



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments\*

## AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE **SPECIAL** MEETING OF THE SGVCOG PUBLIC WORKS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Monday, January 10, 2022 – 12:00 PM**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81701467014>

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Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The Public Works Technical Advisory Committee encourages public participation and invites you to comment on agenda items.

**MEETINGS:** *Regular Meetings of the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee are held on the third Monday of each month at 12:00 PM at the Monrovia Community Center – 119 W. Palm Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016.* The Public Works Technical Advisory Committee agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Suite 10210, Alhambra, CA, and on the website, [www.sgvcog.org](http://www.sgvcog.org). Copies are available via email upon request ([sgv@sgvcog.org](mailto:sgv@sgvcog.org)). 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. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Your participation is welcomed and invited at all Public Works Technical Advisory Committee meetings. Time is reserved at each meeting for those who wish to address the Board. SGVCOG requests that persons addressing the Committee refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane, or disruptive remarks.

### **TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC WORKS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

At a regular meeting, the public may comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee during the public comment period and may also comment on any agenda item at the time it is discussed. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public wishing to speak are asked to complete a comment card or simply rise to be recognized when the Chair asks for public comments to speak. We ask that members of the public state their name for the record and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Committee on a single item, the Chair may impose a time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of discussion. **The Public Works Technical Advisory Committee may not discuss or vote on items not on the agenda.**

**AGENDA ITEMS:** The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

**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 or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee.



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**\*MEETING MODIFICATIONS DUE TO THE STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE THREAT OF COVID-19:** AB 361 (Rivas), signed by California Governor Gavin Newsom on September 16, 2021, authorizes local agencies to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically to promote social distancing due to the state and local emergency resulting from the threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

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 Public Works Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for January 10, 2022 at 12:00pm will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Public Works Technical Advisory 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/81701467014>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

Instructions for Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items you may submit comments via email or participate by Zoom.

- **Email:** Please submit via email your public comment to SGVCOG Management Aide, Sophia Sousa, at [ssousa@sgvcog.org](mailto:ssousa@sgvcog.org) at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email “FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.” Emailed public comments will be read into the record and will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Public comment may be summarized in the interest of time, however the full text will be provided to all members of the Committee prior to the meeting.
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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: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting.

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

6. Adoption of Resolution 22-01-PWTAC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee to Continue to Hold Teleconferencing Meetings (**Page 1**)  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-01-PWTAC 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. Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes: 12/13/2021 (**Page 3**)  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

8. SGVCOG Transit Feasibility Study – Alexander Fung, Senior Management Analyst, SGVCOG (**Page 5**)  
*Recommended Action: Discuss and provide input to staff.*

## **UPDATE ITEMS**

9. Caltrans District 7 Quarterly Updates – Roger Yoh, PE, District Asset Manager, California Department of Transportation (**Page 7**)
10. Broadband 101 Guide – Sophia Sousa, Management Aide, SGVCOG (**Page 8**)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11. Next Committee Meeting

## **ADJOURN**

DATE: January 10, 2022

TO: Public Works Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-01-PWTAC MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC WORKS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt Resolution 22-01-PWTAC 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>

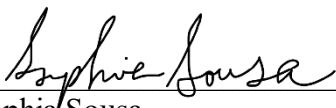
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<sup>1</sup> Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.

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 Public Works Technical Advisory Committee adopt a resolution making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

Prepared by:   
Sophia Sousa  
Management Aide

Approved by:   
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

## **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – Resolution 22-01-PWTAC](#)



**SGVCOG Public Works TAC *Special* Meeting Minutes**  
**Unapproved Minutes**  
**December 13, 2021**  
**12:00 PM – Via Zoom/Teleconference**

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

**1. Call to Order**

R. Guerrero called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

R. Guerrero led the Public Works TAC in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call:**

**Members Present:**

Arcadia	P. Wray
Diamond Bar	D. Liu
El Monte	L. Torres, S. Mendez
Irwindale	D. Co
La Verne	S. Igoe
Monrovia	C. Castruita
Pomona	R. Guerrero
Rosemead	B. Janka
San Marino	M. Throne
South El Monte	R. Pelayo
South Pasadena	T. Gerber
Temple City	A. Avery
L.A. County DPW	J. Pletyak, P. Smith, J. Yang,
	S. Ahmed

**Members Absent:**

Azusa  
Baldwin Park  
Glendora  
Industry  
Monterey Park  
Pasadena  
San Dimas  
Walnut

**SGVCOG Staff:**

A. Fung; S. Sousa; Staff

**Guests:**

City of San Gabriel, C.  
Hernandez; HDR/WKE,  
D. Cadena

**4. Public Comment**

No public comment was received for the meeting.

**5. Changes to Agenda Order**

No changes were requested.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6. Adoption of Resolution 21-03-PWTAC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee to Continue to Hold Teleconference Meetings**

*Action: Adopt Resolution 21-03-PWTAC 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.*



SGVCOG Public Works TAC **Special** Meeting Minutes

Unapproved Minutes

December 13, 2021

12:00 PM – Via Zoom/Teleconference

7. Review Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes: 11/15/2021

*Action: Review and approve.*

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 6 and 7.**

**(M/S: M. Throne/P. Wray)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Arcadia, Azusa, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Irwindale, La Verne, Monrovia, Pomona, Rosemead, San Marino, South Pasadena, Temple City, L.A. County DPW
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	South El Monte
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Azusa, Baldwin Park, Glendora, Industry, Monterey Park, Pasadena, San Dimas, Walnut

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The upcoming committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2022 at 12:00pm. Subsequent teleconference meetings may be rescheduled in order to comply with AB 361 requirements.

**ADJOURN**

R. Guerrero adjourned the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee meeting at 12:10pm.



# REPORT

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DATE: January 10, 2022

TO: Public Works Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATES**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Discuss and provide input to staff.

## **BACKGROUND**

The San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study was initiated following the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors' decision in February 2020 to withdraw the State Route 60 alternative in the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project to extend the Metro L (Gold) Line. Recognizing that the SR-60 Corridor cities have invested time and commitment to high quality transit solutions, Metro has partnered with the SGVCOG to conduct a feasibility study and identified \$635 million in Measure M capital funds to fund a new project. The \$635 million of local funds are budgeted for a near-term (15 years) transit capital improvement project that results from the Study, with further funding available for a long-term project in 2053 as well. The Study will identify potential project alternatives to best serve the San Gabriel Valley.

The Study Area includes all cities and communities located in the SGVCOG's jurisdiction, including a focus area for integration of services and another focus area for new services. A map of the Study Area can be found in Attachment A. The "Focus Area for Integration of Services" leverages existing assets such as the Metro L (Gold) Line to integrate with connecting services. The "Focus Area for New Services" targets areas that may be currently underserved and lacking high quality frequent transit services.

Recently, the Study released 15 proposed alternatives for San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies to review and comment. Staff will share the proposed alternatives and provide an opportunity for the Committee to share any recommendations, comments, or concerns at this meeting. Additionally, cities and agencies can submit written comments via [sgvtransitstudy@sgvcog.org](mailto:sgvtransitstudy@sgvcog.org). Members of the public can also provide comments through a survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2D6TTXS>.

Prepared by:   
Alexander P. Fung  
Senior Management Analyst



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Approved by: Marisa Creter  
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

## **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – Study Area Map](#)

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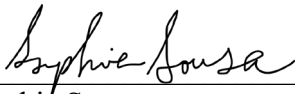
RE: **CALTRANS DISTRICT 7 QUARTERLY UPDATES**

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2020, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) launched a City Ambassador Program to allow for additional comprehensive discussions regarding transportation-related projects in the region. The Program aims to provide opportunities for cities and agencies to further engage, communicate, and coordinate transportation and infrastructure projects with Caltrans.

To increase engagements with the SGVCOG and San Gabriel Valley cities, Caltrans representatives will be providing updates to the SGVCOG Public Works Technical Advisory Committee on a quarterly basis. Caltrans District 7 Asset Manager, Roger Yoh, will be providing updates on ongoing Caltrans projects in the San Gabriel Valley region at this meeting.

General questions regarding Caltrans projects can be directed to [D7inquiries@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D7inquiries@dot.ca.gov) or (213) 897-3656.

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Executive Director

# REPORT

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DATE: January 10, 2022

TO: Public Works Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **BROADBAND 101 GUIDE**

## **BACKGROUND**

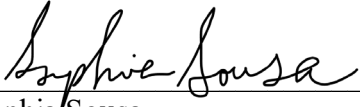
As societal operations become increasingly online, broadband infrastructure has become comparable to water, sewage, and transportation infrastructure, highlighting how essential widespread high-speed internet access is to social equity and economic and environmental prosperity. Still, millions of Californians do not have access to high-speed internet, revealing a “digital divide” among communities. This divide has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, as remote learning and work-from-home practices have increased due to public health concerns. The divide is especially present among disadvantaged communities, further contributing to social equity issues they may already face.

On August 31, 2021, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directed the Internal Services Department (ISD) to evaluate ways to close the digital divide. As a result, ISD developed an action plan (attachment A) with the following alternatives to help close the divide:

1. Utilize and expand subsidy programs
2. Deploy Community Wireless Networks
3. Develop new Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) Networks

In light of this, SGVCOG staff developed a living resource guide detailing ISD’s different alternatives for closing the divide in Los Angeles County and funding opportunities available for broadband related projects. This document (attachment B) will be regularly updated and distributed to cities and relevant stakeholders.

SGVCOG Management Aide, Sophia Sousa, will provide updates on this item.

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Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

## **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – Los Angeles County Internal Services Department Broadband Action Plan](#)

[Attachment B – SGVCOG Broadband 101 Resource Guide](#)