

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of June 1, 2020

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the Executive Committee held its monthly meeting virtually via Zoom. The SGVCOG Treasurer Renee Graves of CliftonLarsonAllen presented the Quarterly Treasurer Report for the period ending December 31, 2019. Additionally, the SGVCOG’s Auditors Vasquez & Company presented the annual audit for FY 2018-2019. The Committee also approved the Governing Board agenda for June 18.
- **Capital Projects Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Capital Projects Committee convened for its June meeting. The Committee approved support services tasks and the amendments necessary for the SGVCOG’s capital projects to continue to move forward. Services included community outreach, property acquisition, contracts legal support, state representation, and risk management support. The funds for these services were included in the recently approved FY 2020-21 SGVCOG Budget.
- **Energy Efficiency Twitterchat Rescheduled:** Due to recent events, the SGVCOG Energy Efficiency Twitterchat that was originally planned for this Monday has been rescheduled to Monday, June 29, 2020 at 12:00pm. Participants will be discussing recommendations for residents and public agencies to save energy during high temperature months as summer approaches. Cities are encouraged to join the discussion by following #SGVEnergyWise during the scheduled Twitterchat. Additionally, cities are also recommended to follow the COG on Twitter at [@SGVCOG](https://twitter.com/SGVCOG) to receive updates and event notices around the San Gabriel Valley.
- **Goods Movements Working Group:** On Tuesday, SGVCOG staff participated in Los Angeles Metro's Freight Working Group video conference meeting to discuss the draft report on the Los Angeles County Goods Movement Strategic Plan. The Plan includes initiatives such as the Countywide Clean Truck Initiative with a proposed working group to identify revenue streams and funding strategies to transition to low- or no-emission trucks. The Working Group also discussed the Southern California Rail Investment Partnership to fund improvements to the county's passenger, freight, and shared use rail network and solutions to address the challenges of urban freight delivery. Metro staff intends to present the draft plan to the Metro Board this summer with adoption scheduled for Fall 2020.
- **Homeless Committee:** On Wednesday, the Homeless Committee met via teleconference. The Committee approved recommendations for the award of funding for pilot projects. The projects recommended for funding include the following projects:

City	Co-Applicants	NTE Amount	Description

Arcadia	None	\$150,000	Development of a pop-up services center for people experiencing homelessness
Claremont	None	\$50,000	Development of a roommate matching program
Covina	None	\$60,000	Implementation of a mobile hygiene program
La Verne	Baldwin Park, Duarte, Irwindale, West Covina	\$200,000	Creation and implementation of a Transition Aged Youth (TAY)-focused employment program focused on Energy Auditing
Monrovia	None	\$150,000	Prevention & Diversion program called the Emergency COVID Housing Impact Program (“eCHIP”)

An additional application was also submitted by the City of Baldwin Park (co-applicants: El Monte, and South El Monte) for data efforts. This proposed project is similar to a recommendation that is being considered as a “Regional Coordination” project for a region-wide data effort, so staff will work with staff from the participating cities to incorporate the relevant elements of the project into the regional data effort. The funding requests for these high-quality applications exceeded the initial pilot program allocation of \$300,000, so the Committee also recommended that up to \$310,000 in funding be reallocated from a proposed Master Leasing Program - which had been allocated \$350,000 - to the Pilot Programs Program. Project Roomkey has changed the environment for utilizing hotel rooms for homelessness alleviation, so staff recommended that those funds be redirected to Pilot Programs in order to maximize the effectiveness of available funds. The Committee recommended that the remaining funding from Master Leasing be reallocated to the “Regional Coordination” funding. These recommendations will be presented to the Governing Board at its June 18 meeting. The Committee also heard a presentation from Pasadena Outreach Response Team (PORT), which integrates multiple city agencies - including Public Health and Fire - and Union Station Homeless Services.

- **RHT Board of Directors:** On Wednesday, the RHT Board of Directors held its second meeting. The Board approved several important actions:
 - Recommended support for SB 1212, clean-up legislation that will expand eligibility for elected officials to serve as representatives on the Trust;
 - Authorized the RHT to establish accounts at commercial banking institutions and designated signature authority;
 - Approved an agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments for staffing services and appointed Marisa Creter, Executive Director of the SGVCOG, as Executive Director. The Agreement between

the RHT and the SGVCOG will be considered by the Governing Board at its June 18 meeting.

- Adopted its FY 2020-21 Budget;
- Adopted its 2020 State and Federal Legislative Agenda;
- Adopted an initial San Gabriel Valley Project Pipeline and directed staff to solicit additional projects for the Project Pipeline;
- Directed staff to work with project sponsors on the SGV Project Pipeline to identify potential projects for inclusion on the RHT's application for the State's Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) grant program, and directed staff to undertake a process to identify and allocate funds to other projects for inclusion on LHTF application;
- Authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement of up to \$25,000 with a selected consultant to provide technical support for the RHT's initial funding process and LHTF application;
- Began discussions on an approach to solicit private funding to support the RHT.

The next meeting of the RHT Board of Directors is scheduled for July 1, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

- **SCAG:** On Thursday, SCAG held its virtual "General Assembly". At the meeting, the Regional Council adopted SCAG's FY 2020-21 Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule, and ratified selection of a new slate of officers. The new officers for SCAG's Regional Council are as follows:
 - President: Rex Richardson, City of Long Beach
 - 1st Vice President: Clint Lorimore, City of Eastvale
 - 2nd Vice President: Jan Harnik, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

SCAG will also be holding a virtual townhall on ConnectSoCal - the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) - and COVID-19 to discuss COVID-19's impacts on communities and provide stakeholders with an additional opportunity to provide feedback on ConnectSoCal. The webinar will be held on Wednesday, June 24, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., and you can register for the event [here](#).

- **Measure H Oversight Committee:** On Thursday, the Homeless Initiative (HI) held its quarterly Oversight Briefing via teleconference. The meeting opened with an update on the County's COVID-19 response and an update on the number of people enrolled in Project Roomkey. In the San Gabriel Valley, there are currently 7 facilities operational, with 659 rooms with 781 occupants in those rooms. Following the COVID-19 Update, the HI presented on the financial impact on Measure H spending for fiscal year (FY) 19-20. While revenues were reduced, this was offset by a reduction in overall spending, resulting in largely no net change. For FY 20-21, Measure H is expected to have a shortfall, and agencies funded through Measure H (e.g. LAHSA, LA County Departments of Public Health & Mental Health) are adjusting their budgets to account for reduced funding. The Homeless Initiative will release their new budget recommendations on June 22 and all funded agencies will need to enact budget adjustments by July 1, 2020. The next Oversight Briefing will occur on September 3, 2020.

- **Upcoming SoCalREN Energy Efficiency Webinar:** The Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) will be providing free webinars for cities to launch energy efficiency measures and projects in their communities. A webinar will be held on Wednesday, June 17th at 11:00am to discuss remote audits for municipal facilities. The webinar will also cover facilities and equipment that may qualify for a virtual audit. Interested individuals can RSVP for the webinar [here](#).



SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of June 8, 2020

- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Committee and Water TAC convened its monthly meeting virtually via Zoom. The meeting featured a presentation by Ken Manning, Executive Director, Water Quality Association and Tony Zampielo, Executive Officer, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster on PFAS contamination and how it affects the San Gabriel Valley. The Committee discussed H.R. 535, the PFAS Action Act of 2019, and voted to recommend the Governing Board support the Bill. There was also a discussion on the implementation of Measure W, the Safe Clean Water Program, and SB 205 (Hertzberg), legislation that requires business licenses for stormwater discharge compliance.
- **Metro PAC Meeting:** On Tuesday, Mark Christoffels attended the Metro PAC meeting. Metro staff presented the agency's COVID response. There was also a discussion on the Metro's Draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Issues primarily revolved around long-term funding scenarios. Finally, Metro staff presented an update on their Goods Movement Strategic Plan. A copy of the material presented can be found in the link at this link: [PAC site](#).
- **Governing Board Preview:** The SGVCOG Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday, June 18 at 4PM via Zoom Teleconference. The full agenda packet may be accessed [here](#). Major Action items are summarized below:
 - **Contract with the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust:** Staff is recommending approving an agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) to provide core staffing for the SGVRHT. This core staffing would include hiring an additional SGVCOG staff person (1.0 FTE at the Principal Management Analyst level) entirely assigned to the SGVRHT. The agreement also includes providing legal services, and administrative and fiscal support services, including the financial management, oversight, required reporting and audits, treasurer services, procurement and contracting support, human resources and payroll, and information technology (IT) support.
 - **Amendment to Executive Director Employment Agreement:** The Governing Board met in closed session at the May Board meeting and directed amendments to Executive Director Marisa Creter's contract be placed on this agenda for the Board's consideration. Those amendments are to extend Ms. Creter's contract to June 30, 2023, and to provide an opportunity for the Executive Committee to consider approving a one-time bonus for Ms. Creter toward the end of this calendar year. All other terms of the Employment Agreement, including salary, will remain the same.
 - **Award of Funding for Pilot Programs (Homeless Services and Activities):** In November 2019, the Governing Board approved the use of State Homeless Funds and Measure H Innovation Funds across several programming categories. Included within the approved programs was \$300,000 for a Pilot Programs program to allow cities that have completed homeless plans to test innovative direct homeless solutions that were

identified as innovative potential projects or programs. An outside review panel recommended the following awards for pilot programs. A brief overview of the projects is found below:

City	Project	Not-to-Exceed Award Amount
Arcadia	Pop-up Homeless Services Center	\$150,000
Claremont	Roommate Matching Program	\$50,000
Covina	Mobile Hygiene Program	\$60,000
La Verne (Baldwin Park, Duarte, Irwindale, West Covina)	Transition Age Youth (TAY) Workforce Development Program	\$200,000
Monrovia	Emergency COVID Housing Impact Program (“eCHIP”)	\$150,000

- **Financial Accounts for The Safekeeping of Property and Official Signatures:** SGVCOG funds are presently held at the Citizens Business Bank at the San Gabriel, California, branch pursuant to the authority of the Governing Board. On March 21, 2013, The Governing Board adopted Resolution No. 13-03 reaffirming the establishment of financial accounts at commercial banking institutions for the safekeeping of property and authorizing the officers, or their successors in office, as signatories on the account. Annually, or as changes in officers/staff occur, SGVCOG staff notifies the bank to update the bank account authorization. Staff is recommending the Governing Board adopt Resolution 20-12 updating the signature authority to add Acting Finance Director (Rey Alimoren) and the SGVCOG Chief Engineer (Mark Christoffels).
- **Support H.R. 535 (Dingell):** On January 14, 2019, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (D-Michigan-12) introduced H.R. 535, known as the PFAS Action Act of 2019, to address perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination across the United States. PFAS are a group of unnatural chemicals that include perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), GenX, and other chemicals. PFAS have been manufactured and utilized in a variety of industries since the 1940s and these chemicals are today found in a wide range of consumer products, such as non-stick cookware and weather-proof clothing. Several studies have shown that PFAS chemicals are persistent in the environment and do not break down in the human body. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has concluded that exposure to PFAS can lead to

adverse human health effects, such as low infant birth weights, cancer (caused by PFOA), thyroid hormone disruption (caused by PFOS), and negative effects on the immune system. The Water Policy Committee and EENR voted to recommend the Governing Board to support H.R. 535.

- o Additionally, the SGVCOG's auditors Vasquez & Company LLP will provide a presentation of the annual audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.



SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of June 15, 2020

- **Governing Board Recap:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Governing Board held its June meeting over Zoom and the full agenda packet may be accessed [here](#). Members of the Governing Board received a presentation by the SGVCOG’s auditors, Vasquez & Company LLP, on the annual audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 and voted to approve the following items:
 - **Contract with the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust:** The Governing Board approved an agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) to provide core staffing for the SGVRHT, including a full-time staff member, legal services, administrative and fiscal support services, and information technology (IT) support.
 - **Amendment to Executive Director Employment Agreement:** The Governing Board approved amendments to SGVCOG Executive Director Marisa Creter’s employment contract and extended Ms. Creter’s contract to June 30, 2023. The contract provides an opportunity for the Executive Committee to consider approving a one-time bonus for Ms. Creter toward the end of this calendar year. All other terms of the Employment Agreement, including salary, will remain the same.
 - **Award of Funding for Pilot Programs (Homeless Services and Activities):** The Governing Board approved the allocation of LA County Measure H Innovation Funds for the following pilot programs to test innovative direct solutions to address homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley:

City	Project	Not-to-Exceed Award Amount
Arcadia	Pop-up Homeless Services Center	\$150,000
Claremont	Roommate Matching Program	\$50,000
Covina	Mobile Hygiene Program	\$60,000
La Verne (Baldwin Park, Duarte, Irwindale, West Covina)	Transition Age Youth (TAY) Workforce Development Program	\$200,000
Monrovia	Emergency COVID Housing Impact Program (“eCHIP”)	\$150,000

Additionally, the Governing Board re-allocated up to \$310,000 from the Master Leasing Program to the Pilot Programs Program and re-allocated the remaining funding from the Master Leasing Program to the Regional Coordination Program.

- **Financial Accounts for The Safekeeping of Property and Official Signatures:** The Governing Board adopted Resolution 20-12 to update authorized official signatures to include SGVCOG Acting Finance Director Rey Alimoren and SGVCOG Chief Engineer Mark Christoffels on financial accounts at commercial bank institutes for the safekeeping of the agency's property.
- **Cancellation of July Governing Board Meeting:** The Governing Board adopted Resolution 20-13 to cancel the July 16th Governing Board meeting and authorize the SGVCOG President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, to act on the Governing Board's behalf by undertaking all necessary actions in the interim.
- **Support H.R. 535 (Dingell):** At the recommendations of the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee and the SGVCOG Water Committee, the Governing Board adopted Resolution 20-14 to support H.R. 535 (Dingell), known as the PFAS Action Act of 2019, with recommendations for the bill to include additional details on cleaning up landfills that are contaminated with PFAS chemicals.
- **Update on LA County Homeless Case:** On Thursday, the City and the County reached an agreement to create 5,300 beds for the homeless population living near freeways in the next 10 months. In March 2020, the advocacy group L.A. Alliance for Human Rights sued the City and County of Los Angeles, alleging that they have failed to protect health and safety by failing to provide shelter for the unsheltered homeless population. Last month, a federal judge ruled that the City and County were required to provide space in shelters or alternative housing for the 6,000 to 7,000 County residents living near freeway overpasses, underpasses and ramps. While the City and the County originally disagreed on the funding approach, the jurisdictions reached an agreement to create 5,300 beds in the City and the County over the next 10 months, and 6,000 beds in the next 18 months. More details about the case and the agreement can be found [here](#).
- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Public Works Technical Advisory Committee convened for its June meeting. The committee received updates from SGVCOG staff regarding Metro's San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study, which was recently approved by the Metro Board of Directors to identify short-term and long-term solutions that serve the mobility needs of the San Gabriel Valley region. The Study is anticipated to commence in FY 2021. The Committee heard a presentation from Metro staff on the Metro Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Vision and Principles Study, which seeks to establish and build consensus on a clear vision for the BRT system and develop guidance of the design of the BRT network. The Committee also heard a presentation from WSP representatives on projects currently dedicated to transitioning bus fleets to zero-emission vehicles given that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) requires California's public transit agencies to gradually transition to 100% zero-emission bus fleets by 2040. Finally,

SGVCOG staff provided an overview of the 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Structure, to recognize cities' efforts for increasing energy efficiency in municipal facilities. Cities that meet certain thresholds in municipal and community energy efficiency and community outreach will receive awards and recognitions at the end of this year. Cities also held a short discussion on cities' procedures to slowly re-open facilities and buildings. The Public Works TAC is expected to reconvene on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 12:00pm.

- **Energy Working Group:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG Energy Working Group met via Zoom with its largest attendance yet. Julia Kim from the Local Government Commission provided an overview of the 2020 Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC) webinars and programs and SGVCOG staff presented on how the Energy Star® Portfolio Manager can assist cities achieve AB 802 benchmarking requirements. SGVCOG staff also introduced the 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards and provided updates regarding the EASY and SGV Go Green Energy Assessments, which are now virtual due to COVID-19. Attendees provided updates on their cities' energy efficiency projects such as audits, water facilities analysis, and streetlight and HVAC replacements. Representatives from SoCalGas reported that the gas assistance fund that is offered to assist cities build climate action plans has been extended. The Energy Work Group is expected to reconvene in September 2020.
- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee held a teleconference meeting over Zoom. The committee heard updates from the Angeles National Forest Fire Chief, Robert Garcia, as the 2020 fire season is expected to be more intense compared to prior years' fire seasons. Fire use on national forests in California is generally prohibited outside of developed campgrounds and visitors of the Angeles National Forest are encouraged to report illegal fire activities. The Committee also heard a presentation on the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Public Agency Programs. SoCalREN programs provide cities and agencies with tailored project delivery approaches, funding recommendations, benchmarking and energy analytical services, and procurement pathways to support the implementation of energy efficiency projects. Finally, the Committee held a discussion on Southern California Edison's (SCE) proposed rate increase, which was submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on August 30, 2019. Based on SCE's proposal, residential rates would be increased by 14.4% starting in 2021 if the proposal is approved by the CPUC. According to SCE, the bulk of the revenue requirement request in the general rate case to the CPUC relates to the foundational work required to maintain and improve the grid and continue efforts to implement the State's policy objective of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and to complete crucial wildfire risk mitigation activities and wildfire insurance premiums. The CPUC will be holding public forums on June 30, 2020 and July 1, 2020 at 2:00pm and 6:00pm. Interested attendees can join the public forums by visiting [this link](#) and dial (800) 857-1917 with the password "1673482." The EENR Committee is expected to reconvene on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 1:00pm.

- Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Transportation Committee convened for its June meeting over Zoom. The Committee heard a presentation on the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study, to collaborate with the SGVCOG, SR-60 corridor cities, and stakeholders to identify alternative transit solutions for the San Gabriel Valley, including but not limited to Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Light Rail Transit (LRT), and monorail. Earlier last month, the Metro Board directed the Metro Chief Executive Officer to report back with recommendations to transfer funding to the SGVCOG as part of the FY 2021 budget for the procurement and completion of the Study. Metro Chief Financial Officer, Nalini Ahuja, provided the second presentation of the meeting on the proposed FY 2021 Metro budget. With an estimated funding gap of \$1.8 billion due to a decrease in sales tax revenue, fare revenue, and toll revenue, Metro is expected to face two quarters of severe economic contraction and three quarters of gradual recovery. Essential programs will continue, including bus and rail operations, cleaning services, personal protection for employees, federal and state regulatory-required activities, key infrastructure projects, legally required payments, and projects under executive construction or manufacturing contracts. However, non-essential projects are currently being evaluated with the objective of staying on Measure M's schedule. While Metro aims to move these projects expeditiously as opportunities arise, it is possible that these projects will be deferred for three to six months. Metro staff will continue to monitor total revenue impacts of COVID-19 and partner with local governments to aggressively pursue stimulus packages. The Metro FY 2021 Budget is scheduled to be adopted in September 2020. Metro Deputy Executive Officer for Goods Movement and Strategy Policy and Programming, Michael Cano, presented on the Metro Goods Movement Strategic Plan, which was recently released for public comment. . This Plan aims to develop guiding principles that facilitate a sustainable goods movement transportation system throughout Los Angeles County. The draft can be accessed [here](#). Comments can be submitted on the [Metro website](#) until July 26, 2020 at 11:59pm. The Transportation Committee is expected to reconvene on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 2:45pm.
- SCAG Technical Working Group:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff participated in SCAG's Technical Working Group meeting. The Working Group received-and-filed a report on SCAG's approach for addressing entitlements in SCAG's Tier 2 Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) level modeling data for Connect SoCal. The Working Group also received presentations from SCAG staff on Regional Transportation Conformity Status updates, the Connect SoCal General Plan Capacity Analysis, and the COVID-19 Vulnerability Indicators Dashboard. On May 7, 2020, the SCAG Regional Council directed SCAG staff to allow for more time to review Connect SoCal and consider its implications in light of the short-term and long-term impacts of COVID-19 on the pandemic. SCAG staff is the process of working with local authorities to identify and restore locally approved entitlements and quantifying the increase or decrease in housing, jobs, or population between Connect SoCal and each local jurisdiction's general plans. An update will be provided to the SCAG Regional Council in July and any potential changes to Connect SoCal will be reviewed by the SCAG Regional Council in September.

Additionally, SCAG recently developed a COVID-19 Vulnerability Indicator to provide context and insightful information for local jurisdictions to better understand the impacts of the pandemic. The tool includes a wide range of variables related to economic, social, health, and housing vulnerability indicators that were collected in April 2020. The SCAG COVID-19 Vulnerability Indicator can be accessed [here](#).

- **Upcoming SoCalREN Webinars:** The Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) and the SGVCOG will be hosting a webinar at 11AM on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 on the topic of “Improving Schools During Closure: Upgrades for our Students, Teacher, and Communities.” Representatives from El Monte Union High School District and Alhambra Unified School District will be available to discuss their responses to COVID-19 and how they have leveraged SoCalREN’s no-cost services to save money, save energy, and provide shared community benefits. Cities are encouraged to attend the webinar and RSVP [here](#).



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Week of June 22, 2020

- **Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** On Monday, the Capital Projects and Construction Committee convened and approved a task order for Moffatt and Nichol for final design of the at-grade safety improvements at Vail Avenue for the Montebello Corridor Grade Separation Project. The committee received a Federal legislative update and, as part of that update, it was reported that the SGVCOG, along with all of California applicants, was not selected for the latest round of INFRA grant funds. The SGVCOG had applied for funds for the 57/60 Confluence Project and will continue to work with the cities of Diamond Bar and Industry to support efforts to fund this project. The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 12:00pm.
- **SCAG Executive Directors' Meeting:** On Monday, I participated in the quarterly SCAG Executive Directors' meeting. Topics of discussion were as follows:
 - REAP Funding;
 - Connect SoCAL;
 - SCAG's Housing Element delay request;
 - Pending housing legislation; and
 - RHNA

In particular, there was extended discussion on the Regional Council's direction to review the potential impacts of COVID-19 on Connect SoCal and quantify the differences relative to housing, jobs and population between the SCS and locally-approved plans. Due to the delay in adoption of the Connect SoCal, SCAG is also advocating for a 6 month extension for cities to adopt housing elements.

- **LA County Board of Supervisors – Homelessness and Affordable Housing Items:** On Tuesday, the LA County Board of Supervisors met and approved three motions related to homelessness and affordable housing.
 - *Addressing the COVID-19 Affordable Housing Emergency (Kuehl and Ridley-Thomas):* This motion allocates up to \$20 million of the Affordable Housing Programs Budget Unit funds towards a Los Angeles County Rent Relief program to be administered by LACDA, which would prioritize serving the unincorporated areas and small cities in LA County.
 - *Disrupting the Cycle of Chronic Homelessness (Barger and Ridley-Thomas):* This motion authorizes the Director of Mental Health to initiate the Homeless Outreach and Mobile Engagement Team Pilot to, among other actions, continue to provide treatment to people experiencing homelessness who are mentally ill and apply for temporary conservatorship for those homeless individuals considered gravely disabled.
 - *Preventing More Angelenos from Experiencing Eviction and Foreclosures Following the COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium (Ridley-Thomas and Kuehl):* This motion instructs the Director of Consumer and Business Affairs to report back to the Board with a proposed plan, which includes programmatic and legislative recommendations, to aid in preventing significant numbers of evictions and foreclosures once the County's eviction moratorium is lifted.

Also on Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors received two reports related to homelessness.

- *Homeless Initiative – Piloting a Comprehensive Crisis Response to Ensure Post-COVID-19 Housing for Homeless Older Adults in Los Angeles County:* On April 14, 2020, the Board of Supervisors directed the Homeless Initiative to report back on cost estimates for this pilot program. The report estimates that the pilot’s target population in Year One will be 4,800 homeless older adults and that the estimated cost to house this population would be \$100.5 million. Medi-Cal would be a potential major source of funding to offset these costs.
- *LAHSA – Los Angeles County COVID Recovery Plan for Homelessness:* On May 12, 2020, the Board of Supervisors directed LAHSA to develop a recovery plan for homelessness. The proposed plan would begin moving 15,000 of the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness into “bridging” unit housing. Once housed, participants will be assessed and supported in exiting to permanent housing. In addition to rehousing, the recovery plan aims to increase homelessness prevention efforts. This recovery plan is expected to cost \$806 million over the next three fiscal years, of which \$609 million represents new costs.
- **Safe Clean Water Regional Oversight Committee:** On Wednesday, the Regional Oversight Committee met to confirm Stormwater Investment Plans (SIP) for the nine Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Program Watershed Areas. The SGVCOG, on behalf of the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) Watershed Management Group, submitted two scientific studies to the SCW Program for both the ULAR and Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committees. The Regional Oversight Committee overwhelmingly approved the Rio Hondo and ULAR SIPs. The SIPs will now be considered by the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors in August.
- **Homelessness Working Group:** On Thursday, the Homelessness Working Group met virtually via Zoom. SGVCOG staff announced the approval of funding for cities’ Pilot Programs. Those cities that were awarded Pilot Program funding shared further details on their programs with the Working Group. Cities also shared the details of their Homeless Plan Implementation and Prevention/Diversion applications. As a reminder, all applications must be submitted by Tuesday, June 30. Finally, the meeting included details on the release of the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Point in Time (PIT) Homeless Count. Further information on LAHSA’s PIT Homeless Count can be found [here](#). The next Working Group meeting will take place Thursday, July 23.
- **I-605 Corridor Improvements Meeting:** On Thursday, Chief Engineer Mark Christoffels participated in a webinar for the I-605 Corridor Improvement Project (CIP) with an overview of the proposed project, the upcoming public circulation of the Draft Environmental Document (DED), and the proposed project benefits, related impacts and approach to receive formal public comments. To improve recurring deteriorated traffic conditions and safety on the I-605, this I-605 CIP is proposing improvements to 16 miles of freeway located along the I-605, between just south of the Rosecrans Avenue and just north of the I-10, as well as to the I-105, I-5, SR-60 and I-10 freeways. Over the past four years, Metro and Caltrans

have been conducting and preparing the I-605 Corridor Improvement Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (DEIR/DEIS). An overview of the alternatives and the proposed improvements can be found on the updated project website at www.metro.net/i-605-CIP. Here are direct links to two project documents: [Overview Fact Sheet](#) and [Alternatives Fact Sheet](#). The EIR will be released on August 7th for public comment.

- **Metro Long Range Transportation Plan Update:** 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. 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. Additional information regarding the LRTP can be found on the Metro website [here](#).
- **Upcoming Energy Efficiency Webinar:** The SGVCOG is excited to partner with the Gateway Energy Leader Partnership to host another energy efficiency webinar for our cities next Monday, June 29th at 1:00pm. This free webinar will focus on several SoCalGas energy efficiency programs, including the Comprehensive Mobile Home Program, Energy Savings Assistance Program, and Commercial Direct Install Program. Cities are encouraged to join the webinar to learn about energy saving opportunities and interested individuals can RSVP for the webinar [here](#).
- **Upcoming Energy Efficiency Twitterchat:** SGVCOG staff will be hosting a Twitterchat event with several cities and agencies next Monday, June 29th at 12:00pm to discuss recommendations for residents and public agencies to save energy during higher temperature months as summer approaches. Cities are welcome to join the discussion by following #SGVEnergyWise during the scheduled Twitterchat. Additionally, cities are recommended to follow the COG on Twitter at [@SGVCOG](#) to receive updates and event notices around the San Gabriel Valley.

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- **Energy Efficiency Twitterchat Session:** On Monday, SGVCOG staff held an Energy Efficiency Twitterchat event with several San Gabriel Valley cities and external stakeholders to discuss energy efficiency practices. Participants shared resources that communities can use to become more energy-efficient and recommendations for residents to support local efforts to save energy and water. Discussion posts from the one-hour Twitterchat event reached more than 50,000 users and garnered more than 243,000 impressions on Twitter. The SGVCOG sincerely extends gratitude to the Cities of Duarte, South El Monte, and Walnut, Climate Resolve, ICLEI USA, Local Government Commission, Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, SoCalGas, Southern California Edison, and Southern California Regional Energy Network for participating in our Energy Efficiency Twitterchat. The next Twitterchat event is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 12:00pm.
- **RHT Meeting:** On Wednesday, the SGV Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors held its monthly meeting. At the meeting, the Board approved the guidelines and process that the Board will use to consider projects during its initial funding process. The Board also approved its FY 2020-21 Workplan, which included a completion of several foundational items, including developing and implementing a funding strategy, increasing its visibility and exposure, completing a housing needs assessment in order to identify priorities, and developing and implementing an approach to award funding. Finally, the Board had a robust discussion on approaches to increase the Trust Fund's funding. The next meeting of the RHT Board of Directors is a special meeting that is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, at 10:30 a.m.
- **SCAG:** On Thursday, SCAG held the monthly meeting of its policy committees and Regional Council. The Community, Economic, and Community Development (CEHD) and Regional Council considered a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the California Community Foundation (CCF) for the "Call for Collaboration" program. The Call for Collaboration will seek innovative and strategic models to shape and execute a vision for increasing housing stock in a sustainable and equitable way that promotes racial equity and justice in the marketplace and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. The Program would provide \$1 million of SCAG's allocation from the State's Regional Early Action Program (REAP) matched by \$1 million from CCF, the Irvine Foundation, and other donors. Awards would be provided to seed or support community-based strategies for collaboration and engagement. The Regional Council also adopted a resolution that calls for SCAG to incorporate equity awareness into every aspect of its work, and SCAG President Rex Richardson proposed a Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice to recommend changes to the SCAG bylaws to help SCAG meet this objective.
- **LA Regional Water Quality Control Board Meeting:** On Thursday, staff participated in a special meeting of the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board.

At the meeting, the Regional Board heard public comments from stakeholders on an item considering whether the adoption of the stormwater permit for LA and Ventura Counties should be delayed. The Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit establishes the water quality standards that each municipality must meet to comply with the Clean Water Act and State clean water requirements. The last MS4 Permit was adopted in 2012 and the development of the next MS4 Permit began in late 2019. The public comments focused on the challenges that municipalities were facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ultimately, the Regional Board elected to move forward with the MS4 Permit, incorporating considerations regarding COVID-19 and also out-standing legal questions regarding the current Permit. Currently, the Regional Board intends to release a Draft Permit in September 2020 for public comment, with consideration of Permit adoption in early 2021.

- **Bike Share Launching Monday:** The SGVCOG is proud to announce the launch of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Bike Share Program - GoSGV - in the City of South El Monte on Monday, July 6! The Program will first roll-out in South El Monte and, when fully operational, offer 840 e-assist bikes serving communities in more than a dozen San Gabriel Valley cities and in unincorporated Los Angeles County areas. The Program is operated by Gotcha and will offer an accessible and affordable transportation option for the region. Users can unlock bikes through the Gotcha app and will be charged \$2 to unlock and 10 cents per minute to ride. Bikes can be returned to stations or elsewhere, for a small fee. Gotcha is responsible for ensuring that e-bikes are maintained at stations. An equity program reduces ridership fees to \$1 to unlock and 5 cents per minute. Both monthly and annual memberships are also available.
- The SGVCOG will be holding a small kick-off event at 11 a.m. sharp on Thursday, July 9 at South El Monte City Hall, 1415 Santa Anita Ave., South El Monte. Parking is located behind City Hall. The event will be staged consistent with social distancing and other protocols advised by public health authorities. Speakers will include representatives of LA Metro, the California Transportation Commission, the Mayor and Council members of the City of South El Monte, as well as invited county, state, and federal representatives. The event will also be streamed on Facebook Live on the SGVCOG's Facebook page. If you'd like to attend, please email Caitlin Sims (csims@sgvcoq.org) by Wednesday, July 8.