



Valley Voice

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Metro Prepares Developing the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is currently working to with the SGVCOG to prepare developing the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study. This Study will identify alternative transit solutions such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Light Rail Transit (LRT), and monorail to serve the unique transportation needs of the San Gabriel Valley. The solutions will be developed in close coordination with the SGVCOG, SR-60 corridor cities, community organizations, and stakeholders in the San Gabriel Valley. The Study is anticipated in commence in FY 2021 with the goal of identifying short-term and long-term solutions that serve the region's mobility needs. The anticipated duration of the Study is approximately 18 months.



Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count 2020

LAHSA Releases 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Results

Earlier last month, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) released the results from the recent Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count that was conducted in January 2020. Based on the results, 66,433 individuals are experiencing homelessness across Los Angeles County, which represents a 12.7% increase from the 2019 Homeless Count. The County has witnessed a 45.7% increase in homelessness among families, a 20% increase in homelessness among seniors that are 62+, a 19% increase in homelessness among transition-aged youth and unaccompanied minors, and a 0.6% increase in homelessness among veterans. Additionally, 59% of the newly homeless cited economic hardship as the main reason that led to experiencing homelessness.

5,082 of the 66,433 counted individuals were located in Service Planning Area (SPA) 3, which encompasses the San Gabriel Valley region. SPA 3 received a count of 5,021 in the 2019 Homeless Count. The count numbers for this year also increased in all SPAs except for SPA 7, which experienced a 10% decrease and covers the areas northeast of Long Beach. The largest increase came from SPA 1, which experienced a 44% increase and encompasses the Lancaster and Palmdale areas.

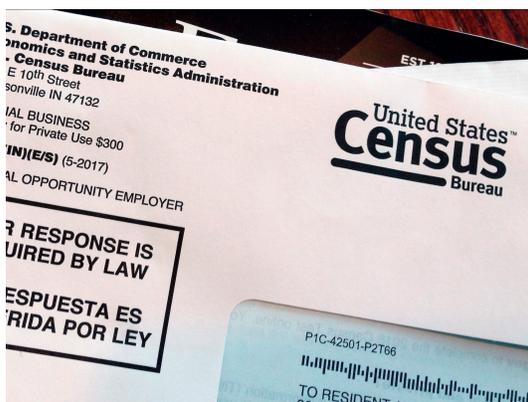
LAHSA emphasized that the results capture a picture of homelessness in Los Angeles County before the impacts of COVID-19 could be measured or responded to through efforts such as rent freezes, eviction moratoriums, and Project Roomkey. Additional information regarding the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count results can be found [here](#).



SGMCC and Nature For All Receive Grant to Develop Angeles National Forest Online Volunteer Database

The San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (SGMCC) and Nature For All have received a \$7,000 grant from Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) to develop a digital space to track and engage volunteers that serve the Angeles National Forest. The Collaborative and Nature For All plan to develop an online website that includes an interactive map that pinpoints volunteer opportunities and a database for volunteers to match their skillsets with projects and opportunities available in the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. Additional information regarding the SGMCC can be found [here](#).

2020 Census Updates by the U.S. Census Bureau



Additional Census Mail Reminders

Additional reminder postcards will be sent to households that have not yet responded to the Census. Postcards will arrive between July 22nd and July 28th.

Individuals with Homelessness

Trained census takers will count individuals at shelters, soup kitchens, and mobile food vans between September 22nd to September 24th.



Materials Reached 96% of Households

As of June 2020, Census workers have sent or delivered invitations and paper questionnaires to 96% of U.S. households.

Transportation Updates



Metro Long Range Transportation Plan

Metro is currently working to update its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which was last adopted in 2009. The updated LRTP aims to detail how Metro plans, builds, operates, maintains, and partners for improved mobility in the next 30 years.



Goods Movement Strategic Plan

Metro recently released the draft Los Angeles County Goods Movement Strategic Plan for public comments. This plan provides a strategic framework to guide Metro's goods movement-related planning activities, investments, partnerships, and



AQMD Voucher Incentive Program

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) launched a Voucher Incentive Program (VIP) for owners and operators with fleets of 10 or fewer vehicles that have been operating at least 75% (mileage-based) in California during the past 24 months.

The plan will also serve as a blueprint for how Metro will spend anticipated revenues in the next 30 years to operate and maintain Metro's current and planned networks. Comments on the draft LRTP Update will be accepted through July 13, 2020. The draft plan and comment form can be found [here](#).

decision-making over the next five to seven years. Implementation of this plan provides Metro with an opportunity to lead the region in resolving goods movement challenges. Comments will be accepted through August 23, 2020 and the draft plan and comment form can be found on the Metro website [here](#).

The program's goal is to reduce emissions from heavy-duty trucks in small fleets by replacing older and high-polluting vehicles with newer and lower-emission vehicles. Participating dealers will apply for AQMD vouchers on behalf of eligible applications. Additional details regarding VIP can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Please be advised that all committee meetings that are held this month will be conducted virtually over Zoom Conferencing. Livestream of each committee meeting will be available through the [SGVCOG website](#). Livestream of the Regional Housing Trust (RHT) Board Meeting can be accessed through the [RHT website](#).

Regional Housing Trust Board Meeting: Monday, July 1, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Executive Committee: Monday, July 6, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Water Committee: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Public Works Technical Advisory Committee: Monday, July 20, 2020 at 12:00 PM

Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee: Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 12:00 PM

Capital Projects and Construction Committee: Monday, July 27, 2020 at 12:00 PM

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