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SGVCOG Hosts Regional Homelessness Summit

On August 1st, the SGVCOG hosted a regionwide Homeless Summit in San Dimas. The Homeless Summit convened nearly 150 city representatives and regional partners. Over the last five months, more than half of the cities in the San Gabriel Valley created homeless plans to address the growing homeless crisis in the regions. This event was a great opportunity to highlight city efforts and build upon the momentum to collectively combat homelessness. The Summit also provided participants tools to help them begin plan implementation.

A highlight of the Summit was the keynote address by LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis who, along with her colleagues, voted to provide funding for cities for their city homeless plans. Additionally, LA County Homeless

Initiative Director, Phil Ansell spoke and provided information on how cities can continue to partner with the County, as they begin the process of implementing their individual plans.

Another featured speaker included, LA County Deputy Sheriff Lt. Geff Deedrick. Lt. Deedrick spoke about how the Sheriff's Department HOST program helps to link individuals to services. This event also featured a cohort discussion, which provided cities an opportunity to talk about collaboration and finding efficiencies to implement their plans.

The SGVCOG's role in facilitating regional coordination events, such as this, has provided cities and regional partners an opportunity to collectively address the homeless crisis in the region. (Cont.)

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SGVCOG Hosts Regional Homelessness Summit (Cont.)



Board Approves Bike Share RFP for Release:

At the July meeting, the SGVCOG Board approved the release of an RFP to expand bike share in the San Gabriel Valley. This will be funded through a grant of \$4.5 million that was awarded to the COG from the California Transportation Commission. The RFP will look for firms that can provide automated dockless bikes. The selected firm will be tasked with providing a bike share system that will also incorporate technology to allow bicycles to be returned at any existing bike rack or identified bike parking location.

This system will be deployed in 15 cities and include up to 840 bicycles. The fleet will be comprised of 40% pedal assist. Additionally, 50% of the fleet will serve disadvantaged communities. Implementation of the system is expected to begin in Spring 2019, in a phased roll out. This project will now be assigned to the Capital Projects Construction Committee. For more information, please contact Christian Cruz at ccruz@sgvcog.org

SGVCOG Strategic Theme for FY 2018-19:

Recently, the SGVCOG adopted the strategic theme "Building Sustainable Solutions." Sustainable solutions illustrates the SGVCOG's commitment to upholding excellence, fulfilling regional priorities and reinforcing the adopted organizational vision. This will also be the theme of the SGVCOG General Assembly, which will take place on April 10, 2019.

City Homeless Count Released by LAHSA:

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) recently released the city specific homeless count numbers. In the San Gabriel Valley, the total homeless count was 3,057. These numbers do not include the City of Pasadena, as they conduct their own count. However, four cities reported no homeless this year, and an additional five cities numbers were in the single digits. For more information, please visit www.lahsa.org



SGV Homeless Count By City:

Alhambra - 52	Monrovia - 70
Arcadia - 3	Montebello - 346
Azusa - 159	Monterey Park - 30
Baldwin Park - 288	Pomona - 773
Bradbury - 0	Rosemead - 81
Claremont - 29	San Dimas - 13
Covina - 98	San Gabriel - 6
Diamond Bar - 4	San Marino - 0
Duarte - 15	Sierra Madre - 0
El Monte - 543	South El Monte - 89
Glendora - 63	South Pasadena - 22
Industry - 34	Temple City - 10
Irwindale - 24	Walnut - 8
La Canada Flintridge - 0	West Covina - 277
La Puente - 13	
La Verne - 7	

News in Brief



Deanna Stanley, SGVCOG Administrative Services Manager



LA County Releases Online tool for Homeless Outreach :

Los Angeles County recently launched a new online platform through which members of the public can notify authorities about homeless issues within their community. This will provide residents a way to assist homeless individuals who may need immediate help.

The portal, known as LA-HOP, allows residents to fill out a quick outreach form requesting help for vulnerable residents living on the street. This platform is funded through Measure H and will be run by the LA County Homeless Initiative and the LA County Health Care Agency. To access the portal, please visit <https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/>

SGVCOG Featured Staff Deanna Stanley:

This month, our COG featured staff member is Deanna Stanley, SGVCOG Administrative Services Manager. We had a chance to catch up with her recently:

How did you get your start in public service?

I began my career as a public servant at the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC) (now Metro), working for Sharon Neely. There I learned a lot about public service and transportation with a focus on the San Gabriel Valley as this was when what is now known as Foothill Transit was created. We worked hard at the LACTC but we also had a lot of fun. Great friendships have resulted from my working at the LACTC.

What is the best part about your job?

Having worked here since 1999, the most rewarding part of my job is seeing projects go from documents back and forth for approval, design, construction and completion. I happen to live in an area surrounded by ACE Projects so it's rewarding to know the history of how each came to be. Being a part of the history of both organizations – ACE and SGVCOG – has also been quite interesting. Of course, now we are in the midst of integration and a lot of those responsibilities are on my lap. While proving challenging, I believe once complete the SGVCOG will have a strong team to move forward its goals.

Who is your favorite Super Hero?

My Super Hero is a man I worked for when I was 18 years old for ten years. My super hero is Elbert T. Hudson. He was President of Broadway Federal Savings and became my father figure, and his family, my own. He was such a great example of integrity and I feel so honored having him as my professional and personal example in life. He taught me, among many things, to give back to my community, to fight for what is fair but be polite doing it.

NACTO Conference Coming to LA:

Between October 1st-4th, the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) annual conference will be held in Los Angeles. The NACTO Designing Cities Conference brings together 800 officials, planners, and practitioners to advance the state of transportation within cities. The conference will take place at the InterContinental Los Angeles, in the heart of Downtown LA.

This year featured workshops will include the following:

- Building social and racial equity into transportation planning,
- Bicycle signal tools & techniques, and
- Safe routes to school.

If you are interested in registering, please visit <https://nacto.org/designing-cities-2018-registration/>



2017 NACTO Conference

Service Delivery Study

The SGVCOG recently released an RFP for the procurement of a firm to complete a service delivery cost comparison study. This study will provide cities with comparative data, best practices, and benchmarking tools to ensure that cities are receiving comparable services for comparable costs. Some of the topics that will be included in the study, are as follows:

- Animal Control,
- Sidewalk Repair,
- Tree Trimming, and
- Street Sweeping.

It is anticipated a firm will be selected by September with an executed contract by October. For more information, please contact Kate Ward at kward@sgvcog.org

Meetings

Thursday, August 2 12:00 p.m.
 City Managers Steering Committee
 100 S Vincent Ave #200, West Covina

Thursday, August 6, 4:30 p.m.
 Executive Committee
 1000 S. Fremont., Alhambra

Thursday, August 16, 6:00 p.m.
 Governing Board
 602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

Monday, August 27, 12:00 p.m.
 Capital Projects and Construction
 1444 W. Garvey Ave S., West Covina



Councilmember Liz Reilly, City of Duarte and Councilmember James Toma, City of West Covina

SGVCOG EENR Committee Receives Tour of

The EENR Committee was given a tour of Highway 39 in the San Gabriel National Monument. Caltrans representatives provided the committee an overview of the Highway and discussed the current conditions, issues revolving around reopening the route and various environmental concerns. As it stands now, there are 5 alternatives being considered, as follows:

- **Alternative 1. No Build** – This option would keep the route as is and only necessary maintenance will be conducted along the 4-mile closed section.
- **Alternative 2. Evacuate Route** – This

option is a minimum build option and would only improve the roadway for service vehicles and emergency vehicles. The estimated cost would be between \$17 million and \$22 Million.

- **Alternative 3. Recreation Route** – This option would only reopen the route to pedestrians and bikers, while vehicular access will be strictly limited to shuttle services. The estimated cost would be \$100 Million to \$130 Million.
- **Alternative 4. Full Public Opening** – This option would reopen the closed segment to the public and provide

unrestricted access to through traffic allowing connection to State Route 2. The estimated cost would be between \$110 Million and \$150 Million

- **Alternative 5 Viaduct Construction** – This option would allow for the construction of a 4.4-mile-long viaduct bridge, which would allow wildlife unhindered crossing from below. The estimated cost for this would be between \$400 Million and \$550 Million.

It is anticipated that Caltrans will release their Project Study Report in September.

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These outcomes all depend on carefully implemented public policy. With so much at stake, communities need to prepare for this future. This conference will provide information, discussion, and insight into policy needs and opportunities, including:



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