



SGVCOG Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 13, 2021
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
J. Pu called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
T. Sandoval 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	Gloria Olmos
Temple City	Ashley Avery
Walnut	Allen Wu
L.A. County District #1	Martin Reyes
L.A. County District #4	Jamie Hwang

Absent

Duarte
South Pasadena
L.A. County District #5

Guests

Alta	Ryan Johnson
Caltrans District 7	Cuong Trinh
City of Industry	Josh Nelson
City of Pasadena	Donson Liu
Foothill Transit	Yoko Igawa
HDR, Inc.	Wayne Richardson
Metro	Eva Moir
Metro	Marie Kim
Metro	Mary Lou Echternach
Metro	Robert Gutierrez
Metro	Shelly Wuan
Metro	Tito Corona

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Executive Director
K. Ward, Staff
A. Fung, Staff

Senator Rubio's Office

Sandra Armenta Lopez

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 – 04/08/2021
Action: Review and approve.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 6. (M/S: G. Olmos/T. Sandoval)
[Motion Passed]

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

PRESENTATIONS

7. Arrow Highway Multimodal Regional Corridor Plan
Alta Planning and Design, Inc. Planning Associate, Ryan Johnson, provided the presentation on this item. Supported by the SGVCOG and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the Arrow Highway Multimodal Regional Corridor Plan aimed to develop recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian enhancements along Arrow Highway and surrounding streets to improve east-west mobility, safety, and connectivity within the Cities of Claremont, Glendora, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas. Based on community feedback, the Plan recommends that sidewalks, crosswalks, bikeways, lighting, and other new facilities be developed or enhanced to provide safe places for residents and commuters to walk, bike, and roll.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A. Wu inquired about the definition of “TMC” and “ADT.” Mr. Johnson responded “TMC” refers to vehicle turning movement counts and “ADT” refers to average daily traffic volumes.
- A. Wu inquired about difficulties with implementing the Plan’s suggestions. Mr. Johnson responded that it may be difficult to reduce or narrow travel lanes in various segments of the Arrow Highway given that different segments experience different traffic volumes. Additionally, a further engineering study will need to be completed to examine water drainage issues.

- A. Andrade-Stadler inquired about data that can highlight implementing traffic striping would lead to traffic calming. Mr. Johnson responded that studies have proven that narrowing lanes can reduce a roadway's average travel speed without significantly impacting traffic volume; however, buses and freight trucks would typically require wider lanes.
 - J. Pu inquired about cities' feedback on having parking spaces along Arrow Highway. Mr. Johnson responded that the Plan examined Arrow Highway by segment to evaluate the needs of parking spaces along the Highway. Several segments of Arrow Highway in La Verne and San Dimas currently do not have any parking spaces. The Plan had an objective of keeping parking spaces where they currently exist but does not propose new parking spaces. Some cities expressed a willingness to eliminate parking spaces if off-street parking is available.
 - T. Sandoval inquired about the process to implement the Plan's recommendations. Mr. Johnson responded that cities along the Arrow Highway can jointly apply for grants to implement the recommendations regionally. M. Creter added that the SGVCOG can serve as an agency to lead the implementation on the Plan's recommendations.
 - G. Olmos suggested that keeping parking spaces along Arrow Highway can help the project receive additional constituent support and requested the SGVCOG to continue updating member agencies on possible grant opportunities.
8. California Department of Transportation District 7 Active Transportation Plan
Caltrans Senior Transportation Planner, Cuong Phu Trinh, provided the presentation on this item. The Plan will identify locations for pedestrian and bicycle improvements, on, across, or parallel to the State Highway System across the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura. Results of the Plan will inform and assist the implementation of active transportation projects for Los Angeles County and Ventura County residents and improve accessibility and neighborhood circulation for individuals who walk, bike, and use public transit.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- J. Pu inquired about the survey's deadline. Mr. Trinh responded that the survey is scheduled to close next week; however, the response deadline is anticipated to be extended.
- J. Pu inquired about state and federal resources and funding that can address areas with active transportation deficiencies. Mr. Trinh responded that results from the Plan can support Caltrans to identify and address areas with active transportation deficiencies.
- P. Chan requested Caltrans to share the survey link with San Gabriel Valley cities and inquired about Caltrans' role in supporting local jurisdiction's active transportation projects. Mr. Trinh responded that active transportation projects that cross freeway overpasses and underpasses overlap with local jurisdictions' right-of-way. Often, a bike lane or a sidewalk would end at a freeway underpass. Local jurisdictions can provide feedback on areas with active transportation deficiencies by submitting responses on the survey.

- A. Andrade-Stadler inquired about Caltrans' strategy for including Safe Routes to School plans. Mr. Trinh responded Caltrans has shifted to create a transportation system for all modes of transportation users and that elements of the Safe Routes to School plans can be included in the Caltrans District 7 Active Transportation Plan based on jurisdictions' feedback.
- D. Liu suggested that the SGVCOG Public Works Technical Advisory Committee can provide Caltrans with important technical feedback.

DISCUSSION ITEM

9. Metro FY 2022 Budget

Metro staff provided updates on the Metro FY 2022 Budget Development Process. As Metro staff prepares to conduct public hearings on the proposed budget, preliminary estimates of the agency's \$8 billion proposed budget were recently released. It is anticipated that Metro's funding sources for FY 2022 include sales tax revenues, grants, bond proceeds, fares, toll fees, advertising revenues, and federal stimulus funding. The Metro Board of Directors is scheduled to adopt the final FY 2022 Budget at its upcoming meeting on May 27, 2021.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- J. Pu inquired about whether this presentation was provided to the Metro Board of Directors. Metro staff responded that the Metro Board of Directors is aware of the budget proposal.

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 Public Affairs Manager, Yoko Igawa, provided a report.

13. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Report

Committee Vice Chair and Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board Member, Ed Reece, provided a report.

14. Metrolink Report

There were no reports on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

J. Pu provided an announcement about the Lyft Community Grant Program.

ADJOURN

SGVCOG Transportation Committee
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Approved Minutes

J. Pu adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 5:45pm.