

SGVCOG Weekly Recap Week of November 5, 2018

- **San Gabriel Trench - 2018 APWA B.E.S.T. Award Winner:** SGVCOG, in association with the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE), was recently given a 2018 “Building Excellence Shaping Tomorrow” (B.E.S.T.) award from the American Public Works Association (APWA) for the San Gabriel Trench Grade Separation Project. This grade separation project reduced emissions and improves public safety by eliminating an estimated 1,744 vehicle-hours of delay for nearly 90,000 motorists traveling each day on the four grade-separated streets. This project involved a 1.4-mile concrete-walled trench and the roadway bridges at Ramona Street, Mission Road, Del Mar Avenue, and San Gabriel Boulevard. Major construction activities began in Spring 2014 and the project was completed in September 2018. SGVCOG and ACE representatives are scheduled to receive the award at the APWA Southern California Chapter’s Awards Luncheon on December 12th at the Lakewood Civic Center. **A special shout out to Senior Project Manager Phil Balmeo, who oversaw this project!**
- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the Executive Committee held its November meeting. The Committee received a presentation on the proposed Strategic Plan update for 2019. The Committee were also briefed on the Proposed Measure M MSP 5-Year Programming plan funding recommendations, which will provide \$31,000,000 to SGV cities that submitted active transportation, first-last mile or complete streets projects. The Committee also took action to approve the November 15 Governing Board agenda.
- **City Managers’ Steering Committee:** The City Managers’ Steering Committee met Wednesday. They recommend award of contract to Management Partners for a multi-city service delivery study. They also discussed development of a task force to address regional coyote management opportunities. Additional information about that effort will be forthcoming.
- **Homelessness Committee:** The Homelessness Committee elected Councilmember Becky Shevlin, Monrovia, as the new Chair of the Homelessness Committee. Vice Chair nominations will be taken throughout November with an election for this position in December. Thematic presentations around the value of relationship in addressing homelessness were given at the meeting. Recognizing the importance of building relationships with community, Anne Miskey, Executive Director of Union Station Homeless Services (USHS), stated that USHS will hire a Director Community Engagement in the near future. This role of this person will be to engage communities, hear their concerns and include their input around service provision. USHS is the Coordinated Entry System (CES) lead agency for the San Gabriel Valley. The CES is the primary portal for regional services and housing programs designated by the County. Bill Huang gave a presentation on supportive housing. The strongest response to “service resistance” is building relationships with homeless persons and this is the pathway to their acceptance of housing and services. Looking ahead, the

2019 Homeless Count in the San Gabriel Valley will take place on January 22nd. If your city is aware of areas where homeless people are typically found after 11:00 p.m. please contact Daniella Alcedo at dalcedo@lahsa.org. LAHSA will arrange for special teams to count census tracts with later arrivals. Typical locations for late arrivals include parking lots or park-and-rides after the business of the day closes.

- **Community Outreach:** On behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership (SGVEWP), SGVCOG staff attended the City of Diamond Bar's 2018 America Recycles Day Fair this past Saturday. This event provided opportunities for SGVCOG staff to engage with residents to discuss the importance of saving and conserving energy at home. Hundreds of local residents participated in the event to learn about recycling and energy-saving information. Attendees learned about SGVEWP's free EASY home energy assessments and many attendees also signed pledge cards to show their commitment to saving water and energy. SGVCOG staff congratulates and thanks the City of Diamond Bar for hosting this remarkable event for the Diamond Bar community.

- **Reminder - SCAG Grants Deadline:** The SGVCOG would like to give one final reminder that the deadline to submit applications for SCAG's 2018 Sustainable Communities Program Grants is this upcoming **Thursday, November 15, at 5:00 PM**. Projects which have the most potential to integrate transportation and land use and support the implementation of SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy will be selected for funding. Through the Sustainable Communities Program, there are nine different project types which can be applied for within three main project categories, and they are as follows:

1. Active Transportation
 1. Community-wide and Area Plans
 2. Regional Corridors Plans
 3. Infrastructure Demonstration Projects (Quick-Build)
 4. Safety Strategic Plan
2. Integrated Land Use (ILU)
 1. SB 743 Implementation Assistance
 2. Parking Management, Pricing, and Reduction Strategies
 3. Livable Corridor & Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning
3. Green Region Initiative
 1. Heat Island Reduction with Urban Greening and Cool Streets
 2. Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Planning

If you have questions about this grant program, or would like to see more information, please click [here](#).

- **Homeless Plans RFP Summary:** Fifteen cities submitted as many proposals under the 2018 City Implementation RFP which was released by the United Way Funders Collaborative and the County Homeless Initiative. The proposals were created to fund implementation of homelessness plans created by the cities with County funding between January and June of 2018. The funding source for this RFP is the Measure H ¼ sales tax for homeless services. The 2018 Cities Homelessness Plan Implementation RFP provided cities the opportunity to apply

individually and in partnership with other cities on collaborative applications. Funded projects under Priority 1 will increase the supply of interim and permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness. Projects under Priority 2 will enhance the County service systems for those experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Three city cohorts formed to submit collaborative applications. Several cities submitted both collaborative and individual applications. The proposals will be reviewed in November, awards will be announced in December. Funded projects will have an 18-month term starting in January 2019. The SGVCOG screened, retained and managed several grant writing firms to assist the cities with proposal writing. The SGVCOG also provided three technical assistance conference calls discussing strategies for optimal fundability as well as a detailed walk-through and written guidelines for each element of the RFP. The SGVCOG wishes the best of luck to all city applicants.



SGVCOG Weekly Recap Week of November 12, 2018

- **COG Meeting:** On Tuesday, Mark and I met with the executive directors of the South Bay and Gateway COGs. We aim to have these meetings on a bi-monthly basis. At this meeting, we discussed several topics of regional interest including Metro's Regional Goods Movement Strategic Plan, regional strategies to increase access to broadband, and expansion of Metro's ExpressLanes.
- **Homeless System Planning Meeting:** On Tuesday, LAHSA convened a Homeless System Collaborative Leadership System Planning event. The SGVCOG was invited to join LAHSA systems department directors, County department directors, County Homeless Initiative staff and Coordinated Entry System lead executives and HUD technical advisors in analyzing the system and suggesting improvements. Consensus formed around the need for 1) broader communication reach, 2) vertical training for agencies so that homeless clients receive the same level of service and consistent information across programs and 3) including more voices at the table when homeless solutions and policies are being formed. This last point specifically called for greater inclusion of businesses municipalities, and faith groups.
- **LAHSA Proposed Policy:** LAHSA has released draft policy guidance entitled "Principles and Practices for Local Responses to Unsheltered Homelessness: Guidance for Municipalities". The suggested policy can be reviewed and comment provided at <https://www.lahsa.org/news?article=480-deadline-extended-for-public-comment-on-new-policy-guidance>. Public comment will remain open through December 3, 2018 at 2 pm.
- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the Transportation Committee convened its November meeting. The first presentation that the Committee heard was a presentation of the final draft of the SGV Regional Active Transportation Plan and Greenway Network Study. Metro staff also presented on their Mobility on Demand Pilot Program. This program will be launching in late-January 2019, and will serve the following Metro bus or rail stations: North Hollywood, Artesia, and the El Monte Bus Station. The pilot program will last for 12 months, and it is meant to be a first-last mile option for those who either need to get from their place of origin to the station, or from the station to their final destination. Neighborhoods in El Monte, South El Monte, and Rosemead will be able to use this service. The third presentation which was given to the Committee was also given by LA Metro staff, this time regarding the Metro ExpressLanes Interfund Loan Principles and Policies. During this presentation, Committee members were provided with an overview of the ExpressLanes Net Toll Revenue Grant Program and Metro's proposed Interfund Loan financing strategy and process.
- **SCAG Grant Application Submitted:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG submitted a regional electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure plan application under the SCAG Sustainable Communities Program. The EV plan includes the cities of Covina, Diamond Bar, La Puente, Monrovia, La Verne, San Dimas South El

Monte, and Walnut. The City of San Dimas served as the lead applicant for the application. If awarded, the regional EV plan would identify priority workplace and multi-unit dwelling sites, as a means to extend the electric range of employees and open EV ownership to apartment dwellers. It would also coordinate with key stakeholders such as property and business owners to encourage a cohesive plan. If awarded, the following deliverables would be provided by SCAG to support the EV plan:

- Inventory of existing EV registrations, charging stations, workplaces and multi-unit dwellings.
- Evaluation of local institutional barriers to EV charging infrastructure.
- Identification of most promising workplace, multi-unit dwelling and public EV sites based on latent demand, land use features, and distance to other charging stations or concentration of underserved multi-unit dwelling residents.
- Stakeholder engagement at a community workshop
- Outreach materials and incentives directed at the decision makers (owners, managers) of workplace and multi-unit dwelling properties to encourage installation of infrastructure.
- Funding and implementation strategies.
- SCAG anticipates awarding and finalizing the final recommended application list at the March 2019 Regional Council meeting.
- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Policy Committee and Water TAC held their monthly meeting. The Committee and TAC recommended that the Governing Board support 2019 stormwater state legislative priorities. These priorities have the ultimate goal of assisting member agencies in complying with their MS4 stormwater permit requirements. Additionally, the Committee and TAC discussed and agreed on a list of workshop topics to present to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Committee and TAC were also briefed on the November 6 election results on water related items. Proposition 3, a \$9 billion bond measure that would have modernized old dams, restored tainted watersheds and created desalination plants, among dozens of other water projects throughout the state failed by 48.3% to 51.7%. As of November 13, Measure W is still too close to call. Currently, the votes are 67.9% in favor, which is above the $\frac{2}{3}$ required to pass.

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of November 19, 2018

- **SCAG SCP Grants - Deadline Extended:** SCAG is extending the deadline for the Sustainable Communities grant program. The original deadline was November 15, but they will now be accepting applications through December 14. SCAG staff will be sending out a formal notification on Monday.
- **SCAG Future Communities Pilot Program Grant:** Earlier this month, SCAG opened its Call for Projects process for its Future Communities Pilot Program grant opportunity. The goals and objective of this grant program are as follows:
 1. Test technology and data-driven approaches to reducing municipal VMT and GHG production
 2. Promote innovation to best practices and policies
 3. Identify strategies to quantify and monitor performance and efficacyPotential pilots include: Fleet management, Dynamic routing / route optimization, Foundation tech and ITS infrastructure, such as sensors, detectors, software, and servers, Behavioral incentives, Public-private partnerships, Analytics to inform operating policy decisions, and freight or movement of goods and services. There will be \$2.7 million in available grant funding under this program, with funding being made available through MSRC and SCAG. Cities which are within the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which includes all SGV cities, are eligible to apply. Cities should note that there is a 25% local match requirement as part of this grant program. Additionally, the maximum project size for this grant is \$500,000. The Future Communities Pilot Program application will be due to SCAG by **5:00 PM on December 13**, and award recommendations will be published in January 2019; SCAG is expecting to award 6 to 10 grant projects for this program. Pilot programs will launch in Spring 2019 and are expected to conclude in December 2020. For more information about this grant opportunity, please visit: <http://www.scag.ca.gov/opportunities/Pages/Grants.aspx>. SCAG has already hosted one standard workshop for the Future Communities Pilot Program, as well as a special workshop at last week's LA CoMotion 2018 conference, both of which were attended by SGVCOG staff. SCAG will still host one more workshop about the Future Communities Pilot Program and its application on December 4. This workshop will take place from 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., and will be held at SCAG's main office in Downtown Los Angeles. There will also be a webinar option for this workshop.
- **Goods Movement Meeting:** On Monday, SGVCOG, South Bay Cities COG, and Gateway COG staff met with Michael Cano, Deputy Executive Officer for Goods Movement and State/Federal Policy and Programming at Metro. The primary purpose of the meeting was discuss Metro's upcoming Countywide Goods Movement Strategic Plan. This plan will identify both regional goods movement priority projects and strategies for addressing curbside/urban freight issues. It is anticipated that work on this project will begin in January 2019 and be completed by June 2020. The COGs will continue to meet with Metro staff throughout the project to remain engaged and provide input. Additionally, Metro staff will provide an overview of this project at an upcoming Transportation Committee meeting.
- **Union Station meeting:** On Monday, Jan Cicco and I met with the new Chief Executive of Union Station Homeless Services (USHS), Anne Miskey. Ms. Miskey and COG staff discussed cities' needs and optimal strategies to help remediate homelessness. Union Station expects to focus on permanent housing solutions and employment to provide lasting solutions to homelessness. Under Miskey's leadership, USHS seeks to colocate

housing navigators with local service providers to link those receiving basic assistance with assessments and housing navigation. The SGVCOG will work closely with USHS to identify practical, targeted action plans to address homeless challenges as they arise, uniting city, COG, and service provider in providing situationally appropriate services and solutions.

- **Homeless Implementation Grants Summary:** Recently, LA County released a RFP for homeless implementation funding. A total of \$9M is available to cities that developed homeless plans. Up to \$6M was available for projects and programs that support housing and up to \$3M was available for efforts that provide homeless services. The San Gabriel Valley cities were well represented in that effort, and submitted a total of 17 applications requesting approximately \$4.1M. Below is a summary of the applications that were submitted. LA County and United Way are expected to announce funding awards in December.

Cities	Amount Requested	Priority	Summary of Scope of Work
Alhambra	\$237,200	1	Identify property for shared/interim housing; capital improvements; vouchers/and subsidies; 5 new shelter mats
Alhambra	\$201,810	2	Prevention and diversion subsidies; training and case management; employment assistance; shower and locker vouchers
Arcadia	\$72,930	1	Homeless/Housing Coordinator; motel vouchers
Arcadia	\$76,780	2	Homeless/Housing Coordinator; First responder training; rapid re-housing subsidies w/ intensive case management
Azusa	\$111,000	2	Case management; enhancement of the Neighborhood Connections program
Baldwin Park	\$175,654	1	Safe parking, storage, case management and linkage to CES
Baldwin Park	\$169,200	2	Capacity building, technical assistance and education
Covina	\$300,000	1	Homeless liaison and subsidies
Covina, West Covina, Glendora, Azusa, Duarte	\$343,250	2	Case management to provide supportive services and linkages to housing
El Monte, South El Monte, Baldwin Park	\$336,250	1	Motel vouchers; Rapid Rehousing subsidies; ordinance/zoning evaluation; permanent supportive housing feasibility study; safe parking
Pomona	\$297,000	1	Permanent housing pre-development work, feasibility study,
Pomona, Claremont, La Verne	\$469,000	1	Housing/Land Trust Study (local or regional); motel vouchers; emergency shelter beds
Pomona, Claremont, La Verne	\$608,654	2	Service navigators; staff, showers; lockers; training, motel vouchers
San Dimas, La Verne, Glendora	\$305,800	1	Homeless liaison, subsidies and Permanent Housing Study
South Pasadena	\$300,000	1	Affordable housing feasibility study and land assessment; subsidies; motel vouchers
South Pasadena	\$85,860	2	Outreach/housing navigation; linkage to prevention service; relocation assistance; employment assistance
West Covina	\$100,000	2	Housing navigator
Total:	\$4,190,388		

Public Works TAC: On Monday, the Public Works TAC met for its November meeting. Jared Dever, District Manager of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, provided an overview of the SGV Mosquito and Vector Control District. He discussed collaborative mosquito and vector control strategies which are meant to protect public health in the SGV region. Mr. Dever went over the importance of source reduction, education and outreach, biological

control, and chemical control operations in protecting public health and combating mosquito-borne diseases. Additionally, the second presentation that the TAC heard was about LA Metro's "Mobility on Demand" First/Last Mile Pilot Project, and this presentation was given by Emma Huang, who is a Principal Transportation Planner for LA Metro's Office of Extraordinary Information. The purpose of this Pilot Program project is to test a new method for getting customers to and from transit stations in order to improve the convenience of getting to transit and even to potentially increase transit ridership. This program, which will launch in late-January 2019, will offer a first/last mile, rideshare-like service for three Metro stations: North Hollywood Red Line and Orange Line Station, the Artesia Blue Line Station, and, of interest to the San Gabriel Valley, the El Monte Bus Station. This service, which will cost \$1.75-\$2.00 per ride, will be available to those who are within a designated catchment area near to and adjacent to the stations. Also, please note that there will be no Public Works TAC meeting in December, and the TAC will reconvene on January 28, 2019.



SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of November 26, 2018

- **City Selection Election:** As a reminder, the City Selection Election for the SGV representative on the Metro Board of Directors is scheduled for this coming Monday (Dec. 3, 2018) at our office at 11:30 AM. John Fasana currently serves in that position and has indicated that he is running for re-election. These meetings are extremely difficult to schedule and get a quorum at, and the County is trying to have the sector election done prior to the County-wide election on January 3rd. If your city has not already done so, please confirm as soon as possible if someone is able to attend.
- **Strategic Plan Survey:** A survey on input for the proposed SGVCOG Strategic Plan update will be distributed to all Governing Board Delegates/Alternates and City Managers later today via email. Please complete the survey as soon possible, a summary of this survey will be presented at the January Governing Board meeting. If you do not receive the survey link or have any questions, contact Katie (kward@sgvcog.org).
- **Peer-to-Peer Meeting:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff attended the quarterly local government energy partnership peer-to-peer meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to allow local government officials an opportunity to hear updates from SoCalGas and Southern California Edison on the status of regulatory issues that could impact local government energy programs. Local government partnerships were also able to share updates and best practices, including energy benchmarking efforts and outreach to elected officials on the benefits of local government partnerships. The next quarterly meeting will take place in March 2019.
- **Planning TAC:** On Thursday, the Planning TAC met and heard three presentations. Metro Planning Manager Paul Backstrom presented on Metro's recommendation that LA County cities and local agencies opt out of the State's Congestion Management Program (CMP). Mr. Backstrom explained Metro's reasonings for opting out of the CMP, and shared the timeline and process for cities to opt-out of the program if they wish to do so. He also explained how, in order for cities to opt-out of the CMP without penalty from the state, a majority of the County's jurisdictions representing a majority of the County's population must opt-out. The second presentation was given by Jason Farned, the Operations Manager of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, who provided an overview of the SGV Mosquito and Vector Control District. He discussed collaborative mosquito and vector control strategies which are meant to protect public health in the SGV region. Mr. Farned went over the importance of source reduction, education and outreach, biological control, and chemical control operations in protecting public health and combating mosquito-borne diseases. Additionally, LA County Dept. of Regional Planning staff presented on the County's Significant Ecological Areas (SEA) Ordinance. LA County has not had an updated SEA ordinance since 1982, so the County is currently trying to draft a new ordinance which is up to date and is more germane to current conditions. This new SEA ordinance and plan will

include new developments standards in general, for water resources, and for land divisions. The plan will also include open space preservation components, too.

