# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments\*

# AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE **WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025 – 4:00 PM**

**SGVCOG Office** 

SGVCOG 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016

Chair **Ed Reece** Claremont

Vice Chair **Cory Moss** Industry

Members Alhambra Azusa Claremont Diamond Bar Duarte Glendora Industry La Cañada Flintridge Monrovia Monterey Park Pasadena Pomona San Gabriel South El Monte South Pasadena Temple City L.A. County District #1 L.A. County District #5

Thank you for participating in tonight's meeting. The SGVCOG encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: Regular Meetings of the Transportation Committee are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM at the SGVCOG Monrovia Office (1333 South Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016). The agenda packet is available at the SGVCOG's Office, 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA, and on the website, www.sgvcog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). A copy of the agenda is also posted for public viewing at the entrance of the SGVCOG Monrovia Office Building. Any additional agenda documents that are distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting of the agenda will be available for review in the SGVCOG office during normal business hours and on the SGVCOG website noted above.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Your participation is welcomed and invited at all Transportation Committee meetings. Time is reserved at each regular meeting for those who wish to address the Committee. SGVCOG requests that persons addressing the meeting refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane, or disruptive remarks. A person who continues to disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting, after being warned by the Committee Chair or designee to cease the disruption, may be precluded from further participation in the meeting.

TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE: At a regular meeting, the public may comment: (i) on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the SGVCOG that is not on the agenda during the public comment period at the beginning of the agenda; (ii) on any item(s) that is on the Consent Calendar prior to action taken on the Consent Calendar; and (iii) on any other agenda item prior to the time it is considered by the Committee. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public are requested to state their name prior to speaking. Comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes per person. The Committee Chair may impose additional time limits if comments become repetitious, an individual member of the public seeks to speak on numerous items, or a large number of members of the public seek to speak on an item. Except in limited situations, the Committee may not take action on items not appearing on the agenda and/or discuss them at length.

If you would like to provide a public comment during a Committee meeting, please see "Instructions for Public Comments" below.

AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the 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.



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**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Committees takes action on the balance of the Consent Calendar.

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Industry City Hall 15625 Mayor Dave Way Industry, CA 91744	Rose Conference Rm City Hall One Civic Center Dr. La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011
4130 Cahuenga Blvd, Suite 108 Toluca Lake, CA 91602	Chuck Bader Conference Rm. City Hall 505 S. Garey Ave. Pomona, CA 91767

<u>Instructions for Public Comments</u>: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items, but within the SGVCOG's subject matter jurisdiction, you may submit written comments via email or provide a verbal comment.

- Written Comments (Email): If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the Committee members at the meeting, please submit these materials via email to Steph Wong at swong@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the "Subject" line of the email "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT" and the agenda item number to which the public comment is addressed. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations.
- <u>Verbal Comments (In Person)</u>: If you would like to make a public comment at the Committee meeting location, please fill out a public comment card. Comment cards will be made available to you by staff at the entrance to the meeting room. If you are attending the meeting at a noticed teleconference location and would like to make a public comment, please raise your hand when the item upon which you wish to speak comes up on the agenda.
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For questions related to accessing the available teleconference locations, please contact Steph Wong (swong@sgvcog.org) or (626) 457-1800.

#### **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

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

- 6. Review Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes Page 1
  Recommended Action: Review and approve.
- 7. FY 2025-2026 Committee Chair & Vice Chair Elections
  Recommended Action: Elect Claremont City Councilmember Ed Reece as the FY 2025-2026
  Transportation Committee Chair and Industry City Mayor Cory Moss as the FY 2025-2026
  Transportation Committee Vice Chair.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

8. Legislative Position – SB 220 (Allen) – Page 3

Recommended Action: Recommend the Governing Board adopt a resolution opposing SB 220 (Allen).

#### PRESENTATION ITEMS

- 9. LA Metro FY 2026 Budget Presentation Part II: Marie Kim, Executive Officer, Finance, LA Metro Page 6
  - Recommended Action: For information only.
- **10.** Foothill Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program (BSEP) Presentation: Lourdes Álvarez, Transit Planner, Foothill Transit Page 7

  Recommended Action: For information only.

#### LIAISON REPORTS

- 11. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Liaison Report
- **12.** Foothill Transit Liaison Report
- 13. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Liaison Report

#### STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **ADJOURN**



### **SGVCOG Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: April 2, 2025 Time: 4:00 PM

SGVCOG Location: 1333 S. Mayflower Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016

#### PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chair, Ed Reece, called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor of South El Monte, Gloria Olmos, led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

A quorum was in attendance.

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<b>Committee Members</b>	Present	<b>Absent</b>	
Alhambra	Adele Andrade-Stadler	Azusa	
Claremont	Ed Reece	Duarte	
Diamond Bar	David Liu	Glendora	
Industry	Cory Moss	Monterey Park	
La Canada Flintridge	Kim Bowman	Pomona	
Monrovia	Larry Spicer	San Gabriel	
Pasadena	Jenny Cristales-Cevallos		
South El Monte	Gloria Olmos		
South Pasadena	Sheila Rossi		
Temple City	Ashley Avery		
LA County Dist. #1	Ryan Serrano		
LA County Dist. #5	David Perry		

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Guests	SGVCOG Staff

LA Metro
LA Metro
Shelly Han
Foothill Transit
Matt Nakano
TPA
Carly Shelby
Member of the Public
Michael Grossman

M. Creter, Executive Director
R. (Ricky) Choi, Staff
R. (Roy) Choi, Staff
R. Alimoren, Staff
S. Wong, Staff
K. Lai, Staff
J. Talla, Staff
V. Guerra, Staff

L. Gardner, Staff V. Urenia, Staff N. Arreaga, Staff S. Pedersen, Staff D. Dalan, Staff

J. Burkart, Staff L. Hwang, Staff D. Wankwe, Staff

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

**5.** Changes to the Agenda Order There were no changes to the agenda order.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6.** Review Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes *Action: Review and approve.* 

7. State Legislative Report – Transportation

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar. (M/S: C. Moss, G. Olmos)

[Motion Passed]

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AYES:	Alhambra, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Industry, La Canada Flintridge,
	Monrovia, Pasadena, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City,
	L.A. County Dist. #1, L.A. County Dist. #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE	
<b>RECORDED:</b>	
ABSENT:	Azusa, Duarte, Glendora, Monterey Park, Pomona, San Gabriel

#### PRESENTATION ITEM

**8.** LA Metro FY 2026 Budget Presentation Part I Shelly Han, LA Metro Budget Director, presented on this item.

#### LIAISON REPORTS

- 9. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Liaison Report Metro Principal Community Relations Officer, JC Montenegro, provided a report.
- **10.** Foothill Transit Report

Foothill Transit Government Relations Officer, Matt Nakano, provided a report.

11. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Report SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chair and Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Chair, Ed Reece, provided a report.

#### STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

#### **ADJOURN**

SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chair, Ed Reece, adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 5:05 PM.

DATE: May 7, 2025

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

**RE:** LEGISLATIVE POSITION – SB 220 (ALLEN)

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Governing Board adopt a resolution opposing SB 220 (Allen).

#### **BACKGROUND (AB 259)**

Beginning January 1, 2029, SB 220 revises the governing board of LA Metro to reflect the structural reforms approved by Los Angeles County voters in Measure G (2024):

- Adds the newly elected County Executive to the LA Metro Board.
- Adds 3 public members appointed by the County Executive.
- Eventually expands Board of Supervisors representation from 5 to 9, following redistricting and elections in 2032.
- Grows the LA Metro Board from 14 voting members to 22 (plus one non-voting Caltrans seat).

Essentially, SB 220 would expand the governing board of LA Metro to include the newly expanded Board of Supervisors and County Executive approved as part of Measure G. The additions to the LA Metro Board would happen in stages. First, by 2029, the newly elected County Executive would be added. The County Executive would also appoint three public members. This would increase Board membership from 14 to 18 members. Second, beginning after the 2032 election, newly elected County Supervisors would be added to the Board as they take office, totaling 22 members.

The final composition of the 22 member Board would be nine members of the Board of Supervisors, one County Exceptive, three public members appointed by the County Executive, the Mayor of Los Angeles, two public members and one member of the Los Angeles City Council appointed by the Mayor of Los Angeles, four mayors or city council members appointed by the city selection committee, and one nonvoting member appointed by the Governor. This seat is usually occupied by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District Seven Director.

Additionally, current law requires LA Metro to submit a plan to the Legislature for revising the composition of the Board 60 days after the Board of Supervisors is increased. As new members will not be elected to the Board of Supervisors until 2032, LA Metro's plan would not be due until then. SB 220 would instead require LA Metro to submit a plan within 60 days of the LA County charter being amended, specifically to change the number of members of the Board of Supervisors or eliminate the office of the County Executive. As this provision would be



prospective, it would not affect the timeline of LA Metro's required actions to accommodate Measure G.

#### Status

SB 220 was heard in the Senate Transportation Committee on April 28 for testimony and discussion only. It is unclear how the author may wish to move forward, given the measure's opposition from LA Metro.

#### Author's Statement

According to the author, "The Legislature created the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) in 1992 after conflicts between competing transportation agencies led to intentionally inefficient and conflicting project planning. Metro is now the second largest public transit operator in the country and is responsible for the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of transit and highway projects in Los Angeles County.

"The agency is governed by a 14-member Board of Directors consisting of all five members of the County Board of Supervisors and various councilmembers representing smaller cities in geographic sectors of the county. It is responsible for overseeing the transit system that served over 300 million riders in 2024 and over \$9 billion in taxpayer approved funding measures. The existing Metro board structure, with many local representatives, may lend to provincial decision making with members more focused on delivering capital construction projects for their constituencies with less attention on other beneficial improvements across the County.

"Los Angeles County voters approved Measure G in 2024 with the goal of improving representative government by expanding the Board of Supervisors to nine members and creating the position of an elected County Executive. SB 220 will update the membership of the Metro Board of Directors to account for the changes in county governance enacted with the passage of Measure G and improve regional decision-making. Specifically, the bill will add four additional seats for the new County Supervisors, a seat for the County Executive, and three seats for appointees of the County Executive who will have a vested interest in county-wide needs and broader regional improvements."

#### Support and Opposition

SB 220 has received no support on file. It is opposed by the following organizations:

City of Lomita

LA Metro

LA Metro Board Member Mayor Ara Najarian

LA Metro Board Member Council Member Fernando Dutra

LA Metro Board Member Mayor Tim Sandoval

LA Metro Board Member Mayor James Butts

North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition JPA

South Bay Cities Council of Governments



#### **Recommended Position**

Staff are recommending the Transportation Committee recommend the Governing Board adopt an oppose position for this bill. This position would align with the Governing Board's previous positions that emphasize regional control and subregional equity. The bill does not have the support of LA Metro and does not provide adequate safeguards to preserve the voting power of the "sector" or subregional seats.

This staff report was prepared by Townsend Public Affairs (TPA). TPA staff are available to answer any questions.

Prepared by:

Steph Wong

Principal Management Analyst

Approved by:

Marisa Creter

**Executive Director** 

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – Bill Text SB 220

<u>Attachment B – Draft Letter of Support SB 220</u>

DATE: May 7, 2025

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: LA METRO FY 2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION PART II

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is in the process of developing its annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget will be developed to reflect the needs and preferences of customers, riders, and residents of Los Angeles County. Given that Metro's FY 2025-2026 Budget will come before the Metro Board of Directors for approval in May, Metro staff will provide a detailed overview of the outreach process to date and proposed priorities for the coming year.

Shelly Han, Director, Budget, LA Metro, will provide a presentation on this item.

Please note that Metro's budget is typically reviewed in installments. Metro staff presented on this item at the Transportation Committee's April meeting and will return to the Committee in May to present on the remaining budget components.

Prepared by:

Steph Wong

Principal Management Analyst

Approved by:

Marisa Creter

**Executive Director** 

DATE: May 7, 2025

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: FOOTHILL TRANSIT BUS STOP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Foothill Transit developed the Bus Stop Enhancement Program (BSEP) to offer financial assistance to member cities, class pass participating colleges, counties, and the state for improving bus stops serviced by Foothill Transit. The program provides up to \$40,000 per project, reimbursing applicants after project completion. Its goals are to enhance safety, upgrade current transit amenities, improve bus stop technology, strengthen community identity, and attract new transit users.

Participation in this program would help improve the comfort, safety, and appeal of local transit facilities while supporting broader community and transportation goals. Eligible improvements include but are not limited to:

- Shelters and benches (without advertising)
- Trash cans
- Real-time arrival signage
- Solar lights
- Bike racks
- Tree grates
- Bus pads (only when combined with other improvements)

To apply, entities must submit a detailed application that includes a cover letter, current bus stop conditions, improvement descriptions, plans and photos, an estimated cost breakdown, and a construction timeline. Applicants must also comply with all federal procurement and construction guidelines and meet Foothill Transit's contract and subrecipient requirements.

Lourdes Alvarez, Transit Planner at Foothill Transit will provide a presentation on this item.

Prepared by: Natalie Arreaga

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Management Aide

Approved by: Marisa Creter

Marisa Creter Executive Director