



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*

AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SGVCOG PUBLIC WORKS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, October 18, 2021 – 12:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96751152070>

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Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The Public Works Technical Advisory Committee encourages public participation and invites you to comment on agenda items.

MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee are held on the third Monday of each month at 12:00 PM at the Monrovia Community Center – 119 W. Palm Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016.* The Public Works Technical Advisory Committee agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Suite 10210, Alhambra, CA, and on the website, www.sgvcog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Your participation is welcomed and invited at all Public Works Technical Advisory Committee meetings. Time is reserved at each meeting for those who wish to address the Board. SGVCOG requests that persons addressing the Committee refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane, or disruptive remarks.

TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC WORKS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE: At a regular meeting, the public may comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee during the public comment period and may also comment on any agenda item at the time it is discussed. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public wishing to speak are asked to complete a comment card or simply rise to be recognized when the Chair asks for public comments to speak. We ask that members of the public state their name for the record and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Committee on a single item, the Chair may impose a time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of discussion. **The Public Works Technical Advisory Committee may not discuss or vote on items not on the agenda.**

AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee.



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***MEETING MODIFICATIONS DUE TO THE STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE THREAT OF COVID-19:** AB 361 (Rivas), signed by California Governor Gavin Newsom on September 16, 2021, authorizes local agencies to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically to promote social distancing due to the state and local emergency resulting from the threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To follow the new provisions in AB 361 and ensure the safety of Committee Members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for October 18, 2021 at 12:00pm will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee will conduct its meeting through Zoom Video Communications. To participate in the meeting, download Zoom on any phone or computer device and copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the live meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96751152070>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

Instructions for Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items you may submit comments via email or participate by Zoom.

- **Email:** Please submit via email your public comment to SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, at afung@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email “FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.” Emailed public comments will be read into the record and will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Public comment may be summarized in the interest of time, however the full text will be provided to all members of the Committee prior to the meeting.
- **Zoom:** Through Zoom, you may speak by using the web interface “Raise Hand” feature. Wait to be called upon by staff, and then you may provide verbal comments for up to 3 minutes. Public comment is taken at the beginning of the meeting for items not on the agenda. Public comment is also accepted at the beginning of each agenda item.

Any member of the public requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (626) 457-1800 or at afung@sgvcog.org.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all public comments*)
5. Changes to the Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR (*It is anticipated that the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

6. Adoption of Resolution 21-01-PWTAC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Public Works TAC to Continue to Hold Teleconferencing Meetings **(Page 1)**
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 21-01-PWTAC making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconference.
7. Review Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes: 09/20/2021 **(Page 3)**
Recommended Action: Review and approve.

UPDATE ITEMS (*It is anticipated that the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

8. Legislative Updates: SB 619 (Laird) – Alexander Fung, Senior Management Analyst, SGVCOG **(Page 6)**
Recommended Action: For information only.
9. 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Progress Updates – Sophia Sousa, Management Aide, SGVCOG **(Page 8)**
Recommended Action: For information only.
10. SGVCOG Capital Projects Updates – Eric Shen, P.E., PTP, Director of Capital Projects/Chief Engineer, SGVCOG **(Page 10)**
Recommended Action: For information only.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. Committee Meeting Schedule
Recommended Action: For information only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

REPORT

DATE: October 18, 2021

TO: Public Works Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 21-01-PWTAC MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC WORKS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 21-01-PWTAC making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.

BACKGROUND

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on February 1, 2021, AB 361 codifies portions of Governor Gavin Newsom's existing Ralph M. Brown Act exemptions pertaining to teleconferencing if a local agency issues an emergency finding, and reissues it every 30 days, that it is unsafe to meet in person. Specifically, the Brown Act exemptions include requirements to provide a public teleconference location, to maintain a member quorum within the agency's jurisdiction and to provide for public comment at each teleconference location, such as a private residence. The legislation expires in December 2024. On September 16, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 361 into law, effective immediately.

A local agency wishing to rely on the provisions of AB 361 must meet one of the following criteria:

1. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
2. The local holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
3. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

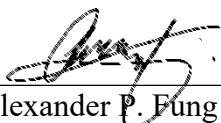
On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.¹

¹ Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.

However, this Executive Order expired on September 30, 2021, despite the State of Emergency remaining in place.

The threat that COVID-19 has presented continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to conduct Governing Board/committee meetings safely in person. Updated guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in July and August 2021 advise governmental entities to refrain from conducting indoor meetings and consider moving operations outdoors, where feasible, to prevent transmission. SGVCOG staff finds it has been unable to find a suitable outdoor space with the requisite audio/visual capabilities at which the monthly committee meetings can be held safely. Similarly, an indoor space with sufficient capacity to accommodate safe social distance practices among members, staff, and the public could not be identified.

In order to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to prevent unnecessary COVID-19 exposure to members, staff and the public, staff is recommending that Public Works Technical Advisory Committee adopt Resolution 21-01-PWTAC making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

Prepared by: 
Alexander P. Fung
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – Resolution 21-01-PWTAC](#)



SGVCOG Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes

Date: September 20, 2021
Time: 12:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
R. Guerrero called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
R. Guerrero led the Public Works TAC in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Arcadia	P. Wray	<u>Absent</u>
Azusa	M. Cabanas	Glendora
Baldwin Park	J. Beshay	San Dimas
Diamond Bar	D. Liu, H. Ghafari	San Marino
El Monte	L. Torres, L. Ortiz	
Industry	J. Nelson	
Irwindale	D. Co	
La Verne	S. Igoe	
Monrovia	C. Casitruita	
Monterey Park	F. Lopez	
Pasadena	B. Maue	
Pomona	R. Guerrero	
Rosemead	B. Janka	
South El Monte	C. Cataldi, R. Pelayo	
South Pasadena	G. Shelleh, T. Gerber	
Temple City	A. Avery	
Walnut	M. Rooney	
L.A. County DPW	A. Ross, C. Darensbourg, J. Rico, J. Yang, J. Pletyak, S. Lai	

Guests

Caltrans	R. Yoh
Caltrans	J. Newman
Caltrans	H. Sui
City of Alhambra	L. Garcia
City of La Canada Flint.	J. Dodd
HDR/WKE	D. Cadena
Member of Public	M. Hudson
SA Associates	S. Ahmad

SGVCOG Staff

A. Fung, Staff
K. Ward, Staff
E. Shen, Staff
V. Guerra, Staff
S. Sousa, Staff
C. Serrato, Staff
P. Hubler, Staff
T. Egan, Lobbyist

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. Review Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes: 08/16/2021
Action: Review and approve.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 6. (M/S: R. Guerrero/D. Liu)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Arcadia, Baldwin Park, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Irwindale, La Verne, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, L.A. County DPW
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Azusa, Industry, South El Monte
ABSENT:	Glendora, San Dimas, San Marino

UPDATE ITEMS

7. Caltrans District 7 Quarterly Updates
Roger Yoh, P.E., District Asset Manager at the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Hammer Sui, Senior Transportation Engineer at Caltrans, both provided updates on this item. Mr. Yoh highlighted that 9 of the 79 Caltrans projects are currently taking place within the San Gabriel Valley. Mr. Sui provided an overview of the Clean California Program, which aims to beautify and improve local streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to clean and enhance public spaces. To develop the grant program's guidelines, Caltrans will solicit input from local communities through two stakeholder workshops that are scheduled for September 1, 2021 and October 7, 2021.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- D. Liu inquired for additional information regarding Project #26. Mr. Yoh explained that the project was a BMP construction project for stormwater mitigation in the Santa Ana River Watershed.
8. Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program FY 2022-2025 Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funding Application
Alexander Fung, Senior Management Analyst at the SGVCOG, provided updates on this item. The FY 2022-2025 MSP funding guidelines proposed by SGVCOG staff were approved by the Governing Board on September 16, 2021. As a result, funding applications for cities to apply for FY 2022-2025 MSP funds are now available.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- B. Janka inquired about the deadlines for 10 and 25 percent design completion. Mr. Fung explained that projects should reach their respective level of required design completion at the time of submitting the application. Mr. Shen emphasized that the goal of the 10 and 25 percent design completion requirements is to assure that projects are mature and have support. It is important that cities propose projects that are feasible and achievable and utilizes the funds in a timely manner.
- B. Janka inquired about how the lead agency would be decided on projects involving two or more agencies/cities. Mr. Fung explained that the SGVCOG would serve as the lead agency unless another agency/city would prefer to lead the project.
- A. Ross inquired about the availability of funding for larger budget projects and expressed concerns regarding the rejection of funds, should a project exceed the SGVCOG's budget. Mr. Fung assured Mr. Ross that the SGVCOG aims to support as many projects as possible. Where there are gaps between a project's cost and MSP funding, the SGVCOG will provide grant application assistance.

DISCUSSION ITEM

- 9.** H.R. 3684 – Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – Paul Hubler, Director of Government and Community Relations, SGVCOG
Paul Hubler, Director of Government and Community Relations at the SGVCOG, provided updates on this item. On August 10, 2021, the U.S. Senate voted to pass the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684) to provide funding to support the nation's infrastructure, including roads, bridges, rail, transit, ports, airports, electric grids, water systems, broadband, and other priorities. The bill includes several multimodal programs and authorizing bills, with supplemental appropriations for many of these programs.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. Next Committee Meeting

The upcoming committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2021 at 12:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

R. Guerrero adjourned the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee meeting at 1:00pm.

REPORT

DATE: October 18, 2021

TO: Public Works Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: SB 619 (LAIRD)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

Introduced by Senator John Laird (D-San Luis Obispo) on February 28, 2021, SB 619 aims to provide additional flexibility for local jurisdictions to comply with upcoming mandates that were set forth by SB 1383 (Lara, 2016). SB 1383 serves as a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP) and sets the following targets:

1. Reduce statewide disposal of organic waste by 50% by January 1, 2020 and by 75% by January 1, 2025 (based on 2014 levels).
2. Recover at least 20% of currently disposed edible food for human consumption by 2025.


Based on guidelines adopted by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), regulations to meet SB 1383 organics reduction and food recovery requirements will begin to take effect on January 1, 2022. Additionally, regulations may require local jurisdictions to impose penalties for noncompliance on regulated entities starting January 1, 2024.

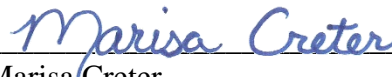
To provide flexibility for local jurisdictions to comply with SB 1383 mandates, SB 619 authorizes a local jurisdiction facing continuous violations of SB 1383 regulations to submit a notice of intent to comply (NOI) to CalRecycle. The NOI must be filed with CalRecycle no later than March 1, 2022. If approved, the jurisdiction would be eligible for administrative civil penalty relief for the 2022 calendar year and a corrective action.

Specifically, SB 619 requires, for violations of the SB 1383 regulations that are disposed in an approved NOI, CalRecycle to waive administrative civil penalties for noncompliance during the 2022 calendar year. Additionally, SB 619 prohibits administrative civil penalties from accruing during the 2022 calendar year, if the local jurisdiction implements certain actions to remedy the violations. SB 619 also permits, for violations that commence during 2022 and continue into 2023, administrative civil penalties to begin accruing beginning January 1, 2023; however, those penalties must be waived by CalRecycle upon compliance with a corrective action plan.

SB 619 was officially signed by Governor Newsom on October 5, 2021. Copies of the bill text and bill analysis can be found in Attachments A and B, respectively.

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, will provide updates on this item.

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Senior Management Analyst

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – SB 619 Bill Text](#)

[Attachment B – SB 619 Bill Analysis](#)

REPORT

DATE: October 18, 2021

TO: Public Works Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **2021 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ENERGY CHAMPION AWARDS
PROGRESS UPDATES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

Earlier this year, the SGVCOG launched the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards to encourage San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies to implement energy efficiency actions and engage in long-term energy planning activities. Requirements for cities and agencies to receive an award include implementing a combination of activities such as attending energy efficiency trainings and meetings, benchmarking municipal facilities, and conducting energy efficiency outreach activities.

Requirements for the Energy Champion Awards are separated into four separate categories as follows:

Categories	Requirements
Energy Work Group	Silver: Attending 1 Energy Work Group meeting Gold: Attending 2 Energy Work Group meetings Platinum: Attending 3 Energy Work Group meetings
Education & Trainings	Silver: Attend 1 energy efficiency training or provide 1 energy efficiency presentation Gold: Complete a combination of 2 activities that include attending energy efficiency training(s) or providing energy efficiency presentation(s) Platinum: Complete a combination of 3 activities that include attending energy efficiency training(s) or providing energy efficiency presentation(s)
Outreach & Marketing	Silver: Refer 1 entity that has not been previously engaged with the SGVCOG's energy efficiency efforts or implement 1 energy efficiency marketing campaign Gold: Complete a combination of 2 activities that include referring entities that have not been previously engaged with the SGVCOG's energy efficiency efforts or implementing energy efficiency marketing campaigns Platinum: Complete a combination of 3 activities that include referring entities that have not been previously engaged with the SGVCOG's energy efficiency efforts or implementing energy efficiency marketing campaigns
Benchmarking, Audits, and Projects	Silver: Complete 1 of the following menu items Gold: Complete 2 of the following menu items Platinum: Complete 3 of the following menu items

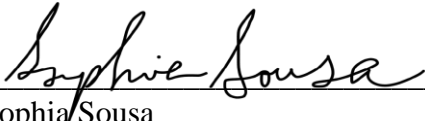
	<p><u>Menu Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with the SGVCOG, SoCalGas, and the SoCalREN to benchmark all facilities on Energy Star Portfolio Manager or host a Comparative Energy Analysis meeting with the SGVCOG in 2021. • Conduct at least 1 municipal facility audit in 2021. • Participate in the SoCalGas Direct Install Program. • Participate in one of the following SoCalREN programs to install a gas project: Metered Savings Program, Revolving Savings Fund, and Pathway to Zero. • Install a gas energy efficiency project in 2020 or 2021. • Complete or update an Energy Action Plan. • Submit an energy efficiency grant application.
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Jurisdictions have most of the year to complete the necessary requirements to reach the highest tier. Requirements in the “Benchmarking, Audits, and Projects” Category must be completed by November 1, 2021. Requirements in all other categories must be completed by December 1, 2021. Cities and agencies that have reached recognizable tiers by the stated deadlines will receive their awards at the Energy Work Group meeting on December 8, 2021.

Recently, the Cities of Irwindale and San Gabriel became the first two San Gabriel Valley jurisdictions to achieve the Silver recognition tier. Additionally, Foothill Transit and the Cities of Duarte, Monrovia, Montebello, Pomona, and San Dimas are each only one action away from the Silver category recognitions. Cities and agencies are encouraged to meet with SGVCOG staff regarding energy champion award progress. If your city or agency is interested in scheduling a meeting, please contact SGVCOG staff via email afung@sgvcog.org.

The Energy Champion Awards’ most recent progress report can be found on the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership website at <https://www.sgvenergywise.org/2021-sgv-energy-champion-awards>.

SGVCOG Management Aide, Sophia Sousa, will provide updates on this item.

Prepared by: 
 Sophia Sousa
 Management Aide

Approved by: 
 Marisa Creter
 Executive Director

REPORT

DATE: October 18, 2021

TO: Public Works Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SGVCOG CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.


BACKGROUND


The SGVCOG leads and manages various capital improvement programs, including the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Project, the State Route 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project, the Pomona At-Grade Safety Improvements, the I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Improvements, the La Verne Gold Line Station Pedestrian Bridge, and the Rio Hondo Load Reduction Strategy Project. Specifically, the ACE Project is a comprehensive program of construction grade separation projects that enhance safety and mobility in the San Gabriel Valley.

Current statuses of each program are as follows:

Program	Design Phase	Construction Phase
ACE Project	Ongoing for 2 Projects	Ongoing for 3 Projects
State Route 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief	Ongoing	Ongoing
Pomona At-Grade Safety Improvements	Ongoing	Not Started
I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Improvements	Ongoing	Not Started
La Verne God Line Station Pedestrian Bridge	Ongoing	Not Started
Rio Hondo Load Reduction Strategy Project	Ongoing	Not Started

SGVCOG Director of Capital Projects/Chief Engineer, Eric Shen, PE, PTP, will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

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Executive Director