



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE
MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026 – 4:00 PM
SGVCOG Office
1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016
Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82440063176>

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 Claremont

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Thank you for participating in tonight's meeting. The SGVCOG encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the Transportation Committee are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM at the SGVCOG Monrovia Office (1333 South Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016).* The agenda packet is available at the SGVCOG's Office, 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA, and on the website, www.sgvkog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). A copy of the agenda is also posted for public viewing at the entrance of the SGVCOG Monrovia Office Building. Any additional agenda documents that are distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting of the agenda will be available for review in the SGVCOG office during normal business hours and on the SGVCOG website noted above.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Your participation is welcomed and invited at all Transportation Committee meetings. Time is reserved at each regular meeting for those who wish to address the Committee. SGVCOG requests that persons addressing the meeting refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane, or disruptive remarks. A person who continues to disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting, after being warned by the Committee Chair or designee to cease the disruption, may be precluded from further participation in the meeting.

TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE: All public comments will be taken during the public comment portion of the agenda. At a regular meeting, the public may comment on any agenda item as well as on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the SGVCOG that is not listed on the agenda during the public comment period at the beginning of the agenda. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public are requested, but not required, to state their name prior to speaking. Comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes per person. The Chair may impose additional time limits if a large number of members of the public seek to provide public comment. Except in limited situations, the Committee may not take action on items not appearing on the agenda and/or discuss them at length.

If you would like to provide a public comment during a Committee meeting, please see "Instructions for Public Comments" below.

AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.



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CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Committees takes action on the balance of the Consent Calendar.

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS: State law allows Committee members to teleconference from remote locations as long as certain conditions are met, including listing the teleconference locations in the agenda. The following locations are hereby noticed as teleconference locations, which are accessible to the public for the purposes of observing this meeting and/or addressing the Committee.

Council Chambers 15621 Mayor Dave Way Industry, CA 91744	Rose Conference Rm City Hall One Civic Center Dr. La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011	4130 Cahuenga Blvd, Suite 108 Toluca Lake, CA 91602
Chuck Bader City Hall 505 S Garey Ave Pomona, CA 91767	City Hall 1414 Mission Street South Pasadena, CA 91030	657 E Arrow Hwy, Suite J Glendora, CA 91740

Instructions for Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items, but within the SGVCOG's subject matter jurisdiction, you may submit written comments via email or provide a verbal comment.

- **Written Comments (Email):** If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the Committee members at the meeting, please submit these materials via email to Jon Burkart at jburkart@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the "Subject" line of the email "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT" and the agenda item number to which the public comment is addressed. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations.
- **Verbal Comments (In Person):** If you would like to make a public comment at the Committee meeting location, please fill out a public comment card. Comment cards will be made available to you by staff at the entrance to the meeting room. If you are attending the meeting at a noticed teleconference location and would like to make a public comment, please raise your hand when the item upon which you wish to speak comes up on the agenda.
- **Verbal Comments (Zoom):** Through Zoom, you may provide a verbal comment by using the web interface "Raise Hand" feature when the agenda item upon which you wish to speak is to be considered. You will then be called upon to provide your verbal comments.

For questions related to accessing the available teleconference locations, please contact Jon Burkart (jburkart@sgvcog.org) or (626) 373-2690.

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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all public comments*)
5. Changes to the Agenda Order

CONSENT CALENDAR (*It is anticipated that the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

6. Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes – [Page 1](#)
Recommended Action: Review and approve.
7. FY 2027 – 2028 Transportation Committee Legislative Platform – [Page 3](#)
Recommended Action: Recommend the Governing Board adopt a resolution approving the FY 2027 – 2028 Transportation Committee Legislative Platform.

UPDATE ITEMS

8. SGV Forward Project Implementation Update: Ricky Choi, Director of Government & Community Relations, and Trenton Sotelo, Project Manager, SGVCOG – [Page 7](#)
Recommended Action: For information only.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

9. Foothill Transit Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus Program: Doran Barnes, Chief Executive Officer, and Roland Cordero, Director of Maintenance and Vehicle Technology, Foothill Transit – [Page 9](#)
Recommended Action: For information only.

LIAISON REPORTS

10. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Liaison Report
11. Foothill Transit Liaison Report
12. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Liaison Report

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN



Unapproved SGVCOG Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 2, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 1333 S. Mayflower Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
SGVCOG President and Transportation Committee Chair Ed Reece called the meeting to order at 4:16 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
G. Olmos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Members Present

N. Wang, Alhambra
E. Reece, Claremont
D. Liu, Diamond Bar
S. Kang, Duarte
C. Moss, Industry
K. Bowman, La Cañada Flintridge
L. Spicer, Monrovia
J. Siques, Pasadena
T. Sandoval, Pomona
T. Ding, San Gabriel
G. Olmos, South El Monte
A. Avery, Temple City
R. Serrano, LA County District #1

Absent

Azusa
Monterey Park
South Pasadena
West Covina
LA County District #5

SGVCOG Staff:

Marisa Creter, Executive Director
J. Burkart, Ricky Choi, K. Ward, M. Rosen,
K. Lai, A. Moreno, Z. Aga, A. Gutierrez,
D. Dalan, Staff

Guests

Mayor Pro Tem P. Ayala, City of Santa Clarita
JC Montenegro, LA Metro
T. Rohlf, Iteris
A. Mohtashami, Alhambra Urbanists
C. Knight, El Monte-South El Monte Chamber of Commerce

4. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
5. Changes to the Agenda Order
There were no changes to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes – 6/3/2026
Action: Approve

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar.

(M/S: G. Olmos / L. Spicer)

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Alhambra, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Industry, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Pasadena, Pomona, San Gabriel, South El Monte, Temple City, LA County District #1
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Azusa, Monterey Park, South Pasadena, West Covina, LA County District #5

PRESENTATION

7. State Transportation Funding and Legislative Session Year in Review: Carly Shelby, Deputy Director, Townsend Public Affairs
Action: For Information only.
 C. Shelby presented on this item.

LIAISON REPORTS

8. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Liaison Report
- Metro TSP Grant Application Update
- T. Sandoval and JC Montenegro reported on this item.
9. Foothill Transit Liaison Report
10. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Liaison Report
 President E. Reece provided an update on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. Next Transportation Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 4th at 4:00 PM

ADJOURN

President and Chair E. Reece adjourned the meeting at 4:41 PM.

REPORT

DATE: November 4, 2026

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **FY 2027-2028 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Governing Board adopt a resolution approving the FY 2027-2028 Transportation Committee Legislative Platform.

BACKGROUND

In 2024, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) simplified and reorganized its Legislative Platform into a set of guiding principles aligned with the two-year state legislative cycle. The biennial Platform establishes the SGVCOG's overarching legislative priorities and provides direction to staff on issues to monitor and advance throughout each legislative session. The priorities are informed by feedback and input from the SGVCOG Policy Committees and address regulatory, funding, and structural challenges affecting the San Gabriel Valley and its member agencies.

The FY 2027–2028 Legislative Platform maintains this framework of broad policy positions while allowing flexibility to respond to emerging legislative and regulatory issues. Staff will continue to monitor state and federal legislation and bring relevant proposals to the appropriate Policy Committee for review and recommendation to the Governing Board. The Governing Board may then approve or amend a recommended position and authorize the Executive Director to advocate accordingly through meetings with legislators and their staff, written correspondence, testimony, and other appropriate means.

When responding to legislative proposals, staff will prepare correspondence that clearly articulates the SGVCOG's position. Depending on the circumstances, the SGVCOG may take one of the following positions: support, support if amended, concerns, oppose, oppose unless amended, neutral, or watch.

Purpose Statement

The FY 2027-2028 Legislative Platform establishes the framework for the SGVCOG's Legislative Program. Adopted biennially to align with the two-year state legislative cycle, the Platform serves as a reference for legislative positions and priorities, guiding staff's advocacy efforts throughout the year. It reflects the shared values and goals of the SGVCOG and its member agencies and provides a foundation for coordinated, strategic advocacy at the state and federal levels.

REPORT

How to Use the Legislative Platform

The Legislative Platform outlines the SGVCOG's key legislative priorities and objectives, and guides advocacy efforts at both the state and federal levels. It consists of broad policy statements addressing issues that affect the San Gabriel Valley and provides direction for evaluating legislative proposals and determining appropriate advocacy positions.

The Platform is organized by the Policy Committee with jurisdiction over each subject area, while the Executive Committee oversees policy areas that do not fall within the purview of an existing Policy Committee. Each Policy Committee will review and recommend its respective section for consideration and approval by the Governing Board, ensuring a coordinated legislative framework that reflects the distinct priorities of each policy area.

The Transportation Committee Legislative Platform is presented below, with proposed revisions reflected in the text and new language italicized. The FY 2027-2028 Platform retains the core topics and policy areas previously within the Committee's jurisdiction.

FY 2027-2028 Legislative Platform

Transportation Committee

Enhanced Transit Service & Operation

SGVCOG supports the expansion *and enhancement* of public transit projects and services, ~~both including~~ bus and rail, ~~in~~ *throughout* the region to reduce congestion, *improve connectivity*, enhance sustainability, and *expand access to reliable*, ~~improve mobility options to expand~~ high-quality transit ~~use options~~.

Project Funding

SGVCOG supports federal and state funding programs that are advantageous to SGVCOG or its member agencies, including the expansion of eligibility criteria for funding programs, that could support San Gabriel Valley projects. SGVCOG also supports the creation of new state and federal funding streams for active transportation projects. *SGVCOG supports preservation of committed funding, reasonable local match requirements, and flexibility to address construction cost increases and project delays outside a recipient's control.*

Project Delivery

SGVCOG supports legislative or regulatory efforts to expedite environmental *and* permitting approvals, ~~and~~ *alongside* alternative project delivery methods that would facilitate San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs. *SGVCOG supports coordinated agency reviews, timely utility relocations and connections, streamlined grant administration, and reasonable extensions of funding deadlines when permitting or utility delays impede delivery.*

REPORT

Infrastructure

SGVCOG supports safeguarding the integrity of existing and future infrastructure, with a priority on user safety, sustainability, and protecting long-term capital investments, such as bridges, railways, roads, pedestrian amenities, bus infrastructure, bicycle infrastructure, water, stormwater, and sewage infrastructure. *SGVCOG supports policies and funding that reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, and strengthen rail crossing safety. SGVCOG supports clear and enforceable standards for electric bicycles and other emerging mobility devices, appropriate local authority over their operation on sidewalks and trails, and resources for education and enforcement.*

Electric Vehicles, Fleets, and Charging

SGVCOG supports infrastructure improvements, policy changes, and *the continuation/expansion of funding streams to help achieve* ~~related to meeting~~ state and federal vehicle emissions reduction targets.



Prepared by: _____

Ricky Choi
Director of Government and Community Relations

Approved by: _____

Marisa Creter
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

REPORT

DATE: November 4, 2026

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SGV FORWARD PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

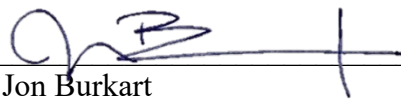
BACKGROUND

In March 2024, the SGVCOG prepared and adopted the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study, which identified regional transit projects to improve mobility and connectivity across the region. The study, now called “SGV Forward,” identified “Jump Start” demonstration projects to accelerate transit improvements before the Los Angeles 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. These demonstration projects are quick-build improvements that will increase bus speed and improve service reliability. The Jump Start projects include dedicated peak-hour side-running bus lanes, transit signal priority (TSP), and bus shelter upgrades.

The 2024 study identified six segments throughout the San Gabriel Valley suitable for these “Jump Start” demonstration projects. In 2025, LA Metro secured a Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) grant to support the implementation of Segment 5. This segment runs along Valley Boulevard from Santa Anita Ave to Hacienda Blvd, traversing El Monte, Industry, and portions of Unincorporated LA County. Segment 5 is now at 100% design, and staff are working with the cities and county to obtain necessary approvals.

Over the past several months, staff have requested city council approval to pursue improvements in the cities along Segments 1-4 & 6: Monterey Park, Rosemead, South El Monte, El Monte, and Pomona. Following council approval, staff will seek environmental clearance and pursue funding to implement the approved projects by the end of 2027.

Ricky Choi, Director of Government & Community Relations, and Trent Sotelo, Project Manager, SGVCOG will present on this item.

Prepared by: 
Jon Burkart
Management Analyst

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

REPORT

DATE: November 4, 2026

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **FOOTHILL TRANSIT HYDROGEN FUEL CELL BUS PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

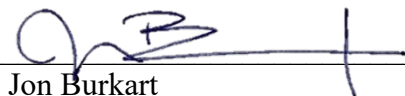
For two decades, Foothill Transit has been investing in low- and zero-emission bus technology. In 2010, the agency began operating battery-electric buses, and by 2013 it had fully phased out diesel buses from its fleet. Foothill Transit recently expanded into hydrogen fuel cell (HFC) technology, and their fleet now includes 33 HFC buses. The agency also plans to procure 24 battery-electric and 14 HFC buses in 2027 and 2028.

Foothill Transit has also invested in infrastructure to support their zero-emission fleet operations. The hub for the HFC bus fleet is the agency's Pomona Facility, which operates a 25,000-gallon hydrogen fueling station. While the agency plans to construct hydrogen fueling infrastructure at their Arcadia Irwindale Facility, this project is on hold due to the federal cancellation of all ARCHES funding. Foothill Transit continues to pursue funding to fill this gap for this project.

Two state grant programs support Foothill Transit's hydrogen program: the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and the Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Program (HVIP). A 2024 TIRCP award will allow for the purchase of 30 HFC buses and the installation of transit signal priority on routes 187 and 188. Foothill Transit will also leverage HVIP to purchase 19 additional HFC buses, bringing their total HFC fleet to 52 buses.

Doran Barnes, Chief Executive Officer, and Roland Cordero, Director of Maintenance and Vehicle Technology, Foothill Transit, will present on this item.

Prepared by:



Jon Burkart
Management Analyst

Approved by:



Marisa Creter
Executive Director