



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022 – 4:00 PM

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Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The Transportation Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the Transportation Committee are held on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM at the Foothill Transit Building (100 S. Vincent Avenue, Suite 200, West Covina, CA 91790).* The agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Irwindale Office, 4900 Rivergrade Road, Suite A120, Irwindale, CA, and on the website, www.sgvco.org. A copy of the agenda is also viewable at the Alhambra City Hall, 111 S. 1st Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Your participation is welcomed and invited at all Transportation Committee meetings. Time is reserved at each regular meeting for those who wish to address the Committee. The SGVCOG requests that persons addressing the Committee refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane, or disruptive remarks.

TO ADDRESS THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: At a regular meeting, the public may comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the SGVCOG during the public comment period at the beginning of the agenda, on any item(s) that is on the Consent Calendar prior to action taken on the Consent Calendar, and on any other agenda item prior to the time it is considered by the Committee. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public are requested to state their name prior to speaking, and comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes per person. The Committee Chair may impose additional time limits if comments become repetitious, an individual member of the public seeks to speak on numerous items, or a large number of members of the public seek to speak on an item. The Committee may not take action on items not on the agenda and is restricted in discussing items on the agenda.

AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Transportation Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Transportation Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a committee member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar.



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***MEETING MODIFICATIONS DUE TO THE STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE THREAT OF COVID-19:** AB 361 (Rivas), signed by California Governor Gavin Newsom on September 16, 2021, authorizes local agencies to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically to promote social distancing due to the state and local emergency resulting from the threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To follow the new provisions in AB 361 and ensure the safety of Committee Members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the Transportation Committee meeting will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Transportation Committee will conduct its meeting through Zoom Video Communications. 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: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81179922802>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

Instructions for Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items, but within the SGVCOG's subject matter jurisdiction, you may submit written comments via email or provide a verbal comment by participating through Zoom.

- Written Comments (Email): If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the committee members prior to or during the meeting, please submit these materials via email to SGVCOG Management Analyst, Steph Wong, at swong@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT." Emailed public comments will be read into the record and will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations. While there is no page or word count limit for written comments, the time for reading written public comments into the record will be limited to three minutes, which is the same time allotted for verbal comments.
- Verbal Comments (Zoom): Through Zoom, you may provide a verbal comment 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.

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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all public comments*)
5. Changes to the Agenda Order

CONSENT CALENDAR (*It is anticipated that the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

6. Adoption of Resolution 22-08-TC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Transportation Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings via Teleconferencing – **Page 1**
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-08-TC making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconference.
7. Review Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes – **Page 3**
Recommended Action: Review and approve.
8. San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study Update – **Page 8**
Recommended Action: Receive and file.

PRESENTATIONS

9. Metro's Lone Hill to White Update: Brian Balderrama, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Senior Director – **Page 10**
Recommended Action: For information only.
10. Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Presentation: Caleb Brock, California Department of Transportation Regional Planning Branch 7 Chief – **Page 11**
Recommended Action: For information only.

UPDATE ITEM

11. Mount Wilson Express Shuttle Update: Bryan Matsumoto, Program Manager, Nature For All
Recommended Action: For information only.

LIAISON REPORTS

12. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Liaison Report
13. [Foothill Transit Liaison Report](#)
14. [Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Liaison Report](#)

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

DATE: October 13, 2022

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-08-TC MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS TO ENABLE THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 22-08-TC making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.

BACKGROUND

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on February 1, 2021, AB 361 codifies portions of Governor Gavin Newsom's existing Ralph M. Brown Act exemptions pertaining to teleconferencing if a local agency issues an emergency finding, and reissues it every 30 days, that it is unsafe to meet in person. Specifically, the Brown Act exemptions include requirements to provide a public teleconference location, to maintain a member quorum within the agency's jurisdiction and to provide for public comment at each teleconference location, such as a private residence. The legislation expires in December 2024. On September 16, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 361 into law, effective immediately.

A local agency wishing to rely on the provisions of AB 361 must meet one of the following criteria:

1. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
2. The local holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
3. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

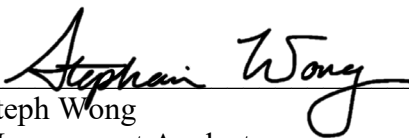
On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.¹


¹ Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.

However, this Executive Order expired on September 30, 2021, despite the State of Emergency remaining in place.

The threat that COVID-19 has presented continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to conduct Governing Board/committee meetings safely in person. Updated guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in July and August 2021 advise governmental entities to refrain from conducting indoor meetings and consider moving operations outdoors, where feasible, to prevent transmission. SGVCOG staff finds it has been unable to find a suitable outdoor space with the requisite audio/visual capabilities at which the monthly committee meetings can be held safely. Similarly, an indoor space with sufficient capacity to accommodate safe social distance practices among members, staff, and the public could not be identified.

In order to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to prevent unnecessary COVID-19 exposure to members, staff and the public, staff is recommending that Transportation Committee adopt Resolution 22-08-TC making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

Prepared by: 
Steph Wong
Management Analyst

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – Resolution 22-08-TC](#)



SGVCOG Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 8, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chairperson, Ed Reece, called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Diamond Bar Public Works Director, David Liu, led the Transportation Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Claremont	Ed Reece
Diamond Bar	David Liu
Glendora	Steven Mateer
Industry	Cory Moss
La Canada Flintridge	Kim Bowman
Pasadena	Joaquin Siques
South El Monte	Gloria Olmos
Temple City	Ashley Avery
L.A. County District #1	Martin Reyes
L.A. County District #5	Dave Perry

Absent

Alhambra
Duarte
Pomona
South Pasadena

Guests

City of Industry	Sam Pedroza
Foothill Transit	Matthew Nakano
LACDPW	Sarah Ahmed
Metro	Tito Corona
SCAQMD	Rainbow Yeung
South El Monte	Rodrigo Pelayo

SGVCOG Staff

Y. Harabedian, Staff
S. Wong, Staff
B. Ruano, Staff
R. (Roy) Choi, Staff

4. Public Comment

Rainbow Yeung of the South Coast Air Quality Management District made a comment announcing new funding for AQMD's Replace Your Ride program.

5. Changes to the Agenda Order

Chair Ed Reece announced a change to the agenda order to postpone the agendaized GoSGV Regional Bikeshare Program Update to a later meeting. There were no other changes to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6. Adoption of Resolution 22-07-TC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Transportation Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings via Teleconferencing
Action: Adopt Resolution 22-07-TC making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconference.

- 7. Review Transportation Committee Special Meeting Minutes: August 11, 2022
Action: Review and approve.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 6-7. (M/S: K. Bowman/C. Moss)
[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Industry, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, South El Monte, Temple City, LA County District #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Duarte, Monterey Park, Pomona, South Pasadena, LA County District #1

ADJOURN

SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chairperson, Ed Reece, adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 4:10 PM.

Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee

September 15, 2022

4:00 PM



SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee

Unapproved Special Joint Meeting Minutes

Date: September 15, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, called the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee to order at 4:04 pm. A quorum was in attendance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Glendora Councilmember, Michael Allawos, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

A quorum for the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Alhambra	A. Andrade-Stadler
Arcadia	A. Verlato
Azusa	R. Gonzales
Claremont	E. Reece
Diamond Bar	N. Lyons
Glendora	M. Allawos
Industry	C. Moss
Irwindale	A. Ambriz
La Cañada Flintridge	R. Gunter
La Puente	G. Quiñones
La Verne	T. Hepburn
Monrovia	B. Shevlin
Montebello	S. Peralta
Pasadena	V. Gordo
Pomona	T. Sandoval
Rosemead	S. Dang
San Gabriel	T. Ding
San Marino	S. Jakubowski

Absent

Baldwin Park
Bradbury
Covina
Duarte
El Monte
Monterey Park
San Dimas
Sierra Madre
Temple City

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Executive Director
C. Trapesonian, General Counsel
T. Egan, Legislative Counsel
B. Acevedo, SGVRHT
B. Logasa, Staff
C. Sims, Staff
K. Ward, Staff

Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee

September 15, 2022
4:00 PM

South El Monte	G. Olmos	M. Sharkey, Staff
South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti	N. Ryu, Staff
Walnut	N. Tragarz	R. Alimoren, Staff
West Covina	T. Wu	Ri. Choi, Staff
L.A. County District #1	E. Gonzalez	Ro. Choi, Staff
L.A. County District #5	V. Paul	S. Pedersen, Staff
SGV Water Districts	C. Goytia	S. Hernandez, Staff
		S. Sousa, Staff
		S. Wong, Staff
		T. Lott, Staff
		V. Guerra, Staff
		V. Urenia, Staff

4. Public Comment
There were no public comments provided.

JOINT MEETING BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM

5. Adopt Joint Resolution 22-46 of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee Making Findings to Enable Them to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing

There was a motion to adopt Joint Resolution 22-46 making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California exists, that social distancing being mandated or recommended by state or local officials due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and that meeting in person presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees.

(M/S: C. Moss/G. Olmos) [Motion Passed]

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

ADJOURN JOINT MEETING

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, adjourned the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, and Governing Board Meeting at 4:14 pm.

Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee

September 15, 2022

4:00 PM

BOARD APPROVED

Date

Marisa Creter, Secretary

DATE: October 13, 2022

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

The SGVCOG, in partnership with Metro, is conducting the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study (Project) to evaluate and improve mobility in the San Gabriel Valley. The Project is evaluating short- and long-term transit options designed to address the unmet mobility needs of the San Gabriel Valley to enhance communities and the lives of residents, commuters and visitors, with a focus on our most vulnerable populations: transit-dependent populations and equity-focus communities constrained by existing transportation systems.

The SGVCOG conducted Phase 1 of the feasibility study between July 2021 and September 2022, and has recently initiated efforts for the Phase 2 analysis. During Phase 1, through an iterative process with input from the partner cities and community residents, the SGVCOG and its consultant team evaluated 15 possible alternatives for improving mobility in the San Gabriel Valley. The concepts were scored based upon such criteria as whether they increased access to major transit hubs, fulfilled near-term mobility needs, improved transit service, supported land use development, and more. Upon conducting this evaluation, the SGVCOG elected to reduce the list of alternatives from 15 to the seven most feasible options, carrying those forward into Phase 2. These alternatives include:

1. Concept 1 (Downtown Los Angeles to Downtown Pomona via Valley Boulevard)
2. Concept 2 (Atlantic Station to Downtown Pomona via SR-60)
3. Concept 5 (Atlantic Station to Downtown Pomona via Valley Blvd & Colima/Golden Springs)
4. Concept 10 (Sierra Madre Villa Station to CSLB via Rosemead Blvd & Lakewood Blvd)
5. Concept 11 (Monrovia Station to Whittier via Peck & Beverly)
6. Concept 12 (Azusa Downtown Station to Orange County via Azusa Ave & Fullerton Rd)
7. Concept 13 (APU/Citrus College Station to Brea Mall via Citrus & Grand)

Phase 2 for the Project will include tasks to further refine and screen these seven project alternatives that have been advanced for further study from Phase 1 and will include five percent conceptual engineering and illustrative urban design efforts culminating into a final Long-Term Vision Plan for the San Gabriel Valley that shall address phasing and/or potential longer term phased upgrades of the proposed improvements. The Phase 2 analysis will be conducted from

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September 2022 to September 2023, during which the SGVCOG will seek ongoing input from the partner cities and the community.

Prepared by: 

Roy Choi
Manager of Transportation

Approved by: 

Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study Schedule](#)

REPORT

DATE: October 13, 2022
TO: Transportation Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **METRO'S LONE HILL TO WHITE UPDATE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

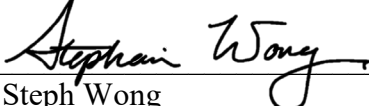
For information only.

BACKGROUND

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) plans to add a second mainline track along a 3.9-mile segment between Lone Hill Avenue in San Dimas and White Avenue in La Verne (“the project”). The project will include “Quiet Zone Ready” improvements to roadways and sidewalks, new and upgraded track and pedestrian crossing infrastructure, and improvements to existing drainage and landscaping. The Quiet Zone improvements will cover 12 at-grade crossing locations, reducing the horn noise impacts in surrounding areas. The proposed improvements are in the communities of San Dimas and La Verne with some potential impacts in Pomona. The added mainline track will allow opposing trains to run on separate tracks, improving the overall flow of Metrolink and Union Pacific trains. Specifically, the project will improve train reliability, reduce travel times and enhance safety.

The existing railway, owned by Metro, is part of the San Gabriel Subdivision, which is used by both Metrolink San Bernardino Line commuter rail service (approximately 38 trains daily) as well as Union Pacific Railroad freight service (up to four trains daily). The project is currently in the design and engineering phase.

Metro recently completed in-person and online community outreach updates in the communities of San Dimas and La Verne. Metro staff will present on the latest designs and provide an update on the overall project. For more information, please contact Tito Corona at CoronaS@metro.net.

Prepared by: 
Steph Wong
Management Analyst

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENT

[Metro Overview of the Project](#)

REPORT

DATE: October 13, 2022

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT PRESENTATION**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has developed the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program, which aims to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. In FY 2022-2023, the Grant Program awarded a total of \$22.2 million to 67 awardees for Sustainable Communities Competitive and Strategic Partnerships Grants. Later this year, the Program will award \$12.5 million in Sustainable Communities Formula grants to MPOs. These grants are targeted to further Regional Transportation Plans/Sustainable Communities Strategies. Altogether, the awards support regional sustainable communities' strategies and ultimately achieve the State's greenhouse gas reductions targets of 40% and 80% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 2050, respectively.

The FY 2023-2024 Grant Program schedule is as follows. Applicants may use the California Grants portal to stay up to date on funding opportunities.

Oct. 2022	Release Draft FY 2023-24 Grant Application Guide for a 30-day public comment period.
Nov. 2022	Conduct Two Final Virtual Workshops for stakeholders to provide final input
Dec. 2022	Release FY 2023-24 Grant Application Guide/Call-for-applications and conduct virtual workshops
Jan. 2023 to Feb. 2023	Grant application deadline (exact date TBD)
Winter to Spring 2023	Application evaluation and management approval of grant recommendations
Spring 2023	Grant announcements
Fall 2023	Grant recipients begin project activities
Winter to Summer 2026	Grant projects are completed, and grant funds expire (expiration dates depend on grant recipient and fund-type)

Caleb Brock, Caltrans Regional Planning Branch 7 Chief, will present on this item. For more information, please contact James Santiago at James.Santiago@dot.ca.gov.

REPORT

Prepared by:



Steph Wong
Management Analyst

Approved by:



Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A - Caltrans Overview of the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program](#)

[Attachment B - Caleb Brock Bio & Additional Information Links](#)