

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of May 4, 2020

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the Executive Committee held its monthly meeting virtually via Zoom. The Committee discussed the status of the SGVCOG office leases in Alhambra and Irwindale, which are set to expire April 2021. Staff anticipated touring potential sites by June of this year; however, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, conducting site visits will not be feasible for the foreseeable future. Staff is recommending extending the Alhambra and Irwindale office leases through October 2022. Additionally, the Committee discussed the 2020-21 SGVCOG Board officer elections. The SGVCOG officer elections would typically be held in person, so the Committee recommended that the Board officer elections be delayed until September 2020 for the opportunity to conduct this election in-person. As stated in the SGVCOG bylaws, in the event an election of new officers is not held prior to the expiration of the terms, July 1, the terms of those current officers shall extend automatically. These items will both be considered by the Governing Board at its May 21, 2020, meeting.
- **Homeless Committee:** On Wednesday, the Homeless Committee held a virtual meeting. The Agenda heard a presentation from the Homeless Initiative and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) on Project Roomkey, its effort to house homeless people over 65 or with health conditions in hotels throughout the County. The Committee discussed the site selection process, day-to-day operations of the hotels, wrap-around services, and post-crisis planning with the Homeless Initiative and LAHSA staff. The Committee also discussed the SGVCOG Hygiene Program. LA County is providing funding to the SGVCOG to facilitate cities providing additional hygiene services to people experiencing homelessness, and the SGVCOG is working with cities to allocate this funding. The next Homeless Committee Meeting will take place on June 3, 2020.
- **RHTF Meeting:** On Wednesday, the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) held its first meeting. Jed Leano - Councilmember from the City of Claremont - was elected Chair, and Becky Shevlin - Councilmember from the City of Monrovia was elected Vice-Chair. The Board also recommended that the SGVRHT pursue a contract with the COG for staffing services. That item will be considered by the Governing Board at its May 21, 2020, meeting. In addition, the SGVRHT Board recommended its support for Senator Susan Rubio's budget request for the SGVRHT and recommended procurement of a consultant to support its application for the State's Local Housing Trust Fund grant program.
- **LISC Local Government Support Webinar:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff attended a local government and multi-family housing support webinar that was hosted by Local Initiatives Support Corporation-Los Angeles (LISC-LA). The webinar included panel discussions from representatives from the Oakland Economic and Workforce Development Department, and Ward Economic Development Corporation and the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles. The discussions focused on how local governments can support multi-family apartment owners during the pandemic as small apartment owners have limited support and lack clarity on how renters pay rent due to eviction moratoriums. The panelists encouraged landlords to be flexible with tenants

during this challenging time, including by creating repayment plans if the tenants are experiencing severe economic hardships. Local elected officials and community organizations can also partner with small apartment owners by offering nutritious meals to support tenants who are unemployed as a result of COVID-19. Additionally, the panelists encouraged local jurisdictions to work with apartment owners to upgrade their cleaning protocols, sanitize public access points, and maintain communication with tenants. LISC has developed a [toolkit](#) of best practices for local governments to address the severe economic challenges that were caused by this pandemic.

- **SCAG:** On Thursday, SCAG held virtual policy committee meetings and a virtual Regional Council meeting. At these meetings, the Committees considered approval of ConnectSoCal - the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). After a significant number of public comments and discussion, the Regional Council voted to approve ConnectSoCal for federal conformity purposes but to delay approval of ConnectSoCal for all other purposes. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHA) must review and approve the Plan by June 1, 2020, to ensure that the region's transportation projects remain in conformity. For all other purposes, ConnectSoCal will return to the Regional Council for approval within 120 days, after staff has had an opportunity to re-examine ConnectSoCal in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and to work with local jurisdictions to re-examine the the data included within ConnectSoCal.
- **California COVID-19 Recovery Roadmap Survey:** Governor Newsom is currently developing a roadmap for modifying the statewide stay-at-home health orders while maintaining community health and resiliency. City staff, elected officials, and local residents are encouraged to provide input on the best methods to reopen different sectors of the state's economy while reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Cities are encouraged to provide suggestions and recommendations by completing the survey [here](#).

The logo for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) features a stylized sunburst or starburst design above the text "SGVCOG". The sunburst is composed of several overlapping, semi-transparent triangles in shades of light blue and teal. The text "SGVCOG" is rendered in a light blue, sans-serif font.

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Week of May 11, 2020

- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Committee and Water TAC held its monthly meeting virtually via Zoom. The Committees discussed the implementation of the Safe Clean Water Program. A number of concerns related to the implementation of the program were discussed, including the Regional Oversight Committee and Scoring Committee makeup and conduct, the scoring criteria for water supply in the Safe Clean Water call for projects, the qualifications of and process for selecting watershed coordinators, and the need for conservative first-year funding allocations to ensure adequate funding for future projects. The Committees also discussed COVID-19 stimulus funding, the opportunity for Congress to fund shovel-ready stormwater infrastructure projects, and the need to include language in the stimulus package that expands the definition of shovel-ready to include more projects. The Committees will compile a list of stormwater infrastructure projects in the San Gabriel Valley to support the requested changes in the stimulus infrastructure package.
- **Homeless Deputies Meeting:** On Thursday, staff attended the Supervisors' Homelessness Deputies' Meeting. The Meeting focused largely on two funding agreements proposed to be considered by the Board of Supervisors to support the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The first would be a request to execute an amendment to the existing Operational Agreement to allocate one-third of the draft Measure H funding recommendations for FY 2020-21 to LAHSA prior to the start of the next fiscal year on July 1, 2020. The rationale for this request is to account for the release of the homeless count results and the adoption of the State's budget in mid-June, both of which have the potential to significantly impact the Measure H funding recommendations. The second agreement between the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and LAHSA would provide Coordinated Entry System for Families (CESF) services to eligible homeless California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids (CaWORKs) families and families that are no longer eligible for CaWORKs due to income. The final presentation was on recommendations for reducing the morbidity rate among the homeless and reducing drug overdose deaths. Finally, there was an update on COVID-19 in Los Angeles. As of Wednesday, there are 31 Project Roomkey sites operational across the county, including 6 in El Monte, 2 in Monterey Park, and 1 each in Pomona, Rosemead, and Walnut. The next meeting of the Homeless Deputies will occur on May 28, 2020.
- **LABC Clean Energy Webinar:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff participated in a webinar that was held by the Los Angeles Business Council (LABC) on COVID-19's impact on California's clean energy policies. Moderated by Los Angeles Times Reporter Sammy Roth, California Air Resources Board (CARB) Chairwoman Mary Nichols and California Energy Commission (CEC) Chairman David Hochschild discussed the pandemic's impact on California's air quality and shared insights on utilizing investments in the clean energy sector to rebuild the state's economy.

Despite the fact that the United States has lost more than 600,000 jobs in the clean energy sector, CARB Chairwoman Nichols affirmed the State's commitment to achieving renewable energy goals. Additionally, CEC Chairman Hochschild mentioned that California has already achieved 63% carbon-free electricity today. With less residents travelling on the road due to the State's Stay-At-Home Health Orders, California saw a usage decrease in gasoline by 50% and diesel by 30%. Both leaders announced that they will be focusing on vehicle and transportation electrification projects in the next few years.

- **Metro BRT Study Survey:** Metro is currently conducting the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Vision & Principles Study to develop the overall vision, goals, and objectives for BRT in Los Angeles County. The Study will define local BRT operational standards and design guidelines to direct future development of BRT routes and services across Los Angeles County. Cities are encouraged to visit MetroBRTstory.com and take a short survey to provide input on the Study. The survey will open for responses until Sunday, May 31, 2020.
- **CivicSpark Project Partner Applications:** CivicSpark is a Governor's Initiative AmeriCorps Program dedicated to building capacity for local public agencies to address community resiliency issues, such as climate change, water resources management, housing, and mobility. Each year, CivicSpark recruits 90 fellows to build local public agency capacity throughout the state for 11 months. Fellows are selected through a highly competitive national application process and have at least a college degree in a relevant field. In response to the scale and urgency of COVID-19, CivicSpark is prepared to focus Fellow support on recovery activities, such as supporting the development of responsive programs and connecting community members with resources. Hosting a Fellow can be a cost-effective way for cities to bolster COVID-19 response efforts. Cities can learn more about the CivicSpark Program by visiting [this website](#) or explore potential recovery activities by contacting Kif Scheuer at kscheuer@lqc.org.
- **Governing Board Preview:** The SGVCOG Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday, May 21 at 4PM via Zoom Teleconference. The full agenda packet may be accessed [here](#). Major Action items are summarized below:
 - **SGVCOG Officer Election Update:** Due to the limitations of conducting in-person meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic, staff is recommending to delay the 2020-2021 SGVCOG Board Officer Elections until September 2020. By September, staff would report back on the feasibility of holding an election in person, including how to accommodate a large enough meeting space for the Governing Board to accommodate the social distancing practices that would likely be required. As stipulated in the SGVCOG bylaws, the current officers would serve in their respective offices until an election of new officers is held.
 - **Approval of Letters Supporting Federal Funding for SGV Cities for Coronavirus Relief:** Staff recommends sending a letter in support of the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions or "HEROES" Act, that would provide \$375 billion in Federal aid to help cities and counties provide vital services responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Without Federal aid to cover significant unbudgeted costs of responding to the COVID-19

pandemic and anticipated revenue shortfalls resulting from stay-at-home orders, San Gabriel Valley cities may be forced to cut services, including emergency response services, at a time of growing need. Additionally, staff also recommends sending a letter requesting that the County of Los Angeles consider sharing its federal Coronavirus Relief Funds with San Gabriel Valley cities whose residents were included in the population-based formula used to establish the County's apportionment under the CARES Act.

- **FY 2020-2021 Budget:** Staff is recommending adopting the FY 2020-2021 budget. This will be the 2nd year the budget for the SGVCOG and ACE Project will be combined. The budget is divided into four sections: Operating Budget, SGV Regional Housing Trust, Non-Capital Projects, and Capital Projects. Staff had previously given a presentation on the draft budget at the April Governing Board meeting.
- **Support SB 1191 (Dahle):** On February 20, 2020, Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber) introduced SB 1191 to address municipalities' concerns regarding SB 1383's (Lara) ambitious mandates. SB 1383 was signed into law in September 2016 to establish methane emissions reduction targets and achieve a 50% reduction in the state's organic waste disposal from the 2014 levels by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) has been granted the regulatory authority to ensure that SB 1383 targets will be achieved. SB 1191 would require CalRecycle to consider whether a jurisdiction has made "good faith" efforts to implement its programs before issuing a compliance order or imposing penalties.
- **Office Lease Update:** As the current leases of the Alhambra and Irwindale offices are set to expire in April 2021, a search for a joint office space was undertaken earlier this year. Staff anticipated touring potential sites by June of this year. However, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, conducting site visits is not currently feasible and will likely not be feasible for the foreseeable future. Based on these considerations, staff is recommending extending the Alhambra and Irwindale office leases through October 2022.
- **San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Staffing:** The SGVRHT Board held its first meeting on May 6, 2020, and, as one of its action items, considered a recommendation to negotiate an agreement with the SGVCOG. The SGVRHT Board voted unanimously to authorize a representative to negotiate an agreement with the SGVCOG for its core staffing. It is recommended that the SGVCOG pursue an Agreement with the SGVRHT. The Agreement would be considered by the SGVRHT Board at its meeting on June 3, 2020. The final agreement would be presented to the Governing Board at its June 2020 meeting.
- **Award of Contract for Landlord Outreach, Education and Incentive Program:** In February 2020, the SGVCOG Governing Board approved an allocation of \$400,000 from the SGVCOG's state budget allocation and Measure H Innovation funding for implementation of a landlord education, outreach, and incentive program. The request for proposals (RFP) was released on March 9, 2020, to select a service provider to develop landlord

outreach plans, conduct landlord outreach (including various outreach activities and social media posts), develop a plan for distributing landlord incentives, and tracking and distributing landlord incentives. Based on evaluation of the firms' that submitted proposals, the Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) recommended executing agreements with two firms: S. Groner Associates and Union Station Homeless Services (USHS). The TEC recommended that a contract be awarded to S. Groner Associates to develop and implement the landlord outreach plans for an amount not-to-exceed \$77,770 and to USHS to develop a plan for distributing landlord incentives and tracking and distributing landlord incentives for an amount not-to-exceed \$322,300.

- **Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative Contract Amendment for Homeless Services:** On March 31, 2020, the County Board of Supervisors approved a motion authorizing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to allocate State COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness Grant funding to amend existing agreements between the County and Councils of Government (COGs) to deliver expanded hygiene services. This amendment adds additional funding for the purpose of meeting the hygiene needs of people experiencing homelessness for a three-month period. To distribute the funding, the SGVCOG asked each of its member agencies if there was an interest in accessing hygiene funds for this purpose. In total, twelve cities expressed interest. The SGVCOG has been awarded \$113,320, and this funding will be allocated equally between the 12 participating cities. As such, each city will be allocated \$9,443.33.
- **Revised SGVCOG Audit Charter:** The SGVCOG maintains an active audit function under the direction of the Executive Director, with a responsibility to report its activities to the Governing Board. The Audit Charter serves as a guide to the Management Audit Services (MAS) of the SGVCOG in the performance of its duties and provides a basis for evaluating the operations of the Audit function. The SGVCOG Audit Charter was previously adopted in April 2008. The Audit Charter is periodically reviewed/updated and presented for approval. The revised Charter contains two major changes listed under the scope of work: addition of pre-award audit and non-audit services and elimination of the Internal Audit function due to lack of independence. Staff is recommending approval of the revised SGVCOG Audit Charter.
- Additionally, Phil Ansell, Director of Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative (HI) will present on HI's homelessness response services and how cities can better partner with HI to address unique needs in their communities.

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Week of May 18, 2020

- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee convened over Zoom for its May meeting. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) Sustainability and Innovation Officer, Youn Sim, provided a presentation on the Infrastructure LA Forum. The Forum aims to advance new initiatives, remove barriers to regional infrastructure delivery, address existing infrastructure challenges and share best practices in managing infrastructure projects. Interested individuals can receive updates and meeting information by joining the Infrastructure LA mailing list [here](#). The Energy Coalition Project Managers, Nicol Manzanares and Natalie Espinoza, provided an overview on the SoCalREN Public Agency Programs. Administered by the County of Los Angeles, SoCalREN's programs provide cities with tailored project delivery approaches, funding recommendations, and procurement pathways to support the implementation of energy efficiency projects. Committee members also heard an update from SGVCOG staff on the Regional VMT Analysis Model. The committee is expected to reconvene on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 12:00pm.
- **Neighborhood Coyote Webinar:** On Tuesday, the Neighborhood Coyote Program hosted a live Coyote Safety Webinar with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Access to the webinar was solely offered to the residents of the program's ten participating cities and attendees were able to submit questions prior to and during the webinar and have those questions answered in real-time. Individuals who were not residents of the participating city were able to watch via the YouTube livestream. The webinar garnered the interest of 62 total registrants between those participating in the webinar and those participating in the YouTube livestream. The YouTube live-stream of the webinar may be found [here](#) and the presentation recording may be found [here](#). The password for the recording is: 9E+#o3CW
- **Metro BRT Vision and Principles Stakeholder Meeting:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff attended the Metro Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Vision and Principles Study Stakeholder Meeting. The Study will develop the overall vision for BRT in Los Angeles County, define BRT operational standards and design guidelines, and identify new potential corridors. Working with stakeholders, Metro has identified 30 BRT routes, prioritizing corridors that would connect BRT routes to major transit hubs, collaborate with municipal operators and cities to avoid service inefficiencies, and facilitate community development opportunities such as affordable housing developments. Fifteen of the 30 corridors were identified as "promising corridors," and 3 to 5 of these will be prioritized for implementation. While none of the 15 promising corridors are located in the San Gabriel Valley, Metro staff reiterated that different modes of transportation projects are currently being explored to alleviate congestion in the San Gabriel Valley.
- **EENR Meeting:** On Wednesday, the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee convened for its May meeting. SGVCOG staff

provided a presentation on the 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership Programs. The Partnership identifies opportunities for municipal building energy efficiency retrofits, assists cities in accessing financial incentives and technical resources to complete these retrofits, offers toolbox trainings and quarterly Energy Working Group meetings for city staff, and provides facility benchmarking and energy auditing services to help cities monitor their facilities' energy usage. SGVCOG staff also provided a legislative update of H.R. 535, known as the PFAS Action Act of 2019. Among other things, the bill would require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to publish a maximum contaminant level goal for PFAS, establish national drinking water safeguards for PFAS chemicals, and require the cleanup of sites that are contaminated with PFOA and PFOS. After a thorough discussion, the committee voted to recommend the SGVCOG Governing Board to support H.R. 535, with additional recommendations for cleaning up contaminated landfills. Committee members also raised concerns over Southern California Edison's (SCE) proposed electricity rate increase, which would increase residential rates by 14.4% starting next year. The rate increase request is currently reviewed by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and SGVCOG staff will invite SCE representatives to provide a presentation on details of the proposed rate increase at the next EENR Committee meeting. The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 1:00pm.

- **SB 1212 Hearing:** On Thursday, the Senate Committee on Governance and Finance unanimously passed SB 1212, Senator Susan Rubio's legislation which modifies the SGVRHT Board of Directors. SB 1212 strengthens the SGVRHT by staggering the two-year terms of board members, modifying the housing and homelessness expertise on the board, and ensuring regional equity by requiring city representatives on the board be from different cities. The Bill will next be heard on the Senate Floor.
- **Homeless Count Advisory Board Meeting:** On Thursday, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) held its monthly Homeless Count Advisory Board (HCAB) meeting. The meeting discussed messaging related to the release of the Point in Time (PIT) Count, the Youth Count, and the demographic data that was collected in the early part of 2020. The Committee also discussed the Data Release press conference, including the presentation and when the press conference will be held. The current expectation for the release of the Homeless Count data is the second or third week of June, pending approval of the presentation from the Board of Supervisors and LAHSA leadership.
- **SCAG Technical Working Group:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff participated in the SCAG Technical Working Group meeting. SCAG staff provided updates on Connect SoCal, which is the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). Connect SoCal outlines more than \$638 billion in transportation system investments through 2045 and builds upon land use and transportation strategies established over several planning cycles to increase mobility options. The SCAG Regional Council adopted the Connect SoCal Plan on May 7th for federal transportation conformity purposes only. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the SCAG Regional Council will consider approval of the Plan in its entirety for all other purposes within 120 days from May 7th. As directed by the

Regional Council, SCAG will be working with local jurisdictions to identify and restore locally approved entitlements as conveyed by local jurisdictions and conduct outreach regarding COVID-19's short-term and long-term impacts on Connect SoCal. COVID-19 pandemic is also expected to impact the modeling tasks of the new RTP cycle, as model components need to be updated and enhanced to reflect changes in in-home/out-of-home activity choices, screenline traffic count, vehicle miles travelled (VMT), and travel behavior. Finally, SCAG staff provided an update on the support that SCAG will provide to cities to support development of their Housing Elements. SCAG staff will be working with the State Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department to develop data that cities can use for their Housing Elements.

- **Governing Board Recap:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Governing Board convened for its May meeting via Zoom Teleconference. The full agenda packet may be accessed [here](#). Major action items that were taken are as follows:
 - **SGVCOG Officer Election Update:** Due to the limitations of conducting in-person meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governing Board voted to delay the 2020-2021 SGVCOG Board Officer Elections until September 2020. By September, staff will report back on the feasibility of holding an election in person, including how to accommodate a large enough meeting space for the Governing Board to accommodate the social distancing practices that would likely be required. As stipulated in the SGVCOG bylaws, the current officers will serve in their respective offices until an election of new officers is held.
 - **Approval of Letters Supporting Federal Funding for SGV Cities for Coronavirus Relief:** The Governing Board approved sending a total of three letters:
 - Letter to the San Gabriel Valley House of Representatives delegation and our two U.S. Senators in support of \$945 million in proposed Federal funding for SGV cities for COVID-19 pandemic relief.
 - Letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors supporting the apportionment to San Gabriel Valley cities of up to \$350 million from the County's existing \$1 billion share of Federal COVID-19 funding.
 - Letter to the San Gabriel Valley State delegation and Governor Newsom in support of the proposed May revise budget allocation of \$450 million in CARES Act funding to cities that did not receive a direct allocation.
 - **FY 2020-2021 Budget:** The Governing Board adopted Resolution 20-08 to approve the FY 2020-2021 SGVCOG budget. The budget is divided into four sections: Operating Budget, SGV Regional Housing Trust, Non-Capital Projects, and Capital Projects. This will be the second year that the budget for the SGVCOG and ACE Project will be combined.
 - **Support SB 1191 (Dahle) - Organic Waste: Reduction Goals:** The Governing Board voted to adopt Resolution 20-10 to support SB 1191 (Dahle). SB 1191 to address municipalities' concerns regarding SB 1383 (Lara), which established methane emissions reduction targets by

achieving a 50% reduction in the state's organic waste disposal from the 2014 levels by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) has been granted the regulatory authority to ensure that SB 1383 targets will be achieved. SB 1191 would require CalRecycle to consider whether a jurisdiction has made "good faith" efforts to implement its programs before issuing a compliance order or imposing penalties.

- **Office Lease Update:** The Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to execute an extension of the Alhambra and Irwindale office leases through October 2022. As the current leases of the Alhambra and Irwindale offices are set to expire in April 2021, a search for a joint office space was undertaken earlier this year. Staff anticipated touring potential sites by June of this year. However, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, conducting site visits is not currently feasible and will likely not be feasible for the foreseeable future.
- **San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Staffing:** The Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to execute Memorandum of Agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust for staffing. The SGVRHT Board held its first meeting on May 6, 2020, and, as one of its action items, voted unanimously to authorize a representative to negotiate an agreement with the SGVCOG for its core staffing. The Agreement will be considered by the SGVRHT Board of Directors and Governing Board at their respective June meetings.
- **Award of Contract for Landlord Outreach, Education and Incentive Program:** The Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to execute the agreements with Union Station Homeless Services (USHS) and S. Groner Associates (SGA) to implement the Landlord Outreach, Education and Incentive Program. The Governing Board previously approved an allocation of \$400,000 from the SGVCOG's state budget allocation and Measure H Innovation funding for implementation of the program. The selected entities will develop landlord outreach plans, conduct landlord outreach (including various outreach activities and social media posts), develop a plan for distributing landlord incentives, and track and distribute landlord incentives.
- **Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative Contract Amendment for Homeless Services:** The Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the Homeless Services Contract with the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative to accept additional funding for activities support expansion of homelessness hygiene services to prevent spread of COVID-19. Additionally, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to execute Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) with participating cities to access these hygiene funds. The funding will be allocated equally between the twelve cities that expressed interest in accessing the funding.
- **Revised SGVCOG Audit Charter:** The Governing Board adopted Resolution 20-11 to approve a revised and updated SGVCOG Audit Charter.

The Audit Charter serves as a guide to the Management Audit Services (MAS) of the SGVCOG in the performance of its duties and provides a basis for evaluating the operations of the Audit function. The revised Charter contains two major changes listed under the scope of work: addition of pre-award audit and non-audit services and elimination of the Internal Audit function due to lack of independence.

- **Upcoming Low-Cost Residential and Commercial Energy Efficiency Webinar:** The SGVCOG is partnering with the Gateway Cities Energy Leader Partnership to host a Low-Cost Residential and Commercial Energy Efficiency Webinar next Tuesday at 2:00pm. The free webinar will focus on affordable and practical methods that residents, businesses, and cities can consider to lower energy and water consumption at homes and workplaces. Topics include reducing energy and water usage in areas such as building envelopes, heating and cooling, lighting, kitchen appliances, laundry, and water equipment. Individuals that are interested in attending the webinar can RSVP [here](#).
- **Upcoming SoCalREN Energy Efficiency Webinars:** The Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) will be providing free webinars for cities to launch energy efficiency measures and projects in their communities. A webinar will be held next Wednesday, 5/27 at 11:00am to discuss how cities can provide multifamily communities with the resources needed to save money and energy and another webinar will be held on Wednesday, 6/3 at 11:00am to focus on the Cities of Fullerton and Palmdale's experience of working with the SoCalREN Public Agency Programs. Interested individuals can RSVP for the May 27th webinar [here](#) and the June 3rd webinar [here](#).



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Week of May 26, 2020

- **Energy Efficiency Workshop:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG partnered with the Gateway Cities Energy Leader Partnership to host a Low-Cost Residential and Commercial Energy Efficiency Webinar. The free webinar focused on affordable and practical methods that residents, businesses, and cities could implement to lower energy and water consumption at homes and workplaces. A variety of topics were discussed, from information on insulation, heating, cooling, and laundry appliances to tips on reducing indoor and outdoor water usage. Attendees also received information on SoCalGas' residential and commercial rebate opportunities.
- **SGVCOG ULAR Scientific Studies Update/ULAR Watershed Steering Committee Meeting:** On Thursday, the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) Watershed Steering Committee met to confirm its final Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP). The SGVCOG, on behalf of the ULAR Watershed Management Group, submitted two scientific studies to the Safe Clean Water (SCW) Program for both the ULAR and Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committees. The ULAR Steering Committee overwhelmingly approved including both of these scientific studies into the SIP at their meeting. Similarly, earlier this month, the Rio Hondo Watershed Steering Committee voted to include these studies into the final SIP. The SIPs will now be considered by the Regional Oversight Committee on June 18. For more information on the studies visit the following links:
 - [LRS Adaptation to Address the LA River Bacteria TMDL for the ULAR Watershed Management Group](#)
 - [preSIP: A Platform for Watershed Science and Project Collaboration](#)
- **Planners TAC:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee convened via Zoom for its May committee meeting. SGVCOG Chief Engineer, Mark Christoffels, provided a presentation on the San Gabriel Valley Regional VMT Analysis Model. This project aims to assist cities to analyze existing traffic conditions in the San Gabriel Valley region to determine significance thresholds for future land use and transportation projects for compliance with SB 743. The project was officially launched in March 2020 and participating cities are currently in the process of setting their own thresholds of significance. Cities are also working with the SGVCOG to review effective VMT reduction strategies. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) provided the second presentation of the meeting on the finalized East San Gabriel Valley Active Transportation Plan. The Plan was developed to encourage residents to walk, bike, and utilize transit in the 21 unincorporated communities of East San Gabriel Valley. The Plan identified 15 corridors for recommended active transportation improvements, which were further separated into Phases I and II for implementation. Phase I corridors will be implemented within the next 1 to 5 years and improvements on Phase II corridors will commence once Phase I corridor improvements are completed. Questions and inquiries regarding the East San

Gabriel Valley Active Transportation Plan can be directed to DPW Associate Civil Engineer, Shirley Lai, at slai@dpw.lacounty.gov. The committee is expected to reconvene on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 12:00pm.

- **Homeless Working Group:** On Thursday, the Homeless Working Group met via teleconference. At the meeting, there were updates on the 2020 point-in-time homeless counts, Project Roomkey, and applications for the SGVCOG Homeless Plan Implementation & Prevention/Diversion programs. Applications for both the Homeless Plan Implementation and Prevention/Diversion programs are due on June 30, 2020. SGVCOG is currently in the process of scheduling check-in calls with each city to determine the current status of cities' applications and to answer questions. Both applications must be received by June 30, 2020, to ensure that the SGVCOG is able to use the funding. The anticipated release date for the Point in Time (PIT) Count which is tentatively slated for June 10, 2020. Finally, SGVCOG provided the latest updates from Project Roomkey and a link to daily updates on [LA County's response to the Pandemic](#). The next working group meeting will occur on June 25, 2020.
- **Homeless Deputies Meeting:** On Thursday, the Board of Supervisors' Homeless Deputies meeting was held on May 28, 2020 via teleconference. The meeting included a presentation by Homeless Initiative (HI) Director Phil Ansell about the Fiscal Year 2020-21 State Funding, focusing on the expectation that their initial requests will not be fulfilled due to lower state revenues. This will change the funding allocated to programs and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, but HI is planning to offset the funding shortfalls. The second item on the agenda was a presentation on improving the connectivity between people experiencing homelessness (PEH) and public services & benefits. Previous research has found that there is a registration gap between MediCal eligible clients and MediCal enrollment, so this gap is currently being investigated. Finally, the meeting included updates on the current status of COVID-19 response efforts directed toward PEH and Project Roomkey. As of 5/27/20, there are 6 hotels in the San Gabriel Valley, with 551 rooms under contract and 507 clients currently occupying rooms. The next Homeless Deputies meeting will occur on June 11, 2020.
- **BRT Mapping Tool Survey:** Metro is currently developing the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Vision and Principles Study to define BRT operational standards and design guidelines and identify potential BRT corridors in Los Angeles County. Metro staff has currently identified 15 potential corridors and 3 to 5 of these 15 corridors will be prioritized for BRT implementation. Metro staff is currently seeking cities' input on the proposed 15 candidate corridors and cities are encouraged to submit comments and suggestions using [this tool](#) by Saturday, May 30, 2020. Comments can also be submitted via e-mail at CencicL@metro.net.
- **Upcoming Energy Efficiency Twitterchat Session:** SGVCOG staff will be hosting a Twitterchat event with several cities and agencies next Monday (June 1st) at 12:00pm to discuss recommendations for residents and public agencies to save energy during high temperature months as summer approaches. Cities are welcome to join the discussion by following #SGVEnergyWise during the scheduled Twitterchat. Additionally, cities are also recommended to follow the

COG on Twitter at [@SGVCOG](#) to receive updates and event notices around the San Gabriel Valley.

- **Upcoming City of San Marino Virtual Town Hall:** The Neighborhood Coyote Program, in partnership with the City of San Marino, will host a virtual Coyote Town Hall, Monday, June 1, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The virtual town hall will include a conversation with the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures about coyote management, safety, and ecology. Participants may register now at:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DXcHbhO_T3GDLH18CwFXOw

