

# SGVCOG Weekly Recap

## Week of April 5, 2021

- **Homelessness Committee:** On Wednesday, the Homelessness Committee held its April meeting, which included the following items, presentations, and actions:
  - **City of Industry Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center (BHUCC):** The Committee heard a presentation on the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center (BHUCC), a mental health urgent care center that opened in the City of Industry in September 2020. The Center provides rapid access to crisis intervention and stabilization, mental health assessment, and medication support. The BHUCC also provides case management and links users to recovery-oriented community-based resources, including on-going mental health services. Services are integrated with interventions for co-occurring substance use disorders as needed. The BHUCC is operated by Star View Behavioral Health (Star View) with funding from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH).
  - **Increasing Behavioral Health Treatment Act (Napolitano):** Staff for Congresswoman Napolitano presented on this legislation, which would repeal a current policy that prohibits the federal government from providing Medicaid matching funds to states for services rendered to certain Medicaid-eligible individuals who are patients in Medicaid Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD). Eliminating the prohibition on IMD payments would give states the ability to use federal funds to cover Medicaid-eligible individuals in need of behavioral health treatment. The Committee recommended that the Governing Board adopt a resolution to support the legislation. This item is included for the Governing Board's consideration at the April meeting.
  - **AB 1340 (Santiago) Mental Health Services:** This Bill would expand the definition of "gravely disabled" under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act, which authorizes the involuntary commitment and treatment of persons with specified mental health disorders. Existing law defines "gravely disabled" as a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental disorder, is unable to provide for their basic personal needs of food, clothing, or shelter. This Bill would expand the definition of "gravely disabled" to include the basic personal need of medical treatment, if the failure to receive that treatment is either for an existing life-threatening medical condition or the person is in imminent danger of death or prolonged hospitalization. The Committee recommended that the Governing Board adopt a resolution to support the bill. This item is included for the Governing Board's consideration at the April meeting.
  - **SGVCOG Homeless Program Funding Allocations:** As part of the SGVCOG homelessness programs, the Governing Board allocated \$390,000 of the State homelessness budget allocation to the Regional Coordination Program to facilitate collaborative solutions to addressing homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley. After procurements for a crisis response program feasibility study and implementation plan and for a regional homeless services coordination program, there is approximately \$148,000 in funding remaining. Staff recommends that this funding be re-allocated to the Homeless Plan Implementation Program, which provides funds to cities to implement their Homeless Plans. Staff has developed a "City Additional Funding Application" for cities to access these funds. Staff also recommends updating the allowable expenses under the Prevention and Diversion Program to not only include funding for programs that prevent individuals and

families from falling into homelessness but also for rapid re-housing programs that work to place persons currently experiencing homelessness into housing as quickly as possible. This item will be considered for approval by the Governing Board at its April meeting.

- **RHT Board Meeting:** On Wednesday, the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Board of Directors convened via Zoom. The Board adopted criteria for evaluating pipeline projects in order to develop its next State Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) application, which is anticipated to be released by the State this month. The Board also adopted its FY21-22 budget, and staff presented the FY 20-21 annual report, linked [here](#). Senator Portantino presented on SB 15, which provides incentives to rezone idle retail sites into affordable housing, and the Board adopted a resolution in support of the bill. The Board's consultant team that is coordinating the Strategic Plan, Housing Needs Assessment, and Funding Strategy - which will help shape the SGVRHT's programs over the next 3-5 years - also presented on the current status of its efforts. The team will provide 4 data briefing sessions at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays over the next month.
  - **Wednesday, April 21, 1:00 p.m.** - Strategic Plan Data Briefing 1: San Gabriel Valley Housing Needs Assessment
  - **Wednesday, April 28, 1:00 p.m.** - Strategic Plan Data Briefing 2: SGVRHT Members and Stakeholder Input
  - **Wednesday, May 5, 1:00 p.m.** - Strategic Plan Data Briefing 3: Housing Trust Funds: Best Practices and Funding Sources
  - **Wednesday, May 12, 1:00 p.m.** - Strategic Plan Data Briefing 4: Housing Trust Funds: Corporate, Foundation, and Individual Fundraising Practices

Links for the briefings will be posted at [sgvrht.org](http://sgvrht.org).

- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Transportation Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee reviewed the following major agenda items:
  - **Metro Fareless System Initiative (FSI):** Metro Principal Transportation Planner, Doreen Morrissey, and Metro Veteran's Program Manager, Dennis Tucker, provided updates on this item. Since last year, the 19-member FSI Task Force has collaborated with Metro staff and local and municipal transit operators to identify the benefits and challenges of implementing a fareless system. As a result, the Task Force proposed an 18-month phased pilot program that would begin with low-income riders in January 2022 and expand to all K-12 students starting in August 2022. The draft FSI report document is scheduled to be presented to the Metro Board of Directors for consideration later this month, with the final report document scheduled for presentation in May 2021. Understanding that fareless transit must be applied equitably across Los Angeles County, Metro Board Members Hahn, Garcetti, Solis, Najarian, Mitchell, and Sandoval proposed Board Motion 43.1 at last month's Metro Board of Directors meeting to direct Metro staff to report back at this month's Metro Board of Directors meeting on the following regarding a possible FSI:
    - How Metro is including municipal operators in the planning process, including the cost to fully include them and the number of qualified riders from municipal operators;
    - All the subsidies Metro, municipal operators, and cities already offer and how those programs play a role in a fareless initiative;
    - How fareless will impact the Formula Allocation Procedure (FAP), state and federal grants, and ACCESS services;
    - Metro's customer survey results regarding fareless and other priorities; and

- Potential cost savings and implications for what can be realized through a fareless program for all residents through elimination of TAP infrastructure, administration of pass and subsidy programs, etc.

At the recommendation of the SGVCOG Executive Officers, SGVCOG staff also submitted a public comment letter to the Metro Board of Directors in support of Board Motion 43.1. The Board Motion was subsequently approved by the Metro Board of Directors on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

- **I-10 ExpressLanes Overview:** Metro Congestion Reduction Programs Executive Officer, Shahrzad Amiri, provided a presentation on this item. Metro launched the ExpressLanes several years ago to reduce congestion, improve traffic flow, and provide additional travel options for commuters in Los Angeles County. In 2017, the Metro Board of Directors approved the Countywide ExpressLanes Strategic Plan to focus on evaluating Los Angeles County corridors for ExpressLanes implementation. The Strategic Plan identified the I-10 ExpressLanes Extension Project as a Priority Tier 1 Project, which implies that Metro plans on completing the project within 10 years of the Plan's adoption. The I-10 ExpressLanes Extension Project aims to address the existing ExpressLanes gap on the I-10 between the I-10/I-605 intersection and the Los Angeles/San Bernardino County Line. While Metro plans on pursuing all available funding, including grants and loans, to advance this project, Metro stated that most of the project's funds will originate from Metro's revenues, including both existing and future net toll revenues.
- **Metro FY 2022 Budget Updates:** Metro Transportation Planning Senior Manager, Giovanna Mastascuso Gogreve, provided updates on this item. Currently, Metro staff is analyzing and evaluating the budget for infrastructure, transit system, highway, and regional rail planning and construction projects. According to Metro, the proposed FY 2022 Budget Book will be made available starting May 4, 2021. As part of the budget development process, Metro staff will also provide relevant status updates to the Metro Board of Directors, as well as subregions and stakeholders, until the targeted budget adoption date in May. A public hearing has also been scheduled on May 19, 2021 to obtain public comments from external stakeholders. The Metro Board of Directors is scheduled to adopt the final FY 2022 Budget at its meeting on May 27, 2021.

The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 4:00pm.

- **Governing Board Preview:** The SGVCOG Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom Teleconference. The full agenda packet may be accessed [here](#). Major agenda items are summarized below:
  - **Eleventh Amended and Restated Bylaws:** The Proposed Bylaws would amend the current Tenth Amended and Restated Bylaws to provide that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) San Gabriel Valley Sector Board of Directors Appointee be added as ex-officio, non-voting member of the Executive Committee. One of the critical roles of the SGVCOG Executive Committee is to develop and provide input on the monthly SGVCOG Governing Board agenda. As an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee, the SGVCOG Metro Board Representative would provide critical input on Metro- related items that should be included on the SGVCOG Governing Board agenda. Staff is recommending the Governing Board to adopt Resolution 21-19 adopting the SGVCOG Eleventh Amended and Restated Bylaws.
  - **SB 230 (Portantino):** SB 230 would require the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to establish, maintain, and direct an ongoing, dedicated program called the Constituents of Emerging Concern Program to assess the state

of information and recommend areas for further study on the occurrence of constituents of emerging concern (CEC) in drinking water sources and treated drinking water. The SGVCOG Water Committee will consider SB 230 at its meeting on April 13, 2021, and staff has recommended that the Water Committee recommend the Governing Board support this bill.

- **AB 818 (Bloom):** AB 818 would require certain premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes manufactured on or after July 1, 2022 to be labeled clearly and conspicuously with the phrase “Do Not Flush.” Flushed wipes not only cause dangerous and costly backups in sewer pipes, but they also contribute to microplastics pollution. The SGVCOG Water Committee will consider AB 818 at its meeting on April 13, 2021, and staff has recommended that the Water Committee recommend the Governing Board support this bill. .
- **SGVCOG Homelessness Programs Funding Reallocation:** As discussed above in action taken at the April Homelessness Committee with regards to the SGVCOG’s homelessness programs funding, staff is recommending that the Governing Board approve the following actions:
  - Reallocate the remaining funding from the Regional Coordination Program to the Homelessness Plan Implementation Program;
  - Approve the “City Additional Funding Application”;
  - Change the Prevention and Diversion Program to the Prevention, Diversion, and Rapid Rehousing Program, allowing funds to be provided to people actively experiencing homelessness; and
  - Authorize the Executive Director to award additional funding to Cities and amend City Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) based on approved guidelines.
- **Resolution to Condemn Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders:** Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic in California last year, harmful and xenophobic rhetoric related to the geographic origins of the disease resulted in an increase of reported hate incidents and crimes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) individuals, communities, and businesses throughout the nation. Acknowledging that the SGVCOG is committed to inclusion and advancing equity and justice for individuals of all races, national origins, ethnicities, and backgrounds, it is recommended that the Governing Board approve Resolution 21-22 to condemn racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against AAPIs, support member agencies to address systemic and cultural barriers that prevent reporting and accountability for perpetrators of anti-AAPI hate crimes and incidents, and support efforts that prevent and end hate crimes, hateful messages and attacks, and hate incidents against AAPIs.
- **Increasing Behavioral Health Treatment Act (Napolitano):** As discussed above at the Homelessness Committee, this legislation would repeal the Medicaid Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) payment prohibition, a policy that currently prohibits the federal government from providing Medicaid matching funds to states for services rendered to certain Medicaid-eligible individuals who are patients in IMDs. Staff is recommending the Governing Board adopt Resolution 21-23 in support of the Increasing Behavioral Health Treatment Act (Napolitano).
- **AB 1340 (Santiago) Mental Health Services:** As discussed above at the Homelessness Committee, AB 1340 would expand the definition of “gravely disabled” to also include a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is unable to provide for their basic personal needs for medical treatment, if the failure to receive medical treatment is either for an existing life-threatening medical condition or the person is in imminent danger of death or

prolonged hospitalization. Staff is recommending the Governing Board adopt Resolution 21-24 in support of AB 1340 (Santiago).

- **Draft FY 21-22 Budget:** Staff will give an overview presentation of the FY 21-22 budget. The budget is divided into four sections: Operating Budget, San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, Non-Capital Projects, and Capital Projects.
- **League of California Cities Solid Waste Roundtable:** On Tuesday, SGVCOG staff attended the League of California Cities' Los Angeles Division Solid Waste Roundtable. More than 130 individuals attended the event and shared their insights and perspectives regarding ongoing solid waste efforts and the upcoming SB 1383 mandates. As SB 1383 requires local jurisdictions to divert organic waste from landfills starting on January 1, 2022, many attendees expressed concerns regarding the costs associated with complying with such regulations. The League of California Cities reported that Senator John Laird (D-Monterey) introduced SB 619 in February to provide flexibility and additional time for cities to comply with the upcoming SB 1383 mandates. While the bill is expected to be amended in the next few months, the League encouraged local jurisdictions to submit comment letters to support SB 619 in concept. SB 619 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality. The SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee will also be reviewing this bill at its upcoming meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 1:00pm.
- **Reminder About Leadership Opportunities:** All individuals who are interested in being appointed to any of the SGVCOG leadership opportunities must submit their names in writing via email to the SGVCOG offices by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2021**. Nominations should be submitted to [sgv@sgvcoog.org](mailto:sgv@sgvcoog.org). Please refer to the attached PDF for a list of the nominations we have received thus far.



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- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Policy and Water Technical Advisory Committees convened its monthly joint meeting via Zoom. The meeting featured the following presentation:
  - **Draft Statewide Sanitary Sewer Systems Order Reissuance:** Staff from Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts presented on the recently-released Sanitary Sewer Systems Order, which defines waste discharge requirements for sanitary sewer systems. In February 2021, the State Water Board issued an informal staff draft of the new Order. The recently-released staff draft includes several notable changes from the 2006 Order, including expanding the definition of a sewage “spill”, increasing spill reporting requirements, requiring reporting of spills from privately-owned systems or sewer laterals, and dramatically increasing the requirements for agencies’ Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP). The State Water Board will be holding a virtual workshop **today from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**, which can be viewed [here](#). The State Water Board will issue a future public notice announcing the release of the official draft General Order, the public comment due date, and a corresponding State Water Board meeting to receive oral comments, at a further to-be-determined date. To learn more about the Order or to sign-up to receive updates, click [here](#).

The Committees voted to recommend the Governing Board support the following state legislation:

- **AB 818 (Bloom):** This bill would require certain premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes manufactured on or after July 1, 2022 to be labeled clearly and conspicuously with the phrase “Do Not Flush” and would establish enforcement provisions, including authorizing a civil penalty to be imposed on a covered entity who violates those provisions.
- **SB 230 (Portantino):** This two-year bill would require the State Water Board to establish and direct an ongoing, dedicated program called the Constituents of Emerging Concern (CEC) Program to assess information and recommend areas for further study on the occurrence of these CECs in drinking water sources and treated drinking water. The bill would authorize the State Board, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide financial assistance to certain public water systems if the system shows that the costs of complying with CEC monitoring requirements would impose a financial hardship.
- **FY 2021-22 Measure H Funding Recommendations:** On Thursday, the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative (HI) released the Draft Measure H Funding Recommendations, its proposed budget for preventing and combating homelessness in the upcoming fiscal year that begins July 1, 2021. Public comments on the funding recommendations are accepted until Thursday, May 6. On Monday, April 19 at 2pm, HI will hold a public webinar to review the draft funding recommendations, descriptions of each strategy, and other important information. You may register for the webinar [here](#).
- **Governing Board Recap:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Governing Board convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. Members of the Governing Board reviewed and voted on the following major items:
  - **Eleventh Amended and Restated Bylaws:** Members of the Governing Board voted to adopt Resolution 21-19 to approve and adopt the SGVCOG Eleventh Amended and Restated Bylaws. The revised Bylaws would add the County

Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) San Gabriel Valley Sector Board of Directors Appointee as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Executive Committee in order to provide critical input on Metro-related items that should be included on the SGVCOG Governing Board agenda.

- **SB 230 (Portantino):** As recommended by the SGVCOG Water Committee, members of the Governing Board voted to adopt Resolution 21-20 to support SB 230 (Portantino), which was discussed above.
- **AB 818 (Bloom):** At the recommendation of the SGVCOG Water Committee, the Governing Board voted to adopt Resolution 21-21 to support AB 818 (Bloom), which was discussed above.
- **SGVCOG Homelessness Programs Funding Reallocation:** As recommended by the SGVCOG Homelessness Committee, the Governing Board voted to:
  - Reallocate the remaining funding from the Regional Coordination Program to the Homelessness Plan Implementation Program;
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  - Authorize the Executive Director to award additional funding to Cities and amend City Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) based on approved guidelines.

Following the approval of this item, staff distributed the applications to the cities' homelessness contacts. Applications are due to Samantha Matthews ([smatthews@sgvcog.org](mailto:smatthews@sgvcog.org)) on **Monday, May 10, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**

- **Resolution to Condemn Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders:** The Governing Board voted to approve Resolution 21-22 to condemn racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against AAPIs, support member agencies to address systemic and cultural barriers that prevent reporting and accountability for perpetrators of anti-AAPI hate crimes and incidents, and support efforts that prevent and end hate crimes, hateful messages and attacks, and hate incidents against AAPIs. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic in California last year, harmful and xenophobic rhetoric related to the geographic origins of the disease resulted in an increase of reported hate incidents and crimes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) individuals, communities, and businesses throughout the nation. The Resolution acknowledges that the SGVCOG is committed to inclusion and advancing equity and justice for individuals of all races, national origins, ethnicities, and backgrounds.
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an existing life-threatening medical condition or the person is in imminent danger of death or prolonged hospitalization.

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- **CALCOG Meeting:** On Monday, staff attended the CALCOG COG Directors meeting. The meeting focused on legislative updates from CALCOG on notable statewide bills that affect COGs, including regional planning, transportation, and housing.
- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Public Works Technical Advisory Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The committee reviewed the following major items:
  - **Caltrans Quarterly Updates:** California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 representatives provided updates on ongoing Caltrans projects in the San Gabriel Valley and on the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), which is a holistic framework for aligning the State's infrastructure investments with the State's climate, health, and social equity goals.
  - **Rule 20A Undergrounding Utility Infrastructure:** Southern California Edison (SCE) representatives provided a presentation on the California Public Utility Commission's Rule 20A Undergrounding Utility Infrastructure, which outlines policies and procedures for the conversion of overhead power lines to underground facilities, or "undergrounding." Rule 20A projects are financed by utility ratepayers. For SCE, there are certain restrictions on the projects for which Rule 20A funding may be used. Telephone or cable facilities are also required to be undergrounded under similar tariffs. SCE provides local jurisdictions with an annual allocation of work credits, which represent the amounts SCE will expend on behalf of government agencies to underground existing overhead facilities.
  - **SB 1 Local Streets and Roads Maintenance of Effort Requirement:** SGVCOG staff provided an update on the SB 1 Local Streets and Roads Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Requirement. Earlier last year, SGVCOG staff submitted comment letters to San Gabriel Valley legislators requesting suspension of the MOE requirement imposed on cities seeking annual apportionments from the SB 1 Local Streets and Roads Funding Program. In February 2021, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) submitted a request in the proposed Budget Trailer Bill to provide relief to local governments in meeting MOE requirements during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The proposal was recently heard at the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee on Corrections, Public Safety, Judiciary, Labor, and Transportation and the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation. Both subcommittees expressed interest to support the proposal and directed CTC staff to provide additional information at the Subcommittees' upcoming meetings. SGVCOG staff will provide relevant updates at subsequent committee meetings on this item as more information becomes available.

The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 12:00pm.

- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. Specifically, the committee reviewed the following major agenda items:
  - **Legislative Updates: AB 33 (Ting):** Originally introduced in December 2020 as a bill to limit the use of natural gas in new public schools and state buildings, AB 33 was gut-and-amended by Assemblymember Phil Ting (D-San Francisco) last month to state the intent of the California Legislature that the California Energy Commission (CEC) administer the State Energy Conservation Assistance Account

to provide grants and loans to local governments and public institutions to maximize energy use savings, including technical assistance, demonstrations, and identification and implementation of cost-effective energy efficiency measures and programs in existing and planned buildings or facilities. Additionally, the bill further declares that it is the intent of the California Legislature that the CEC seeks the assistance of utility companies in providing energy audits for local governments and public institutions in publicizing the availability of State Energy Conservation Assistance Account funds to qualified entities. AB 33 has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy for review.

- **SB 343 (Allen):** Introduced by Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica) in February 2021, SB 343 would further declare that it is the public policy of California that claims related to the recyclability of a plastic product be truthful and that consumers deserve accurate and useful information related to properly handling the end of life of a plastic product. The bill would also require the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to update certain regulations to include the types and forms of plastic products and packaging for which a claim of recyclability may be made. SB 343 was recently placed on suspense file by the Senate Appropriations Committee. After a thorough discussion, the committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to support SB 343.
- **SB 619 (Laird):** Introduced by Senator John Laird (D-Monterey) in February 2021, SB 619 would provide additional flexibility and time for local jurisdictions to comply with existing SB 1383 (Lara, 2016) mandates. Until January 1, 2023, SB 619 would require CalRecycle to only impose a penalty on a local jurisdiction for a violation of the regulations if the local jurisdiction did not make a reasonable effort to comply with regulations. After a thorough discussion, the committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to support SB 619 in concept.
- **SoCalGas Hydrogen Presentation:** SoCalGas Senior Director of Market Development Yuri Freedman provided a presentation on this item. A global shift to clean molecules and hydrogen plays a key role in meeting the future energy demand as communities move towards net zero emissions. According to SoCalGas, hydrogen is an energy carrier that can be used to store, move, and deliver energy. The element serves as a high efficiency and low polluting fuel that can be used for transportation, heating, and power generation given that it can be transported over long distances and can be suitable for long-term storage.
- **Southern California Regional Energy Network Multifamily Program:** ICF Account Manager, Brianna Moncada, provided a presentation on this item. Earlier this year, the SGVCOG launched a partnership with ICF to promote the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Residential Program. This program offers multifamily communities throughout the San Gabriel Valley an opportunity to reduce energy use and provide a more comfortable and safer living environment for tenants through property improvements and upgrades. Additional information on the SoCalREN Residential Program can be found [here](#).
- **California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grant:** SGVCOG staff provided a brief update on the California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grant. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) recently released the call-for-projects for the California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grant Program. This program aims to reduce the risk of wildland fires to habitable structures and communities, while maximizing carbon sequestration in healthy wildland habitats and minimizing the uncontrolled release of emissions emitted by wildfires. Instructions to apply can be found [here](#) and all application materials must be submitted before Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 3:00pm.

The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 1:00pm.

- **Planners TAC:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The committee reviewed the following major agenda items:
  - **Legislative Updates: AB 1404 (Friedman) and SB 478 (Wiener):** To support the State's efforts to increase housing development, legislators introduced a plethora of housing legislation to streamline housing development policies across California. Particularly, AB 1401 (Friedman) was introduced to prohibit local jurisdictions from imposing minimum parking requirements on certain developments, especially those located near existing public transit services. SB 478 (Wiener) also targets local ordinances that limit the construction of housing based on lot size. After a thorough discussion, the committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to oppose AB 1401 (Friedman) and watch SB 478 (Wiener).
  - **SCAG Housing Element Parcel (HELPR) Tool:** SCAG recently launched the Regional Data Platform (RDP) to provide a modern system for holistic planning across the SCAG jurisdiction, which can foster a more sustainable and equitable future for Southern California. As part of the overall RDP Project, SCAG launched a web-mapping tool, known as [the Housing Element Parcel \(HELPR\) Tool](#), to assist local jurisdictions and stakeholders in understanding local land use and site opportunities to align housing planning with the State's sixth cycle housing element updates, which are due in October 2021. The HELPR Tool is principally based on updated and curated versions of parcel-level land use data and other datasets available through SCAG's open data portal. The Tool also allows users to download tabular and spatial data for external use.

The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 12:00pm.

- **SoCalREN Energy Champion 101 Webshop:** On Tuesday, SGVCOG staff partnered with the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Public Agency Programs to host an Energy Champion 101 Webshop. The webshop provided city and agency staff with in-depth knowledge on how SoCalREN can provide the necessary support to ensure that public agencies have the resources and tools to launch, implement, and complete energy efficiency projects. Speakers provided presentations to highlight the various project delivery process stages, including energy audits, project proposals, procurement, and utility incentive applications.
- **Homelessness Working Group:** On Thursday, the Homelessness Working Group met via Zoom. The meeting featured the following presentations and update items:
  - **FY21-22 Measure H Funding Recommendations:** The LA County Homeless Initiative (HI) released the [Draft FY 21-22 Measure H Funding Recommendations](#). It includes:
    - \$1 million in gap funding (\$250,000 for the San Gabriel Valley) for City contracts until December 31, 2021.
    - \$5 million for LA County Councils of Governments for FY 21-22 (beginning Jan. 2022), then \$10 million is to be requested for FY 22-23, for a total of \$15 million over 18 months. Of that, the SGVCOG would receive \$3.75 million to continue homelessness programming from Jan 2022 to June 2023.

**We would greatly appreciate letters of support. Attached is a template letter. Please submit to HI's online portal [here](#), and select strategy E7. The deadline to submit comments is Thursday, May 6.**

- **Homeless Services Coordination Program:** SGVCOG and San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness (SGVC) staff presented on this program, which aims to increase coordination between City staff and homeless service providers and provide resources and support to help cities develop action plans to implement their homeless plans. Each City will meet with SGVC, the selected firm for the project, to discuss challenges and needs in implementing homeless plans and programs. SGVC will then develop action plans that will recommend additional resources and providers to help implement your plans. If your City would like to participate in this program, please email Samantha Matthews at [smatthews@sgvcog.org](mailto:smatthews@sgvcog.org) by next **Friday, April 30**.
- **City Updates:** The Cities of Covina, La Puente, and San Dimas provided the following updates on their homelessness programming:
  - **La Puente:** The LA County Sheriff's Department La Puente Special Assignment Team shared success stories of housing people experiencing homelessness. Working with LAHSA and the East San Gabriel Valley America's Job Center, the Department recently housed one individual in Project Roomkey, successfully placed two individuals in rehabilitation centers, and assisted a family at-risk of homelessness with finding employment.
  - **San Dimas:** The City has assisted 20 families so far with rental assistance, past due utilities, and grocery assistance to address food insecurity. The City has also created homeless resource guides for City staff who work with people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.
  - **Covina:** The City will soon be launching a mobile shower pilot program with case management, a rental assistance program for those experiencing and at-risk of homelessness, and is supporting the YWCA San Gabriel Valley and Project 29:11, a food bank in the City.
- **SCAG Executive Directors' Meeting:** On Wednesday, I attended the SCAG Subregional Executive Directors' Meeting. The meeting included updates on SCAG's proposed outreach strategies and preparation for the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies (RTP/SCS), an overview of SCAG's broadband efforts, and updates on a number of housing-related resources available to cities and subregions.
- **Presentation and Resource on the History of the Chinese Exclusion Act:** Earlier last week, the SGVCOG Governing Board voted to adopt Resolution 21-22 to condemn racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs), support member agencies to address systemic and cultural barriers that prevent reporting and accountability for perpetrators of anti-AAPI hate crimes and incidents, and support efforts that prevent and end hate crimes, hateful messages and attacks, and hate incidents against AAPIs. As a follow-up to Resolution 21-22, Monterey Park City Councilmember Peter Chan has extended an offer to provide a presentation on the history of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 to member agencies in light of the upcoming AAPI Heritage Month (May 2021). The Chinese Exclusion Act was repealed in 1943 and the U.S. House of Representatives passed a formal resolution in 2012 expressing regret for passing policies, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, that adversely affected individuals of Chinese origin in the United States. Interested individuals can contact Councilmember Chan to schedule a presentation at [peterchan909@gmail.com](mailto:peterchan909@gmail.com).
- **SGV Landlord Incentives Program Launch:** On Tuesday, COG staff launched the San Gabriel Valley Landlord Incentives Program (SGVLIP). The SGVLIP provides benefits and support to landlords who lease their units to tenants receiving rental assistance to leave homelessness. In addition to financial benefits, landlords receive a point of contact who

can mediate any issues or provide the funds to fix them. This program is managed by Union Station Homeless Services in partnership with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. To learn more, please click [here](#).



# SGVCOG Weekly Recap

## Week of April 26, 2021

- **Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee approved staff's recommendation to find the bid received from Stacy & Witbeck, Inc. non-responsive and adopt a resolution to explore alternative project delivery methods for the completion of the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project. The bid received for construction services was incomplete and exceeded the Engineer's Estimate. Staff was directed to present alternative options for construction services to the Committee at its upcoming meeting. The Committee also approved a task order for TRC Solutions to provide public outreach services for the 57/60 Diamond Bar Golf Course Project. It is anticipated that the Committee will reconvene on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 12:00pm.
- **Water TAC:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG Water Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a special meeting that featured a presentation from Craftwater Engineering on a Maximizing Impact of Minimum Control Measures (MCM) study. The SGVCOG is looking to submit this scientific study to the Safe, Clean Water Program. The study will provide a robust, scientific approach to track data on municipal MCM efforts, calculate quantitative estimates of effectiveness, and link to monitoring observations. Ultimately, the study aims to optimize MCM programs, prepare municipalities to comply with upcoming State and Regional Water Board requirements, and increase the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) credit that municipalities receive for these programs. This study will be presented to the SGVCOG Water Policy Committee in May.
- **Energy Work Group:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG Energy Work Group convened for its quarterly meeting via Zoom. Work Group members received presentations on clean energy transportation, distributed generation to support energy resiliency, and the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Multifamily Program. Additionally, SGVCOG staff provided updates on agencies' progress in the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards. Attendees were also given the opportunity to share updates on their existing and planned energy efficiency projects. It is anticipated that the Energy Work Group will reconvene in August 2021.
- **Solid Waste Working Group:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Solid Waste Working Group convened via Zoom to discuss food recovery programs. Copia representatives provided a presentation on its programs to make healthy food more accessible to individuals by helping businesses redistribute high-quality excess food to feed individuals in need. Working Group members subsequently held a discussion on possible regional partnerships or collaborations that can assist San Gabriel Valley cities with complying with SB 1383 mandates. Specifically, several cities are interested in partnering with the County of Los Angeles or Abound Food Care to develop food recovery programs. The Working Group is scheduled to reconvene in May 2021.
- **Connect SGV Podcast Episode on the Clean Power Alliance:** On Tuesday, SGVCOG staff released a new Connect SGV Podcast episode that features discussions with Clean Power Alliance Chair, Diana Mahmud, and Executive Director, Ted Bardacke, on the Alliance's efforts to support energy efficiency and emission reduction efforts. The episode also explores the background of the Clean Power Alliance, benefits for jurisdictions to join community choice aggregates, and information on the Alliance's programs. All episodes are available in both audio and video formats on the SGVCOG website [here](#).
- **Caltrans District 7 Active Transportation Plan:** Caltrans District 7 recently began the efforts to prepare a Caltrans District 7-focused Active Transportation Plan. The District is

seeking to create an equity-focused plan that identifies location-based needs for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit user improvements, which would be used to inform Caltrans' project teams and partners of non-motorized user needs near or within the State's right-of-way. Cities are encouraged to provide feedback by submitting responses on the Caltrans Partner Survey [here](#). Prior to submitting a response, the respondent must register as a new user and create an account. Caltrans representatives are scheduled to provide a presentation on the Caltrans District 7 Active Transportation Plan at the upcoming SGVCOG Transportation Committee meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 4:00pm and the upcoming SGVCOG Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 12:00pm.

- **FY21-22 Measure H Funding Recommendations:** The public comment period for the [Draft FY 21-22 Measure H Funding Recommendations](#) remains open until Thursday, May 6. The funding recommendations include the following:
  - \$1 million in gap funding (\$250,000 for the San Gabriel Valley) for City contracts until December 31, 2021.
  - \$5 million for LA County Councils of Governments for FY 21-22 (beginning Jan. 2022), then \$10 million is to be requested for FY 22-23, for a total of \$15 million over 18 months. Of that, the SGVCOG would receive approximately \$3.5 million to continue homelessness programming from Jan 2022 to June 2023.

**We would greatly appreciate letters of support. Letters can be submitted to [homelessinitiative@lacounty.gov](mailto:homelessinitiative@lacounty.gov) by Thursday, May 6. In the body of the email, please indicate that the letter is in reference to Strategy E7.** Attached is the template letter of support.



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