



**San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments\***  
**AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE REGULAR**  
**MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022 – 4:00 PM**

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City of Claremont

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**Cory Moss**  
City of Industry

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

**MEETINGS:** *Regular Meetings of the Transportation Committee are held on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM at the Foothill Transit Building (100 S. Vincent Avenue, Suite 200, West Covina, CA 91790).* The agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Monrovia Office, 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA, and on the website, [www.sgvco.org](http://www.sgvco.org). A copy of the agenda is also viewable at the Alhambra City Hall, 111 S. 1st Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. 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. Attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

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**AGENDA ITEMS:** The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Transportation Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Transportation 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 so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar.



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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 Transportation Committee meeting will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Transportation 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://us06web.zoom.us/j/81179922802>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

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## 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. Adoption of Resolution 22-09-TC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Transportation Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings via Teleconferencing - **Page 1**  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-09-TC 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 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes - **Page 3**  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve.*
8. 2023 SGVCOG Transportation Legislative Priorities - **Page 9**  
*Recommended Action: Recommend the Governing Board to adopt the 2023 SGVCOG Transportation Legislative Priorities intended to inform and guide the legislative, policy, and programmatic actions and positions taken by the SGVCOG over the course of the 2023 calendar year.*

## PRESENTATIONS

9. San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study Update: Brent Ogden, Regional Vice President, Kimley-Horn - **Page 12**  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

## UPDATE ITEM

10. VMT Analysis Model & Tool Updates - **Page 14**  
*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

DATE: November 10, 2022

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

**RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-09-TC MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS TO ENABLE THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt Resolution 22-09-TC 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.<sup>1</sup>

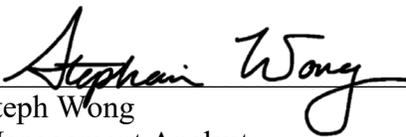
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<sup>1</sup> Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.

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 Transportation Committee adopt Resolution 22-09-TC making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

Prepared by:   
Steph Wong  
Management Analyst

Approved by:   
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

## **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – Resolution 22-09-TC](#)

Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee

October 6, 2022

4:00 PM



**SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee**

**Approved Special Joint Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 6, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

**1. Call to Order**

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, called the Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee to order at 4:07 pm. A quorum was in attendance.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Glendora Councilmember, Michael Allawos, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

**A quorum for the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee was in attendance.**

**Committee Members Present**

Arcadia	A. Verlato
Azusa	R. Gonzales
Claremont	E. Reece
Diamond Bar	N. Lyons
Duarte	J. Schulz
Glendora	M. Allawos
Industry	C. Moss
Irwindale	A. Ambriz
La Puente	G. Quiñones
La Verne	T. Hepburn
Monrovia	B. Shevlin
Montebello*	A. Jimenez
Monterey Park	H. Lo
Pasadena	V. Gordo
Rosemead	M. Clark
San Gabriel	T. Ding
San Marino	S. Jakubowski
South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti

**Absent**

Alhambra  
Baldwin Park  
Bradbury  
Covina  
El Monte  
Pomona  
San Dimas  
Sierra Madre  
La Cañada Flintridge  
South El Monte  
Temple City  
West Covina  
SGV Water Districts

**SGVCOG Staff**

M. Creter, Executive Director  
A. Godoy, Staff  
B. Ruano, Staff

Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee

October 6, 2022  
4:00 PM

Walnut	N. Tragarz	B. Logasa, Staff
L.A. County District #1	E. Gonzalez	J. Romanul, Staff
L.A. County District #5	V. Paul	J. Beshay, Staff
		K. Ward, Staff
		M. Sharkey, Staff
		N. Ryu, Staff
		R. Alimoren, Staff
		Ro. Choi, Staff
		S. Pedersen, Staff
		S. Hernandez, Staff
		S. Sousa, Staff
		S. Wong, Staff
		T. Lott, Staff
		V. Guerra, Staff
		V. Urenia, Staff
		Y. Harabedian, Staff

\*The voting member representing the City of Montebello for the Capital Projects and Construction Committee was in attendance.

**JOINT MEETING BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM**

- Adopt Joint Resolution 22-49 of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee Making Findings to Enable Them to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing

**There was a motion to adopt Joint Resolution 22-49 making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California exists, that social distancing being mandated or recommended by state or local officials due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and that meeting in person presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees.**

**(M/S: E. Reece/A. Verlato) [Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello*, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Marino, South Pasadena, Walnut, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	San Gabriel
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Alhambra, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Covina, El Monte, La Cañada Flintridge, Pomona, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, Temple City, West Covina, SGV Water Districts

\*The vote on behalf of the City of Montebello only counts toward the Capital Projects and

Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee

October 6, 2022

4:00 PM

Construction Committee's joint resolution.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5. Next Regular Governing Board Meeting – October 20, 2022  
Governing Board President, Becky Shevlin, announced the next Governing Board meeting.

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Pasadena Council Member, Victor Gordo, provided a comment.

**ADJOURN JOINT MEETING**

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, adjourned the Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee at 4:17 pm.

**BOARD APPROVED**

10/20/22

Date

Marisa Creter  
Marisa Creter, Secretary



**SGVCOG Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 13, 2022  
Time: 4:00 PM  
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chairperson, Ed Reece, called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.
  
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
Glendora Transportation Manager, Steven Mateer, led the Transportation Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
  
3. Roll Call  
**A quorum was in attendance.**

**Committee Members Present**

Alhambra	Adele Andrade-Stadler
Claremont	Ed Reece
Diamond Bar	David Liu
Glendora	Steven Mateer
Industry	Cory Moss
Pasadena	Lauren Cornejo
Pomona	Tim Sandoval
South El Monte	Gloria Olmos
Temple City	Ashley Avery
L.A. County District #1	Martin Reyes
L.A. County District #5	Dave Perry

**Absent**

La Canada Flintridge  
Monterey Park

**Guests**

City of Industry	Sam Pedroza
Foothill Transit	Matthew Nakano
Foothill Transit	Yoko Igawa
LACDPW	Sarah Ahmed
Metro	Brian Balderrama
SCAQMD	Rainbow Yeung
South El Monte	Rodrigo Pelayo
Nature For All	Bryan Matsumoto
Caltrans	Caleb Brock
Caltrans	Reece Allen
Foothill Gold Line	Lisa Levy Buch
Industry	Josh Nelson
LACDPW	Sarah Ahmed

**SGVCOG Staff**

Y. Harabedian, Staff  
S. Wong, Staff  
R. (Ricky) Choi, Staff  
B. Ruano, Staff  
R. (Roy) Choi, Staff  
K. Ward, Staff  
M. Creter, SGVCOG Executive  
Director

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

5. Changes to the Agenda Order  
There were no changes to the Agenda Order.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

6. Adoption of Resolution 22-08-TC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Transportation Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings via Teleconferencing  
*Action: Adopt Resolution 22-08-TC 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 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes  
*Action: Review and approve.*
8. San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study Update  
*Action: Receive and file.*

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 6-8. (M/S: G. Olmos/C. Moss)  
[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Alhambra, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Industry, Pasadena, South El Monte, Temple City, LA County District #5
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	Pomona, LA County District #1
<b>ABSENT:</b>	La Canada Flintridge, Monterey Park

**PRESENTATIONS**

9. Metro’s Lone Hill to White Update: Brian Balderrama, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Senior Director  
Brian Balderrama from LA Metro presented on this item.
10. Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Presentation: Caleb Brock, California Department of Transportation Regional Planning Branch 7 Chief  
Caleb Brock from Caltrans presented on this item.

**UPDATE ITEM**

11. Mount Wilson Express Shuttle Update: Bryan Matsumoto, Program Manager, Nature For All  
Bryan Matsumoto from Nature For All presented on this item.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

12. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Report  
Mayor Tim Sandoval provided a report.

**13. Foothill Transit Report**

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

**14. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Report**

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

**ADJOURN**

SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chairperson, Ed Reece, adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 4:54 PM.

DATE: November 10, 2022

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **2023 SGVCOG TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend the Governing Board to adopt the 2023 Transportation Legislative Priorities intended to inform and guide the legislative, policy, and programmatic actions and positions taken by the SGVCOG over the course of the 2023 calendar year.

## **BACKGROUND**

The SGVCOG Governing Board adopts various legislative priorities in concurrence with the Strategic Plan on an annual basis. The purpose of the legislative priorities is to outline the position of the Governing Board on priority issues and matters that impact the San Gabriel Valley. These legislative priorities are developed based on feedback and input from the SGVCOG policy committees and aim to address several regulatory, funding, and structural challenges faced by San Gabriel Valley cities. SGVCOG staff is currently working to develop a list of transportation legislative priorities to be presented to the SGVCOG Governing Board for adoption.

The proposed legislative priorities build upon those adopted in previous years. The only significant update has been formatted in red below.

## **PROPOSED 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

### **State and Regional:**

- Submit and/or advocate for funding requests, grant applications, or specific budget earmarks to ensure San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs are timely allocated or awarded Metro-administered funds, SB 1 and other state funds, and relevant county-administered funds.
- Support increased funding to the State's Active Transportation Program (ATP) to provide resources necessary for active transportation and first/last mile improvements in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Support funding dedicated for Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs and strategies.
- Support funding to preserve and maintain transportation infrastructure for key regional goods movement infrastructure enhancements.
- Support investments in active transportation infrastructure as a component of other state-funded transportation improvement projects recognizing the critical role of walking, biking, and complete streets in connecting the multi-modal transportation system.

- Support the development of transportation and capital projects best practices and funding programs beneficial to San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs.<sup>1</sup>
- Support legislative or administrative efforts to expedite environmental and permitting approvals and project delivery of San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs.
- Support the development of the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study, **progress on the East San Gabriel Valley Multimodal Improvement Project, and management of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Vehicle-Miles Traveled (VMT) programs in compliance with SB 743.**
- Support the implementation of the GoSGV Regional E-Bike Share Program.
- Continue to collaborate with Metro, Foothill Transit, Metrolink, Caltrans, the County of Los Angeles, and state agencies and participate in the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus, the Mobility 21 Coalition, and other stakeholders to benefit and enhance San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs.

## **Federal:**

- Support efforts that expand public transit projects and services, both bus and rail, in the region to reduce congestion and enhance sustainability.
- Propose and advocate policies, funding, and programs beneficial to San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs, including in the context of the reauthorization of the FAST Act multi-year surface transportation program legislation, possible standalone legislation or other relevant legislation.
- Support funding for the INFRA Program, including increased transparency measures for competitive grant awards.
- Support transportation and capital projects in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Support legislation and efforts to minimize aircraft noise impacts in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Support legislative or administrative efforts to expedite environmental and permitting approvals and project delivery of San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs.
- Continue to work with the San Gabriel Valley's federal representatives, the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, the Mobility 21 Coalition, and other stakeholders in support of these legislative priorities and other matters that benefit San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs.
- **Pursue funding available under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) to support transportation and capital projects in the San Gabriel Valley.**

The purpose of these legislative priorities is to advocate for the interests of member agencies at the County, State, and Federal levels, as they pertain to the topics of transportation and capital projects. SGVCOG staff recommends the Transportation Committee to recommend the Governing

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<sup>1</sup> These projects and programs include those currently or to be assigned for implementation to the Capital Projects and Construction Committee (ACE Project, SR-57/60 Project, Regional Bike Share, La Verne Pedestrian Bridge, etc.) as well as regional priority projects supported by the SGVCOG Governing Board, including, but not limited to, the Foothill Gold Line Extension Project, the I-10/SR-710 interchange project and the SR-71 Gap Closure Project.

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Board to adopt the 2023 Transportation Legislative Priorities to enhance mobility, increase the quality of life, and reduce environmental degradation in the San Gabriel Valley region.

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Steph Wong  
Management Analyst

Approved by: Marisa Creter  
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

DATE: November 10, 2022

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE AND PRESENTATION**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

The SGVCOG, in partnership with Metro, has recently completed Phase 1 of the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study (Project). The purpose of the Project is to evaluate short- and long-term transit options that will address the unmet mobility needs of the San Gabriel Valley. These future transit improvements are intended to enhance communities and the lives of residents, commuters and visitors, and shall address the mobility needs of our transit-dependent populations and equity focused communities in the San Gabriel Valley.

In September 2022, the SGVCOG and its consultant team led by Kimley-Horn and Hill International, Inc., completed a 15-month study effort for Phase 1 for the Project. Through an iterative process and with input from the partner cities and community residents, the SGVCOG and its consultant team evaluated 15 preliminary transit alternatives for improving mobility in the San Gabriel Valley. These initial concepts were scored and ranked based upon such criteria as whether they increased access to major transit hubs, fulfilled near-term mobility needs, improved transit service, and supported land use development. Upon completing this evaluation, the SGVCOG elected to reduce the 15 preliminary transit alternatives to the seven most feasible options for further study and analysis. The following remaining seven project alternatives were included in the Draft Long-Term Vision Plan for the San Gabriel Valley for further study in Phase 2 of the Project:

1. Concept 1 (Downtown Los Angeles to Downtown Pomona via Valley Boulevard)
2. Concept 2 (Atlantic Station to Downtown Pomona via SR-60)
3. Concept 5 (Atlantic Station to Downtown Pomona via Valley Blvd & Colima/Golden Springs)
4. Concept 10 (Sierra Madre Villa Station to CSLB via Rosemead Blvd & Lakewood Blvd)
5. Concept 11 (Monrovia Station to Whittier via Peck & Beverly)
6. Concept 12 (Azusa Downtown Station to Orange County via Azusa Ave & Fullerton Rd)
7. Concept 13 (APU/Citrus College Station to Brea Mall via Citrus & Grand)

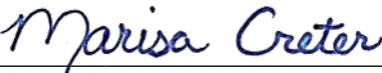
Phase 2 for the Project was initiated on September 20, 2022 and will include efforts to further refine and screen the remaining seven project alternatives that have been advanced for further study from Phase 1. During Phase 2, with continued input from the partner cities and the

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community, the SGVCOG's consultant team will advance the Project's efforts by developing five percent conceptual-level engineering plans and illustrative urban design drawings that will be used to further communicate and analyze these seven project alternatives which will ultimately culminate into a Final Long-Term Vision Plan for the San Gabriel Valley. The Phase 2 analysis is expected to continue from now through September 2023, during which the SGVCOG will seek ongoing input from the partner cities and the community.

Prepared by:   
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Roy Choi  
Management of Transportation

Approved by:   
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Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

# REPORT

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DATE: November 10, 2022

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **VMT ANALYSIS MODEL & TOOL UPDATES**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

Following the passage of SB 743, local jurisdictions are required to evaluate transportation impacts under CEQA using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) rather than level of service (LOS). In 2020, the SGVCOG developed a Regional VMT Analysis Model to help member agencies evaluate the VMT impacts of development projects and comply with SB 743. This effort culminated in an Analysis Tool that helps cities determine whether a proposed project will trigger their VMT thresholds, and therefore create a significant impact under CEQA.

## **DISCUSSION**

Currently, 27 cities are engaged in agreements with SGVCOG to maintain the VMT Analysis Tool. The SGVCOG has contracted Fehr & Peers (“the consultant”) to conduct this work, the same firm that built the Tool and performed the initial modeling. SCAG models and data informed the baseline calculations used by Fehr & Peers to determine VMT impacts under CEQA. As the result of a new activity-based modeling system established by SCAG in the 2020 RTP/SCS (Connect SoCal), updates to the modeling and tool must now be made. The proposed updates will involve new analysis to update each city's VMT baseline/threshold and remain in compliance with SB 743. The SGVCOG will work with Fehr & Peers to perform these recalculations, assist cities in determining whether their current baselines/thresholds are still acceptable, and update and maintain the tool for an additional 5-year period.

SGVCOG invited all of our member cities to an informational session about these changes. The session took place on October 12, 2022 over Zoom.

SGVCOG staff are currently negotiating the final scope of work and contract terms for the new phase of work. All SGVCOG cities will be invited to submit a letter of interest to participate in the updates. Following approval by this Committee, City Managers' Steering Committee, and the Governing Board, the consultant contract will be executed and amendments will be made to existing city MOAs. The work is expected to commence in early 2023, with most of the updates and city outreach occurring in the first year. Following that, the consultant will provide technical assistance, host the web-based tool, and conduct periodic updates through 2027.

At this meeting, Steph Wong, SGVCOG Management Analyst, will provide an update on the necessary updates to the VMT Analysis Model & Tool.

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