

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of February 4, 2019

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Executive Committee held its monthly meeting. The Committee received an update on the SGVCOG Strategic Plan, which reflects 5 strategic goals, as well as strategies the SGVCOG will focus on including Transportation, Homelessness, Water, Environment and Member Support & Communications. Additionally, the Committee reviewed the mid-year budget revision, which will result in a positive year-end balance of \$21,741.
- **City Managers Steering Committee:** The City Managers' Steering Committee held their monthly meeting on Wednesday. They reviewed the draft 2019 update to the SGVCOG Strategic Plan, which includes 5 proposed strategic goals: Transportation, Homelessness, Water, Environment and Member Support & Communications. This draft strategic plan will be presented at the February Governing Board meeting. The Committee also discussed the recent Measure H Implementation grant awards and issues surrounding the applications and award process.
- **Homelessness Committee:** On Wednesday, the Homeless Committee meet. 2Staff from Metro provided an extensive presentation on their homeless outreach services, which include multidisciplinary teams conducting outreach on rail lines throughout the system. Additionally, the Committee discussed the Measure H implementation grant awards and the potential development of a regional housing trust fund.
- **Monrovia SCAG Grant Award:** Yesterday, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council approved a grant award of \$500,000 for the City of Monrovia through SCAG's Future Communities Pilot Program (FCPP). The FCPP is a grant opportunity offered by SCAG, the purpose of which is to try to support city and county agencies in implementing innovative pilot projects which reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) from local travel and municipal operations. Monrovia applied for FCPP funding in order to evaluate alternative strategies to optimize its already existing GoMonrovia mobility program, which is an innovative public-private partnership between the City and Lyft to provide discounted ride-share rides for those whom are in the Monrovia service area. Monrovia's proposed FCPP project will utilize data analytics to implement strategic mobility pricing and incentives, and will also incorporate partnerships with local employers in the City. Monrovia's project is one of only eight projects in the SCAG region to receive FCPP funding. All FCPP pilot projects are expected to launch in the Summer of 2019 and will be completed by December 2020. The SGVCOG assisted with this grant application, and we are very excited that Monrovia has the opportunity work with SCAG to further enhance the GoMonrovia Program and reduce VMT within the City!

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Week of February 11, 2019

- **General Assembly Reminder:** SGVCOG is proud to present its 2019 General Assembly. This event will bring together elected officials, city staff, and community leaders to address the future of the San Gabriel Valley. Experts and professionals will highlight regional and city partnerships to develop sustainable solutions in addressing key challenges facing the region, including transportation, stormwater, workforce development, curbside management, and more. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 8:30am to 1:30pm at the Pacific Palms Resort in the City of Industry. Interested individuals, municipalities, and community organizations can register for the event by visiting [this link](#). If you have any questions regarding the General Assembly, please contact SGVCOG staff Stefanie Hernandez at shernandez@sgvcog.org.
- **3rd Annual Homeless Initiative Conference:** The County Homeless Initiative held its 3rd annual HI Conference last Thursday. The theme was, *Transformative Power of Community: Changing Lives*. A key theme to the conference was addressing systemic dysfunctions that contribute to homelessness. There were also sessions that examined practical approaches such as shelter diversion, comprehensive homeless prevention, increasing income through access to jobs for currently and formerly homeless. A large contingent was present from the San Gabriel Valley including many member cities' representatives.
- **Energy Working Group:** On Thursday, SGVCOG launched its first City Staff Energy Working Group of the year. Seventeen representatives from various member agencies and entities met at the Monrovia Community Center to discuss ongoing and possible energy efficiency projects to help lower the energy usage in the San Gabriel Valley region. The meeting consisted of two presentations covering the overview of the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership as well as benchmarking and Assembly Bill 802 guidelines. City staff were also given the opportunity to share ongoing energy efficiency projects and best practices with one another. The Working Group is expected to meet every other month for the remainder of the year and cities are encouraged to attend and participate at these meetings to share energy efficiency knowledge and projects. Questions and inquiries regarding the City Staff Energy Working Group can be directed to SGVCOG staff Alexander Fung at afung@sgvcog.org.
- **Urban Greening Grant Program Cycle 3:** Concept Proposal Solicitation for Cycle 3 of the Urban Greening Grant Program is currently underway. The Urban Greening Grant is offered through the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), and Concept Proposals for possible qualifying and competitive projects are due to the CNRA by the end of this month, at 5:00 PM on Thursday, February 28, 2019. The Urban Greening Grant program seeks to award funding for projects which sequester carbon and/or reduce vehicle miles traveled. These include active transportation commuter paths, tree plantings, greening of public lands, developing green streets and alleyways, urban heat island mitigation, and parks. The grant program is open to city, county, special district, non-profit, and JPA

entities, and there will be \$19 million in available funds for awarded projects (which is down from \$24 million during last year's cycle). Moreover, a minimum of 75% of the \$19 million must be awarded to disadvantaged and low-income communities, meaning that this program puts a huge emphasis on funding projects in disadvantaged communities. The CNRA could choose to award even more than 75% of the available funding to DACs. For concept proposals, agencies are required to submit responses and information for:

- Eligibility checklists
- Project summary
 - Summarize discrete project (brief description of deliverables)
 - Public Access
 - Current site conditions
- Project questions
 - Statutory requirements
 - Statutory and program priorities
 - Disadvantaged and Low-Income communities
 - Statewide Park and Community Revitalization Act
 - Additional Project Characteristics
 - Project Readiness
 - Organizational Capacity
- Required documents
 - Concept Proposal Form Signature Page
 - Site Plan
 - Photographs (Current conditions)
 - Cost estimate

Please note that Concept Proposals must be submitted to the CNRA through the online SOAR System. If you have any questions for the CNRA about the Urban Greening Grant, they can be reached at urbangreening@resources.ca.gov, or at 916-653-2812. You can also find the primary Urban Greening webpage, which includes links to the grant's official guidelines, at: <http://resources.ca.gov/grants/urban-greening/>.

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Week of February 18, 2019

- **Water TAC:** On Tuesday, the Water Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met at the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District to discuss stormwater project cost data, Measure W's implementation plan, and the status of the water supply around the San Gabriel Valley region. Reports from the water districts showed that groundwater wells have hit historic lows this year despite the recent rainfall levels. Cities are encouraged to continue their conservation outreach efforts and residents should conserve water as much as possible. The committee plans on meeting one or two days before the next Water Policy Committee meeting to review the cities' stormwater project cost data.
- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the Transportation Committee held its February meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, the Committee elected San Gabriel Vice Mayor Jason Pu to be the Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee for the remainder of FY 2018-2019. Next, the Committee then heard two presentations. The first presentation was an update on the California High-Speed Rail project, and was given by Michelle Boehm, the Southern California Regional Director of the California High-Speed Rail Authority. During this presentation, Ms. Boehm addressed recent developments pertaining to the high-speed rail project, and clarified that the project is moving forward, including doing the environmental work for Phase 1 of the Southern California portion of the project. The second presentation that the Committee heard was given by Brett Thomas of LA Metro, who discussed Metro's Open Streets Grant Program FY 2020 Mini-cycle. For this mini-cycle, Metro has a little more than \$1 million to award to cities and local agencies in LA County to enable cities to host multi-modal, active transportation-oriented open streets events. Applicants can apply for up to \$500,000 per event, and applications are due to Metro on March 8, 2019. Moreover, after these two presentations concluded, Committee Chair John Fasana then led a discussion item on LA Metro's "Twenty-Eight by '28" Initiative, which is Metro's bold plan to try to accelerate transportation projects to be completed before the 2028 Summer Olympic Games in LA. He described how Metro Staff, at a recent Board meeting, provided funding proposals which could help fund "Twenty-Eight by '28," and how these funding proposals and strategies make up the initiative that Metro is calling "Re-Imagining LA County." One such proposal is a congestion management and pricing program. Mr. Fasana noted that Metro staff has been advised by multiple advisory groups, including the Metro Policy Advisory Council (PAC), to "de-couple" Re-Imagining LA County from Twenty-Eight by '28. The Metro Board will receive an update on this matter at the Board meeting next week.
- **EENR Committee:** The EENR Committee met this Wednesday at the Monrovia Community Center to discuss the 2019 legislative priorities and topics pertaining to waste and recycling management. Clark Ajwani from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works provided the first presentation of the meeting on key solid waste-related legislation that were introduced this year. He also presented on the draft Senate Bill 1383 (Lara) organic waste reduction regulations that are

currently available for public comment. Jason Roberts and Teri Muse from Waste Management provided the second presentation to committee members regarding recycling management. Mr. Roberts presented on the process of recycling materials and Ms. Muse provided recommendations on how cities can help with decreasing the contamination rate found in recyclables. SGVCOG staff presented on CalRecycle's first SB 212 informal rulemaking workshop. Furthermore, SGVCOG presented a list of recommended legislative priorities to the EENR Committee to adopt. Committee members discussed, reviewed, and approved the 2019 EENR legislative priorities unanimously at the meeting. These legislative priorities will be presented to the Governing Board in March for formal adoption. Committee members will host a joint-meeting with the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee in May to provide feedback to the California Public Utilities Commission regarding its proceedings to evaluate proposed methodologies related to the development of rules, policies, and procedures that are aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions from buildings and structures.

- **SCAG Sustainable Communities Working Group:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff attended the SCAG Sustainable Communities Working Group meeting. The purpose of the Working Group is to help SCAG and regional stakeholders balance conservation and development strategies, reduce emissions, adapt to a changing climate, and cultivate livable communities. The meeting featured guest speaker Michael Bohn from Studio One Eleven to discuss the emerging challenges of retail, while implementing sustainability. A majority of the meeting was dedicated to updates to the Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) and group discussions to provide feedback on SCAG's proposed SCS, as well as discussion of the policies for Connect SoCal.

The logo for SGVCOG features a stylized sunburst or starburst graphic above the text "SGVCOG". The sunburst is composed of several overlapping, semi-transparent shapes in shades of blue and green. The text "SGVCOG" is rendered in a light blue, sans-serif font.

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Week of February 25, 2019

- **Capital Projects Committee:** The Capital Projects and Construction Committee met on February 25 and approved an award of contract with Gotcha Media Holdings for the San Gabriel Valley bikeshare program. Gotcha will provide 840 pedal-assisted bikes to the 12-15 interested cities. The \$1,926,500 three year contract approval also included authorization for an administrative amendment for to allow for the purchase of additional bicycles. The total CTC approved grant is \$4.55 million. Member Mahmud requested staff provide members with copies of contracts when requesting approvals of them. The Committee also approved a contract amendment in the amount of \$530,966 to Jacobs Management to allow Jacobs to provide assistance to legal counsel with claims filed against the agency on various issues encountered during the San Gabriel Trench project. The claim was filed by the construction contractor, Walsh Construction, and, the claims may exceed \$11M, though staff remains optimistic.
- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the Public Works TAC held its February meeting. The TAC heard a detailed and thorough presentation regarding ADA Compliance in the Public Right-of-Way; this presentation was given by Edward Frondoso of Orange County Public Works. He provided information regarding ADA standards, ADA basics, general ADA guidance, application of ADA standards, and case studies in the field. The second guest presentation pertained to Organics and Solid Waste Legislation for 2019, and was given by Clark Ajwani of LA County Public Works. Mr. Ajwani first went over the regulations and local responsibilities related to SB 212 and SB 1383, and then he also provided an overview of key 2019 pieces of legislation. Additionally, Foothill Transit Executive Director Doran Barnes also provided a presentation to the TAC on ADA compliance at bus stops. He explained how Foothill Transit and municipalities have to work together to ensure ADA compliance. SGVCOG staff then gave a presentation on the Metro Open Streets Grant Program FY 2020 Mini-cycle. For this mini-cycle, Metro is making about \$1.3 million available to fund additional open streets events throughout LA County. Localities in LA County can submit an application for a proposed open streets event by next Friday, March 8. For more information about this Open Streets Program cycle, please visit this [link](#), or contact Brett Thomas of LA Metro at ThomasBJ@meto.net.
- **Planners TAC:** On Thursday, February 28, the Planners TAC held its February meeting. The TAC heard two presentations from SGVCOG staff, the first of which was about the SB 2 Planning Grants Program. This grant program is a noncompetitive, over-the-counter program which can provide funding to municipalities and counties to fund planning projects such as updates to general plans, community plans, and specific plans. The overarching goal of this program is to fund planning efforts which will eventually make it easier for new housing production to occur in cities across the state. The second staff presentation was with regards to the Metro Open Streets Grant Program FY

2020 Mini-cycle. COG staff encouraged cities in attendance at this TAC meeting to submit an application to host an open streets event within their respective jurisdictions. The Committee also discussed current housing legislation and local response to dockless scooters. Moreover, the TAC also received an update and overview about two separate but partially-related Metro initiatives: the “Twenty-Eight by ‘28” initiative, as well as the “Re-Imagining of LA County” initiative. The “Twenty-Eight by ‘28” initiative is an effort by Metro to fund 28 key projects in time for the 2028 Olympics, whereas the “Re-Imagining of LA County” initiative is a proposed funding initiative to provide significant capital in order to combat congestion in LA County for decades to come.

- **COG Meeting** : On Monday, I met with the Executive Directors of the San Bernardino COG, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, and Western Riverside COG. We discussed a variety of issues of importance to region including redevelopment legislation, local responses to homelessness, SCAG initiatives, and the role of COGs. We plan to continue these meetings on a bi-annual basis as way to share best practices and collaborate.
- **SB 212 Second Informal Rulemaking Workshop**: On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff attended the second SB 212 Informal Rulemaking Workshop. SB 212 was signed by Governor Brown in September 2018 to establish safe and convenient disposal options for home-generated pharmaceutical drug and sharp waste. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is charged with adopting regulations for the implementation of SB 212. The Department is currently soliciting input to prepare the draft regulatory text. It is anticipated that CalRecycle will initiate the formal rulemaking process in Fall 2019. The second rulemaking workshop focused on reviewing the Articles IV to XII of the draft regulatory text, which include details on regulating the reporting processes of stewardship plan reports, budgets, and records. CalRecycle encourages cities to send all public comments regarding these four articles to PharmaSharps@CalRecycle.ca.gov at their earliest convenience. Comments and suggestions gathered will be used to develop the formal rulemaking document. Copies of the workshop’s discussion document and the four articles can be found [here](#). The Department plans on hosting additional workshops in the next few months to present the SB 212 draft regulatory text.
- **Annual Los Angeles Business Council Sustainability Summit**: The Los Angeles Business Council hosts an annual summit on sustainability. This year’s summit will take place at the Getty Center on April 5th from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. This event draws more than 1,500 industry, corporate and civic leaders. This forum will explore how California is creating climate resilient economies and growing access to clean energy and water resource technologies. [Register here.](#)
- **LAHSA and Board Deputies Meetings**: The LAHSA Commission this week approved a letter of support for AB53, Increasing Housing Access for People with Criminal Records. This legislation would codify in Fair Housing that landlords cannot discriminate against persons with criminal records. The Commission also reviewed a document entitled, “Guiding Principles and Practices for Local Responses to Unsheltered Homelessness.” The policies fall under three principles: 1) Delivery of municipal services must respect the needs

of all residents, with special considerations for serving the unsheltered, 2) Unsheltered people have the same civil rights as those who are housed and, 3) People, housed and unhoused, deserve access to safe public spaces and services that promote health and safety for all. Commissioner Dusseault (Solis) noted that cities face an incredible challenge balancing the civil rights of various protected populations. As an example, the requirement to ensure ADA navigability of sidewalk space with the right of those who are unsheltered to maintain a tent on public space when there is not sufficient shelter space within the community. They also reviewed the 12th quarterly report Homeless Initiative report. As a result of Measure H strategies, 11,616 people have been permanently housed. Partnering with cities to rapidly rehouse people, the HI has moved 2,619 people.



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