



SGVCOG Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes

Date: October 19, 2020
Time: 12:00 P.M.
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by R. Guerrero at 12:03pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Roll Call

Members Present:

D. Liu, H. Ghafari; Diamond Bar
L. Torres, S. Mendez; El Monte
A. Sweet; Glendora
J. Nelson; Industry
L. Pimentel, G. Ramos; Irwindale
D. Keeseey, A. Ciotti; La Verne
A. Tachiki, C. Castruita; Monrovia
F. Lopez; Monterey Park
R. Guerrero; Pomona
C. Daste; Rosemead
M. Throne; San Marino
C. Cataldi, D. Lopez; South El Monte
A. Avery; Temple City
M. Rooney; Walnut
A. Ross, S. Lai, R. Matsuoka, J. Yang; Los Angeles County DPW

Members Absent:

Arcadia
Azusa
Baldwin Park
Claremont
San Dimas
San Gabriel
South Pasadena
West Covina

SGVCOG Staff:

M. Christoffels
M. Ponce
T. Tignino
A. Fung

Guests:

T. Nguyen, Metro
G. Danker, SoCalGas

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments at this meeting.

5. Changes to the Agenda Order

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Review Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes: 09/21/2020
Recommended Action: Review and approve.
7. 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Progress Report
Recommended Action: Receive and file.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 6-7. (M/S: San Marino/Diamond Bar)

[Motion Passed]

Ayes:	Diamond Bar, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pomona, Rosemead, San Marino, Temple City, Walnut, Los Angeles County DPW
Noes:	
Abstain:	Monterey Park, South El Monte
No Vote Recorded:	El Monte, La Verne
Absent:	Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Claremont, San Dimas, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, West Covina

UPDATE ITEM

8. San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments RFP/RFQ Updates
SGVCOG Chief Engineer, Mark Christoffels, and SGVCOG Contracts Manager, Memo Ponce, provided an update on this item.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A committee member acknowledged that Mr. Christoffels will be retiring towards the end of this year and inquired about his replacement's transition process. Mr. Christoffels responded that the Governing Board recently adopted a resolution to request CalPERS for a 180-day wait period exception to allow him to continue supporting the transition process after his retirement from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

PRESENTATIONS

9. Franchised Utilities: Elements of a Strong Partnership
SoCalGas Franchise, Fees, and Planning Manager, Geoffrey Danker, provided a presentation on this item. Mr. Danker provided a background on utility franchise agreements and local jurisdictions' ability to impose reasonable conditions on the time, place, and manner of utility works. As franchised utilities, the companies bear the responsibilities to secure permits to work in the public right-of-way, comply with all ordinances that are not in conflict with the franchises, repair any damages to public properties, indemnify municipalities and their officials, relocate facilities at no cost for

government projects, and follow local requirements and work standards. Local jurisdictions can restrict activities by adopting ordinances related to construction, passing moratorium ordinances, and establishing permit fees; however, jurisdictions cannot pass any laws that impair the obligation of contracts or substantially impairs rights under the franchise. Local jurisdictions are encouraged to work with utilities to develop a balance perspective that provides effective public policies benefiting all stakeholders and ratepayers and meet with utilities to effectively plan utility projects and operations.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A committee member inquired about Mr. Danker's contact information. Mr. Danker responded that he can be reached at gdanker@socalgas.com.
- Another committee member expressed concerns over contractors that blatantly ignoring specific terms and conditions in the executed agreements and inquired about SoCalGas' method on maintaining their contractors' standards on the quality of work that are provided to the community. Mr. Danker responded that SoCalGas' contractors must meet specific obligations and contractors that fail to meet these obligations will be terminated. Mr. Danker also encouraged local jurisdictions to report SoCalGas contractors that fail to meet their obligations.

10. Metro Traffic Reduction Study

Metro Senior Director of Office of Extraordinary Innovation, Tham Nguyen, provided a presentation on this item. Metro launched the Traffic Reduction Study to examine traffic reduction methods by managing roadway demand through congestion pricing and high-quality transportation options. The Study aims to explore the possibility and feasibility of implementing a traffic reduction program pilot in Los Angeles County and identify willing local partners to collaborate on a potential pilot program. At the anticipated conclusion of the Study in 2022, a traffic reduction pilot program that reduces traffic, enhances mobility, supports environmental and economic justice, and improves public health and safety will be presented to the Metro Board of Directors for consideration.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership – Energy Work Group Meeting

The Energy Work Group will reconvene on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 1:30pm.

12. Next Committee Meeting

The upcoming committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2020 at 12:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21pm.