



SGVCOG Transportation Committee **Special Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 24, 2019

Time: **3:30 P.M.**

Location: **Foothill Transit Office
100 S. Vincent Avenue, Suite 200, West Covina, CA 91790**

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order.
J. Fasana called the meeting to order at 3:33pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
J. Fasana led the Transportation Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call

Members Present

E. Reece; Claremont
D. Liu; Diamond Bar
J. Fasana; Duarte
S. Mateer; Glendora
C. Moss; Industry
P. Chan; Monterey Park
R. Guerrero; Pomona
J. Pu; San Gabriel
G. Olmos; South El Monte
M. Reyes; L.A. County District #1

Members Absent

Alhambra
South Pasadena
Temple City
Walnut
L.A. County District #5

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Executive Director
M. Christoffels, Staff
A. Fung, Staff

Guests

A. Ross; Los Angeles County DPW
T. Corona; Metro
M. Echternach, Metro
L. Levy Buch; Foothill Gold Line

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes – 09/19/2019
There was a motion made to approve the 09/19/2019 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes (M/S: E. Reece/P. Chan).

[Motion Passed]

Ayes	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Industry, Monterey Park, Pomona, San Gabriel, South El Monte, L.A. County District #1
Noes	

Abstain	
Absent	Alhambra, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, L.A. County District #5

PRESENTATIONS

7. SB 743 Implementation

Representatives from Iteris, Inc. presented on SB 743 (Steinberg), which was approved by former Governor Brown in 2013 to create a procedure to change transportation impact analytical methods under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The bill changed the focus of transportation impact analysis in CEQA from measuring impacts to drivers to measuring the impact of driving. Specifically, the change replaced level of service (LOS) with vehicle miles of travel (VMT) and provided an efficient review of land use and transportation projects that aim to reduce future VMT growth.

Questions/Discussions:

- A committee member inquired about whether cities are responsible for the cost of conducting assessments to create a traffic model. Iteris representatives responded that many cities have spent a lot of public funds to develop traffic models for their communities.
- Another committee member inquired about whether Los Angeles County would be responsible for conducting traffic models for the unincorporated communities. Iteris representatives reported that the County would be responsible for developing those traffic models for unincorporated areas.
- A committee member inquired about the possibility of developing a traffic demand model for the San Gabriel Valley region. SGVCOG Chief Engineer, Mark Christoffels, mentioned that the SGVCOG did not develop a traffic demand model for the region. Iteris representatives also mentioned that the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) hired a consultant to develop a traffic model for the cities to use as a framework.
- Committee members directed staff to forward the presentation to the committee's mailing list and suggested SGVCOG technical advisory committees (TACs) explore the possibility of developing a regional traffic analysis model.

8. I-605 Corridor Aesthetics Master Plan

SGVCOG Chief Engineer, Mark Christoffels, provided a presentation on the I-605 Corridor Aesthetics Master Plan. The Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) formed an Aesthetics Committee to develop a uniform approach to future highway improvements on the I-605 freeway. The committee, which is comprised of members from GCCOG, SGVCOG, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), and California Department of Transportation (CalTrans), provided background information and community preferences for the overall proposed aesthetic design of the I-605 freeway. Each agency is now being requested to approve the Master Plan with the understanding that these guidelines will be used on any future project constructed along the I-605 Corridor from the 405 to the 210 freeways.

Questions/Discussions:

- A committee member inquired whether the plan would apply to ramps. Mr. Christoffels responded that the adoption of the plan would assure the consistent look on the 605 freeway improvements and enhancements within the SGVCOG jurisdiction.

There was a motion made for the Transportation Committee to recommend the SGVCOG Governing Board approve the I-605 Corridor Aesthetics Master Plan (M/S: G. Olmos/J. Pu).

[Motion Passed]

Ayes	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Industry, Monterey Park, Pomona, San Gabriel, South El Monte, L.A. County District #1
Noes	
Abstain	
Absent	Alhambra, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, L.A. County District #5

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) REPORT

9. Oral Report

Tito Corona, Metro Public Affairs Manager, reported that Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) meetings will be held next month to discuss BRT routes in the cities and communities of Pasadena, Glendale, Burbank, Eagle Rock, and North Hollywood. Metro Board Staff, Mary Lou Echternach, reported that Governor signed AB 29 (Holden) and SB 7 (Portantino) and that SB 664 (Allen) became a two-year bill.

UPDATE ITEMS

10. Metrolink Update

There were no updates from Metrolink.

11. Gold Line Update

Lisa Levy Buch, Foothill Gold Line Chief Communications Officer, announced that the design-build contract for Foothill Gold Line extension was signed on Friday, October 4, 2019. Major constructions are not expected to begin until next summer due to designing and planning stages of the extension project.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

12. Oral Report

Marisa Creter, SGVCOG Executive Director, announced that the 626 Golden Streets: Streets and Treats event will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 9:00am to 4:00pm in the Cities of El Monte and South El Monte.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements at this meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:41pm.