

# SGVCOG Weekly Recap

## Week of November 1, 2021

- **Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** Last week, the SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee approved the adoption of Resolution 21-01-CPCC, making specified findings to enable the Capital Projects and Construction Committee to continue to hold meetings via teleconferencing. The Committee also authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute agreements with BCycle and Pedal Movement for the purchase of e-bikes to support the launch of the GoSGV Regional Bike Share Program. Staff provided quarterly project progress updates and quarterly environmental mitigation monitoring reports for the active projects.
- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Executive Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. Members of the Executive Committee reviewed and voted on the following major items:
  - Confirm SGVCOG President's Appointments to Working Group on Redistricting: The Executive Committee confirmed President Shevlin's appointments to a working group of SGVCOG Board Members to develop written recommendations to Los Angeles County on supervisorial redistricting for consideration by the SGVCOG Governing Board.

The Executive Committee meeting also featured presentations and update items:

- 4th Quarter Financial Report / Treasurer's Report: Renee Graves, SGVCOG's Treasurer and Principal at CliftonLarsonAllenLLP, presented to the Executive Committee on the full 4th Quarter Financial Reports for the SGVCOG and the ACE Project.
  - Audit Status Report: SGVCOG Audit Manager, Simba Mandizvidza, presented to the Executive Committee the activities by SGVCOG audit staff through September 30, 2021.
  - Strategic Plan Update: SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst Alexander Fung presented on the 2022 SGVCOG Strategic Plan. The presentation highlighted modifications and updates to SGVCOG's current Vision Statement and strategic goals and a proposed timeline for the update.
  - Legislative Update: SGVCOG Director of Government and Community Relations, Paul Hubler, presented to the Executive Committee on the process of developing SGVCOG's 2022 legislative platform and its alignment to the 2022 Strategic Plan.
- **Redistricting Update:** On Monday, the Executive Committee approved the establishment of a Redistricting Working Group, which had its first meeting on Tuesday. Staff gave the working group an overview of the LA Citizens Redistricting Commission's current processes and timeline for selecting a new supervisorial map, as well current maps under consideration. The working group also provided input on these maps and tasked staff with drafting a comment letter that expresses the following:
    - Not split up individual municipalities into separate districts;
    - Keep a majority of the SGV in one supervisorial district; and
    - Avoid having SGV cities in a district with the City of Los Angeles.

The comment letter and next steps will be discussed at the Governing Board Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. The LA Citizens Redistricting Commission will hold upcoming public hearings to select maps, which can be found by [clicking here](#). The Commission must adopt maps by December 15, 2021.

- **SCAG Housing Forum:** On Monday, staff attended the first of four SCAG-hosted Housing Forums. At this forum, SCAG brought in experts and consultants to outline state and federal housing policies that came out of the most recent legislative session and federal legislation that could have housing implications. Their updates on state policy can be found by [clicking here](#). There are several federal bills - including the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Build Back Better Plan, and the Ending Homelessness Act of 2021 - which would directly or indirectly support housing investments. SCAG's Housing Policy Leadership Academy also launched its application for local elected officials and other community leaders. This program gives participants an exploration and understanding of the root causes of the housing crisis and provides best practice policies to develop and advance equitable solutions that accelerate housing production and end the housing affordability crisis. Participants will meet once a month for 10 months in cohorts organized by geographic region. Learn more about the program and access the application by [clicking here](#).
- **Funding for interim housing:** On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion authored by Chair Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor to the First District, and co-authored by Supervisor Kathryn Barger to establish an Interim Housing Services Fund for cities and Councils of Governments (COGs) to support services at homeless interim housing projects. The motion directed the Homeless Initiative to create a \$10,000,000 fund and report back within 30 days with information on how the program will be administered, including eligible project types, length of operations, and incentives for matching funding. The funds should be accessible by January 1, 2022.
- **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) Meeting:** On Wednesday, staff attended the fifth meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH), which was established by the LA County Board of Supervisors to study homelessness governance models nationwide and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for a new governance model for homeless services in the County of Los Angeles. The meeting included continued presentations on the homeless strategies and programs funded by Measure H and presentations from various stakeholders - including the Faith Collaborative to End Homelessness, participants with lived experience, and service providers including Helpline Youth Counseling, Shower of Hope, Union Station Homeless Services, and Downtown Women's Center - on their experiences and recommendations on the homeless services system. Glendora City Manager Adam Raymond and Assistant City Manager Moises Lopez also presented on the City of Glendora's efforts to combat homelessness, the challenges they face with the current system, and recommendations for improvements. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. and will feature additional testimony from San Gabriel Valley cities. For more information, you can visit the BRCH website [here](#).
- **City Managers' Steering Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG City Managers' Steering Committee convened a special meeting. Members of the City Managers' Steering Committee reviewed and voted on the following major items:
  - FY 2022-2025 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, And First/Last Mile Programming Recommendations: The City Managers' Steering Committee confirmed to recommend to the Governing Board the programming of \$15,000,000.00 from FY 2022- 2025 MSP Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funds for the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project. The City Managers' Steering Committee also directed staff to work with cities and agencies that submitted applications for Category 2 to refine project scopes that can lead to improvements that would provide regional benefits to the San Gabriel Valley's active transportation, bus system, and first/last mile networks.

The Committee also heard the following update items:

- Statewide Redistricting Update: Paul Mitchell, President at Redistricting Partners, presented to the City Managers' Steering Committee an update on the state of California redistricting process and specific redistricting issues that will impact the San Gabriel Valley.
- Wildlife Outreach Coordination: SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst discussed interest from several cities to expand the scope of the Neighborhood Coyote Program to include other wildlife management efforts to address issues caused by bears, mountain lions, and peafowl. The SGVCOG will convene the San Gabriel Valley Wildlife Management Roundtable on Wednesday, December 9 to provide a platform for interested cities to discuss the possible scope expansion.
- **San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation Virtual Summit:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG hosted the San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation Virtual Summit to share fire resilience strategies and provide recommendations for local jurisdictions to protect residents and communities from wildfires. Approximately 110 elected officials, city staff, community organizations representatives, and residents attended the event. The SGVCOG sincerely expresses our utmost gratitude to Senator Anthony Portantino, the San Gabriel Mountains, the Ojai Valley Fire Safe Council, and GGA+ Architects for joining the event to provide remarks and presentations. The event's recording and presentations can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#).
- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Transportation Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee reviewed the following major items:
  - **2022 SGVCOG Transportation Legislative Priorities:** The Committee considered the SGVCOG's 2022 transportation legislative priorities that outline the position of the SGVCOG on various priority matters and recommended the Governing Board adopt the transportation priorities.
  - **Foothill Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program:** Foothill Transit staff presented on its Bus Stop Enhancement Program, which provides financial assistance to Foothill Transit's member agencies to enhance bus stops that are serviced by Foothill Transit. Applicants can apply for up to \$40,000 in funding for bus stop enhancement projects, including bus stop modules, shelters, benches, trash cans, and tree grates. Interested applicants must submit applications by December 1, 2021. Questions and inquiries can be directed to Foothill Transit Government Relations Director, Yoko Igawa, at [yigawa@foothilltransit.org](mailto:yigawa@foothilltransit.org).
  - **San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study Updates:** Staff provided an update on the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study, which is studying alternatives for the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project to extend the Metro L (Gold) Line after the State Route 60 alternative was withdrawn in February 2020. The Study Area includes all cities and communities located in the SGVCOG's jurisdiction and includes one focus area for integration of services and another focus area for new services. A comprehensive public outreach campaign will be implemented towards the beginning of 2022 to ensure that inputs and feedback from various stakeholders are captured.
  - **San Gabriel Valley Regional VMT Mitigation Program Study Updates:** Staff provided updates on the San Gabriel Valley Regional VMT Mitigation Program, which will explore methodologies for jurisdictions to mitigate VMT impacts through implementing actions that reduce VMT across the San Gabriel Valley region. The Project Team will be engaging extensively with member jurisdictions to understand how a Regional VMT Mitigation Program could best serve the diverse needs of the San Gabriel Valley. A Project Working Group (PWG) and Sub-Area Groups

comprised of staff from participating cities will guide the direction of the effort to ensure all needs and perspectives are reflected in the development of the program's framework.





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## Week of November 8, 2021

- **LA COUNTY REDISTRICTING (REQUEST FOR INPUT):** The SGVCOG is seeking input as to whether councilmembers or SGV cities have taken or plan to take a position on the LA County supervisorial maps currently under consideration by the LA County Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC). The CRC is currently taking public comment on all of the submitted maps. The Governing Board will be discussing potential redistricting actions during its meeting next Thursday (November 18). Specifically, at the Governing it is anticipated that there will be discussions at the meeting regarding cities' preferences for the San Gabriel Valley to be represented by a single supervisorial district or by multiple. Staff is seeking as much feedback as possible from our member agencies to guide this discussion. **Please send your feedback, questions, and/or concerns on the redistricting process and maps up for consideration to Brianne Logasa, SGVCOG Management Analyst, at [blogasa@sqvcoq.org](mailto:blogasa@sqvcoq.org) as soon as possible.**
- **Special Transportation Committee Meeting Regarding Metro Law Enforcement Funding (11/16 @ 12:30 PM):** The Transportation Committee is having a special meeting on Tuesday, November 16 at 12:30 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to review Metro's Public Safety Advisory Committee's (PSAC) Recommendation on Metro Law Enforcement Funding. Early this month, PSAC submitted the following recommendation to the Metro Board of Directors:
  1. Allocate \$0.00 in additional funding for existing Metro policing contracts through the end of the fiscal year.
  2. Return to a non-contract law enforcement model to ensure public safety on the transit system by not extending the contracts.
  3. Shift the \$75 million needed through the end of the fiscal year to care and equity-centered supportive services (mental health and homeless outreach services), physical infrastructure improvements, transit ambassadors, and safety initiatives outlined in Metro's Customer Experience Plan.

Conversely, Metro staff has recommended approval of a \$75.2 million authorization to fund existing law enforcement contracts and included redirecting \$1.6 million to the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to provide mental health outreach services on the Metro system, removing fare collection enforcement from the duties of the law enforcement teams, and seeking protocols for Metro access to body-worn camera footage. In addition, policy modifications, including those related to training, screening, accountability and transparency, will be recommended for Metro's contracted and in-house non-law enforcement security services.

SGVCOG staff is recommending the Governing Board authorize the SGVCOG President to submit a letter to the Supervisor Hilda Solis, Chair of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Director supporting Metro staff's recommendation.

- **Governing Board Preview (Preview 11/18):** On Thursday November 18, the Governing Board is scheduled to host its monthly meeting. Key topics and agenda items are as follows:
  - **Presentation by LA County CEO:** Los Angeles County CEO Fesia Davenport is scheduled to provide updates on a number of topics including the following: further

insights of the closure of the Los Angeles County Men's Central Jail, homelessness, public health, and animal care and control.

- **SGVCOG Strategic Plan Update:** Staff is in the process of soliciting input for the SGVCOG's Strategic Plan Update. The staff report includes proposed modifications to the multi-year vision and goals and provides information on the timeline for providing input on the strategic plan.
- **California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) Agreement:** Staff is seeking authorization to execute an agreement with the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) for the implementation of a workforce development program in the San Gabriel Valley for an amount up to \$1,000,000. This funding was included in the 2021 Budget Trailer bill at the request of Senator Rubio. The purpose of the workforce development training is to provide participants with a pathway to economic security by connecting them with job training and experience necessary to achieve stable careers. Specifically, the program will be targeting two main groups:
  - Residents of tiny home village sites in the cities of Baldwin Park and Montebello, and
  - Transition-age youth (TAY) and at-risk youth from disadvantaged communities (DACs) experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness.

Funding will be used for training, case management, paid work experience, and other related program expenses.

- **Resolution to Approve Submittal of San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Application:** Staff is seeking authorization to submit an application to RMC's Wildfire Prevention Grant Program. The application proposes a "San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation and Outreach Program," to provide support for San Gabriel Valley cities to conduct community outreach efforts. Activities would include wildfire prevention workshops, training sessions, community events, presentations, yard audit assessments, and digital outreach efforts. If awarded, staff would disseminate information and resources to cities' residents, businesses, local community organizations, and schools through various channels. The total amount of funding requested is \$227,933.
- **Water Policy Committee/TAC:** On Tuesday, the Water Policy Committee/TAC convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The committee approved a revised 2022 Legislative Platform pertaining to water, which will be up for consideration with the Governing Board in January 2022. The committee also heard presentations on recycled water resources in the San Gabriel Valley. Recycled water recovers or reclaims water from wastewater for non-potable—and sometimes potable—uses. Recycled water can help maintain water supplies in the region, as it can be supplied back into the overall regional water system. Water agencies and municipalities have been preparing for extreme drought events by investing in and planning for more recycled water use. Staff also provided updates on the outcome of legislation related to the 2001 MS4 Permit, in which the Court ruled that the trash receptacle requirements in the 2001 MS4 Permit are unfunded mandates for which the County and cities are entitled to reimbursement
- **Governing Board Special Meeting:** On Wednesday, the Governing Board held a special meeting to receive a briefing from Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger on the status of the upcoming closure of the Los Angeles County Men's Central Jail. The facility has housed inmates for the past 57 years and the process of closing the jail was approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in June 2021. Additionally, the Governing Board voted to submit a revised comment letter to the Los Angeles County Citizens

Redistricting Commission that outlines the SGVCOG's priorities for the Los Angeles County redistricting process. That letter requested consideration of the following two issues:

- Keep supervisorial districts representing the City of Los Angeles and supervisorial districts representing cities in the San Gabriel Valley separate.
- With the exception of the City of Los Angeles, ensure that all other cities in the County are individually kept wholly intact in a single supervisorial district (e.g. ensure all of "City A" is kept in "Supervisorial District X" rather than having the majority of the city in "Supervisorial District X" and a portion of in "Supervisorial District Y").

The Governing Board will continue to discuss other potential redistricting actions at its next meeting. The Governing Board is anticipated to reconvene next Thursday, 11/18 at 4:00pm for its regular meeting.

- **Esperanza Villa Updates and Ribbon Cutting:** The first tiny home bridge housing site in the San Gabriel Valley, Esperanza Villa, is opening to clients on November 22, 2021. The 25-unit site will be operated by Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA). VOALA will provide case management, 24/7 security, and daily meal service for clients. In addition to the individual sleeping units, the site will provide restroom, shower, and laundry facilities, case management offices, an outdoor dining area, and a dog run. Site tours will be available on Thursday November 18th from 10AM to 3PM and a virtual site tour will be included during the Governing Board meeting. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be hosted at the site, located at 14173 Garvey Avenue Baldwin Park, CA 91076, on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 11AM. The event flyer and additional information can be found [here](#).
- **Upcoming Energy Efficiency Twitterchat:** The SGVCOG staff will be hosting a Twitter chat event with several other agencies on Wednesday, November 17th from 12:00-1:00pm to discuss energy efficiency and available resources for public agencies and residents. Cities are welcome to join the discussion by following #SGVEnergySmart during the scheduled Twitterchat. Agencies are recommended to follow the SGVCOG on Twitter @SGVCOG to receive updates and event notices around the San Gabriel Valley.



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## Week of November 15, 2021

- **Esperanza Villa Grand Opening:** On Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, the SGVCOG, and the City of Baldwin Park will hold the grand opening of the Esperanza Villa Tiny Home bridge housing site in the City of Baldwin Park. Esperanza Villa is the first tiny home bridge housing site in the San Gabriel Valley. The 25-unit site will be operated by Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) and will provide temporary housing to individuals experiencing homelessness with a local preference for Baldwin Park residents. VOALA will provide case management, 24/7 security, and daily meal service for clients. In addition to the individual Caballero at [rcabellero@baldwinpark.com](mailto:rcabellero@baldwinpark.com).
- **Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. Staff provided a presentation and overview for the Bike Share Operator contract, and the construction projects progress report with progress photos of the Fullerton Road Grade Separation, Fairway Drive Grade Separation, Diamond Bar Golf Course, and Durfee Road Grade Separation projects.
- **Public Works TAC** On Monday, the Public Works TAC convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The committee reviewed the following major items:
  - **FY 2022-2025 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Programming Recommendations:** The TAC recommended that the Governing Board program \$15,000,000.00 from FY 2022-2025 MSP Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funds for the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project. In addition, the TAC directed staff to work with cities and agencies that submitted applications for Category 2 to refine project scopes that can lead to improvements that would provide regional benefits to the San Gabriel Valley's active transportation, bus system, and first/last mile networks.
  - **Broadband Resource Guide:** SGVCOG Staff provided an overview of the [broadband resource guide](#) developed by Valley View and the California Emerging Technology Fund. Based on the resource guide, staff provided recommendations on how to address the lack of broadband infrastructure and access to high-speed internet in California (for jurisdictions' information only). The recommendations include the following: create a broadband master plan, adopt policies that reduce barriers for the implementation of broadband infrastructure, adopt a "Dig Once, Dig Smart" policy, provide free digital literacy education, implement designated free internet use zones or "digital hubs" in existing public spaces with quality, high-speed internet availability, and use the app [CalSPEED](#) to help generate more data for the purposes of mapping broadband availability.
- **RMC Wildfire Prevention Grant Award:** On Monday, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Board of Directors voted to approve \$227,934.00 for the SGVCOG to implement an 18-month wildfire adaptation and prevention outreach program in the San Gabriel Valley. With the goal of providing wildfire prevention and adaptation public outreach and education activities for cities and communities located in high fire severity zones in the SGVCOG's jurisdiction, this program will support the sharing of important educational topics such as defensible 0811..ough discussion, the Committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to authorize the



SGVCOG President to submit a letter to Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, who serves as the Chair of the Metro Board of Directors, supporting the Metro staff recommendation requesting authorization for \$75.2 million needed to fund law enforcement services on Metro's transit system over calendar year 2022. The Committee also recommended that the letter, if approved by the Governing Board, be shared with all members of the Metro Board of Directors.

- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee convened via Zoom for its November meeting. The Committee reviewed the following major items:
  - **2022 SGVCOG EENR Legislative Priorities:** The SGVCOG Governing Board adopts various legislative priorities in concurrence with the Strategic Plan on an annual basis. These legislative priorities are developed based on feedback and input from the SGVCOG policy committees and aim to address several regulatory, funding, and structural challenges faced by San Gabriel Valley cities. The Committee provided feedback on the proposed EENR Legislative Priorities and voted to recommend the Governing Board to adopt those Priorities.
  - **Strategic Plan Update:** The Strategic Plan serves as a roadmap for the agency and identifies the priorities and actions that the agency undertakes. The previous comprehensive update to the SGVCOG Strategic Plan was adopted in March 2019 and, as this year concludes, staff proposes to update the Strategic Plan to identify priorities and actions that are more relevant for the agency to undertake to support member agencies. The Committee provided feedback on the proposed 2022 Strategic Plan's EENR-related items.
  - **SB 619's Implications on SB 1383 Compliance:** SB 1383 (Lara, 2016) requires local jurisdictions to reduce statewide disposal of organic waste by 50% by January 1, 2020 and by 75% by January 1, 2025 (based on 2014 levels) and recover at least 20% of currently disposed edible food for human consumption by 2025.. Based on guidelines adopted by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), regulations to meet SB 1383 organics reduction and food recovery requirements will begin to take effect on January 1, 2022, and regulations may require local jurisdictions to impose penalties for noncompliance on regulated entities starting January 1, 2024. Introduced by Senator John Laird (D-San Luis Obispo) in 2021, SB 619 aims to provide additional flexibility for local jurisdictions by authorizing a local jurisdiction facing continuous violations of SB 1383 regulations to submit a notice of intent to comply (NOI) to CalRecycle. The NOI must be filed with CalRecycle no later than March 1, 2022. If approved, the jurisdiction would be eligible for administrative civil penalty relief for the 2022 calendar year and a corrective action. SB 619 was officially signed by Governor Newsom on October 5, 2021.
  - **SGVCOG Wildfire Prevention Efforts:** Staff provided an update on the SGVCOG's regional wildfire adaptation and prevention efforts. As noted above, the SGVCOG was awarded approximately \$228,000 from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) to implement an 18-month Wildfire Adaptation and Prevention Outreach Program. Additionally, the SGVCOG is seeking \$150,000 from the SoCalGas Climate Grant to support the development of a San Gabriel Valley Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
- **Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) Meeting:** On Wednesday, staff attended the sixth meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH). There were numerous presentations to support the Commission's efforts to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for a new governance model for homeless services in the County of Los Angeles:

- Constanza Pachon, MBA, Chief Executive Officer of The Whole Child, which provides a variety of comprehensive services, gave a brief overview of the organization, and shared her perspective on current LAHSA challenges.
- Gary Tsai, M.D, Director of the Substance Abuse and Prevention Control Division of the County, Department of Public Health presented an overview of LA County's Specialty SUD Treatment System, and shared approaches to increase access to and improve the effectiveness of substance abuse services.
- Representatives from several local service providers - including The Whole Child, A Bridge to Home, The People Concern, and Hope of the Valley Rescue Village - provided their thoughts on the challenges within LAHSA and recommendations for improvements.
- Jonathan E. Sherin, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Department of Mental Health discussed approaches to increase access to and improve the effectiveness of mental health services, while also emphasizing the need for LAHSA to have a more unified approach.
- Miguel Santana, Chair of The Committee for Greater Los Angeles, and Raphael J. Sonenshein, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs California State Los Angeles presented their report, "We're Not Giving Up: A Plan for Homelessness Governance in Los Angeles". The report recognizes the need for a new independent entity, the Center, to serve as the home base of the community-wide commitment to addressing homelessness in Los Angeles.
- Donyielle Holley, Homeless Programs Supervisor for the City of Pomona shared an overview of the City's progress in addressing homelessness, in addition to recommendations for LAHSA.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. For more information, you can visit the BRCH website [here](#).

- **Energy Efficiency Twitter Chat:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff held an Energy Efficiency Twitterchat event with 7 San Gabriel Valley cities and two external stakeholders. The discussion focused on energy efficiency during cooler winter months and how agencies can demonstrate leadership on energy efficiency. Participants shared best practices and resources to help agencies and residents reduce their energy consumption and lower their bills. During the hour-long event, we had a reach of 243.3K users, 209 interactions, 52 shares and generated over 157 Likes. The SGVCOG thanks the following agencies for participating and sharing their valuable insights during the Twitterchat: the Cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Duarte, Irwindale, Montebello, Monrovia, Walnut, AQMD and SoCalREN.
- **Planning Directors' TAC:** On Thursday, the Planning Directors' TAC convened its regular meeting. The TAC approved recommendations to the Governing Board to program \$15,000,000.00 from FY 2022-2025 MSP Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funds for the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project. They also directed staff to work with cities and agencies that submitted applications for Category 2 to refine project scopes that can lead to improvements that would provide regional benefits to the San Gabriel Valley's active transportation, bus system, and first/last mile networks. Additionally, the TAC received a virtual tour of the Esperanza Villa Tiny Home Village in Baldwin Park. The Tiny Home Village Grand Opening takes place on Saturday, November 20 at 11:00am. SGVCOG staff also provided the TAC with updates on its REAP Affordable Housing Incubator Program.
- **Homeless Policy Deputies' Meeting:** On Thursday, the Homeless Policy Deputies convened for its biweekly meeting via Microsoft Teams.

- **Update on COVID-19 Response for People Experiencing Homelessness:** John Connolly, Department of Public Health, and Sarah Mahin, Department of Health Services, provided updates on the COVID-19 response for people experiencing homelessness and vaccination progress.
- **Update on LAHSA service provider contracts:** Lisa Morris, Director of Contracts and Procurement at LAHSA provided service provider contract updates, and shared contracting challenges and solutions.
- **Governing Board Recap:** The SGVCOG Governing Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 4:00 pm via Zoom. A summary of the major action items are summarized below:
  - **SGVCOG Workforce Development Program:** The Governing voted to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the California Workforce Development Board for the implementation of a workforce development program in the San Gabriel Valley for an amount up to \$1,000,000. This funding was included in the 2021 Budget Trailer bill at the request of Senator Rubio.
  - **San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Application:** Members of the Governing Board voted to adopt Resolution 21-49 approving the submission of an application to the RMC Wildfire Prevention Program. The application proposes a “San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation and Outreach Program,” to provide support for San Gabriel Valley cities to conduct community outreach efforts. Activities would include wildfire prevention workshops, training sessions, community events, presentations, yard audit assessments, and digital outreach efforts. On Monday, November 15, the RMC Board awarded \$227,933 for the grant application.
  - **Metro Public Safety Advisory Committee’s Recommendation on Metro Law Enforcement Funding Comment Letter:** The Governing Board voted to submit a comment letter to the Metro Board of Directors regarding the Metro Public Safety Advisory Committee’s law enforcement funding recommendations. The proposed letter requests the Metro Board to authorize the allocation of the \$75.2 million needed to fund law enforcement services on the Metro’s transit system for the 2022 calendar year.
  - **Comment Letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on the Los Angeles County Men’s Central Jail Closure:** The Governing Board voted to authorize the SGVCOG President to submit a letter of support to all five Los Angeles County Supervisors to replace the Los Angeles County Men’s Central Jail with a mental health facility.
  - **Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission Comments and Recommendations:** The Governing Board voted to authorize SGVCOG staff to submit a letter to the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission stating that San Gabriel Valley cities strongly prefer the San Gabriel Valley be represented by two or more Los Angeles County Supervisorial districts, and that San Gabriel Valley cities be represented in their current respective districts. Additionally, the approved letter would state that no individual San Gabriel Valley cities would be split between two Los Angeles County Supervisorial Districts.
  - **Presentations:** The Governing Board attended a virtual site tour of the Los Villa Esperanza Tiny Home Community in Baldwin Park. The Governing Board also received an update from the Los Angeles County CEO, Fesia Davenport, on the Men’s Central Jail (MCJ) closure, Homeless Initiative, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and Department of Animal Care and Control.

# SGVCOG Weekly Recap

## Week of November 22, 2021

- **Esperanza Villa Grand Opening:** Last Saturday, November 20, the SGVCOG, the SGV Regional Housing Trust, and the City of Baldwin Park held the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the Esperanza Villa Tiny Home Village. Esperanza Villa's 25 tiny home units will provide temporary housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. The site will be operated by Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA), which will provide on-site case management and housing navigation to help connect residents with permanent housing, daily meal service, 24/7 security, and other services. Local dignitaries including U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu, State Senator Susan Rubio, LA County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda Solis, SGVCOG President Becky Shevlin, SGVRHT Chair Jed Leano, Baldwin Park Mayor Emmanuel Estrada, Baldwin Park Vice Mayor Alejandra Avila, Baldwin Park Councilmembers Daniel Damian and Paul C. Hernandez, and representatives from VOALA and Pallet Shelter all provided remarks at the event. Site donors Waste Management and Kaiser Permanente and State Senator Susan Rubio - who helped to secure a \$20 million budget earmark for the SGVRHT - also presented checks at the event. Event attendees were then able to tour the site, which also includes dining areas, a dog run, and facilities for showers and laundry. Coverage of the event was found in numerous local news outlets, including the [San Gabriel Valley Tribune](#).
- **Redistricting Update (State / Federal):** This week, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) held public input hearings on the draft statewide maps for Congressional and Assembly/Senate districts. The draft maps related to the SGV are as follows:
  - [CA: Assembly \(SFV-SGV-AV Region\)](#)
  - [CA: Senate \(LA Region\)](#)
  - [CA: Congressional \(LA Region\)](#)The California CRC will resume its work to line draw based on input received from these hearings with a business meeting on Monday, Nov. 29 and then host subsequent live-line drawing sessions/meetings over the coming weeks. The California CRC will need to approve the final maps by Dec. 23 in time for a vote to certify them to the Secretary of State by Dec. 27, the court-ordered deadline for the statewide redistricting process.
- **Redistricting Update (County):** On Monday, November 22, 2021, the LA County Citizens Redistricting Commission convened a Special Meeting to discuss the six maps they selected for consideration. After much discussion, the commission voted to remove maps A1, C1, D1, and E from consideration. They decided to instead focus on tweaking Maps B and F (Map F is a derivative of Map A1) going forward. The commission also approved the formation of two ad hoc working groups to split up and work on Maps B and F. The working groups will have to make any map changes to B and F by December 1, 2021 to be considered at the next public hearing. The commission scheduled a Special Meeting for Monday, November 29 to hopefully adopt the two new versions of maps B1 and F by that December 1 deadline.



# SGVCOG Weekly Recap

## Week of November 29, 2021

- **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) Meeting:** On Wednesday, staff attended the 7th meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH). There were several presentations providing overviews of Continuum of Care models and governance structures to assist the Commission's efforts in making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for a new homeless services governance model in the County of Los Angeles. There were presentations from the continuums of care in Santa Clara County, Pasadena, Glendale, and Long Beach. There was also a presentation by Brandon D. Young, Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, on homelessness governance, discussing LAHSA's structure and governance through a joint powers authority (JPA) lens. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. For more information, you can visit the BRCH website [here](#).
- **City Managers' Steering Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG City Managers' Steering Committee held its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee heard an update on the SGVCOG's Regional Mobile Crisis Response Pilot Program, including key updates related to confirming cities participation in the program. Additionally, the Committee heard an update on the Statewide redistricting process from Redistricting Partners.
- **LA County Redistricting:** On Wednesday, the Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) met for its third Public Hearing so that the public could provide comments on the draft maps submitted for consideration. There are currently over 70 maps published on the CRC's website, but the Commission has narrowed it down to three maps for consideration: Map B2, Map F1, and Map G. You can review the maps [here](#). The CRC is holding a Special Meeting on Sunday, December 5 at 3:00pm to discuss the comments they heard at the last Public Hearing. The CRC's fourth and final Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7 at 6:30pm. Written public comment can still be submitted at any time on the [CRC website](#). The deadline for the Commission to select a final map is Wednesday, December 15.
- **Metro Board of Directors Meeting Recap:** On Thursday, the Metro Board of Directors convened for its final meeting of the year. The Board discussed Metro's transit law enforcement services and voted to direct staff to explore seeking law enforcement scope of work modifications to align with Metro's move towards reimagining public safety, to authorize up to \$75.2 million for the remaining six months of the original law enforcement contract, and to extend the contract for an additional six months until December 2022 (with a six-month extension option until June 2023) to allow Metro's Public Safety Advisory Committee's (PSAC) recommendations to come forward to support the new procurement and timeline and award of the contract. Funds for the extension will be requested during Metro's FY 2023 budget process and the extension of a contract with any law enforcement agency will be conditioned on that agency having an enforced COVID vaccination mandate. In preparation for the FY 2022-23 budgeting process, the Metro Board also directed staff to continue to report on the status of its previous Board Motion 26.2 to reimagine the public safety approach and consult with PSAC and explore partnerships in preparation of the FY 2022-23 budget and in development of a public safety alternatives.

The Metro Board of Directors also approved funding for the Open and Slow Streets Grant Program at its monthly meeting. From this approval, \$1.89 million will be directly allocated to the San Gabriel Valley to the following projects:

- SGV Slow Street Demonstration Initiative, January 2022 - December 2023, Cities: All SGVCOG Member Cities
- 626 Golden Streets | Mission-to-Mission, Sunday, May 1, 2022, Cities: San Gabriel, Alhambra, South Pasadena
- 626 Golden Streets | ArroyoFest, Sunday, October 30, 2022, Cities: South Pasadena & Pasadena
- Heart of the Foothills, April 2023, Cities: San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona & Claremont

