guerrero led the Public Works TAC in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **3.** Roll Call

## A quorum was in attendance.

#### **Committee Members Present**

Arcadia	P. Wray	Glendora
Azusa	R. Delgadillo	La Verne
Baldwin Park	J. Beshay	San Dimas
Diamond Bar	D. Liu	South Pasadena
El Monte	S. Mendez, L. Ortiz	
Industry	J. Nelson	
Irwindale	G. Ramos, D. Co	
Monrovia	C. Castruita	
Monterey Park	F. Lopez	
Pasadena	K. Markarian	
Pomona	R. Guerrero, M. Pilarz	
Rosemead	M. Ackerman	
San Marino	M. Throne	
South El Monte	C. Cataldi, R. Pelayo	
Temple City	A. Avery	
Walnut	M. Rooney	
L.A. County DPW	S. Lai, R. Matsuoka, J. Yang	, J. Pletyak

### **Guests**

J. Dodd
H. Sui
R. Yoh
N. DeBenon
C. Buscarino
S. Ahmad
A. Scott
T. Lee
R. Cruz
B. Janka

### SGVCOG Staff

Absent

M. Creter, Executive DirectorE. Shen, StaffP. Hubler, StaffK. Ward, StaffA. Fung, StaffT. Egan, Lobbyist

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WKE	D. Cadena
Member of Public	C. Roldan
Member of Public	E. Miller
Member of Public	M. Mostahkami

- **4.** Public Comment There were no public comments at this meeting.
- 5. Changes to Agenda Order There were no changes to the Agenda Order.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

**6.** Review Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes: 03/15/2021 *Action: Review and approve.* 

#### There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 6. (M/S: M. Throne/J. Nelson) [Motion Passed]

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AYES:	Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Industry,	
	Irwindale, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona, San	
	Marino, Temple City, Walnut, L.A. County DPW	
NOES:		
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	South El Monte	
NO VOTE	Rosemead	
<b>RECORDED:</b>		
ABSENT:	Glendora, La Verne, San Dimas, South Pasadena	

### **UPDATE ITEM**

7. California Department of Transportation District 7 Quarterly Updates

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 representatives, Hammer Sui and Roger, Yoh, provided updates on the District's ongoing maintenance and construction projects.

Key Questions/Discussions:

• R. Cruz inquired about Caltrans' plans to streamline its districts' efforts given that many districts operate independently from one another. H. Sui responded that Caltrans' Executive Board convenes each month to discuss issues in the 12 Caltrans districts. R. Yoh added that the districts collaborate and share resources with each other on major projects that impact multiple districts.

#### PRESENTATION

- 8. Rule 20A Undergrounding Utility Infrastructure
  - Southern California Edison (SCE) representatives, Talisa Lee and Andrew Scott, provided a presentation on this item. California Public Utility Commission's (CPUC) Rule 20 outlines policies and procedures for the conversion of overhead power lines to underground facilities. This process is commonly known as "undergrounding." Specifically, Rule 20A projects are financed by utility ratepayers. For SCE, Rule 20A funding may be used to pay

for up to 100 feet of SCE's service laterals on private properties, as well as panel conversations to accept undergrounding feed. Telephone or cable facilities are also required to be undergrounded under similar tariffs. SCE provides local jurisdictions with an annual allocation of work credits, which represent the amounts SCE will expend on behalf of government agencies to underground existing overhead facilities.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- D. Liu inquired about active Rule 20A projects in the San Gabriel Valley. A. Scott responded that several San Gabriel Valley cities currently have ongoing Rule 20A projects.
- D. Liu inquired about the size and length of a typical Rule 20A project. A. Scott responded that the typical length for a Rule 20A project is 1,000 feet; however, the length of each project depends on its allowable budget. Counties have the tendency to request larger projects compared to individual cities.
- D. Liu inquired about the possibility of cities exchanging Rule 20A credits with one another. A. Scott responded that Rule 20A allocations can be exchanged within jurisdictions; however, the credits must remain within their respective utilities' territories. T. Lee added that the upcoming CPUC OIR proceedings may suggest changes to Rule 20 policies, which can affect the transfer of Rule 20A funds between jurisdictions.

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

9. SB 1 Local Streets and Roads Maintenance of Effort Requirement

SGVCOG Director of Government and Community Relations, Paul Hubler, provided updates on this item. Earlier last year, SGVCOG staff submitted comment letters to San Gabriel Valley legislators in the California Legislature to request support for a suspension of the maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement imposed on cities seeking annual apportionments from the Local Streets and Roads Funding Program authorized by SB 1 (Beall, 2017). In February 2021, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) submitted a request in the proposed Budget Trailer Bill to provide relief for local governments in meeting MOE requirements during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The proposal was recently heard at the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee on Corrections, Public Safety, Judiciary, Labor, and Transportation and the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation. Both subcommittees expressed interest to support the proposal and directed CTC staff to provide additional information at the Subcommittees' upcoming meetings.

Key Questions/Discussions:

• R. Cruz inquired about possible funding for the re-opening of Highway 39. P. Hubler responded that SB 1 funds are intended for road repair and road rehabilitation projects. The State does not earmark funds for specific projects given that local jurisdictions have the ability to determine usage of their SB 1 allocations. R. Delgadillo added that Highway 39 above Sierra Madre Avenue is within Caltrans' jurisdiction and commented that the City of Azusa does not plan on using SB 1 funds to rehabilitate the City's portion of Highway 39 roadways; however, the City plans on utilizing other funds to resurface Highway 39.

• D. Liu inquired about the League of California Cities' efforts on tracking the MOE discussions in the Legislature. R. Guerrero responded that the League of California Cities is closely monitoring this item and recently discussed the MOE Requirement at one of its recent committee meetings.

#### STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

**10.** Next Committee Meeting

The upcoming committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021 at 12:00pm.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

R. Guerrero announced that the League of California Cities will be holding a Solid Waste Roundtable on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 10:30am.

#### ADJOURN

R. Guerrero adjourned the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee meeting at 1:14pm.