



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024 – 4:00 PM
SGVCOG Office
1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016

Chair
Ed Reece
Claremont

Vice Chair
Cory Moss
Industry

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

MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the Transportation Committee are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM at the SGVCOG Monrovia Office (1333 South Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016).* The agenda packet is available at the SGVCOG's Office, 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA, and on the website, www.sgvkog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). A copy of the agenda is also posted for public viewing at the entrance of the SGVCOG Monrovia Office Building. Any additional agenda documents that are distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting of the agenda will be available for review in the SGVCOG office during normal business hours and on the SGVCOG website noted above.

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If you would like to provide a public comment during a Committee meeting, please see "Instructions for Public Comments" below.

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



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CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may 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 Committees takes action on the balance of the Consent Calendar.

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2956 West Shorb Street Alhambra, CA 91803	410 E Dalton Ave Glendora, CA 91741	Industry City Hall 15625 Mayor Dave Way Industry, CA 91744
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4130 Cahuenga Blvd, Suite 108 Toluca Lake, CA 91602		

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.

- **Written Comments (Email):** If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the Committee members at the meeting, please submit these materials via email to 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” and the agenda item number to which the public comment is addressed. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations.
- **Verbal Comments (In Person):** If you would like to make a public comment at the Committee meeting location, please fill out a public comment card. Comment cards will be made available to you by staff at the entrance to the meeting room. If you are attending the meeting at a noticed teleconference location and would like to make a public comment, please raise your hand when the item upon which you wish to speak comes up on the agenda.
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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. Review Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes – [Page 1](#)
Recommended Action: Review and approve.
7. FY 2024-2025 Committee Chair & Vice Chair Elections
Recommended Action: Elect Claremont City Mayor Ed Reece as the FY 2024-2025 Transportation Committee Chair and Industry City Mayor Cory Moss as the FY 2024-2025 Transportation Committee Vice Chair.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

7. Mobility Wallet Pilot Program: Avital Shavit, Senior Director, Office of Strategic Innovation, LA Metro and Hector Gutierrez, Senior Manager, Office of Strategic Innovation, LA Metro – [Page 4](#)
Recommended Action: For information only.
8. Metro FY 2025 Budget Overview: Pari Ahmadi, Metro Budget Director, LA Metro – [Page 6](#)
Recommended Action: For information only.
9. California Gas Tax Update: Eric Thronson, Deputy Director, Townsend Public Affairs – [Page 7](#)
Recommended Action: For information only.

LIAISON REPORTS

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

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN



SGVCOG Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 3, 2024
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: 1333 S. Mayflower Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chairperson, Ed Reece, called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
Public Works Director of Diamond Bar, David Liu, led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Alhambra	Adele Andrade-Stadler
Azusa	Dennis Beckwith
Claremont	Ed Reece
Diamond Bar	David Liu
Glendora	Vanessa Nalbandian
Industry	Cory Moss
La Cañada Flintridge	Kim Bowman
Monrovia	Larry Spicer
Monterey Park	Henry Lo
Pasadena	Jenny Cristales-Cevallos
San Gabriel	Tony Ding
South El Monte	Gloria Olmos
Temple City	Ashley Avery
LA County Dist. #1	Ben Feldman
LA County Dist. #5	David Perry

Absent

Duarte
Pomona

Guests

Foothill Transit	Matt Nakano
LA Metro	Tito Corona
LA Metro	Marie Kim
LA Metro	Daniel Tran
LA Metro	Mark Linsenmayer
LA Metro	Shahrazad Amiri
Caltrans	Jem Unger Hicks
South Coast AQMD	Rainbow Yeung
TPA	Eric Thronson
TPA	Carly Shelby
Glendora	Vanessa Nalbandian
Irvine	Sam Ekrami
Pasadena	Bill Huang

SGVCOG Staff

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R. (Ricky) Choi, Staff
K. Lai, Staff
J. Talla, Staff
J. Read, Staff
M. Bolger, Staff
V. Guerra, Staff
M. Sharkey, Staff
M. Creter, SGVCOG Executive Dir.

- Member of the Public Samantha Munoz
- Member of the Public Michael Grossman
- Member of the Public Liz Mazariegos
- Member of the Public Nader Abdelmalek
- Member of the Public J. Fowl
- LA Metro Matt Bresolin
- LA Metro Shelly Han

4. Public Comment
Rainbow Yeung, South Coast AQMD, provided a public comment.
5. Changes to the Agenda Order
There were no changes to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Review Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
There was a motion to approve the consent calendar. (M/S: L. Spicer/C. Moss)
[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Azusa, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Industry, La Canada Flintridge, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, South El Monte, San Gabriel, Temple City, L.A. County Dist. #1, L.A. County Dist. #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	Duarte, Pomona

PRESENTATION ITEM

7. Metro FY 2025 Budget Presentation
Marie Kim, LA Metro Deputy Executive Officer of Finance, presented on this item.

UPDATE ITEM

8. Metro I-10 ExpressLanes Extension Project Update
Daniel Tran, LA Metro Mobility Corridors Project Manager, and Tito Corona, Metro Community Relations Manager, presented on this item.

LIAISON REPORTS

9. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Liaison Report
Metro Community Relations Manager Tito Corona and SGVCOG Metro Board Deputy Young-Gi Harabedian provided a report.
10. Foothill Transit Report
Foothill Transit Government Relations Coordinator Matt Nakano provided a report.
11. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Report
SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chair and Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Chair, Ed Reece, provided a report.

- 12.** Southern California Association of Governments
SCAG Senior Government Affairs Officer Erik Rodriguez provided a report.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 13.** Open Streets Mission-to-Mission Save the Date: Sunday, April 28, 2024

ADJOURN

SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chairperson, Ed Reece, adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 4:54 PM.

DATE: May 8, 2024

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **METRO MOBILITY WALLET PILOT PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

In May 2023, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) launched the Mobility Wallet pilot program. The initial year-long pilot sought to enhance mobility options for low-income individuals and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and was set to conclude in April 2024.

The Mobility Wallet initiative provided each participant with a ‘mobility wallet,’ — a pre-paid debit card loaded with \$150 per month for a duration of 12 months. These funds enabled participants to pay for a range of public or private transportation services, offering flexibility in their mobility choices according to their needs and preferences. Any unused funds at the end of each month were automatically rolled over to the following month.


The pilot program targeted 1,000 low-income South LA residents lacking personal vehicle access. To be eligible for the program, participants had to be at least 18 years old and meet specific criteria, including self-certifying their income and residency within 10 qualifying South LA zip codes.


The mobility wallet allows for one person, or several members of the same household, to utilize the prepaid debit card to cover the cost of pre-approved transportation expenses. For example, while funds cannot be spent on the cost of owning a car, participants were able to use their Mobility Wallet to load an LA Metro TAP card, purchase Amtrak tickets or pay for rideshare services. Participants have also used the wallet to purchase personal mobility assets such as e-bikes or subscribing to e-scooter platforms.

Structured into three phases, future expansion of the Mobility Wallet pilot is dependent on funding availability. The first phase, consisting of the year-long pilot for South L.A. residents, was funded by \$2.5 million from the California Air Resources Board and \$2 million from the City of Los Angeles. The second phase, funded by \$4 million from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), intends to extend participation to an additional 1,000 South LA residents and 1,600 individuals from across LA County. Further expansion, including a proposed third phase, involve securing federal funding to expand the program to additional residents from South LA and LA County.

REPORT

Avital Shavit, Senior Director of the LA Metro Office of Strategic Innovation, and Hector Gutierrez, Senior Manager of the LA Metro Office of Strategic Innovation, will present on this item.

Prepared by: 
Jois Talla
SGVCOG Intern

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

REPORT

DATE: May 8, 2024
TO: Transportation Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **METRO FY 2025 BUDGET OVERVIEW**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

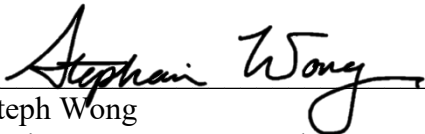
BACKGROUND

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is in the process of developing its annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget will be developed to reflect the needs and preferences of customers, riders, and residents of Los Angeles County. Given that Metro's FY 2024-2025 Budget will come before the Metro Board of Directors for approval in May, Metro staff will provide a detailed overview of the outreach process to date and proposed priorities for the coming year.

Pari Ahmadi, Metro Budget Director, will provide a presentation on this item.

As Metro's budget is typically reviewed in installments, the Transportation Committee has been briefed on the first segment of the budget during its April session. Metro staff will provide a presentation on the second half of the budget to the Committee.

Prepared by:


Steph Wong
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by:


Marisa Creter
Executive Director

DATE: May 8, 2024

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **CALIFORNIA GAS TAX UPDATE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

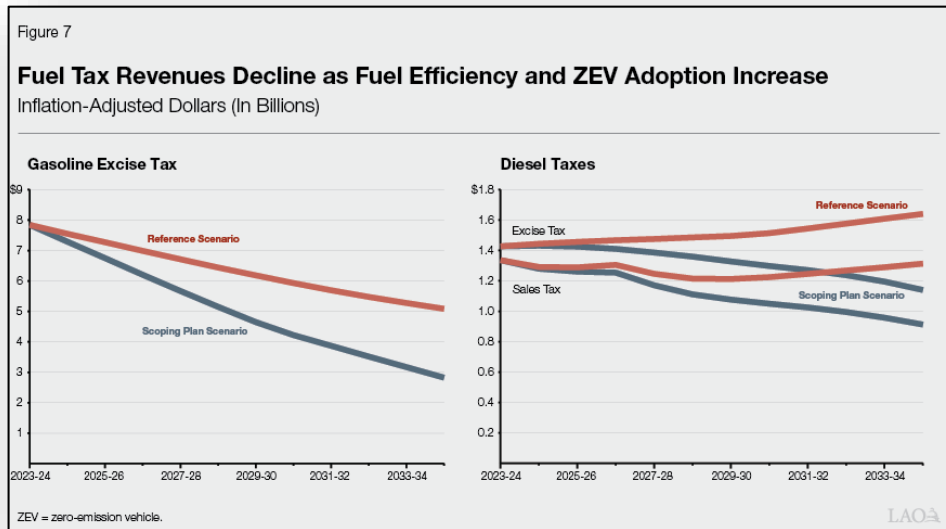
BACKGROUND

For decades, California has been a national leader in fighting climate change, utilizing many different initiatives and programs to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the state. To pursue this effort, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) regularly updates its Scoping Plan to lay out the state's strategy for achieving its goals. Among other things, the Scoping Plan includes specific policies targeted at increasing the adoption of zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs), increasing the use of lower-carbon fuels, and reducing the number of vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

While these efforts should assist in accomplishing CARB's mission of GHG reduction, it will come at a cost. In a recent report titled "Assessing California's Climate Policies – Implications for State Transportation Funding and Programs," the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) estimates how much meeting the state's GHG reduction goals could impact existing state transportation revenues and programs. The news is not good.

Specifically, the LAO concludes that CARB's policy directives for GHG emission reduction will have dramatic negative impacts on the state's transportation revenues. This is because the vast majority of transportation funding in California is derived from taxes on motor fuels such as gasoline and diesel. If people are driving more fuel-efficient vehicles (or zero-emission vehicles), and are driving fewer miles in total, then the state is collecting less fuel tax revenues.

Compared to current transportation funding levels, the LAO projects dramatic revenue declines over the next decade from the state's gasoline excise tax (\$5 billion or 64 percent), diesel excise tax (\$290 million or 20 percent), and diesel sales tax (\$420 million or 20 percent). On net, the LAO estimates that if the state follows CARB's Scoping Plan to reduce GHGs, annual state transportation revenues will decline by \$4.4 billion (31 percent) over the next decade as compared to current levels.



Source: Legislative Analyst's Office Report

The projected revenue declines will result in certain state transportation programs having less capacity to support state and local transportation projects and activities. For instance, the LAO projects funding for Caltrans' highway maintenance programs will drop by roughly \$1.5 billion (26 percent) over the next decade, from \$5.7 billion to \$4.2 billion. In addition, the LAO estimates that the State Transit Assistance program, which funds local transit operations, will experience funding declines of about \$300 million by 2034-35, or about one third of its total funding.

In cases where programs distribute funding to local governments, such as for local streets and roads and transit, the magnitude of the impacts will vary across jurisdictions. In general, jurisdictions that historically have been more dependent on state funding for their local efforts will experience greater impacts across their transportation systems, likely resulting in reduced services and/or poorer road conditions for their residents.

In order to maintain our local streets and roads and transit funding, one of two things must happen: either the state needs to reverse its efforts to reduce GHG emissions from the transportation sector (which is highly unlikely), or the state will need to find an alternative funding source for its transportation needs. While the state has several approaches it could pursue to replace the dwindling tax revenues, each comes with various benefits and trade-offs that will need to be considered.

The LAO proposes options for addressing the funding gaps which include:

- Increasing existing fuel taxes to try and maintain funding levels
- Increasing other existing vehicle fees to replace the dwindling fuel tax revenues
- Supplementing with other funding sources like the General Fund or Cap-and-Trade revenues
- Implementing a new mechanism for collecting transportation revenue e.g. a road charge
- Implementing new taxes on alternative fuels and dedicating the revenues to transportation

Beginning to weigh these options now is critical before revenue declines become more significant. However, it appears that this issue is not on the Legislature's radar. There has been no legislation introduced this year to address this concern, and the Governor's budget does not

acknowledge the impending revenue declines. Therefore, it is upon our local municipal leaders to begin presenting our concerns about future local transportation funding to our representatives.

Townsend Public Affairs (TPA) Deputy Director Eric Thronson will present on this item.

This staff report was prepared by TPA. TPA staff are available to answer any questions.

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Approved by: Marisa Creter
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

