

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of October 4, 2021

- **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) Meeting:** On Wednesday, staff attended the third meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH), which was established by the LA County Board of Supervisors to study homelessness governance models nationwide and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for a new governance model for homeless services in the County of Los Angeles. SGVCOG President and Monrovia Councilmember Becky Shevlin serves as one of two representatives of the County's COGs. At the meeting, the Commission heard two presentations from LAHSA: a presentation on the the LAHSA Governance Report, which provided an analysis for the LAHSA Commission on recommendations to improve the governance structure of the Organization, and an overview on LAHSA's Background, Governances, Duties and Functions, Strengths. An upcoming meeting will feature a presentation from SGVCOG staff on the SGVCOG's White Paper on LAHSA Governance. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. For more information, you can visit the BRCH website [here](#).
- **Covina National Night Out:** On Tuesday, SGVCOG staff attended the City of Covina's National Night Out event to promote the Neighborhood Coyote Program to its residents. Staff and mascot Kyle E. Coyote informed residents about the Coyote Program and provided them with informational pamphlets and educational coloring books. Residents also received helpful coyote hazing tips and were directed to visit our website for additional resources and contact information.
- **SoCalREN Webshop:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG partnered with the Gateway Cities COG and the South Bay Cities COG to host a webinar on behalf of the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Public Agency Programs. The webinar, titled "Gaze Into the Crystal Ball: What's In Store for Energy Efficiency Incentive Programs," provided information on the Los Angeles County Electric Vehicle (EV) Ready DAC Program, utility energy efficiency incentive programs, upcoming changes to existing incentive programs, and third party programs. Cities and agencies that are interested in learning more about the County's EV programs and upcoming changes to the existing energy efficiency incentive programs can contact SGVCOG staff at afung@sgvcog.org.
- **Connect SGV Podcast Episode on Foothill Transit:** Earlier this week, SGVCOG staff released a new Connect SGV Podcast episode that features discussions with Foothill Transit Chairwoman, Cynthia Sternquist, and Foothill Transit Executive Director, Doran Barnes on their agency's services for the San Gabriel Valley. The episode also explores the goals that Foothill Transit would like to accomplish over the next few years. All episodes are available in both audio and video formats on the SGVCOG website [here](#).
- **FY 2022-2025 MSP Application Reminder:** Last month, the Governing Board approved the FY 2022-2025 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Guidelines. As a result, cities and agencies can now submit applications for FY 2022-2025 MSP funds. Cities that are interested in applying for the funds are highly recommended to review the funding guidelines and scoring rubric thoroughly prior to starting the application. Additionally, a funding application was held earlier this week to provide an in-depth overview of the funding application. The workshop's presentation, along with the Funding Guidelines, Funding Application, and Scoring Rubric, can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#). Funding applications are due by Monday, 10/18 at 5:00pm to SGVCOG staff at afung@sgvcog.org.

- **Azusa Virtual Town Hall on Coyote Safety:** Last week, the SGVCOG hosted a virtual town hall on coyote safety in conjunction with the City of Azusa. Twenty residents attended the town hall, which featured a presentation on the Neighborhood Coyote Program, as well as a panel of wildlife professionals. Residents were able to ask the panel questions and voice their concerns regarding increased coyote activity in Azusa.
- **Upcoming Homeless Initiatives Strategies Meeting:** Next Wednesday, October 13, at 9:00 a.m., the LA County Homeless Initiative (HI) will hold a public workshop for the San Gabriel Valley to hear public input on HI's proposed updated strategies for addressing and preventing homelessness. The LA County Board of Supervisors has called for a reassessment of the strategies, in order to build on proven solutions, make necessary modifications, and develop new approaches. The proposed updated strategies emphasize an "All Hands on Deck" approach that seeks to maximize the effectiveness of the County's homeless services system, increase the number of exits from homelessness, activate the safety net provided by Mainstream Government Systems and fully utilize their programming to prevent and address homelessness, create a clearer path for how cities can co-invest with the County in housing and regional outreach, and close racial disparities and advance equity. More information on the proposal can be found [here](#). You can register for the meeting on October 13, 2021, [here](#). An additional meeting for cities and COGs will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. You can register for that meeting [here](#).
- **Upcoming San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Working Group:** On Wednesday 10/13 at 11AM the SGVRHT will host a virtual working group [meeting](#) to discuss the application for homeless pilot program funds. Interested cities are now able to apply. The program guidelines can be found in the application linked [here](#).
- **Upcoming San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation Virtual Summit:** In partnership with the Southern California American Society of Landscape Architects, the SGVCOG will be hosting the San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation Virtual Summit on Thursday, 11/4 at 11:00am to share fire resiliency strategies and recommendations for cities to protect residents and communities from wildfires. Interested individuals can register for the event [here](#) and additional information can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#).

The logo for SGVCOG (San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments) features a stylized mountain range in shades of blue and green above the text "SGVCOG" in a light blue, sans-serif font.

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of October 11, 2021

- **Governing Board Preview:** The SGVCOG Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 4:00pm via Zoom. The full agenda packet may be accessed at: <https://www.sgvkog.org/governing-board-agenda>. Major action items are summarized below:
 - **Appointment of SGVCOG Delegate to the Los Angeles International Airport Community Noise Roundtable:** The LAX Community Noise Roundtable provides a platform to ensure cooperation between LAX and the impacted communities in achieving noise impact reduction. The Governing Board is recommended to appoint La Cañada Flintridge Mayor Pro Tem Eich as the SGVCOG's delegate to the Roundtable, following the resignation of current SGVCOG Delegate and Walnut Mayor Pro Tem Allen Wu, who no longer serves as the City's Delegate to the SGVCOG.
 - **Safe, Clean Water Program Transfer Agreements and Contracts for Fire-Effect Study:** The Governing Board is recommended to authorize the Executive Director to execute and negotiate transfer agreements for an amount up to \$805,000 with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to undertake a Fire-Effect scientific study on behalf of the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Management Group and contracts for an amount not-to-exceed \$792,500 with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions Inc. for work associated with the Fire-Effect scientific study.
 - **FY 2022-2025 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Highway Efficiency Program Recommendation:** The Governing Board is recommended to program \$1 million of FY 2022-2025 Measure M MSP funding from the Highway Efficiency Program to the Diamond Bar Blvd. SR-60 Eastbound On-Ramp Improvement Project, which will improve access to HOV and general-flow on-ramp lanes on the SR-60 in the City of Diamond Bar.
 - **San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program Contract Amendment:** The SGVCOG has launched the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program to support cities complying to SB 1383 (Lara, 2016) regulations. Last month, the Governing Board approved the Executive Director to issue the first Task Order with SCS Engineers to proceed work on Tasks 1-5. SGVCOG staff has negotiated the scope and cost for an additional task. Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the Agreement for a total amount not-to-exceed \$639,061.00.
 - **Update Salary Resolution:** Staff is recommending updating the SGVCOG salary resolution. The update reflects changing the exempt status of the Management Aide position to non-exempt, as the general duties required for the Management Aide position fail to qualify for the administrative exemption status as outlined by the Fair Labor Standards Act.
 - **Measure H 2022-2023 City Program Applications:** The Governing Board is recommended to adopt Resolution 21-46 approving the 2022-2023 Measure H City Programs. Under the City-Specific program category, cities or city cohorts submitted applications for city- or cohort-specific needs. SGVCOG staff reviewed the submitted applications and selected the following projects:
 - Community Navigation with Tri-City Mental Health and Interim Housing (Claremont/La Verne/Pomona Cohort)

- Montebello Community Assistance Program (MCAP) (Montebello)
 - Family and Advocate Support Services (FASS) for the Housing Displacement Response Plan (HDRP) (Monrovia)
 - Prevention/Diversion/Voucher Program for the Neighborhood Connections Program (Azusa)
- **Presentations:** The Governing Board will also receive informational presentations on supply chain updates and the Glendora First/Last Mile Demonstration Project.
- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Policy Committee and TAC convened its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committees reviewed the following major items
 - **2022 Legislative Platform:** SGVCOG staff led a discussion on potential legislative priorities for 2022. Ultimately, the committees adopted the Water 2022 Legislative Platform, and it will be incorporated into the SGVCOG's overall Legislative Platform, which is anticipated to be considered by the Governing Board in January 2022.
 - **MS4 Permit 101 Guide:** SGVCOG staff developed two "MS4 101" documents to provide an overview of the Permit, compliance updates, and an overarching resource guide on stormwater. One is meant to help inform and engage elected officials around the Permit and with the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board; the other is to help inform new planning and public works employees on the Permit.
- **SGVRHT Working Group:** On Wednesday, the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) hosted a working group meeting to discuss the funding available for homeless housing pilot programs. In September, the SGVRHT Board allocated \$4 million to homeless pilot programs, including capital funding to develop additional tiny home sites or facilitate alternative homeless housing pilots. The guidelines for the pilot programs are summarized below:
 - Pilot projects must produce homeless housing beds or units;
 - Up to \$25,000 will be provided for homeless housing beds or units that are made available for two or more years. Prorated funding is available for programs operated for a minimum of one year.
 - Eligible funding uses include the following: non-congregate bridge housing (tiny homes); bridge housing or emergency shelter, adaptive reuse, site acquisition (master leasing), and other programs that produce homeless housing beds or units.

Interested cities are asked to submit an LOI and Application to describe their project in as much detail as possible. These materials are available [here](#), and SGVRHT staff is available to assist with the application process.

- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the Transportation Committee convened its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee reviewed the following major items:
 - **57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project Updates:** SGVCOG provided an update on the design phase of the State Route 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project. Through an agreement dated July 30, 2019, Metro delegated its responsibility as the implementing agency to SGVCOG to coordinate utility relocations, acquire rights of way, and oversee the bid, award, and construction of the State Route 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief, consisting of Phase 1 (Diamond Bar Golf Course) and Phase 2 (Interchange Improvements) projects. The golf course was closed to the public on September 1, 2021 to begin nearly 18 months of modification work. Construction of the interchange improvements is scheduled to begin in mid-2022, with a project completion date of Fall 2027.
 - **Metro Transit Oriented Communities Technical Assistance Program:** Last year, the Metro Board adopted the TOC Implementation Plan to establish a series

of actions for Metro to implement directly to realize equitable TOCs. The TOC Technical Assistance Program was subsequently developed to provide professional services for municipalities to build staff capacity in TOC areas and explore the feasibility of implementing TOC programs through studies and planning. Metro recently opened the first round of funding for the TOC Technical Assistance Program, which includes \$1 million in available funding. Applicants may apply for up to \$200,000 per application. Completed applications must be submitted by November 1, 2021 for consideration.

- **FY 2022-2025 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Funding Application:** Last month, the SGVCOG Governing Board approved the FY 2022-2025 MSP Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Guidelines, which created a process to allocate \$22 million in available funding for eligible projects. Staff released the funding application on September 20, 2021. Funding applications, which can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#), must be submitted by October 18, 2021 for consideration.
- **Foothill Transit Forward:** Foothill Transit recently received \$489,106 in grant funding from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to conduct a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA), which evaluates the current Foothill Transit system and determines where improvements can be made. Foothill Transit staff launched the COA in April 2021 and is currently in the process of developing the COA's Service Plan. Multiple rounds of community outreach will be conducted throughout the Analysis, and the COA's Final Report is expected to be completed in Spring 2022.

The Committee is expected to reconvene on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 4:00pm.

- **Homeless Policy Deputies' Meeting:** On Thursday, the Homeless Policy Deputies convened for its biweekly meeting via Microsoft Teams.
 - **Update on COVID-19 Response for People Experiencing Homelessness:** John Connolly, DPH and Dr. Emily Thomas, DHS provided updates on the COVID-19 response for people experiencing homelessness. Among people experiencing homelessness (PEH), COVID-19 cases have been decreasing steadily over the last 4 weeks, and there has been a steady increase in vaccinations. A current education and engagement strategy is to address concerns of those that are vaccine-hesitant.
 - **Winter Shelter Program Update:** Emily Andrade from LAHSA provided an update on the Winter Shelter Program. The Winter Shelter is a short term, site-based, emergency shelter for adults and transition age youth (TAY) who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. In response to COVID-19, LAHSA in coordination with Department of Health Services and Department of Public Health, has transitioned the program to a 24-hour model that will follow COVID-19 protocols and report health concerns to DPH. Winter shelters will be operating from November 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.
- **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH):** Next Wednesday, October 20th, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness will convene its next meeting. At that meeting, I will present on the SGVCOG's White Paper on LAHSA Governance Reform, which highlights the need to reform LAHSA and incorporate cities into LAHSA's processes and governance. I encourage cities to participate in that meeting and provide public comment in support of the SGVCOG's White Paper, which was adopted by the Governing Board in January 2021. More information about the BRCH can be found [here](#).
- **COG/Cities HI Homeless Strategies Workshop:** Next Wednesday, October 20th, from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., the LA County Homeless Initiative (HI) will hold a public workshop for the cities and COGs to hear input on HI's proposed updated strategies for addressing

and preventing homelessness. The LA County Board of Supervisors has called for a reassessment of the strategies, in order to build on proven solutions, make necessary modifications, and develop new approaches. The proposed updated strategies emphasize an “All Hands on Deck” approach that seeks to maximize the effectiveness of the County’s homeless services system, increase the number of exits from homelessness, activate the safety net provided by Mainstream Government Systems and fully utilize their programming to prevent and address homelessness, create a clearer path for how cities can co-invest with the County in housing and regional outreach, and close racial disparities and advance equity. More information on the proposal can be found [here](#). You can register for the meeting [here](#).

- **SCAG Housing Policy Forum:** On Monday, November 1, from 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m., SCAG will hold a virtual Housing Policy Forum with policymakers and thought leaders to discuss state and federal housing legislation and funding opportunities. Forum participants will have the opportunity to learn how federal housing legislation aligns with state and regional goals to meet housing needs, discuss key themes and current trends in state housing policies and potential impacts, and engage with interactive tools to provide input on housing policy priorities. You can register for the Forum [here](#).



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Week of October 18, 2021

- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Public Works TAC convened its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee reviewed the following major agenda items:
 - **SB 619:** Introduced by Senator John Laird (D-San Luis Obispo) on February 28, 2021, SB 610 would provide additional flexibility for local jurisdictions to comply with the upcoming mandates set forth by SB 1383 (Lara, 2016), authorizing jurisdictions facing continuous violations of SB 1383 to submit a notice of intent to comply (NOI) to CalRecycle. If approved, the jurisdiction would be eligible for administrative civil penalty relief for the 2022 calendar year. SB 619 was signed on October 5, 2021.
 - **Energy Champion Awards Progress Updates:** The City of San Gabriel became the first San Gabriel Valley jurisdiction to achieve the Silver recognition tier, and the City of Irwindale became the first jurisdiction to achieve the Gold recognition tier. Cities and agencies are encouraged to meet with SGVCOG staff regarding their progress, as the 2021 deadlines are approaching. The Energy Champion Awards' most recent progress report can be found on the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership website [here](#).
 - **SGVCOG Capital Projects Updates:** Staff provided an update on SGVCOG capital projects, as of June 30, 2021:
 - *Durfee Avenue Grade Separation:* Over 70% complete, expected completion by June 2022;
 - *Fairway Drive Grade Separation:* Over 70% complete, expected to be completed by March 2023.
 - *Fullerton Road Grade Separation:* 39% complete, with a notice to proceed to be issued in November of this year. This project is expected to be completed in the Winter of 2023 or 2024.
 - *Montebello Corridor projects:* Will begin rail crossing safety work and pedestrian bridge construction at the Montebello Boulevard underpass in 2022/2023, depending on funding availability.
 - *State Route 57/60 Interchange Improvements Project:* Phase 1 (Diamond Bar Golf Course improvements), has begun and is expected to last 18 months. Phase 2 (freeway mainline improvements) will begin construction in July 2022.
- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee convened its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee reviewed the following major agenda items:
 - **Educational Toolkit on Air Quality Sensors:** The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) recently published a guide on using air quality sensors. The guidebook contains information on air quality project planning, operating air quality sensors, and understanding air quality sensor data. Sensor installation guides, data analysis and visualization tools, infographics, and examples of reports and analyses produced by partner communities are all included in the toolkit, which can be found [here](#).
 - **SoCalREN Kits for Kids Program:** The Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Kits for Kids Program introduces 4th grade students from participating schools to energy efficiency. Each student receives a free kit, containing an interactive scavenger hunt and energy-efficient items to install in

their homes. Enrolled classrooms are eligible to receive a \$1,000 grant if 65% of students install the energy- efficient items and provide proof of installation. In order to participate, schools must belong to a school district that is enrolled in the SoCalREN Public Agency Program. School districts may enroll for free [here](#), and schools that are already enrolled in the SoCalREN Public Agency Program may complete this [interest form](#) to begin Kits for Kids enrollment.

- **COVID-19 Updates from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health:** Starting October 7th, the County of Los Angeles requires all attendees (ages 12+) to show proof of full vaccination or negative COVID-19 test results prior to entering outdoor mega events. Additionally, the County requires all indoor bars, breweries, wineries, distilleries, nightclubs, and lounges to verify COVID-19 vaccination status of patrons and employees beginning October 7th. Restaurants are also recommended to reserve and prioritize indoor seating and services for those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

The Committee is scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 1:00pm.

- **Solid Waste Working Group:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Solid Waste Working Group convened via Zoom to receive presentations on SB 1383 reporting resources from MDM Analytics and updates on SB 619's implications on SB 1383 compliance from CalRecycle. While the recent passage of SB 619 provided some level of flexibility for cities to comply with SB 1383, CalRecycle encouraged cities and counties to plan to make efforts to comply with SB 1383 based on its original compliance timeline to avoid administrative burdens and possible penalties. Additionally, members of the Working Group shared updates on their SB 1383 compliance efforts and received updates on the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program. The Working Group is expected to reconvene in early December.
- **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) Meeting:** On Wednesday, staff attended the fourth meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH), which was established by the LA County Board of Supervisors to study homelessness governance models nationwide and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for a new governance model for the County. I presented on the SGVCOG's White Paper on LAHSA Reform, which highlights the need to reform LAHSA and incorporate cities into LAHSA's processes and governance. Several Governing Board members and elected officials from San Gabriel Valley cities provided public comment at the meeting, so thank you to all of you for your comments! The Commission also heard a presentation on the County of Los Angeles' Report on Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's Governance, which provided background on the County of Los Angeles' motion directing staff to conduct an analysis of the structure of LAHSA Report on Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's Governance. Finally, there was an additional presentation on Measure H that provided background of Homeless Initiative strategies and their core function for funding and an overview of the Homeless Initiative's Strategy Funding Plan and Homeless and Housing Program Budget. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. At this meeting, several San Gabriel Valley cities will be providing testimony for the BRCH on their experiences with LAHSA. For more information, you can visit the BRCH website [here](#).
- **COG/Cities HI Homeless Strategies Workshop:** On Wednesday, the LA County Homeless Initiative (HI) held a public workshop via Zoom for cities and COGs to provide input on HI's proposed updated strategies for addressing and preventing homelessness. The LA County Board of Supervisors has called for a reassessment of the strategies, in order to build on proven solutions, make necessary modifications, and develop new approaches. The proposed updated strategies emphasize an "All Hands on Deck" approach that seek to maximize the effectiveness of the County's homeless services

system, increase the number of exits from homelessness, activate the safety net provided by Mainstream Government Systems and fully utilize their programming to prevent and address homelessness, create a clearer path for how cities can co-invest with the County in housing and regional outreach, and close racial disparities and advance equity. More information on the proposal can be found [here](#). You can also provide comments on the proposed strategies [here](#).

- **Citizens Redistricting Commission:** On Thursday, the LA County Redistricting Commission (LA CRC) held an educational workshop on the redistricting process for the LA County Supervisorial Districts. The LA CRC conducts demographic research, facilitates public meetings, and ultimately chooses which new redistricted map to adopt for LA County. Over the summer they held 12 meetings to gather public input on communities of interest (COIs). These are communities that believe they should remain together in a district, due to their financial, cultural, and/or geographic ties to the community. On October 7th, the LA CRC launched its public mapping software for individuals and community groups to submit their own maps. Eight full supervisorial district maps have been submitted so far, and they will continue to accept map submissions through November. Maps must ensure that districts are contiguous, each district is reasonably equal in resident population (~2 million people per district), and that the geographic city, neighborhood council, and community of interest boundaries remain intact as much as feasible. The LA CRC will host public hearings throughout November to gather feedback on the submitted district maps. After receiving all possible feedback from the November hearings, the LA CRC must choose which map to adopt by December 15th, 2021. The mapping software and more information about the process can be found [here](#).
- **Upcoming San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation Virtual Summit:** In partnership with the Southern California American Society of Landscape Architects, the SGVCOG will be hosting the San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation Virtual Summit on Thursday, 11/4 at 11:00am to share fire resiliency strategies and recommendations for cities to protect residents and communities from wildfires. Senator Anthony Portantino will also join the Summit as a keynote speaker. Interested individuals can register for the event [here](#) and additional information can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#).
- **Governing Board Recap:** The SGVCOG Governing Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 4:00pm via Zoom. A summary of the major action items are summarized below:
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- **San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program Contract Amendment:** The Governing Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the agreement with SCS Engineers for a total amount not-to-exceed \$639,061.00 to support additional tasks for the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program, which supports cities' compliance with SB 1383 (Lara, 2016).
- **Update Salary Resolution:** Members of the Governing Board approved the adoption of Resolution 21-45 updating the SGVCOG salary resolution.
- **Measure H 2022-2023 City Program Applications:** The Governing Board voted to approve adopting Resolution 21-46 approving the 2022-2023 Measure H City Programs. The following programs were approved:
 - Community Navigation with Tri-City Mental Health and Interim Housing (Claremont/La Verne/Pomona Cohort)
 - Montebello Community Assistance Program (MCAP) (Montebello)
 - Family and Advocate Support Services (FASS) for the Housing Displacement Response Plan (HDRP) (Monrovia)
 - Prevention/Diversion/Voucher Program for the Neighborhood Connections Program (Azusa)
- **Presentations:** The Governing Board received an informational update presentation on supply chain congestion from the Port of Los Angeles and a presentation on the City of Glendora's First/Last Mile Demonstration Project.



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Week of October 25, 2021

- **Energy Work Group:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG Energy Work Group convened its quarterly meeting via Zoom. Members of the Work Group received informational presentations on SoCalGas' Customer Assistance Programs, the 2022 Regional Energy Pathway Model, and the 2022 Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Public Agency Pilot Programs. SGVCOG staff also recognized the Cities of Claremont, Irwindale, and San Gabriel for reaching recognition tiers in the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards. The Energy Work Group is scheduled to reconvene in early December.
- **Homelessness Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Homelessness Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee reviewed the following major items.
 - **Mental Health Services in Supervisorial District 5:** Anders Corey, Health Deputy for Fifth Supervisorial District presented the various county initiatives available for providing field-based mental health services and an overview on Behavioral Health Urgent Care Centers (BHUCC). Some of the programs that aim to serve individuals in crisis or experiencing acute mental health emergencies include Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams (PMRT), Therapeutic Transport Vans, and Homeless Outreach Mobile Engagement (HOME).
 - **Advocacy for Homeless Services Funding:** Caitlin Sims, Principal Management Analyst at SGVCOG presented background on LA County Homeless Initiative's update of the County's homelessness strategies and the following proposed comments from the SGVCOG on the strategies:
 - Ensure that, in the implementation and allocation of funding for the homeless strategies, local jurisdictions are eligible for and receive funding that support these strategies.
 - Clarify the implementation of "co-invest" to ensure that local jurisdictions can access Measure H funding to supplement other funding and enhance local projects, rather than only allowing cities to supplement funding for County designed and implemented programs.

The SGVCOG will continue to participate in the public input process for the HI Strategies. The SGVCOG also encourages member jurisdictions to participate in this process.
- **SGVRHT Tiny Homes:** On Wednesday, Montebello City Council unanimously approved Operation Stay Safe, a tiny home bridge housing site for individuals experiencing homelessness. The site will have 25 individual units and shared amenities including restrooms, showers, and laundry. Onsite supportive services will be provided including case management and job training. The San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) is providing capital funding to develop the project and operational funding for the year long pilot program. Additional project information can be found on the City's [website](#).
- **Planners TAC:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Planners TAC convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The committee reviewed the following major items:
 - **San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards:** This month, the City of Irwindale became the first jurisdiction to achieve the Gold recognition tier. Several agencies - including Foothill Transit, AQMD, and the cities of Claremont, Duarte, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pomona, San Dimas, South El Monte, and Walnut are

close to reaching the next recognition category. Cities and agencies are encouraged to meet with SGVCOG staff regarding energy champion award progress.

- **Legislative Updates:** Legislators have introduced a plethora of bills to address housing elements development and related zoning topics. The following bills were signed into law by the Governor last month:
 - AB 1398 (Bloom) requires expedited rezoning for local jurisdictions that fail to adopt a compliant housing element within 120 days of the October 15, 2021 deadline.
 - AB 215 increases the public review for housing elements, and gives the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) more enforcement authority for local agency violations of specific housing laws.
 - **SB 9 (Atkins) Implementation Discussion:** SB 9 requires cities and counties to grant ministerial approvals to proposals to split existing single-family lots into two separate lots of at least 1,200 square feet and for a duplex to be built on each new lot – resulting in up to four units of at least 800 square feet each being built where one home now stands. Planning Directors' TAC Chair Craig Hensley led a roundtable discussion about steps committee members are taking to prepare and implement the new law. This discussion allowed committee members to share ideas, troubleshoot problems, and develop implementation practices that are efficient and equitable for the entire San Gabriel Valley.
- **Homeless Policy Deputies' Meeting:** On Thursday, the Homeless Policy Deputies convened for its biweekly meeting via Microsoft Teams.
 - **Update on Coordinated Entry System Triage Tool Research and Refinement (CESTRR) Project:** Sandra Mukasa (LAHSA), Dr. Eric Rice (USC), and Janey Rountree (California Policy Lab) provided updates for the first year of their CESTRR Project. The Project was designed to evaluate the LA's current system and design pilots to inform refinements to the System. Project research focused on equitable risk prediction and equitable prioritization, with data indicating the tool does not work well for marginalized populations or across racial and ethnic groups. Final recommendations will be provided to LAHSA at the end of the 3-year project.
 - **Fiscal Year 2022-23 Homeless Initiative Funding Recommendations Process:** Cheri Todoroff, the Interim Executive Director of the Homeless Initiative (HI) provided information on the upcoming HI Funding Recommendations process. For the FY 2021-22 funding process, the Board directed HI to submit its funding recommendations in July 2021, instead of September 2021 in order to reduce administrative complexity and programmatic uncertainty for LAHSA and its service providers. The following schedule will be used for the FY 2022-23 funding recommendations:
 - February 2022: 3-week public comment period, including written submittals on the HI website and strategy-lead discussions.
 - Late February-March 2022: Release draft recommendations and initiate a second public comment period.
 - April-May 2022: Present proposed FY 2022-23 funding recommendations and funding allocations to the Homeless Policy Deputies on the Board Letter including the proposed HI funding allocations.
 - May 2022: Submit final FY 2022-23 funding recommendations for Board consideration.

In addition to Measure H funding the Homeless Initiative Strategies, the funding recommendations would also include State Homeless Housing Assistance, Prevention round 3 funding, and any other CEO or Non-CEO administered funding that may be available. Regular updates will be provided. The deputies encouraged HI to integrate recommendations resulting from the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness into the process.

- **Update on HomeSafe Program:** David Kochen (WDACS) provided an update on the Home Safe Program (HSP). The HSP program is a collaborative effort among the Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) department, LAHSA and eight community based homeless service providers to assist the specific older adult populations (older and dependent adults experiencing some form of abuse/neglect) who are at risk of experiencing homelessness or are homeless in each Los Angeles County SPA.
- **Special Governing Board Meeting:** The SGVCOG Governing Board held a special meeting on Thursday via Zoom. Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Executive Director and Mark Mendoza, Commissioner from the Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) presented on the LA County redistricting process. As a result of discussion from this meeting, there was interest expressed to form a working group of SGVCOG Governing Board members with the purpose of developing a letter recommending LA County redistricting maps that best represent the San Gabriel Valley. It is anticipated that the working group's recommendations will go to the Governing Board for consideration and possible action at the Board meeting scheduled on November 10th at 2 PM.
- **LA County Redistricting Commission:** On Thursday evening, the LA County Citizens Redistricting Commission held a special meeting to discuss the proposed district maps that had been submitted. The Commission ultimately recommended that the following maps continue to be considered: [Map 12](#), [Map 13](#), [Map 19](#), and [Map 23](#). Comments on these maps can be submitted by providing written changes or by providing a redrafted map. The Commission must select a final map by December 15, 2021. To submit public comments and to learn more about the process, click [here](#).
- **Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative Strategies Public Comment:** Los Angeles County HI is updating its strategies for addressing and preventing homelessness and making sure the public is engaged throughout the process. After conducting a series of public meetings to discuss strategy recommendations, the Homeless Initiative is continuing to collect public comment online. Public comment can be submitted using the [online form](#) through **November 5, 2021, at 5 p.m.**
- **Upcoming San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation Virtual Summit:** In partnership with the Southern California American Society of Landscape Architects, the SGVCOG will be hosting the San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation Virtual Summit next Thursday, 11/4 at 11:00am to share fire resiliency strategies and recommendations for cities to protect residents and communities from wildfires. Senator Anthony Portantino will also join the Summit as a keynote speaker. Interested individuals can register for the event [here](#) and additional information can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#).
- **SCAG Housing Policy Forum:** On Monday, November 1, from 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m., SCAG will hold a virtual Housing Policy Forum with policymakers and thought leaders to discuss state and federal housing legislation and funding opportunities. Forum participants will have the opportunity to learn how federal housing legislation aligns with state and regional goals to meet housing needs, discuss key themes and current trends in state housing policies and potential impacts, and engage with interactive tools to provide input on housing policy priorities. You can register for the Forum [here](#). The registration deadline for the event is **today at 2:00 p.m.**

