



San Gabriel residents participate in National Night out

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San Gabriel Trench Welcomes Inaugural Train Service

On July 24th, the San Gabriel trench welcomed inaugural train service at a media ceremony held on the Mission Road bridge. Officials from across the San Gabriel Valley were on hand to welcome the movement of the first train through the \$313 million trench. This signals the near completion of the five-year ACE project that will mitigate the impact of rail line traffic on the community.

San vehicle delay each day at the four crossings. This project will reduce congestion, improve rail reliability for an average of 18 trains per day, eliminate noise caused by locomotive horns/crossing bells and reduce pollution by an estimated 213 tons a year by 2030 caused by idling cars and trucks.

The 1.4-mile trench will eliminate rail traffic at four busy intersections by constructing four bridges at Ramona Street, Mission Road, Del Mar Avenue and San Gabriel Boulevard for motorists and pedestrians. This project will eliminate an estimated 1,744 hours of



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San Gabriel Mayor and ACE Board Chair Juli Costanzo



First train moves through new San Gabriel Trench as Metro Board member John Fasana (Left) looks on

Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE) Endorsed by the COG

At its July meeting, the COG approved a resolution in support of LACCE Joint Powers Authority (JPA). LACCE allows local governments, working through a JPA, to purchase and sell electricity to customers in their jurisdictions as an alternative to traditional investor owned utilities (IOU). LACCE will negotiate contracts for power supply and offer renewable electricity at competitive rates. Southern California Edison (SCE) will still deliver power through its existing utility lines, as well as continue to bill the customer, maintain power lines and handle new service requests and emergencies.

Additionally, LACCE increases the amount of control for local governments in electric services for their residents. Cities will have more control in things like the deployment of renewable energy resources, setting rates, and developing programs.

In April, the County of Los Angeles adopted the LACCE JPA, and the City of Rolling Hills Estates passed an ordinance on June 27th that also adopted the JPA, thereby officially forming the LACCE JPA. All interested cities have until December 27th to join during the “open enrollment” period. If cities join during the open enrollment period, there will be no cost to join, and all member cities will get an equal seat on the board. However, if cities join after the open enrollment period ends they may have to pay a fee to cover

prior incurred LACCE expenses .

Over the next six to twelve months, the LACCE Board will be making several key decisions on foundational steps, including hiring an Executive Director and staff, developing a rate structure, entering into energy procurement contracts, and creating an organizational structure that will guide the operation of the LACCE.



Gov. Brown Visits SGV Visits Zero-Emission Bus Manufacturer Proterra



Governor Brown and Ryan Popple

In July, Governor Jerry Brown joined Proterra CEO Ryan Popple to officially commemorate the opening of its new manufacturing facility in the City of Industry. The event, attended by various state and local leaders, featured tours of the new 100,000-square-foot facility and provided rides on Proterra buses. Proterra

designs and manufactures zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles, enabling bus fleet operators to significantly reduce operating costs while delivering clean, quiet transportation to local communities

Proterra CEO, Ryan, Popple will be one of the marquee speakers at the SGVCOG General Assembly in October. This event will highlight how future visioning technologies such as electrified transportation and autonomous vehicles. Prior to joining Proterra, Mr. Popple was a partner at Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers. An early employee of Tesla Motors, he was senior director of finance, with a focus on strategic planning, technology cost reduction, and corporate finance. He also serves as a board member of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and is focused on increasing access to affordable, sustainable transportation solutions

For more information on the 2017

SGVCOG General Assembly, please contact Christian Cruz at ccruz@sgvcog.org



Proterra CEO Ryan Popple

Congresswoman Napolitano Tours Flood Control Infrastructure

On August 7, 2017, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano was the guest of the SGVCOG and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (FCD) and Public Works for a tour of stormwater capture and infiltration features on the San Gabriel River. Accompanying the congresswoman was Dr. Jay Famiglietti, member of the board of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board). The tour was set up at the request of the Congresswoman and was in response to a meeting held in March of this year with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Washington, D.C.

The tour began at the Santa Fe Spreading Grounds where the FCD diverts runoff and stormwater from the San Gabriel River into catch basins and slowly sinks it into the valley's aquifer. This first stop provided an overview of the existing infrastructure and the processes currently in place. It was noted that the present system captures over 90% of stormwater and urban runoff.

Next, the group moved to Eisenhower Park in Arcadia. The park is adjacent to Santa Anita Wash, a boxed, cement lined channel with a high fence restricting access. This location provided a good juxtaposition of the two approaches to capturing and infiltrating stormwater.

Presently, the culvert conveys stormwater to the FCD's spreading grounds. The Regional Board's permitting regulations on the other hand, require the city to capture that water before it enters the channel. To meet this regulation, the city plans to install an infiltration basin under the park and divert all runoff from surrounding streets to that chamber

The final stop on the tour was Peck Lake, where Saw Pit Wash empties into the lake. Here the group discussed a proposed regional project, an engineered wetland, on the site of a current auto junkyard just upstream from the lake. This regional project would collect water from multiple upstream cities through the present system of storm drains, washes, and culverts, and divert it into a series of man-made wetlands where the water would be naturally filtered prior to emptying into the lake. This type of regional project aligns with the goals of the County's Water Resilience plan and offers multiple benefits such as water capture, enhancing water quality, creating habitat, and developing a recreational use area.

The SGVCOG plans to work with the Congresswoman to engage the EPA and state water regulators to reform rules and allow for a regional approach to achieve clean water standards.



Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Eric Batman Water Supervisor and Gary Hildebrand from LA County PW tour the SGV River



(Left to Right) Eric Wolf SGVCOG staff, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Mark Christoffels ACE Project, and Gary Hildebrand, LA County PW



(Left to Right) Dr. Jay Famiglietti Regional Water Board, Gary Hildebrand LA County PW, Chris Perry Rep for Supervisor Barger, Eric Wolf SGVCOG staff, Judy Nelson City of Glendora and Congresswoman Grace Napolitano

San Gabriel Valley News In Brief

Open Streets Event Coming to the SGV in 2018:

At its July meeting, the SGVCOG Governing Board took action to authorize the Executive Director accept a \$596,000 for an open streets event. This event is being held in partnership with the cities of San Dimas, Claremont, La Verne and Pomona and is scheduled for April 22, 2018.

The open street route will be approximately 6 miles, connecting the downtowns of San Dimas, La Verne, and Claremont as well as Palomares Park in Pomona. The SGVCOG and participating cities will partner with CicLAvia to produce this event. CicLAvia is a non-profit that encourages the use of public spaces, and active transportation through hosting events that are car-free by temporarily closing major city streets.

Foothill Gold Line Glendora to Montclair Project On Schedule :

The Foothill Gold Line will officially break ground in October 2017. The first three years of the project will be spent relocating utilities, conducting pre-construction activities, hiring a design-build contractor and finalizing design.

This work is expected to be completed by the end of 2019, and the first major phase of construction is on schedule to begin 2020, which will focus on relocating the existing freight/Metrolink systems to the southern portion of the shared rail corridor. Once the relocation of the freight/Metrolink systems is complete, the construction of the Gold Line system will begin.

For more information, please visit: www.foothillgoldline.org



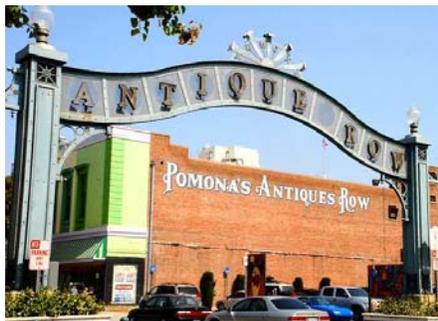
New Gold Line Train

LA County Sheriff's Department to Provide Homelessness First Responders Training:

In 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted the Homeless Initiative (HI) to combat the homeless crisis that pervades our communities. As part of the HI the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was tasked with developing a training program and implementation plan for law enforcement, fire departments and paramedics throughout Los Angeles County. This program is intended to educate first responders about the complex and diverse needs of the unsheltered homeless population and how to connect homeless individuals to appropriate services.

In July, the SGVCOG Homelessness Committee received a presentation and update on this training program from the LA County Sheriff's Department. If a city or police department is interested in receiving the training Lt. Geoffrey Deedrick from the LA County Sheriff's Department can schedule a training session.

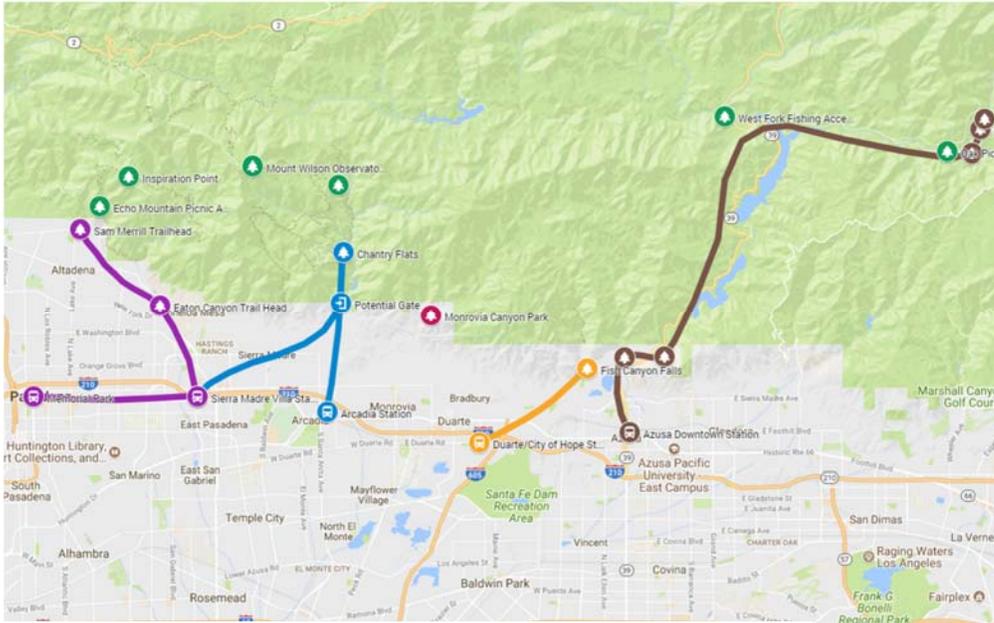
For more information or to schedule a training session please contact Lt. Geoffrey Deedrick at grdeedri@lasd.org



Top row left to right: City of San Dimas and City of Claremont
Bottom row left to right: City of La Verne and City of Pomona



San Gabriel Valley News In Brief (Cont.)



Proposed shuttle routes to the San Gabriel National



Congestions at Chantry Flats recreation area In the Angeles National Forest

Pasadena Water and Power Glenarm Power Plant Receives Reinvention Award:

Pasadena Water and Power’s new combined cycle turbine unit recently received Power Magazines 2017 Reinvention Award. The award recognizes excellence in creative problem-solving that gives a power plant a new life or a new role.

An extensive power plant upgrade replaced a 51-year-old steam generating unit allowing for quick-start capability that can generate power within minutes as opposed to the 72-hour start up time needed for the older model. This provides Pasadena with the flexibility needed to help maintain electric reliability. Additionally, the upgrade unit operates at the lowest emissions limits of any generator in its class. PWP completed the Glenarm Repowering Project in December 2016, after more than two years of construction.

To read the more on this award please visit: <http://www.PWPweb.com/News>.



Glenarm Power Plant in Pasadena

New Chair and Vice-Chairs Elected to the City Managers and Planners Technical Advisory Committees :

Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager of Arcadia and Tony Ramos, City Manager of Claremont have been elected as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively, to the City Managers TAC. The City Managers TAC provides assistance to the SGVCOG’s policy committees.

In addition, Craig Hensley, City of Duarte and Michael Huntley, Monterey Park each were elected as Chair and Vice- Chair respectively, of the Planners TAC. The Planners TAC provides input on work programs, budgets, and policies that affect city planning efforts.

Finally, Rene Guerrero, City of Pomona and David Liu, City of Diamond were re-elected as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively of the Public Works TAC.

US DOT Exploring Additional Shuttle Pilot Projects :

On July 18th the EENR Committee was provided a presentation by the US Department of Transportation (US DOT) on its efforts to provide greater access to the Angeles National Forest (ANF) by partnering with local transit agencies and SGV cites to create pilot shuttle service to heavily used recreation areas in the ANF.

During this meeting four proposed routes were discussed for the pilot service project as follows:

- Lake Avenue Route (4 miles),
- Chantry Flat Route (5 miles),
- Chantry Flat Alternate Route (7-8 miles), and
- San Gabriel Canyon Route (17 Miles),

If any cities are interested in partnering with the ANF and the US DOT please contact James Andrew at James.Andrew@dot.gov

LA County Releases RFP for Homelessness Planning

United Way’s Home for Good Funders Collaborative (Funders Collaborative) has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for City Homelessness Planning Grants to focus on preventing and combating homelessness.

Homeless Count	Eligible Funding
≥ 400	\$70,000
399 – 100	\$50,000
≤ 99	\$30,000

Table 1.
Eligible funds for cities

The Funders Collaborative is seeking proposals from eligible cities within the Los Angeles Continuum of Care that are built on collaboration with internal and external stakeholders to evaluate challenges and opportunities to develop a Homelessness Plan that will serve as a road map for the city’s participation in preventing and combating homelessness locally and regionally.

Interested cities can apply for eligible funds as outlined in Table 1 based on the most recent Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority’s homeless count.

Interested cities have the option to apply for funds under a single city RFP or

Multi-Jurisdictional RFP. Up to three bordering or contiguous cities will be permitted to jointly submit a Multi-Jurisdictional RFP for funding consideration. Funding levels for a joint RFP are dependent on the homeless count for each of the applying cities. Proposals are due no later than noon on September 18th. For more information please visit: <http://homeforgoodla.org/our-work/funders-collaborative/>



Los Angeles County Funds COG’s For Regional Homelessness Coordination

On June 13, the LA County Board of Supervisors (BOS) reviewed the Measure H funding recommendations for the 21 eligible Homeless Initiative (HI) strategies to combat homelessness. In addition to adopting the funding recommendations the BOS also passed a motion to include an additional \$2 million in funding for COG’s and Cities to do regional coordination and planning. COGs will be eligible for funds to help with Regional Coordination based on the total number of member cities. Table 1 indicates each COG’s funding amount.

It is anticipated the SGVCOG will create a new staff position to support the regional implementation of Measure H. The Los Angeles County CEO’s office will administer these funds through a contract with the COGs, based on the BOS motion and it is anticipated that this will be an ongoing source of funding over the ten-year term of Measure H.

The SGVCOG Regional Homelessness Coordinator would be responsible for

engaging cities and high-level staff across the San Gabriel Valley to increase support of the Homeless Initiative programs. This coordinator would also plan, organize and direct special programs and projects in the area of homeless issues and services including applications for Measure H funding and work with regional homeless organizations and coalitions to ensure the coordination of homeless services with cities across the region.

Council of Governments (COG)	Funding Amount
Gateway Cities COG	\$142,500
Las Virgenes-Malibu COG	\$30,000
San Fernando Valley COG	\$30,000
San Gabriel Valley COG	\$158,333
South Bay Cities COG	\$79,167
Westside Cities COG	\$30,000
Total Funding for the COGs	\$500,000

Table 1.
COG Coordination Funding Amount



Measure H Funding Recommendations Planning Group

The SGVCOG Receives Grant Funds To Expand Bike Share Throughout The SGV Region

The SGVCOG was awarded \$4.5 million through the California Transportation Commission (CTC) Green House Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to expand bike share throughout the SGV.

The SGVCOG submitted an application to expand the Metro Bike Share system by extending the Bike Share service in Downtown Los Angeles to the San Gabriel Valley. The project includes 840 bicycles at 84 bike stations within 15 participating

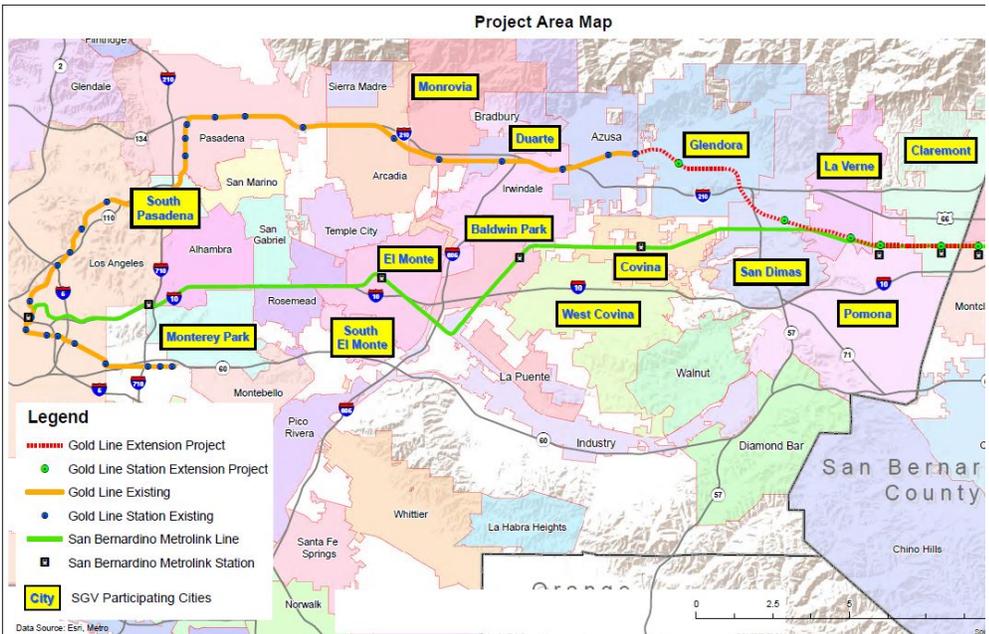
cities. Stations will be sited near transit stations, employment centers, colleges, and downtowns. The project will connect people to 32 colleges and universities, 28 Gold Line station, 5 Metrolink stations, and several employment, medical, recreation and transit centers.

Bike Share in the SGV will offer an opportunity for students, commuters, and all residents to easily try bicycling as a

mode of transportation and to assist SGV cities to further activate their bicycle infrastructure network.



Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek and Metro Board Member John Fasana



SGV Bike Share expansion participating cities

SGVCOG Governing Board Adopts Resolution Urging For Reforms Related to Sentencing and Probation

On July 20th, the SGVCOG Governing Board passed a resolution urging legislators to take a review and reform sentencing/probation as it relates to AB109 and Propositions 47/57. AB 109 created a program known as “realignment,” whereby newly convicted low-level offenders without current or prior serious or violent offenses stay in county jail to serve their sentence. Additionally, Proposition 47 reclassifies and downgrades several serious crimes from felonies to misdemeanors and Proposition 57 allows the State to provide early release for up to 30,000 criminals convicted of “non-violent” felonies. Since 2016 some member cities have been experiencing rising crime rates as high as

19%. Since 2015, the State of California, on average, saw a rise in violent crime of 10% and property crime of 8%.

The SGVCOG resolution requests the Governor and the Legislature to work with the SGVCOG and other stakeholders to consider and implement the following criminal justice system reforms:

- Promote an amendment of appropriate sections of AB 109 to change the criteria justifying the release of non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offender inmates to include their total criminal and mental health history instead of only their last criminal conviction;

- Encourage the collection and organization of real world data from cities and counties on the universe of post-release community supervision (PRCS) offenders; and
- Encourage cities throughout California to join in these advocacy efforts to mitigate the negative impacts of recent policy changes to the criminal justice system.



Meetings

Monday, August 7 4:00 p.m.

Executive Committee
1000 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra

Wednesday, August 9, 12:00 p.m.

City Managers Steering Committee
1444 W Garvey Ave, West Covina

Wednesday, August 16, 10:00 a.m.

Water Committee
602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

Thursday, August 17, 6:00 p.m.

Governing Board
602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia



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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017

Wednesday, October 25, 2017
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
(Registration and networking
will begin at 8:15 am)

PACIFIC PALMS RESORT
One Industry Hills Parkway
City of Industry, CA 91744