



SGVCOG Transportation Committee **Special Meeting Minutes**

Date: August 20, 2020

Time: **2:00 P.M.**

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order.
J. Fasana called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.
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
K. Eich; La Cañada Flintridge
P. Chan; Monterey Park
J. Pu; San Gabriel
D. Mahmud; South Pasadena
A. Avery; Temple City
A. Wu; Walnut
M. Reyes; L.A. County District #1
D. Perry; L.A. County District #5

Members Absent

Pomona
South El Monte

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Executive Director
M. Christoffels, Staff
P. Hubler, Staff
K. Ward, Staff
A. Fung, Staff

Guests

J. Maloney, City of Alhambra
V. Mikhail, City of Glendora
J. Nelson, City of Industry
S. Pedroza, City of Industry
A. Ross, Los Angeles County DPW
J. Yang, Los Angeles County DPW
W. Rehman, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis
L. De Loza-Gutierrez, Metro
M. Echternach, Metro
P. Gibson, Gibson Transportation Consultants
E. Tang, Gibson Transportation Consultants

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments at this meeting.

5. Changes to the Agenda Order
There were no changes to the Agenda Order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes – 06/18/2020
There was a motion made to approve the 06/18/2020 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes (M/S: D. Liu/P. Chan).

[Motion Passed]

Ayes:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5
Noes:	
Abstain:	
No Vote Recorded:	Industry
Absent:	Pomona, South El Monte

UPDATE ITEM

7. Slow Streets Program Update
SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Katie Ward, provided a presentation for this item. In response to COVID-19 and in conjunction with the Metro Board motion, the SGVCOG proposes repurposing Open Streets grant award to support pandemic recovery. Funds can be utilized to cover the costs of traffic control rentals, program signage, public education, and associated staff planning, setup, monitoring, breakdown, and coordination for the installation of temporary outdoor business, active transportation safety, and Slow Streets programs. Cities are invited to submit interest in hosting a demonstration in their cities. The interest form can be found at <https://www.sgvkog.org/open-streets>. Interest will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis given the impacts of COVID-19 on communities.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A committee member inquired about other cities' experience with using k-rails to separate dining patrons and street traffic. The City of Glendora shared that the City has installed parkwoods, planters, and PVC pipes with high-reflective tape in the Downtown Glendora area. The City of Glendora have not received any safety concerns regarding these installations. The City of Diamond Bar also recommended cities to continue work closely with their respective traffic engineers and JPIA.
- Another committee member inquired about the timeline of repurposing Open Streets grants. SGVCOG staff responded that an administrative scope change will be submitted to Metro and it is the COG's goal to finalize projects and award funding to the selected cities as soon as possible.

- A committee member suggested that SGVCOG staff can collaborate with Metro to install additional Metro bikeshare racks in cities' parks and downtown areas.

PRESENTATION

8. SR-710 North Corridor Mobility Improvements

Gibson Transportation Consulting, Inc. President, Patrick Gibson, provided a presentation on this item. The presentation discussed the development and evaluation of various alternatives for possible modifications to the current SR-710 stub that reduce congestion and improve traffic locally without negatively impacting the San Gabriel Valley region. These include converting the SR-710 North stub from a freeway facility to an arterial street and reconfiguring the existing I-10 interchanges at Fremont Avenue, Atlantic Boulevard, and Garfield Avenue with single-point urban interchange designs. The City of Alhambra is now conducting virtual outreach meetings with various stakeholders to enable further studies and obtain suggestions to the proposed projects.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A committee member inquired about the City of Alhambra's next step to move forward with the SR-710 North Corridor Mobility Improvements. Mr. Gibson responded that the City has hired an engineering team to prepare the Project Study Report for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The Alhambra City Council also recently approved the project's concepts.
- Another committee member inquired about the proposed design at the intersection of the 710 and 10 freeways. Mr. Gibson responded that the proposed interchange design is currently being studied and that there is a possibility of modifying the interchange ramps to reflect a freeway-to-arterial design rather than the existing freeway-to-freeway design.
- A committee member inquired about alternative ways of connecting the 710 freeway to the 210 freeway. Mr. Gibson responded that bus lanes and bus services on Fremont Avenue are currently being implemented.
- A committee member inquired about the project's upcoming outreach events and meetings. Mr. Gibson responded that the City of Alhambra approached the neighboring cities' city managers and city staff to receive feedback. These meetings will continue to take place over the next few months and the City will continue to cooperate with neighboring cities. Additionally, California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA) was also involved in the project's stakeholder engagement process.
- A committee member inquired about the use of vehicle miles travelled (VMT) in the project's analysis. Mr. Gibson responded that the analysis showed a reduction in VMT when traffic was kept on freeways rather than on city streets. Additionally, the analysis showed that this project can result in a slight reduction in VMT for the City of Alhambra and the San Gabriel Valley region.
- Alhambra City Councilmember, Jeff Maloney, mentioned that the City of Alhambra will continue to reach out to neighboring cities and provide presentations on this project to solicit feedback from key stakeholders in the community.

ACTION ITEMS

9. Appointment of SGVCOG Representatives to the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Community Noise Roundtable
SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item. The LAX Community Noise Roundtable provides a platform to ensure cooperation between LAX and the impacted communities in achieving noise impact reduction without shifting noise from one community to another. Regular meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every odd-numbered month. Given that San Gabriel Valley cities have previously expressed concerns over aircraft noises caused by LAX operations, Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) staff expressed that the SGVCOG may submit a letter of petition, which would include a delegate and an alternate, to request the Chair of the Roundtable to appoint the SGVCOG as a voting At-Large Member.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A committee member expressed interest in serving as the SGVCOG Alternate to the LAX Community Noise Roundtable.
- Monterey Park Mayor Peter Chan expressed that the City of Monterey Park is currently a member of the LAX Community Noise Roundtable.

The committee chair requested that this item be re-visited in 3 months unless another committee member expresses interest to serve as the SGVCOG Delegate to the LAX Community Noise Roundtable.

10. 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. This high-priority project will be ready for construction in 2022; however, the current funding sources of this project are not available until 2048. To allow this project to begin construction in a timely manner, SGVCOG and Metro staff recommended a loan agreement with Metro for Measure M funding to be repaid for 7 years with future San Gabriel Valley Subregional Measure M MSP fund allocations.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A committee member inquired about this proposal's impact on the funds that are allocated to other MSP projects. SGVCOG staff responded that 5 years of MSP funds were previously allocated to the selected projects in the first cycle. The next cycle of MSP funds will be available in FY 2022-2023, which indicates that projects that have already received MSP funding allocation in the first cycle will not be impacted; however, there will be less funds available for MSP projects in the second cycle if this recommendation is approved.
- Another committee member inquired about the types of projects that can benefit from the MSP funds aside from the I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Improvement Project. SGVCOG staff responded that MSP funds can be used

to support active transportation, first/last mile, complete streets, bus system improvement, and HOV programs. A portion of the MSP funds will continue to be available to support these projects in the San Gabriel Valley if this recommendation is approved.

- A committee member expressed concerns over declining Measure M revenues due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, which can potentially impact the amount of MSP funds available for projects. SGVCOG staff responded that Metro would be responsible for backstopping the loan arrangement and ensuring that the funds are available for projects.
- A committee member inquired about the project’s construction management costs and cost contingencies. SGVCOG staff responded that the proposed estimates include the project’s administration and oversight expenses, which include construction management costs and cost contingencies.

There was a motion made to recommend the Governing Board to approve an advance/loan of future Measure M Subregional Programs (MSP) funding for the I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Improvement Project and assign this project to the Capital Projects and Construction Committee (M/S: S. Mateer/D. Liu).

[Motion Passed]

Ayes:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Industry, La Cañada Flintridge, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, Walnut, L.A. County District #5
Noes:	
Abstain:	
No Vote Recorded:	Temple City, L.A. County District #1
Absent:	Pomona, South El Monte

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) REPORT

11. Oral Report

SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chair, John Fasana, reported that Metro is currently adjusting transit services to the reality of the COVID-19 Pandemic. While revenues are on the decline, Metro plans on moving forward with the planned transportation programs.

LIAISON REPORTS

12. Metrolink Update

No reports were given for this item.

13. Gold Line Update

A written report was provided.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

14. Oral Report

There were no reports from the SGVCOG Executive Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:43pm.