



SGVCOG Transportation Committee Approved Minutes

Date: April 19, 2018

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
602 E. Huntington Dr., Suite B, Monrovia, CA 91016

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members Present

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| Alhambra | B. Messina |
| Claremont | S. Pedroza |
| Diamond Bar | D. Liu |
| Duarte | J. Fasana |
| El Monte | J. Velasco |
| Glendora | V. Escalante |
| La Cañada Flintridge | G. Brown |
| South El Monte | G. Olmos |
| South Pasadena | D. Mahmud |
| Walnut | M. Su |
| LA County District 1 | W. Rehman |
| LA County District 5 | D. Mendelsohn |

Members Absent

- Pomona
- San Gabriel
- Temple City

SGVCOG Staff

- M. Creter
- M. Christoffels
- K. Ward
- C. Cruz
- P. Duyshart
- S. Hernandez

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting

No changes to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Transportation Meeting Minutes: 03/15/2018

7. AB 1756 (Brough; oppose)

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar, which included approving the 3/15/2018 Transportation Committee Minutes, and formally recommending that the Governing Board oppose AB 1756 (M/S: S. Pedroza / B. Messina).

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Alhambra, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, South El Monte, Walnut, LA County District 1, LA County District 5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	El Monte, Pomona, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, Temple City

PRESENTATIONS

8. SB 1 and DOT Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant

Michael Cano, the Deputy Executive Officer of LA Metro’s Countywide Planning and Development department, presented on this item. During his presentation, he provided background and information on the INFRA Grant and the various SB 1 Grants, such as the Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP), Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP), and the Local Partnership Program (LPP). For the INFRA Grant, Cano identified LA County projects that Metro and Caltrans have applied for funding for through this INFRA program, and he also listed Metro’s SB 1 applications for San Gabriel Valley projects. Mr. Cano also went over Metro staff’s Evaluative Criteria Framework, which they are using to assess Long Range Transportation Plan priorities.

Questions/Discussion:

- One Committee member asked how long the 57/60 project is, as in what the parameters of the project are. M. Cano responded that it’s a Phase I project, near Lambert Blvd., for truck lanes.
- There was a question regarding if it makes a difference for INFRA is a proposed project is a SGVCOG project or a Caltrans project. Cano pointed out that Metro is looking to partner with the State because it makes projects more competitive.
- A Committee member stated that if we get 57/60 funding, then we can move right into implementation and build phases of the project.

9. Metro Open Streets Cycle Three Grant

Brett Thomas, a Senior Transportation Planner with LA Metro’s Countywide Planning department, presented this item to the Transportation Committee. He described the goals of the Open Street Program, explained the successes of implementation of Cycles One and Two of this program, and provided some information on program guidelines, rules, and application timelines. Mr. Thomas also pointed out the civic and community benefits of Open Streets events as well.

Questions/Discussion: There were no questions. However, members of the Committee suggested that this item be re-agendized for further discussion at the May Transportation Committee meeting.

10. CicLAvia: Heart of the Foothills Event Update and Overview

Romel Pascual, the Executive Director of CicLAvia, provided this presentation. He provided information about the route of the event, the location of each City’s hub (San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, and Claremont), and the activities at each hub. He also went into detail about the inspiration for CicLAvia events, and how these open streets events bring communities together, make communities safer, and encourage active,

sustainable, and clean modes of multi-modal, non-motorized transportation. He encouraged other cities in the SGV to consider hosting a CicLAvia event in the future.

Questions/Discussion: The following issues were discussed:

- A Committee member expressed concern with the overhead costs of operating an Open Streets event, including safety costs, planning costs, and logistics costs, and this member was wondering if there are plans in the future for those costs to go down or be subsidized. Additionally, the cost of labor was brought up, too.
- Another Committee member advocated for more education programs for the businesses to encourage alternative modes of transit for their customers to their respective businesses. He also inquired about the timelines for the incursion of costs. He also expressed that City Councils should be made into allies on projects which are beneficial to the community, such as Open Streets events.
- Romel said that City staff does not pay for barricades costs, and a 3rd party group is usually involved in providing barricade.

11. Harvey Mudd College – Complete Streets, Safety, and Greenway Planning in the SGV

Students of Professor Paul Steinburg, who is a Professor of Political Science and Environmental Policy at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, have been conducting thorough and substantive research on complete streets and active transportation topics and issues throughout the San Gabriel Valley. These students gave three separate brief presentations on the following topics:

- Claremont Complete Streets: Claremont Colleges Bicycle Revolution
- The Economic Impact of Cycling in the City of La Verne
- Vision Zero: El Monte – Bicycle Safety in the City of El Monte

Questions/Discussion: The following issues were discussed:

- Three different Committee members complimented the students on their thorough and insightful work for being inspiration by being community leaders and scholars who care about the betterment of our environment.

ACTION ITEMS

No action items.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

12. San Gabriel Valley Bike Share Expansion Update

M. Christoffels, the Chief Engineer of the SGVCOG and ACE, provided this update. He and Executive Director Marisa Creter stated that COG staff is studying how the SGVCOG can still meet the terms of the GGRF Grant even if the SGVCOG implements dockless bike share technologies, rather than Metro Bike Share.

Questions/Discussion: The following issues were discussed:

- Multiple Committee members asked if it would be possible to use the savings from implementing free dockless bike share systems to add or improve active transportation infrastructure in cities which implement bike share expansion. Moreover, these funds could be used for cities to provide signage, etc. to identify places for bike users to leave their dockless bicycles. COG staff stated that they can certainly investigate this possibility.

There was a motion to concur with SGVCOG Staff’s recommendations for how to proceed on this matter, including moving forward toward developing an RFP (M/S: D. Mahmud / G. Olmos).

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Alhambra, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Walnut, LA County District 1, LA County District 5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Pomona, San Gabriel, Temple City

CHAIR’S REPORT

13. I-10 ExpressLane / Busway Motion

John Fasana, the Chair of the Transportation Committee and Member of the Metro Board of Directors, briefed the Committee on this item. Mr. Fasana introduced a motion to the LA Metro Board to establish a pilot program for the I-10 ExpressLane / Busway in which the definition of carpools would be registered vanpools; all other vehicles, other than passenger buses, would be subject to fees. Zero Emission Vehicles would be eligible for ExpressLane discounts. He explained that he introduced this motion to try to address the increasing congestion on this busway, which is significantly slowing down Metro and Foothill Transit Bus Lines which utilize this corridor.

Questions/Discussion: The following issues were discussed:

- D. Barnes, the Executive Director of Foothill Transit, pointed out how many of his bus customers now just sit in the same traffic that people in their cars are sitting in, due to the increased congestion of the I-10 Express Lanes.
- One Committee member stressed the importance of the ExpressLanes system to the movement of drivers, buses, and cars throughout the region, and stated that he wants this issue to be revisited.
- A Committee member pointed out how this lane carries more individuals than the regular traffic lanes on the 10, when you count all the passengers on the many buses.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) REPORT

14. Oral Report

No report.

UPDATE ITEMS

15. Metrolink Update

A Metrolink Government Relations staff member provided this update. Effective May 1, 2018, Metrolink’s corporate office will be relocated to 900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1500. For many years, Metrolink’s headquarters had been located within LA Metro’s headquarters tower. Additionally, a motion to establish special Dodger Stadium train service on the San Bernardino Line and the Antelope Valley Line for Dodger home games has moved forward. A brief update was also given on the SCORE program, too.

16. Update on Active Transportation Planning Efforts

No update.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

17. Oral Report

There was no report on this item.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS

No Committee member items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No additional announcements.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.