



**Holiday Tree Lighting at the San Gabriel Mission**

December 2018

## SB 1 Transportation Funding Remains in California

California residents voted to keep the gas tax that funds road repairs and major transportation projects last month. Proposition 6, which would have repealed the Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) gas and motor vehicle taxes, has secured just 43.2% of the votes as of December 3rd, 2018. The bill, which was passed by the California Legislature in June 2017, provides new revenues for road safety, street repairs, public transit expansions, highway improvements, and bridge and overpass construction projects. Currently, SB 1 generates \$27 million each year for the 31 cities of the San Gabriel Valley for local road maintenance and repair projects. A chart below highlights the amount of funding each San Gabriel Valley city receives from SB 1 every year. Most notably, SB 1 funding allows local authorities to launch the 57/60 chokepoint relief project in early 2021. The 57/60 chokepoint is regionally known as one of the most congested freeway interchanges in the United States, which also results in around 670 collisions every year. SB 1 will be providing \$22 million to fund this improvement project.

Another project receiving SB 1 funds is the upcoming SR-71 freeway conversion project. This project will receive \$44 million from SB 1 and will widen the existing 4-lane expressway to an 8-lane freeway in early 2020. Another notable San Gabriel Valley transportation project that is funded through SB 1 is the Foothill Gold Line Extension Project. This project is scheduled to launch in 2021 and aims to extend the rail line's final stop from Azusa to Montclair, eventually adding stops in Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, and Claremont along the way.

Additionally, SB 1 will provide approximately \$47 million to fund Foothill Transit projects over the next ten years for maintaining the Rail Line's state of good repair, including bus replacement, preventive maintenance, and farebox rehabilitation. Other notable Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) construction projects that are funded by SB 1 include the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project and the Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project. SB 1 will be providing \$49 million and \$29 million to support these grade separation projects, respectively.

For additional information on SB 1 funding, please visit Caltrans' SB 1 Rebuilding California website at [www.rebuildingca.gov](http://www.rebuildingca.gov).

**Annual SB 1 Local Streets and Roads Funding: San Gabriel Valley Cities**

City	Revenue	City	Revenue	City	Revenue
ALHAMBRA	\$1.5M	INDUSTRY	\$0.01M	SAN DIMAS	\$0.6M
ARCADIA	\$1.0M	IRWINDALE	\$0.02M	SAN GABRIEL	\$0.7M
AZUSA	\$0.9M	LA CANADA	\$0.4 M	SAN MARINO	\$0.2M
BALDWIN PARK	\$1.3M	LA PUENTE	\$0.7M	SIERRA MADRE	\$0.2M
BRADBURY	\$0.02M	LA VERNE	\$0.6M	SOUTH EL MONTE	\$0.3M
CLAREMONT	\$0.6M	MONROVIA	\$0.7M	SOUTH PASADENA	\$0.5M
COVINA	\$0.9M	MONTEBELLO	\$1.0M	TEMPLE CITY	\$0.6M
DIAMOND BAR	\$1.0M	MONTEREY PARK	\$1.1M	WALNUT	\$0.5M
DUARTE	\$0.4M	PASADENA	\$2.5M	WEST COVINA	\$2.0M
EL MONTE	\$2.0M	POMONA	\$2.7M		
GLENDORA	\$1.0M	ROSEMEAD	\$1.0 M	<b>SGV TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$27.0M</b>



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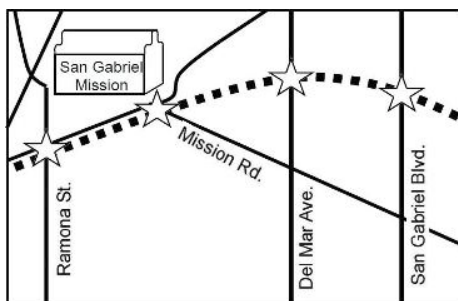
### SGVCOG Receives B.E.S.T. Award from American Public Works Association

SGVCOG was recently given a 2018 "Building Excellence Shaping Tomorrow" (B.E.S.T.) award from the American Public Works Association (APWA) for the San Gabriel Trench Grade Separation Project.

This grade separation project reduces emissions and improves public safety by eliminating an estimated 1,744 vehicle-hours of delay for nearly 90,000 motorists traveling each day on the four grade-separated streets. This project involved a 1.4-mile concrete-walled trench and the roadway bridges at Ramona Street, Mission Road, Del Mar Avenue, and San Gabriel Boulevard. Major construction activities began in Spring 2014, following an extensive archaeological excavation across the street from the historic San Gabriel Mission. The project was completed in September 2018. SGVCOG representatives are scheduled to receive the award at the APWA Southern California Chapter's Awards Luncheon on December 12th at the Lakewood Civic Center. For more information on APWA's B.E.S.T. Award, please visit [southernca.apwa.net](http://southernca.apwa.net).



*San Gabriel Trench Grade Separation: Aerial View*



*San Gabriel Trench Grade Separation: Map Overview*

### City of San Marino Receives Energy Leader Recognition

As part of the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership (SGVEWP), San Gabriel Valley cities receive discounts and incentives from Southern California Edison (SCE) for completing energy upgrade and efficiency projects. This program is known as the Energy Leader Program (ELP). Under the ELP, cities are categorized under four tiers: Valued, Silver, Gold, and Platinum, with Platinum being the highest possible tier level. Each advancement in the tiers allows cities to receive more benefits, such as energy discounts, marketing support, and strategic planning support.

Recently, the City of San Marino was recognized for achieving the Gold tier. The City of San Marino has achieved 493,492 in kilowatt-hour savings and received \$39,237.72 in rebate incentives since 2006. On November 14th, SGVCOG and Southern California Edison representatives attended the San Marino City Council meeting to congratulate San Marino city officials for their extraordinary efforts in conserving energy. To learn more about the Energy Leader Program, please visit the SGVEWP website at [sgvenergywise.org](http://sgvenergywise.org).



*San Marino City Council Receives ELP Award*



*SGVCOG Staff Provides Overview of ELP to the San Marino City Council*

### Three Valleys Municipal Water District Wins ACWA Outreach Award

The Three Valleys Municipal Water District (MWD) was selected as the top outreach winner in its region for 2018. Three Valleys MWD falls in Association of California Water Agencies' (ACWA) region 8, which includes both Los Angeles County and Ventura County. This is the eleventh consecutive year that Three Valleys MWD has been honored by ACWA with this award.

Outreach winners are recognized for their efforts in responding to key legislative issues and making quality contacts with congressmembers, state elected officials, and government officials on water legislation throughout California. ACWA acknowledged the achievement of Three Valleys MWD at the 2018 ACWA Fall Conference on November 28th in San Diego.

SGVCOG congratulates Three Valleys MWD for this outstanding and remarkable achievement and thanks ACWA for recognizing Three Valleys MWD's commitment in public outreach.



*Three Valleys MWD Receives ACWA Outreach Award*



*Three Valleys MWD Named Winner of Outreach Award at the 2017 ACWA Fall Conference*



## News in Brief

### SGVCOG Staff Attends Claremont Family Venture & America Recycles Day

On behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership (SGVEWP), SGVCOG staff attended the Claremont Family Venture Arts and Crafts Faire on October 27th and Diamond Bar's America Recycles Day Festival on November 3rd to publicize energy-efficiency tips and information.

Both events provided opportunities for SGVCOG staff to engage with residents, businesses, and nonprofits to discuss the importance of saving and conserving energy. Festival attendees learned about SGVEWP's free EASY and SGV Go Green energy assessment programs and many attendees also signed SoCalGas' pledge cards to show their commitment to saving water and energy. At both events, SGVCOG staff distributed more than 50 free energy efficiency kits, which included low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators, to local residents.

For more information or to sign up for SGVEWP's free EASY and SGV Go Green energy assessment programs, please call (626) 457-1800 or visit the SGVEWP website at [www.sgvenergywise.org](http://www.sgvenergywise.org).



SGVCOG's Booth at the Claremont Family Venture



SGVCOG Featured Staff Member: Charles Tsang



### SGVCOG Featured Staff: Charles Tsang

This month, our COG featured staff member is **Charles Tsang**. Charles serves as our Senior Project Manager and we've had a chance to catch up recently:

#### What inspired or motivated you to pursue a career in public service?

Back in 2008, I was working in the private sector serving as a consulting civil engineer for the City of Industry. Mr. Rick Richmond, the former CEO of ACE, recruited me to lead the effort of design and construction of the Nogales Street grade separation project. This project was badly needed by the City, but ACE could not move forward without identifying a PM candidate. Since I have rail, traffic, and civil construction experiences, Rick saw me as a good fit!

#### What is a typical day like at work for you?

The beauty of my assignment is that there is no such thing as a "typical day." Us engineers are trained to deal with situations, resolve issues, and come up with solutions. Everyday, we are working towards these goals. We work closely with our construction management team and construction crew to ensure we are using the least amount of resources to build the projects while minimizing the inconvenience caused to the community during construction.

#### Tell us one fun fact about yourself.

I am in the process of pursuing my qualifications through the Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET). There are a total of six levels of qualifications and I am currently at Level 3. My hope is that I can achieve Level 4 in five or so years.



## December Meetings

**Monday, December 3, 12:00 p.m.**

Executive Committee

1000 S. Fremont Avenue, Alhambra

**Wednesday, December 5, 9:00 a.m.**

Homelessness Committee

14403 Pacific Avenue, Baldwin Park

**Wednesday, December 5, 12:00 p.m.**

City Managers Steering Committee

100 S Vincent Ave. #200, West Covina

**Wednesday, December 5, 12:30 p.m.**

Energy, Environment, and Natural  
Resources (EENR) Committee

4900 Rivergrade Road A120, Irwindale

**Monday, December 17, 12:00 p.m.**

Capital Projects and Construction

1444 W. Garvey Ave S., West Covina



*City of San Gabriel's Christmas Celebration*

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