



SGVCOG Governing Board Approved Minutes

Date: April 15, 2021
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
B. Shevlin called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
S. Jakubowski led the Governing Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Governing Board Members Present

Alhambra	Adele Andrade-Stadler
Arcadia	April Verlato
Azusa	Robert Gonzales
Claremont	Ed Reece
Covina	Patricia Cortez
Diamond Bar	Nancy Lyons
El Monte	Maria Morales
Glendora	Michael Allowos
Industry	Cory Moss
Irwindale	Albert Ambriz
La Cañada Flintridge	Keith Eich
La Puente	Gabriel Quinones
La Verne	Tim Hepburn
Monrovia	Becky Shevlin
Montebello	Scarlet Peralta
Monterey Park	Peter Chan
Pasadena	Victor Gordo
Pomona	Tim Sandoval
Rosemead	Margaret Clark
San Dimas	Denis Bertone
San Gabriel	Jason Pu
San Marino	Susan Jakubowski
Sierra Madre	Rachelle Arizmendi
South El Monte	Gloria Olmos
South Pasadena	Diana Mahmud
Temple City	Cynthia Sternquist
Walnut	Allen Wu
West Covina	Tony Wu
L.A. County District #1	Edith Gonzalez
L.A. County District #4	Lauren Yokomizo
L.A. County District #5	Sandra Croxton
SGV Water Districts	Jennifer Santana

Absent

Baldwin Park
Bradbury
Duarte

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Executive Director
D. DeBerry, General Counsel
E. Shen, Staff
P. Hubler, Staff
R. Alimoren, Staff
C. Sims, Staff
B. Acevedo, Staff
K. Ward, Staff
A. Fung, Staff
S. Matthews, Staff
S. Hernandez, Staff
A. Bordallo, Staff
S. Pedersen, Staff

4. Public Comment

D. Stanley provided a written public comment requesting the Governing Board to reconsider the resolution against racism against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) to be changed to a resolution against racism for all races. This public comment can be found in Attachment A.

J. Salinas provided a written public comment requesting the Governing Board to submit a letter to the California Legislature opposing SB 663, submit a letter to Governor Newsom and Los Angeles County officials opposing COVID-19 vaccine passports, and call a special Governing Board meeting considering a vote of no confidence for Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon. This public comment can be found in Attachment B.

5. Changes to Agenda Order

There were no changes to the Agenda Order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Action: Adopt Governing Board minutes.

7. Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers

Action: Approve Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers.

8. Committee/TAC/Governing Board Attendance

Action: Receive and file.

9. Eleventh Amended and Restated By laws

Action: Adopt Resolution 21-19 adopting the Eleventh Amended and Restated Bylaws.

10. San Gabriel Valley Metro Service Council Appointment

Action: Appoint Benjamin Wong to serve on the Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Council.

11. 2nd Quarter Financial Report/Treasurer's Report

Action: Receive and file.

12. SB 230 (Portantino)

Action: Adopt Resolution 21-20 to support SB 230 (Portantino).

13. AB 818 (Bloom)

Action: Adopt Resolution 21-21 to support AB 818 (Bloom).

14. SGVCOG Homelessness Programs Funding Reallocation

Actions:

- 1) Re-allocate the remaining funding from the Regional Coordination Program to the Homelessness Plan Implementation Program;*
- 2) Approve the "City Additional Funding Application";*
- 3) Change the Prevention and Diversion Program to the Prevention, Diversion, and Rapid Rehousing Program, allowing funds to be provided to people actively experiencing homelessness; and*

- 4) *Authorize Executive Director to award additional funding to cities and amend City Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) based on approved application guidelines.*

15. Resolution to Condemn Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Action: Adopt Resolution 21-22 to condemn racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs), support member agencies to address systemic and cultural barriers that prevent reporting and accountability for perpetrators of anti-AAPI hate crimes and incidents, and support efforts that prevent and end hate crimes, hateful messages and attacks, and hate incidents against AAPIs.

16. Increasing Behavioral Health Treatment Act (Napolitano)

Action: Adopt Resolution 21-23 in support of the Increasing Behavioral Health Treatment Act (Napolitano).

17. AB 1340 (Santiago) Mental Health Services

Action: Adopt Resolution 21-24 in support of AB 1340 (Santiago).

18. Spring 2021 SGVCOG Housing and Homelessness Report

Action: Receive and file.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 6-14 and 16-18. (M/S: C. Moss/M. Allawos)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, West Covina, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #4, L.A. County District #5, SGV Water Districts
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Duarte

Discussion on Item 15: Resolution to Condemn Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

- M. Allawos commented that horrible acts against Asian Americans and the continued racism and discrimination towards other groups are unacceptable and requested the resolution be amended to reflect that the SGVCOG is against any form of discrimination, racism, and xenophobia for all races.
- G. Olmos commented that the resolution should contain languages that indicate “hate crimes” to reflect that the SGVCOG is also against hate crimes of any forms.

There was a motion to revise the title and contents of Resolution 21-22 from “Resolution to Condemn Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian

Americans and Pacific Islanders” to “Resolution to Condemn Racism, Xenophobia, Hate Crimes, and Intolerance.” (M/S: G. Olmos/D. Bertone)

Discussion on the Motion to Revise the Title and Contents of Resolution 21-22:

- B. Shevlin commented that the contents of the Resolution include languages that include the condemnation of racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against individuals of all ethnicities, races, national origins, and backgrounds and suggested that only the title of the Resolution be revised.
- M. Clark sought clarifications on the requested revisions based on Governing Board Members’ feedback. M. Creter responded that, based on the Governing Board Members’ comments, the title of the Resolution would be amended “Resolution to Condemn Racism, Xenophobia, Hate Crimes, and Intolerance,” with the language of the revised Resolution reflected accordingly.
- K. Eich suggested that the item be postponed until the Resolution is revised by staff, whether if the Resolution can be revised by the end of the meeting or before the next Governing Board meeting, given the proposed substantive changes to the document.
- T. Sandoval respectfully disagreed with the proposed changes and requested the SGVCOG to recognize the pain of the AAPI community and pass the Resolution as it was originally written.
- J. Pu commented that it is important to show solidarity with the AAPI community given that they are heavily affected by recent hate crime incidents and expressed that he would respectfully vote against any motions to remove mentions of “AAPI” from the Resolution.
- C. Moss commented that it is important for the Governing Board to pass the Resolution as it was originally written to show solidarity with the AAPI community.
- D. Mahmud commented that the San Gabriel Valley has one of the largest AAPI communities in Los Angeles County and expressed support for passing the Resolution as it was originally written.

There was a substitute motion to approve Resolution 21-22 as it was originally drafted. (M/S: D. Mahmud/T. Sandoval)

Discussion on the Substitute Motion to Approve Resolution 21-22 as it was Originally Written:

- G. Olmos commented that the original motion to revise the title and contents of the Resolution could be retracted and expressed that she received requests for governing entities to pass resolutions to stand with Black Lives Matter and AAPI communities and condemn anti-Semitism acts.
- N. Lyons commented that the City of Diamond Bar passed the “Proclamation Condemning Discrimination, Hate, and Bigotry in All Forms,” which includes condemnation of discrimination of various forms.
- S. Jakubowski commented that the City of San Marino has a large number of AAPIs in the community who were afraid to express their concerns and frustrations and expressed support for passing the Resolution as it was originally written.
- A. Andrade-Stadler commented that the SGVCOG should show support and solidarity with the AAPI community and expressed support for passing the Resolution as it was originally written.
- V. Gordo commented that the San Gabriel Valley includes the largest AAPI community in Los Angeles County and expressed that changing the Resolution would not be

appropriate at this time.

- M. Morales expressed agreement with the Resolution as it was originally written.
- E. Gonzalez commented that Supervisor Solis' Office wholeheartedly supports the Resolution as it was originally written.
- M. Allawos inquired whether passing the Resolution as it was originally written and approving a companion Resolution to denounce racism and hate crimes of all forms and fashion. G. Olmos expressed support for the proposal. D. Mahmud expressed opposition given that the Resolution, as it was drafted, includes languages that indicate condemnation of racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against individuals of all ethnicities, races, national origins, and backgrounds. M. Allawos added that, while such language was included in the body of the Resolution, it was not included in the Resolution's title.
- D. Mahmud and J. Pu reiterated the importance of standing with the AAPI community given that the Resolution was originally drafted for the benefit of the AAPI community.
- T. Hepburn expressed that hate crimes against AAPIs are unacceptable and that the Resolution should be passed as it was originally written and suggested that other issues can be revisited at a later time.
- G. Quinones expressed support to passing the Resolution as it was originally written and emphasized the importance of speaking up for those who are afraid to express concerns.
- B. Shevlin expressed that the emphasis of the Resolution should focus on AAPI and suggested that the title of the Resolution could be revised to "Resolution to Condemn Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Other Ethnicities, Races, National Origins, and Backgrounds."
- R. Arizmendi expressed support for passing the Resolution as it was originally written and commented that she would also support subsequent resolutions that denounce all forms of racism and hate.
- S. Peralta emphasized the importance of supporting the AAPI community and expressed support for passing the Resolution as it was originally written.
- A. Ambriz expressed support for the option to revise the Resolution given that hate and discrimination occur to every individual.
- E. Reece commented that the AAPI community feels very vulnerable and that the hate crimes against the AAPI community is unacceptable and expressed support for passing the Resolution as it was originally written. Mr. Reece also commented that he would support subsequent resolutions to condemn racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against other groups if they are introduced.
- C. Sternquist commented that our AAPI community is at risk and agreed to pass the Resolution as it was originally written.

Given that the substitute motion, which had been seconded, took precedent over the original motion, the Governing Board voted on the substitute motion to approve Resolution 21-22 as it was originally written.

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, West Covina, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #4, L.A. County District #5,
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	SGV Water Districts
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Duarte, La Cañada Flintridge

LIAISON REPORTS

No verbal report was given unless otherwise noted.

19. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority
20. Foothill Transit
21. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
22. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)
23. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (SGVMVCD)
24. Southern California Association of Governments
25. League of California Cities
26. San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP)
27. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SGVCOG President, Margaret Clark, provided a report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

28. Draft FY 20-21 Budget
SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, and SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Katie Ward, provided a presentation on this item.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- M. Clark inquired about the Regional Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) Mitigation Fee Structure. E. Shen responded that the Regional VMT Mitigation Fee Structure was proposed in response to the successful Regional VMT Analysis Model that was completed last year. Given that cities currently do not have a mechanism in place to analyze a proposed development's regional traffic impact, this program will support participating cities to assess impact fees, develop an appropriate governance structure to manage that fee, and create a framework to distribute the collected fees. M. Creter added that staff will provide a presentation on the Regional VMT Mitigation Fee Structure at the next Governing Board meeting.
- A. Andrade-Stadler inquired about whether it is too soon for cities to select VMT in lieu of Level of Service (LOS) when assessing these measurements given that VMT analysis may result in less traffic impacts than LOS analysis. E. Shen responded that the concept of switching to VMT in lieu of an intersectional traffic analysis is to assist cities that are pedestrian-oriented. VMT provides cities with additional tools to assess appropriate traffic impact to develop appropriate traffic impact mitigation measures.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

SGVCOG General Counsel, David DeBerry, provided a report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

29. Transportation Committee
SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chair, Jason Pu, provided a report.

30. Homelessness Committee
SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Chair, Becky Shevlin, provided a report.

31. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board
San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Vice Chair, Becky Shevlin, provided a report.

32. Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee
SGVCOG EENR Committee Chair, Denis Bertone, provided a report.

33. Water Committee
SGVCOG Water Committee Vice Chair, Diana Mahmud, provided a report.

34. Capital Projects and Construction Committee
SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee Chair, Tim Sandoval, provided a report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

M. Clark adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 5:41pm.

BOARD APPROVED

May 20, 2021

Date

Marisa Creter
Marisa Creter, Secretary



Katie Ward <kward@sgvcog.org>

Public comment for today's meeting

Deanna Stanley <stanleydeanna@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 2:57 PM

To: Katie Ward <kward@sgvcog.org>

I would like the Board to reconsider its Resolution against racism against Asians to be changed to ALL races. Racism is not new, nor is hatred and the violence we are seeing across this nation it would be inexcusable for us not to condemn all Racism.



Katie Ward <kward@sgvcog.org>

SGVCOG Governing Board Public Comment 04/15/2021

Jackson Salinas <jaxsalinas@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 6:53 PM

To: kward@sgvcog.org

4. Public Comment: I am requesting that the board send a letter to the legislature to oppose SB-663. This bill if it becomes law will allow targets of a recall to contact voters to try and get them to withdraw their signature. This is voter intimidation that should not be allowed and is a huge privacy concern.

I am also asking the board to submit a letter to our Governor and County officials to oppose COVID-19 vaccine passports. These passports if enacted will discriminate against people that do not have the vaccine meaning they cannot work, go to the store and so much more. Please protect our freedom.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Has there been any talks of the SGVCOG to issue a Vote of No-Confidence for Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón. If not I am requesting that you call a special meeting to consider a Vote of No-Confidence for George Gascón. He is a threat to public safety.

Jackson Salinas