

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of April 4, 2022

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the Executive Committee held its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Executive Committee discussed three bills that have been introduced in the California State Assembly that would amend the Brown Act's teleconferencing rules. The Executive Committee voted to recommend the Governing support AB 1944 (Lee), AB 2449 (Rubio) and AB 2647 (Levine). Additionally, the SGVCOG's auditors Badawi & Associates presented the annual audit for FY 2020-2021. The Committee also heard a presentation and overview of the draft annual SGVCOG FY 2022-2023 budget.
- **City Managers' Steering Committee:** On Wednesday, the City Managers' Steering Committee held its monthly meeting virtually via Zoom. The Committee was briefed by SGVCOG staff on the findings of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery program. Additionally, the Committee heard a presentation from the City of Duarte on its Homeless Census, through which the City will not only receive an overview of its population of people experiencing homelessness (PEH) but also additional demographic information about this population, which will help inform the City's efforts to fight homelessness.
- **Solid Waste Working Group:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Solid Waste Working Group convened via Zoom to review solid waste legislative updates from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and study findings from the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program. Based on the results of surveys conducted for the Study, existing food recovery capacity appears to be sufficient to recover the amount of edible food generated by Tier 1 and Tier 2 edible food waste generators in the Program's 14 participating cities. However, it is anticipated that the amount of food donated will significantly increase in the next few years as a result of additional SB 1383 compliance efforts. In order to increase the food recovery organizations' processing capacity, it is recommended that participating cities review the food recovery organizations' resource needs to ensure that they can support local food recovery organizations through existing or additional municipal activities to avoid donated food being spoiled in the redistribution chain. The SGVCOG will also be soon expanding the Regional Food Recovery Program to develop subregional food recovery hubs and implement additional outreach activities.
- **SGVRHT Budget Earmark:** The San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments are extremely excited to share that, for FY 2022-23, Senator Rubio and the San Gabriel Valley legislative caucus are planning to submit a **budget earmark request for \$100 million for the SGVRHT**, to support the planning, development, and construction of homeless and affordable housing in the region. This funding would be transformative for the San Gabriel Valley. To support this exciting but ambitious effort, we are trying to gather 100 letters of support to demonstrate our region's support for this transformational funding. **We are hoping that each city in the San Gabriel Valley will provide a letter of support for this funding request** to bring much-needed funding to the region. A template letter of support is attached. If your City has already provided a letter, we would greatly appreciate your support in sharing this information with additional partners who may be able to provide a letter. Completed letters of support can be sent to Meredith Sharkey (msharkey@sgvcoq.org).

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Week of April 11, 2022

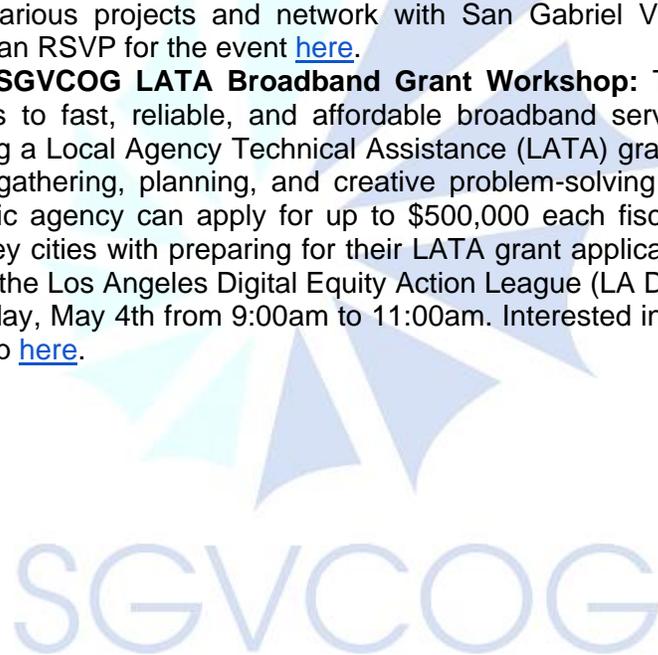
- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG Water Policy Committee/TAC convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee reviewed the following items:
 - **Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD) Overview:** TVMWD serves eastern cities in the San Gabriel Valley, including Pomona, Glendora, San Dimas, Diamond Bar, Industry, Claremont, La Verne, and Walnut. TVMWD has a service area of 133 square miles with a population of 525,000. The agency is a water wholesaler and a member of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.
 - **2022 Proposed FCA Guidance:** On February 22, 2022, the EPA released Proposed 2022 Clean Water Act Financial Capability Assessment Guidance. The comment period for these proposed FCA updates is 60 days from its release date, with comments due on April 25, 2022. While the FCA guidelines are not applied in California, the SGVCOG has long advocated for legislation that would require the State Board to establish financial capability assessment (FCA) guidelines for California. As such, the SGVCOG has continued to monitor the EPA's FCA guidelines process and plans on drafting a comment letter to the EPA addressing regional concerns to the proposed guidance.
- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Transportation Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee reviewed the following major items:
 - **Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Study:** The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is currently developing the Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Study to support a regional network of dedicated bus lanes and priority treatments to enable enhanced transit services, improve mobility, accessibility, and sustainability, and advance implement of Connect SoCal. The Study will identify key benefits of dedicated bus lanes, provide a preliminary assessment on where dedicated bus lanes might be most feasible and beneficial in the SCAG region and provide recommendations for local jurisdictions that are seeking to pilot or implement dedicated bus lanes.
 - **Metro FY 2023 Budget:** Metro is in the process of developing its annual budget for FY 2023. According to Metro staff, the budget will be developed to reflect the needs and preferences of customers, riders, and residents of Los Angeles County as the region recovers from the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Metro Board of Directors is anticipated to adopt the FY 2023 Budget next month.
 - **Olympics 2028 Mobility Concept Plan Updates:** In 2017, the City of Los Angeles was selected as the 2028 Olympics Host City by the International Olympics Committee. Los Angeles County is currently investing billions in infrastructure for lasting mobility and equity benefits. The 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games is presented with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to leverage that investment for the long-term benefit of the County's communities. The Games are expected to have venues in at least three Southern California counties. Given the huge number of expected spectators and participants, multi-county coordination will be required to ensure efficient travel. The top priority for Metro's LA28-related investments will remain as the 28 by '28 Vision Plan, particularly four pillar projects. In addition, Metro's efforts in preparing a mobility concept plan of potential permanent projects

and programs can ensure LA28-related mobility investments are planned, scoped, and implemented for lasting mobility and equity benefits for all individuals.

- **Homeless Policy Deputies' Meeting:** On Thursday, the Homeless Policy Deputies convened for its biweekly meeting via Microsoft Teams.
 - **Homeless Initiative:** Cheri Todoroff, CEO-HI, presented on the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Homeless Initiative Funding Recommendations, and provided updates on the Board Letter that will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on May 17, 2022. Additional information on funding recommendations can be found [here](#).
- **Governing Board Preview:** The SGVCOG Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 4PM via Zoom Teleconference. The full agenda packet may be accessed at: <https://www.sgvco.org/governing-board-agenda>. Major action items are summarized below:
 - **Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court:** Staff recommends that the Governing Board support the CARE Court Program introduced by Governor Gavin Newsom. While program details are still in development, the program aims to use the court system to compel people in crisis into housing, treatment, and care, as an alternative to incarceration.
 - **High Acuity and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Focused Outreach and Services Program Contract:** After reaching out to firms in an effort to provide services for the High Acuity and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Focused Outreach and Services Program, based on their success in working with the City of Alhambra, staff has determined that the Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LA CADA) could provide the services necessary to execute the program. As a result, staff recommends that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a sole source agreement with LA CADA for a not-to-exceed amount of \$900,000 for program implementation.
 - **Homelessness Programs Funding Swap:** Staff recommends that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute two funding swaps with the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust to maximize leveraging of funds and to ensure that funds are effectively and efficiently utilized by funding deadlines.
 - **FY 21-22 Budget Amendment #2:** Staff is recommending revisions to the FY 21-22 budget from the previous amendment adopted in August 2021. The overall impact is resulting in a year-end balance of \$38,788.
 - **Draft SGVCOG 2022-2023 Budget:** The draft budget is presented in April to the Executive Committee, City Managers' Steering Committee and the Governing Board for review and feedback. After this initial review and feedback, the budget will be modified as needed and then presented to the Governing Board for adoption in May.
 - **13th Amended and Restated Bylaws:** Staff is proposing to amend the current Twelfth Amended and Restated Bylaws to revise the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) configuration, add Capital Projects and Construction Committee (CPCC) modifications/clarifications, and remove reference to "Grade Separation" for CPCC membership.
 - **Brown Act Modernization Bills:** Staff recommends that the Governing Board support AB 1944, AB 2449, and AB 2647, enabling members of legislative bodies to withhold the address of their teleconference location if it is not a public location, allowing local agencies to use teleconferencing without complying with some of the Brown Act's teleconferencing requirements if there is a quorum of members meeting in-person, and allowing local agencies to forgo physically posting agendas and related materials if the writings are instead posted online in a clear manner.

The Committee will also hear two presentations on the following topics:

- **Montebello Community Assistance Program (MCAP):** City of Montebello Deputy Director, Angelica Palmeros, will provide this presentation on the MCAP, which assists first responders on emergency calls related to homelessness and mental health. The MCAP team, which consists of a firefighter, paramedic, social worker, and case manager who execute field-based outreach in search of service opportunities, provides services including providing emergency motel vouchers, food vouchers, hygiene kits, showers, and case management to those in need.
- **Monterey Park Rewards App:** City of Monterey Park Economic Development Manager, Joseph Torres, and Colu Technologies Vice President of Business Development and Operations, Michael Mazure, will provide this presentation on the app, which serves as a free and innovative local rewards mobile application designed to reward residents and visitors with points for shopping and dining at local businesses in Monterey Park.
- **Upcoming SGVCOG Open House Event:** The SGVCOG will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, April 28th from 12:00pm to 4:00pm to showcase our various transportation, capital projects, homelessness, and environmental programs. The event is open to member agencies and will be located at the San Gabriel Valley Corporate Campus at 4900 Rivergrade Road, Irwindale, CA 91706. Lunch will be provided, and attendees will learn about our various projects and network with San Gabriel Valley leaders! Interested individuals can RSVP for the event [here](#).
- **Upcoming SGVCOG LATA Broadband Grant Workshop:** To ensure that residents have access to fast, reliable, and affordable broadband services, the CPUC will be administering a Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) grant program to encourage information gathering, planning, and creative problem-solving at the local level. Each eligible public agency can apply for up to \$500,000 each fiscal year. To support San Gabriel Valley cities with preparing for their LATA grant applications, the SGVCOG with partner with the Los Angeles Digital Equity Action League (LA DEAL) to host a workshop on Wednesday, May 4th from 9:00am to 11:00am. Interested individuals can register for the workshop [here](#).



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Week of April 18, 2022

- **Wildlife Management Roundtable:** On Monday, the SGVCOG held its second Wildlife Management Roundtable to share updates and details on the proposed Wildlife Management Framework, which would serve as an extension to the existing Regional Coyote Management Framework. The proposed Wildlife Management Framework aims to be a guiding document for San Gabriel Valley cities to address wildlife management issues and promote a streamlined approach for the region. Proposed changes to the existing Regional Coyote Management Framework include the addition of a black bear safety response plan, appendices with information and recommendations on several wild animals specific to the San Gabriel Valley region, and information on feral domestic animals. Roundtable attendees provided recommendations and feedback on the proposed changes, including the suggestions of including additional information on peafowl and black bear management. Once revised, SGVCOG staff will present the proposed Wildlife Management Framework to the City Managers' Steering Committee and the Governing Board for review and approval.
- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee convened for its monthly meeting. The Committee reviewed the following items:
 - **LATA Grant Assistance:** To assist local agencies to be prepared with applying for funding and securing resources needed to complete broadband projects and close the digital divide, existing legislation directed the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to administer the Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) Grant Program. As such, the Los Angeles Digital Equity Action League (LA DEAL) and the California Community Foundation (CCF) are partnering with the SGVCOG to host a LATA Grant Program Briefing on Thursday, May 4, 2022, at 9:00am. Register for the Briefing at <https://www.sgvkog.org/lata-workshop>.
 - **Southern California Edison (SCE) Charge Ready Program:** Southern California Edison's (SCE) Charge Ready program assists public agencies and business/property owners by reducing their cost for the purchase and installation of required electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and providing rebates to offset the cost of charging stations for certain eligible customers. The program encourages widespread adoption of electric vehicles by increasing accessibility to electric vehicle charging stations through infrastructure upgrades, installation support, and charging station rebates. Agencies interested in applying for assistance through the Charge Ready program can contact their SCE Account manager for application guidance or visit www.sce.com/chargeready for more information.
 - **Efficient San Gabriel Valley (eSGV) Energy Efficiency Program:** In December 2021, the SGVCOG's Energy Assessment for your Home (EASY) residential energy assessment program - which provided free home energy assessments to interested residents - ended. This year, the SGVCOG has partnered with the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) to relaunch the program as Efficient San Gabriel Valley (eSGV) program. San Gabriel Valley residents can once again sign up for no-cost residential energy efficiency assessments to receive customized recommendations on lowering energy use and implementing actions to reduce energy costs. Each assessment applies a "whole house" approach to energy efficiency by evaluating building materials, heating and

cooling, household appliances, electricity usage, and water usage. Residents are provided with a post assessment report, outlining short and long term recommendations to increase energy efficiency. Residents can sign up for an assessment at www.sgvcog.org/esgv.

- **Wildfire Adaptation and Prevention Outreach Program:** In November 2021, the SGVCOG successfully secured a grant from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) to implement an 18-month Wildfire Adaptation and Prevention Outreach Program. The grant specifically focuses on outreach and education efforts for High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. The Program, which staff began work for in February 2022, includes the implementation of wildfire prevention workshops, community popup events, and social media marketing campaigns, with the goal of providing information for communities to create and maintain defensible space and structural hardening, prepare for possible evacuations, develop and implement wildfire action plans, understand evacuation terminologies, and protect themselves in the event of being trapped by wildfires. Cities that are interested in inviting the SGVCOG to host a wildfire adaptation and prevention booth at a local community event or provide a wildfire adaptation and prevention presentation can contact SGVCOG staff Meredith Sharkey at msharkey@sgvcog.org.
- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee convened for its monthly meeting. The Committee reviewed the following major items:
 - **AB 2026 (Friedman):** Introduced by Assemblymember Friedman on February 14, 2022, AB 2026 would prohibit online retailers from using single-use plastic packaging in California and would reinstate the At-Store Recycling Program for plastic bags. If passed, the regulations would be enacted on January 1, 2024 for large online retailers and on January 1, 2026 for small online retailers. After a thorough discussion, the Committee directed staff to continue monitoring the bill.
 - **SB 54 (Allen):** Introduced by Senator Allen on December 7, 2020, SB 54 would establish the Plastic Pollution Producer Responsibility Act, which would prohibit producers of single-use, disposable packaging or single-use, disposable food service ware products from offering for sale, selling, distributing, or importing in or into the state such packaging or products that are manufactured on or after January 1, 2032, unless they are recyclable or compostable. Members of the Committee demonstrated strong support for the bill and voted to recommend the Governing Board to support SB 54.
 - **City of South Pasadena's Leaf Blower Ordinance:** On September 1, 2021, the South Pasadena City Council adopted an ordinance banning the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in the city. Enforcement is anticipated to begin on October 1, 2022. According to the City, emissions from gas-powered leaf blowers are a significant source of air pollution in the community and can lead to severe impacts on the health of community members. The City presented details of its ordinance and shared recommendations on how interested cities can proceed with implementing such ordinances in their jurisdictions.
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 - **SCE Charge Ready Program Updates:** There was a presentation on SCE's Charge Ready Program, which provides three Charge Ready Program options to

business and public sector stakeholders for electric vehicle (EV) installing charging equipment. Commercial, multi-family, and public sector properties of all types may be eligible for savings. Additional information can be found [here](#).

- **Montebello At-Grade Safety Improvement Workshop:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG partnered with the City of Montebello to host the Montebello At-Grade Safety Improvement Workshop. Specifically, the Workshop focused on sharing improvements at the crossings located at Vail Avenue, Maple Avenue, and Greenwood Avenue. Such improvements would reduce pedestrian and cyclists fatalities, injuries, and collisions. Attendees were also provided with the opportunity to submit comments or inquiries after the presentation. A total of 31 individuals attended the Workshop and a recording can be found [here](#).
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- **Re-Appointment to Transportation Research Board:** SGVCOG Capital Projects Director Eric Shen was re-appointed to the Transportation Research Board's Intermodal Freight Transport Committee for one three-year term. TRB is one of seven program units of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, which provides independent, objective analysis and advice to the nation and conducts other activities to solve complex problems and inform public policy decisions. The Intermodal Freight Transport Committee focuses on all aspects of research pertaining to all shipments that employ more than one mode in a single through movement from origin to destination. This could include any number of modal combinations, including but not limited to rail-water, rail-highway, highway-water, and highway-air modal combinations. Consideration of rates, routes, services, transfer facilities, containers, and other items that impact the movement of freight in intermodal transport are included. TRB appointments are made based on individuals' practical experience and research contributions. Congratulations to Eric on this exciting appointment!
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- **Montebello Tiny Homes Grand Opening save the date:** A ribbon cutting will be held on May 18, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. for Operation Stay Safe, a 30-unit tiny home bridge housing site for clients experiencing homelessness in the City of Montebello. The site will provide temporary bridge housing for clients. The site will be operated by Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA), who will provide on-site supportive services including case management, three daily delivered meals, secured site access and 24-hour security, and connections to health and mental health services. The goal is to house all clients in permanent housing within 90 days, which would allow up to 120 individuals to be served annually. The project is a collaboration between the City of Montebello, Montebello

Community Assistance Program (MCAP), SGVRHT, and SGVCOG. The site is located at 2000 Flotilla St. Montebello, CA 90640. The Grand Opening flyer is linked [here](#).

- **Capital Projects Updates:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG Director of Capital Projects Eric Shen was invited by the Eisenhower School of the National Defence University to provide a virtual lecture for senior military officers and senior US government civilians that have the potential to advance to higher levels of government service on the Southern California intermodal freight and logistics. The extensive ports and landside transportation network in California, and the intermodal freight and warehousing throughout Southern California are critical assets for commercial and military purposes. It is an honor for SGVCOG to share its ongoing programs and areas of interest with the class.



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Week of April 25, 2022

- **SGVCOG Open House:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG held its first ever Open House event to showcase 16 transportation, environmental, capital infrastructure, homelessness, and administrative/project management initiatives. Attendees enjoyed activities such as assembling potted plants for Montebello Tiny Home residents, previewing the 626 Golden Streets event that will be held this Sunday (May 1st), understanding organic waste and food recovery requirements through sorting out items for composting or recycling, and riding pedal-assist electric bikes that will be available through the GoSGV bike share program. During the event, SGVCOG President Becky Shevlin also recognized San Dimas Councilmember Denis Bertone for his tremendous contribution to the San Gabriel Valley, as the Councilmember will be retiring from the San Dimas City Council after serving for 34 years.
- **Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee convened for its monthly meeting in hybrid format via Zoom and in-person at the Diamond Bar City Hall, Windmill Room. The Committee took action on two items. The first authorized the Executive Director to execute the Construction, Operation and Maintenance (COM) Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Montebello for the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project. The second action item authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Land Veritas Corp. for the purchase of \$685,000 in mitigation credits for the Diamond Bar Golf Course Project, which is the first phase of the State Route 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Program. The City of La Verne provided a presentation update on the status of the current design and overall project for the La Verne Gold Line Pedestrian Bridge. The Director of Capital Projects also provided the quarterly progress report update on all active projects and the environmental mitigation monitoring reporting programs.
- **Pomona Crossing Safety Improvement Workshop:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG partnered with the City of Pomona to host the Pomona Crossing Safety Improvement Workshop. Specifically, the Workshop focused on the improvements that will be located at the crossings located at Hamilton Boulevard, Park Avenue, Main Street, Palomares Street and San Antonio Avenue. Such improvements would reduce pedestrian and cyclists fatalities, injuries, and collisions. Attendees were also provided with the opportunity to submit comments or inquiries after the presentation. A total of 16 individuals attended the Workshop, and a recording can be found [here](#).
- **Energy Work Group:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG Energy Work Group convened for its quarterly meeting via Zoom. Work Group members heard a presentation from the Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition (LGSEC) on its mission to advance local government leadership on clean energy and climate resilience and how local agencies can get involved. Additionally, Foothill Transit, the City of Irwindale, and the City of Pomona shared best practices and challenges in advancing energy efficiency. SGVCOG staff announced the new eSGV home energy assessment program and updated Work Group members about agencies' progress in the 2022-2023 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards. To conclude the meeting, Work Group members were given the opportunity to share updates regarding their current energy efficiency projects. It is anticipated that the Energy Work Group will reconvene in July 2022.
- **SGVRHT Board Meeting:** On Wednesday, the SGVRHT Board of Directors heard a presentation from Shane Phillips, author of *The Affordable City*, on the factors that impact

project development cost, the availability of affordable housing, and potential strategies to address housing affordability. A recording of the presentation is available [here](#).

- **SGVRHT Revolving Loan Fund:** This week the SGVRHT and Harris & Associates hosted two stakeholder meetings for the upcoming Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). The Board previously allocated \$7.8 million to create this fund which will provide a renewable funding source for the SGVHRT as loan proceeds and repayments are loaned to future projects. Feedback from these sessions will be incorporated into the guidelines for the RLF to ensure the program meets the needs of developers and member cities. Applications for the RLF will be available in July. The first round of funding must be committed by May 2023.
- **New Connect SGV Podcast:** Earlier this week, SGVCOG staff released a new Connect SGV Podcast episode featuring discussions with SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, and ActiveSGV Special Programs Director, Wesley Reutimann, on active transportation, open streets, and slow streets. The episode also focuses on exploring open streets events' roles in shaping regional active transportation policies. All episodes are available in both audio and video formats on the SGVCOG website [here](#).

