



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

## AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS WORKING GROUP

& MSP Measure M Multiyear Subregional Programming Public Comment  
Opportunity

October 16, 2023 – 12:00 PM

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83352427272?pwd=WUIGYrDVwSaGwnvb2jGeEI7ucqhzPE.1>

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### MEETING AGENDA

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### PUBLIC COMMENT

The public are invited to join this meeting to comment on Item 3 related to the programming requests of Measure M Multiyear Subregional Programming. 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:

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To make a comment in this virtual workshop, you may speak by using the web interface “Raise Hand” feature. Wait to be called upon by staff, and then you may provide verbal comments for up to 3 minutes. Public comment is taken at the beginning of the meeting for items not on the agenda. Public comment is also accepted at the beginning of each agenda item.



**SGVCOG Public Works Working Group**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**September 18, 2023**  
**12:00 PM – Via Zoom/Teleconference**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 12:02pm.

*Attendees*

Arcadia-Kevin Merrill  
Azusa- Robert Delgadillo  
Azusa-Philip Flores  
Azusa-Rene Guerrero  
Diamond Bar-David Lui  
Diamond Bar-Hal Ghafari  
El Monte-Jessica Chan  
El Monte- Lee Torres  
El Monte-Leticia Ortiz  
El Monte-Sal Mendez  
Industry-Matthew Hudson  
La Canada Flintridge-Pat DeChellis  
LA County DPW- Patrick Smith  
LA DWP- Shirley Lai  
La Verne-Meg McWade  
Monterey Park-Shawn Igoe  
Rosemead-Noya Wang  
Rosemead- Amal Sedrak  
SA Associates-Shahnawaz Ahmad  
San Dimas-Shari Garwick  
San Marino-Amber Shah  
Transtech Engineers-Bahman Janka

*Presenters and SGVCOG Staff*

Johanna Read, SGVCOG  
Vanessa Guerra, SGVCOG  
Mackenzie Bolger, SGVCOG  
Natalie Arreaga, SGVCOG  
Nicholas Ryu, SGVCOG  
Paulina Mejia, SGVCOG  
Stephanie Wong, SGVCOG  
Tuner Lott, SGVCOG

**2. New Staff Liaison Introduction**

SGVCOG Management Aide, Johanna Read, introduced a new SGVCOG Management Aide and new Public Works Working Group liaison, Natalie Arreaga.

**3. Public Works Working Group Minutes September 2023**

**4. SGV Regional Food Recovery Program Overview and Updates**

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Mackenzie Bolger provided a presentation on Regional Food Recovery Program. The goal of the program is to support member agencies to comply with SB 1383's food recovery mandates and significantly reduce food waste in the San Gabriel Valley. Additions to the program include three grants to launch food recovery hubs. The SGVCOG is currently working with about half of the cities in the region. If you're interested in participating in the program, please contact Mackenzie Bolger at [mbolger@sgvcog.org](mailto:mbolger@sgvcog.org).

SGVCOG Management Analyst, Turner Lott presented on CalRecycle's SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant. Turner shared information on guideline changes and current phase. He provided an overview on base amounts that are available to eligible projects. He also went over benefits of COG Administration and timeline for regional application. If you have expressed interest, SGVCOG will reach out shortly. If you haven't, you can contact Mackenzie to incorporate you into the regional application [mbolger@sgvcog.org](mailto:mbolger@sgvcog.org).

#### **5. Upcoming Grants & Funding Opportunities**

SGVCOG Management Aide, Johanna Read, shared funding opportunities such as California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (ECRG), Equitable Community Revitalization, and the SoCalREN Heat Pump Water Heater Program. Johanna reminded the group of upcoming grant deadlines. Please contact Johanna at [jread@sgvcog.org](mailto:jread@sgvcog.org) if you or your agency want more information on these programs.

SGVCOG Sustainability Manager, Nicholas Ryu went over DOE Energy Futures Grant, which offers financial assistance and technical enhance energy. Reach out to [nryu@sgvcog.org](mailto:nryu@sgvcog.org) if you're interested in a partnership.

#### **6. Energy Champion Awards Updates**

SGVCOG Management Analyst Vanessa Guerra reviewed the Energy Champion Award structure and levels that cities can obtain: Silver, Gold, Platinum and, Champion. She highlighted cities that are close to getting their recognition tiers (just a few actions away). Vanessa encourages staff to attend the Energy Working Group. The next EWG is on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm via zoom. There will be an in-person celebration in December, more details to follow. Contact Johanna Read at [jread@sgvcog.org](mailto:jread@sgvcog.org) or Natalie Arreaga at [narreaga@sgvcog.org](mailto:narreaga@sgvcog.org) if you have any questions.

#### **7. Announcements**

SGVCOG Management Analyst, Paulina Mejia shared information on the Broadband needs assessment survey and shared flyers on the focus group meetings. Paulina will share flyer and calendar dates with Johanna. Encourages you to sign up to corresponding group. The survey can be found on the SGVCOG website. Please contact Paulina Mejia at [pmejia@sgvcog.org](mailto:pmejia@sgvcog.org) if you have any questions.

Johanna Read shared information on SoCalREN Section 179D energy efficiency tax credits. Please contact Johanna Read at [jread@sgvcog.org](mailto:jread@sgvcog.org) if you have any questions.

If you are interested in sharing your projects at upcoming Public Works Working Group meetings, please contact Natalie Arreaga at [narreaga@sgvcog.org](mailto:narreaga@sgvcog.org).

#### **8. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm.

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DATE: October 16, 2023

TO: Public Works Working Group  
Planning Directors' Working Group  
City Managers' Steering Committee  
Transportation Committee  
Governing Board

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

**RE: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM (MSP)  
PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

In June 2018, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) adopted the Measure M Guidelines to establish a process by which subregional funds under Measure M would be programmed by the subregions' respective entities. The SGVCOG was subsequently tasked with programming and administering the Measure M Subregional Program (MSP) funds through the development of multi-year subregional fund programming plans in the San Gabriel Valley. Through previous award cycles, the SGVCOG has awarded over \$75 million in Measure M funds to eligible SGVCOG agencies to fund projects. Depending on project type, funds are allocated from one of the following subfunds: Active Transportation, First/Last Mile, Complete Streets, Highway Efficiency, Highway Demand, Bus System Improvement, and the Subregional Equity Program. These subfunds are portions of the total MSP subregional allocation, which can be used to support a particular type of infrastructure or project each cycle. Funds may be transferred between subfunds using an inter-program borrow when necessary. A list of awarded projects can be found on <https://www.sgvkog.org/msp-projects>.

Funds awarded to selected projects are programmed to be distributed to their respective cities and agencies in accordance with the submitted funding allocation schedules. Each selected project's funding allocation schedule can be changed, or "reprogrammed," pending the approvals of both the SGVCOG Governing Board and the Metro Board of Directors. The MSP programming and reprogramming requests must also abide by the SGVCOG's Funding Policy, which limits reprogramming requests to one per project, and the Public Outreach Policy, which establishes the process by which requests are reviewed (Attachments A and B).

## **PROGRAMMING REQUESTS**

The SGVCOG seeks to secure local funding in order to complete two ACE projects (1) the Montebello Corridor Grade Separation Project and (2) the Turnbull Canyon Road Grade

Separation Project, in addition to meeting a critical local match requirement for funding of the I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Improvement Project.

The SGVCOG leads the Alameda Corridor East (ACE) Project, which is an effort to reduce pedestrian and cyclist fatalities and collisions at rail crossings in the San Gabriel Valley. The project is composed of several subprojects including the Montebello Corridor Grade Separation Project and the Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project. These projects are high priorities for the San Gabriel Valley region as part of its larger ACE Project. The ACE Project's purpose is to mitigate vehicle delays and collisions at rail-roadway crossings through grade separation and safety improvement modifications. The Projects support key regional goals related to improving efficiency and safety along the ACE Trade Corridor, with long-term and long-ranging benefits to SGVCOG member cities. Both projects require local funding to ensure that construction can begin on schedule and all project objectives can be met. More information about the projects can be found here: <https://www.theaceproject.org/project-area>. The SGVCOG is seeking to allocate the necessary local funds to meet the funding need for both projects and ensure that allocated state funding is retained. Staff recommends that the Governing Board program \$2.453 million from unprogrammed FY 27-28 MSP funds for the Montebello Project to meet the current funding plan. Staff also recommends that the Governing Board program \$3 million from unprogrammed FY 27-28 MSP funds to the Turnbull Project to ensure on time project delivery. The project must have adequate cash flow to move expediently through procurement, awarding a construction contract, and beginning work, with certain deadlines as a condition of a \$29 million SB 1 grant.

The SGVCOG is also assisting with the implementation of the I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Project, which is an LA Metro project in the City of Industry. The SGVCOG is serving as the primary project implementer. When completed, this project will create better traffic flow on area streets, enhance safety and improve access to local destinations. On September 17, 2020, the SGVCOG Governing Board voted to approve an advance/loan of future MSP funding for the I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Project. At the time, the funding need was estimated to be at \$36.9 million. However, the project was put on hold due to increasing project costs related to the progressing design and engineering work. In order to secure sufficient funding to complete the project, Metro applied for and was awarded a \$33.57 million grant from the state's Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP), which was formally allocated at the June 28, 2023 California Transportation Committee meeting. The TCEP award requires a 30% local match of the award. Together, the TCEP award and local match of \$14.43 million will eventually meet the current, anticipated project funding need of \$48 million. The funding plan dictates that the required local funding be secured as part of the regional of Measure M funding allocations. Staff recommends that the Governing Board program \$5.15 million for the project from unprogrammed MSP funds to be allocated in FY 2027-2028. The \$5.15 million will meet the 30% match for the first year of the TCEP award, which will be spread out over multiple years. When additional match funding is required in subsequent years, additional MSP funds will be programmed. This recommendation fulfills the SGVCOG board action in 2020, which directed the use of future MSP funding as an advance or loan to fulfill the project funding needs.

Work on both Turnbull Canyon Grade Separation and the I-605/Valley projects are scheduled to begin later this year. The City of Industry, which is the SGVCOG's partner on both projects, has agreed to advance local funding for these projects and wait to seek reimbursement until MSP funding in the appropriate subfund is available. Currently, the soonest funding will be available

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to reimburse the City of Industry is FY 27-28. The requested temporary allocation for the Turnbull project is \$3 million. This will allow the project to award a construction contract in November 2023, which is a deadline set by the CTC as a condition of \$29 million of SB 1 funding allocated to the project and have adequate cashflow to proceed. The requested temporary allocation for the I-605/Valley project is \$5.15 million. This figure represents the minimum amount of local match that Industry may be required to advance in order to the project retain the TCEP grant for the first year of construction, currently scheduled for FY 2024-2025. Both of these allocation requests may be adjusted upward during a future MSP programming effort to reflect actual project costs. Funding would be made available via an interfund borrow from the Highway Demand and Bus System Improvement categories to the Highway Efficiency category.

Altogether, the funding requests for FY 27-28 will ensure that all three projects are able to move forward during a critical phase of project initiation. The total requested programming amount is \$10.693 million, which is within the anticipated \$11 million of funding for the Highway Demand and Bus System Improvement subfund allocations for that year. The requested programming amounts are described below.

<b>Awarded Agency</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>FY 23-24</b>	<b>FY 24-25</b>	<b>FY 25-26</b>	<b>FY 26-27</b>	<b>FY 27-28</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Industry	ACE - Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project					3.000	<b>3.000</b>
Industry	I-605/Valley Boulevard Project					5.150	<b>5.150</b>
SGVCOG	ACE - Montebello Corridor Grade Separation Project	7.553*		3.029*	3.500*	2.543	<b>16.625</b>

*Units are in millions of dollars.*

*\*previously allocated funding.*

Over the next several months, staff anticipates negotiating a loan with Metro to advance MSP funding to support the ACE Montebello Boulevard Project. While that agreement has not been finalized, Metro staff has indicated that one of the terms of the loan will be that the Metro loan is paid back using MSP Highway Demand and Bus System Improvement subfund funding prior to other projects (i.e. Turnbull and 605/Valley) being reimbursed for any funds that are advanced. This means that in a future cycle of MSP funding it is anticipated the the Metro loan repayments will be programmed ahead of the Turnbull and Valley/605 projects, thus delaying the year in which City of Industry can seek reimbursement. The City of Industry has been made aware of this requirement from Metro and understands that it is currently expected that they will be able to seek reimbursement in FY 2033-34. Between now and the time of reimbursement, MSP funding will be programmed and reprogrammed to ensure that the funding plans match actual allocated amounts. After Metro has been made whole for costs related to the Montebello project, Industry will be able to enter into a standard MSP funding agreement with Metro to receive allocated MSP

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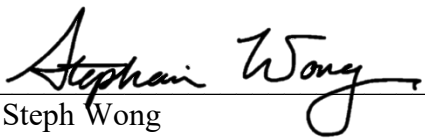
funds in the amounts expended for project costs and financing costs incurred in order to complete the projects.


### **NEXT STEPS**

In accordance with the adopted SGVCOG Measure M MSP Public Outreach Plan, the SGVCOG will proceed with welcoming members of the public and stakeholders to comment on the proposed recommendations. The Projects will abide to the following public outreach timeline prior to receiving Governing Board approval:

Recommendation Available for Public Comment	October 13 – November 16, 2023
Public Review & Comment by Public Works Working Group	October 16, 2023
Public Review & Comment by Planning Directors Working Group	October 26, 2023
Public Review & Comment by City Managers' Steering Committee	November 1, 2023
Recommendation Review by Transportation Committee	November 1, 2023
Recommendation Approval by Governing Board	November 16, 2023
Final Recommendation Approval by Metro Board of Directors	March 2024

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Steph Wong, will be available to answer questions and accept comments from Working Group Members and members of the public.

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Approved by:   
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

### **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – SGVCOG MSP Funding Policy for Awarded Projects \(Resolution 22-38\)](#)

[Attachment B – SGVCOG MSP Public Outreach Policy \(Resolution 18-11\)](#)



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DATE: October 16, 2023

TO: Public Works Working Group

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **FINKBINER PARK STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECT**

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Glendora is planning a project through the Safe Clean Water Program at Finkbiner Park. The City will install a water filtration tank underneath the softball field at Finkbiner Park which will clean and restore water to Little Dalton Wash. Its installation will provide an opportunity to enhance the softball field and basketball court, incorporate native plants and trees, and improve flood management. Other projects benefits include water quality improvement in the Upper San Gabriel River by removing trash, metals, and nutrients in stormwater and urban runoff, and public education on local water supplies and demands.

Active San Gabriel Valley (ActiveSGV) partnered with Craftwater Engineering, Inc. to conduct outreach to educate and inform residents and visitors about the proposed park enhancement through public input survey, pop-up outreach events, tabling and community events, and presentations to stakeholder groups.

Craftwater Engineering, Inc. consultant, Oliver Galang, will provide a presentation on this item.

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Management Aide

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Marisa Creter  
Executive Director



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DATE: October 16, 2023

TO: Public Works Working Group

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **NORTH HOLLYWOOD TO PASADENA TRANSIT CORRIDOR  
OVERVIEW & UPDATE**

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2018, Metro initiated a comprehensive study to establish vital transportation links between the communities of North Hollywood, Eagle Rock, Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena. This project aimed to enhance access to employment, education, and various essential destinations. Termed the North Hollywood to Pasadena Transit Corridor, Metro is planning a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system to maximize efficiency and reliability for commuters. BRT will support neighborhoods that are most in need of public transit access, while improving air quality and reducing the number of cars on roads. Metro is planning to utilize electric zero-emission vehicles for this project.

In 2022, the final state of environmental review was completed. Additionally, a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was made available for public review and comment in the Fall 2020. In response to this input, Metro revised the project, leading to the certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). The Metro Board of Directors officially approved the project on April 28, 2022.

Currently, the project is in the preliminary design phase, with the final design and construction stage upcoming. Metro plans to adopt a Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) project delivery method.

Metro Director of Engineering, Anthony DeFranza, will provide a presentation on this item.

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