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SGVCOG Hosts Bike Share Expansion Workshop

The SGVCOG was recently awarded \$4.5 million, from the California Transportation Commission, to expand regional Bike Share into the San Gabriel Valley. In October, the SGVCOG hosted its first Bike Share expansion staff workshop, in conjunction with Metro staff. The workshop provided an overview of Bike Share, case studies, and operating and management costs. This workshop had 35 participants, and additional workshops will be held in the coming months.

- Grant support, and
- Environmental clearances.

Over the next year, Metro and the SGVCOG will work closely with SGV communities to define and optimize suitable service areas within each community. Utilizing a crowdsourcing map, among other tools, potential station locations will be identified and additional analysis will be done. For more information please contact Christian Cruz at ccruz@sgvcog.org

Currently, three Metro Bike Share systems are in operation in Los Angeles County: in Downtown LA, Pasadena and the Port of Los Angeles. The proposed expansion of the Bike Share system will include at least 15 participating SGV cities. A total of 84 stations and 840 bikes will be distributed regionally. The goal is to include stations near transit, major corridors, job centers and campuses for easy access to those most likely to use the system.

As a partner Metro will provide the following support to participating Bike Share communities:

- Technical assistance,
- Workshop's
- Local outreach,
- Demonstrations,
- Station siting,

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Pasadena Bike Share

San Gabriel Valley News In Brief

Business Life Magazine Recognizes COG President Cynthia Sternquist and ACE Board Chair Juli Costanzo

At its 28th annual event, Business Life Magazine recognized outstanding leadership and achievements by accomplished women at a formal recognition luncheon at the Pasadena Hilton Hotel. The event honored women leaders who serve the greater good throughout the Los Angeles County communities. The 29 women recognized were chosen for their demonstration of excellence and service.

This year, SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist and ACE Board Chair Juli Costanzo were honored. They were recognized for the positive impact they have had through their community service and leadership.



COG President Cynthia Sternquist

City of Claremont To Host Homeless Summit

The City of Claremont in partnership with the Claremont Chamber of Commerce, will host a free Community Homeless Summit on Monday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. Business owners and community members will be able to learn and obtain resources from a panel of experts on how to assist homeless individuals and families within our community.

The event is scheduled as follows:

- **What:** Claremont Community Homeless Summit
- **When:** Monday, October 23
- **Where:** Alexander Hughes Community Center 1700 Danbury Road, Claremont
- **RSVP:** vvan@ci.claremont.ca.us or (909) 399-5356



ACE Board Chair Julie Costanzo

SGVCOG Executes Contract For Regional Homeless Coordination:

On October 4th, the SGVCOG executed a contract with the County of Los Angeles to provide funding to support the homeless coordination efforts in the SGV. The SGVCOG will receive approximately \$158,000 per year and will use this money to fund a Regional Homeless Coordinator position. The recruitment process is currently underway, and it is expected that successful candidate will begin work in early November.

Foothill Transit To Develop Transit Center In Covina

Foothill Transit is joining forces with a private company to create an innovative, mixed-use development in the City of Covina. The project known as Covina Forward will combine a brand-new transit center. The transit center will link Covina residents to the nearby downtown Covina Metrolink Station, the Azusa Metro Gold Line Station, and Foothill Transit's local and commuter express bus services.

Foothill Transit is working with its design and build contractors to create an eco-friendly, energy-efficient center that they hope will earn Parksmart Certification for green buildings. The design uses solar canopies and water-wise landscaped pathways to link the five bus bays, retail area and residential units. Conduits for future electric buses will also be incorporated.

SGVCOG Board Appoints Interim Executive Director

At the September COG Governing Board meeting Marisa Creter was named as Interim Executive Director. She will serve for a maximum period of six months. During this period the SGVCOG will hire an executive search firm to help recruit a new Executive Director.



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SGVCOG Supports SB 242 (Skinner):

At their September meeting the COG Board supported SB 242 (Skinner). This bill would enact a comprehensive set of program requirements that will further protect homeowners and ensure the integrity of PACE assessments. The PACE program offers financing for energy efficiency assistance.

SB 242 calls for PACE providers to confirm financing terms via live telephone calls with homeowners; consider income and monthly obligations to underwriting; create a forbearance protocol for homeowners who demonstrate they cannot make a payment; and refrain from providing a contractor with an estimated approval amount for a homeowner. These measures will bolster PACE's existing consumer safeguards and ultimately strengthen this important financing resource. On October 4th, Governor Brown signed SB 242 into law.

Foothill Goldline Construction Authority Awards First Contract For Goldline Extension Phase 2B:

The Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority board unanimously awarded a \$2.6 million utility relocation design-bid-build contract to W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc. for the utility relocation work as part of the Foothill Gold Line light rail project. The Glendora to Montclair segment will extend the Metro Gold Line light rail line 12.3 miles from its eastern terminus in Azusa and will add new light rail stations in Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont and Montclair.

The Utility Relocation contract is the first of two contracts to be procured as part of the Glendora to Montclair project. The second, alignment design-build contract, will begin procurement this November and anticipated award in late 2018

SCAG Awards Supplemental Active Transportation Program Funds:

SCAG recently awarded an additional \$40.6 million in funding to projects submitted through ATP Cycle 3. This funding was made available as result of the passage of SB 1. In the San Gabriel Valley, 6 projects were awarded \$8.98 million in funding, as follows:

- City of Glendora - Glendora Urban Trail and Greenway Network (\$1,792,000)
- City of La Puente - Safe Routes to School Master Plan (\$200,000)
- City of Montebello - Montebello Boulevard Bike Lane and Sidewalk Improvement Project (\$4,187,000)
- City of Pasadena - PUSD Safe Routes to School Education and Encouragement Program (\$750,000)
- City of San Gabriel - Safe Routes to School Master Plan (\$200,000)
- County of Los Angeles - Temple Avenue Complete Street Improvements (\$1,847,000)

Congratulations to all the projects that were awarded funding!

EENR Committee Tours Jeff Seymour Family Center In El Monte:

In September, the EENR Committee toured the Jeff Seymour Family Center. The site was previously home to a middle school that was decommissioned and repurposed to house local non-profits, including Bike SGV and Nature For All, formerly known as the San Gabriel Mountains Forever.

The tour included a view of the Bike SGV bike resource center, where Cal League-Certified Cycling Instructors (LCI) offer a variety of bicycle classes throughout the year. The Committee also viewed new infrastructure such as the bike safety track, storm water basin, and rain modules.

San Gabriel Mountains Forever Rebrands

In September, San Gabriel Mountains Forever rebranded as Nature For All.

Since 2008, San Gabriel Mountains Forever has worked with local communities on protecting the San Gabriel Mountains and rivers. This work has included building support for protection of, and increased access to, our forests, rivers and parks, and developing a new, diverse generation of environmental stewards to care for our public lands. In 2016, the organization embarked on a path to become a non-profit organization. As they took on more projects to connect Angelenos to nature, it was realized a new identity to better reflect their vision was necessary.

The Nature For All mission: *"To work to build a diverse base of support for ensuring that everyone in the Los Angeles area —no matter where they live—has equitable access to the wide range of benefits that nature can provide."*



EENR Committee Members

Countywide Homeless Summit Highlights City Homeless Planning Grants

On September 27th, The Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative held its 2nd Annual Cities' Summit to prevent and combat homelessness. Those in attendance included city leaders and policy experts. COG Interim Executive Director, Marisa Creter provided remarks on the issues of homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley, and the importance of regional coordination and planning. Additionally, City of Pomona, Mayor Tim Sandoval Spoke on the cities' success stories and best practices panel, and highlighted their year round shelter do to open in March 2018.

This year's summit highlighted the grants for cities to plan their respective responses to homelessness, as well as the public health response to the local hepatitis A outbreak. Forty-seven eligible LA County cities successfully submitted planning grant proposals, and twenty-three of those were SGVCOG member cities. It is expected that our region will receive an estimated \$890,000 for homeless planning. It is anticipated that planning grant funds will be awarded to the cities on October 31st and contract execution/grantee orientation will be November 8th.



COG Board Member Tim Sandoval at the 2nd Annual Cities Summit

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SGVCOG to Discuss JPA / BYLAWS Revisions

The Governing Board will consider categories of changes included in the approval of an amendment to the JPA to reflect the SGVCOG/COG merger. There are two primary changes to the JPA:

- Clarifications and corrections to reflect current practices;
 - Modifications that reflect the specific board action taken in August 2017 regarding the ACE/COG merger; and
 - Areas related to the Capital Project and Construction Committee which require further policy direction (e.g. the ability of the Governing Board to review certain actions taken by the Committee, and, if so, under what circumstances, and the process for the electing delegates and alternates to the Committee).
- Pending direction from the Board, the final revised bylaws will be presented to the Governing Board for first reading in November and for adoption in December.

Additionally, proposed revisions to the SGVCOG bylaws are being presented for discussion and direction. There are three