



SGVCOG Transportation Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Date: **March 11, 2021**
Time: **4:00 PM**
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
J. Pu called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
P. Chan led the Transportation Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Alhambra	Adele Andrade-Stadler
Claremont	Ed Reece
Diamond Bar	David Liu
Glendora	Steven Mateer
Industry	Cory Moss
La Cañada Flintridge	Keith Eich
Monterey Park	Peter Chan
Pasadena	Laura Cornejo
Pomona	Tim Sandoval
San Gabriel	Jason Pu
South El Monte	Rachel Barbosa
South Pasadena	Diana Mahmud
Walnut	Allen Wu
L.A. County District #1	Martin Reyes
L.A. County District #4	Jamie Hwang
L.A. County District #5	David Perry

Absent

Duarte
Temple City

Guests

City of Glendora	Vanessa Mikhail
City of Industry	Josh Nelson
City of Industry	Sam Pedroza
City of Monterey Park	Henry Lo
City of South El Monte	Rene Salas
Foothill Gold Line	Habib Balian
Foothill Gold Line	Lisa Levy Buch
Foothill Gold Line	Albert Ho
Foothill Transit	Doran Barnes
Foothill Transit	Yoko Igawa
Metro	Lilian De Loza Gutierrez

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Executive Director
E. Shen, Staff
P. Hubler, Staff
K. Ward, Staff
A. Fung, Staff
A. Bordallo, Staff
S. Pedersen, Staff

Metro	Daniel Tran
Metro	Shahrzad Amiri
Metro	Mary Lou Echternach
Sen. Rubio’s Office	Sandra Armenta Lopez
SGV Econ. Partnership	Brad Jensen
HDR	Wayne Richardson
Member of Public	Cameron Griffin
Member of Public	Ed Miller

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. Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes – 02/18/2021
Action: Review and approve.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 6. (M/S: E. Reece/A. Wu)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Industry, La Cañada Flintridge, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, Walnut, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #4
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	South El Monte, L.A. County District #5
ABSENT:	Duarte, Temple City

UPDATE ITEMS

7. Metro Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program Project Updates
 SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided updates on this item. In June 2018, Metro adopted the Measure M Guidelines, which included a process by which Measure M subregional funds would be programmed. In alignment with these guidelines, the SGVCOG was tasked with developing a five-year subregional fund programming plan to administer the MSP funds. After implementing a comprehensive outreach and project selection process, the SGVCOG awarded more than \$37 million in Measure M funds to 20 eligible active transportation, first/last mile, complete streets, highway efficiency, and bus system improvement projects in the San Gabriel Valley for FY 2017 to FY 2021. Each awarded project’s funding allocation schedule can be changed, or “reprogrammed,” at the approvals of both the SGVCOG Governing Board and the Metro Board of Directors. A total of 11 reprogramming requests were submitted from the awarded cities and agencies due to project delays as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, staff turnovers, and funding shortfalls. All MSP funding reprogramming requests will be considered for approval by the Governing Board at its March meeting and, if approved, forwarded to the Metro Board

for consideration at its May meeting.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- D. Liu inquired about the SGVCOG's frequency on submitting reprogramming requests to Metro. Mr. Fung responded that the SGVCOG typically collaborates with cities and agencies that received MSP funds to submit reprogramming requests once a year.
- J. Pu acknowledged that 11 of the 20 awarded projects submitted reprogramming requests this year and inquired about the remaining 9 projects' progress. Mr. Fung responded the SGVCOG staff solicited progress updates from the remaining 9 projects and confirmed that those projects are progressing as scheduled.
- S. Mateer inquired about the MSP Program's funding expenditure timeline. Mr. Fung responded that cities and agencies must expend the awarded MSP funds within three years. Beyond the three years, cities and agencies have the option of requesting a one-time 20-month extension to expend the remaining funds.

8. Foothill Gold Line Extension Construction Updates

Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Chief Executive Officer, Habib F. Balian, provided updates on this item. Major construction of the Glendora-to-Pomona Segment began in Summer 2020, and construction crews are actively working throughout the 9.1-mile segment. To date, 3 of 21 at-grade street crossings have been fully constructed. Based on the existing progress, construction of the Glendora-to-Pomona Segment is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2025. If additional funding is secured by October 2021, the extension to Montclair can be completed by the end of 2028.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- T. Sandoval requested Mr. Balian to review the SGVCOG's involvement in providing Measure M funds to construct the Gold Line Extension from Glendora to Pomona. Mr. Balian responded that the Gold Line experienced a funding shortfall in constructing the extension in 2017 due to inflation and market fluctuations. The costs of the bids received by the Gold Line were significantly higher than previously expected. As a result, the SGVCOG Governing Board supported the extension project and voted to allocate \$126 million in Measure M San Gabriel Valley Subregional Equity Program funds to fill the funding gap and ensure the completion of the project from Glendora to Pomona.

9. Metro ExpressLanes Project Updates

Metro Congestion Reduction Programs Executive Officer, Shahrzad Amiri, provided updates on this item. The ExpressLanes are managed lanes where toll prices are set based on real-time traffic conditions and vary according to the level of congestion. The toll fees are higher when there is increased traffic in the ExpressLanes and lower when traffic is lighter. Currently, the Metro ExpressLanes are implemented on the I-10 and I-110 corridors. Revenue generated from toll fees are reinvested in their respective corridors' transit service improvement projects.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 10.** Oral Report
SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, provided a report.

LIAISON REPORTS

- 11.** Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Report
Metro Board Member, Tim Sandoval, and Metro Board Deputy, Mary Lou Echternach, provided reports on this item.
- 12.** Foothill Transit Report
Foothill Transit Chief Executive Officer, Doran Barnes, provided a report.
- 13.** Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Report
There were no reports on this item.
- 14.** Foothill Transit Report
There were no reports on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

S. Mateer announced that the City of Glendora is concluding its first/last mile demonstration projects this month.

ADJOURN

J. Pu adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 5:20pm.