



SGVCOG Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes

Date: July 20, 2020
Time: 12:00 P.M.
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by D. Liu at 12:00pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
D. Liu led the Public Works TAC in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call

Members Present:

R. Delgadillo; Azusa
J. Beshay; Baldwin Park
D. Liu, H. Ghafari; Diamond Bar
J. Chung, L. Torres, S. Mendez; El Monte
A. Sweet; Glendora
J. Nelson; Industry
G. Ramos, D. Co; Irwindale
D. Keeseey; La Verne
F. Lopez; Monterey Park
C. Daste; Rosemead
S. Garwick; San Dimas
M. Throne; San Marino
A. Avery; Temple City
M. Rooney; Walnut
A. Ross, J. Yang, R. Matsuoka, P. Dechellis; L.A. County DPW

Members Absent:

Arcadia
Claremont
Monrovia
Pomona
San Gabriel
South El Monte
South Pasadena
West Covina

SGVCOG Staff:

M. Creter, Executive Director
M. Christoffels, Staff
C. Sims, Staff
A. Fung, Staff
S. Matthews, Staff
A. Bordallo, Staff

Guest:

B. Janka, Transtech Engineers

4. Public Comment
There were no public comments at this meeting.
5. Changes to the Agenda Order

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Review Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes: 06/15/2020
Recommended Action: Review and approve.

There was a motion to approve minutes from the June 15, 2020 Public Works TAC meeting. (M/S: San Marino/La Verne)

[Motion Passed]

Ayes:	Azusa, Baldwin Park, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Verne, Rosemead, San Marino, Walnut, Los Angeles County DPW
Noes:	
Abstain:	
No Vote Recorded:	Monterey Park, San Dimas, Temple City
Absent:	Arcadia, Claremont, Monrovia, Pomona, San Gabriel, South El Monte, South Pasadena, West Covina

UPDATE ITEM

7. 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Progress
SGVCOG staff provided a presentation on this item. The SGVCOG proudly introduces the 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards to recognize San Gabriel Valley cities' efforts for increasing energy efficiency in municipal facilities. San Gabriel Valley cities that meet certain thresholds in municipal and community energy efficiency and community outreach will receive awards and recognition from the SGVCOG. SGVCOG staff announced that the Cities of South El Monte and South Pasadena recently reached the Silver Tier and the Cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pomona, San Dimas, San Gabriel, and Walnut are close to achieving the Bronze Tier.

Questions/Discussions:

- A committee member inquired about possible deadlines for cities to complete the requirements needed for recognition. SGVCOG staff responded that cities must complete the specified requirements by the end of this year in order to receive an Energy Champion Award.
- A committee member inquired whether the Energy Champion Awards will be continued after 2020. SGVCOG staff responded that the Energy Champion Awards were created this year to recognize cities' energy efficiency efforts and that the SGVCOG intends to maintain similar recognition structures in the future.

PRESENTATION

8. GoSGV Bikeshare Program Launch

SGVCOG staff provided a presentation on this item. The SGVCOG was awarded a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Grant in the amount of \$4.554 million by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in August 2017 to form a bikeshare program in the San Gabriel Valley. The bikeshare program, known as GoSGV, aims to decrease drive alone trips and increase the share of bicycling trips within the San Gabriel Valley, promote and encourage bicycling as a safe and sustainable mode of transportation for short local trips, and expand low-cost transportation options. GoSGV will expand to 840 bikes stationed at bikeshare hubs in 15 jurisdictions in the San Gabriel Valley that had previously provided letters of intent to participate in the regional program. In July 2020, South El Monte launched with an initial outlay of 30 bikes in South El Monte with 5 bikeshare hubs.

Questions/Discussions:

- A committee member inquired about current opportunities for cities that did not previously expressed an interest in the program to be involved. SGVCOG staff responded that additional cities can be involved and that there are funds available to expand the bikeshare program's capacity and serve additional jurisdictions.
- A committee member inquired about the bikeshare program's administrative cost and oversight. SGVCOG staff responded that city staff's administrative staff time is not included in the program's budget; however, participating cities' staff are not expected to dedicate a lot of time given that Gotcha will be responsible for maintaining the bikes and responding to riders' inquiries.

ACTION ITEM

9. Recommendation to the Governing Board to Approve an Advance/Loan for MSP Funding for the I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Improvement Project and Assignment of the Project to the Capital Projects and Construction Committee
- SGVCOG Chief Engineer, Mark Christoffels, provided a presentation on this item. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is currently preparing plans and specifications for high priority projects identified in the I-605 hot spot study to improve the I-605/Valley Boulevard interchange. One project will be ready to begin construction in 2022; however, construction funding included in the San Gabriel Valley Measure M MSP Highway Efficiency Program is not available until 2048. To allow this project to begin construction in a timely manner, SGVCOG and Metro staff are recommending a loan agreement with Metro of Measure M funding in 2022 to be paid back over the following seven years with future San Gabriel Valley Subregional Measure M MSP fund allocations.

Questions/Discussions:

- A committee member inquired whether a similar process can be used to finance other major projects in the years that include lowered call-for-project funds. Mr. Christoffels responded that the Measure M ballot language allows subregions, including the San Gabriel Valley, to conduct interfund borrowing procedures as long as the funds are available.

- Another committee member inquired whether tax-exempt bonds will be issued to conduct interfund borrowing procedures. Mr. Christoffels responded that Metro and the SGVCOG will not be issuing bonds to generate funds.
- A committee member inquired about call-for-project schedules and possible impacts to local project funds. Mr. Christoffels responded that local return funds will not be affected. Call-for-projects are conducted every five years and the next five-year window will be available in the next few years. All of the funds available in the first five-year window are completely subscribed for first/last mile, active transportation, and complete street projects.
- A committee member inquired about the projects that were not awarded funding in the first round of call-for-projects. Mr. Christoffels responded every agency that submitted an application in the first round was awarded funding.
- A committee member inquired about other councils of governments (COG) that are using similar methods to accelerate projects. Mr. Christoffels responded that the South Bay Cities COG is also using interfund borrow procedures for its projects.
- Another committee member inquired whether future revenues will be borrowed to finance the I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Project. Mr. Christoffels responded that portions of future revenues from active transportation, bus system, first/last mile, and complete streets projects will be borrowed to finance the project and replenished around 2040.

There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board to approve an advance/loan for MSP funding for the I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Improvement Project and assign the project to the Capital Projects and Construction Committee. (M/S: Industry/Walnut)

[Motion Passed]

Ayes:	Azusa, Baldwin Park, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, La Verne, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Marino, Walnut
Noes:	
Abstain:	Los Angeles County DPW
No Vote Recorded:	Glendora, San Dimas, Temple City
Absent:	Arcadia, Claremont, Monrovia, Pomona, San Gabriel, South El Monte, South Pasadena, West Covina

CHAIR’S REPORT

10. Solicitation of Presentation Topics

Public Works TAC Vice Chair, David Liu, encouraged committee members to provide ideas for presentation topics to SGVCOG staff.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. Next Committee Meeting

The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 12:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09pm.