



SGVCOG
City Managers' Steering Committee Approved Minutes
January 4, 2017
12:00 Noon
Foothill Transit Office

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 12:08 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Members Present:

Arcadia	D. Lazzaretto
Baldwin Park	S. Yauchzee
Diamond Bar	J. DeStefano
Glendora	C. Jeffers
Claremont	T. Ramos
La Verne	B. Russi
Pomona	L. Lowry
South Pasadena	S. Gonzalez
Temple City	B. Cook
Pasadena	J. Gutierrez
El Monte	J. Gomez

Members Absent:

West Covina
 Duarte
 La Canada/Flintridge

SGVCOG Staff/Guests:

Phil Hawkey, Executive Director
 M. Creter, Assistant Executive Director
 E. Wolf, Staff
 C. Cruz, Staff
 D. Stanley, ACE Staff
 J. Allred, SGV Economic Partnership

4. Public Comment.
 There was no public comment.
5. Changes to Agenda Order.
 There were no changes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. City Managers' Steering Committee Minutes
There was a motion to approve the consent calendar (M/S: S. Gonzalez/D. Lazzaretto).
[Motion Passes]

AYES:	Arcadia, Baldwin Park, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, South Pasadena, Temple City, Pasadena, El Monte
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	West Covina, Duarte, La Canada/Flintridge

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Ad Hoc ACE / Large Capital Project Committee Draft Report

P. Hawkey opened the discussion with a review of the committee’s report and recommendations. L. Lowry added her observations based on her membership on the ACE Ad Hoc Committee. Led by C. Jeffers, the city managers raised several concerns about an ongoing roll of the ACE to function as a construction management agency.

- They questioned how ACE staffing would accommodate a constant fluctuation in the number of projects the agency may have at any given time.
- There was concern about the level of liability other COG cities not directly tied to a construction project would be subject to under the proposed expanded authority of the ACE.
- Some city managers believed the selection of projects, supported by a majority of COG board members but opposed by others, could lead unnecessarily to conflict within the organization.
- There was concern that Metro or Caltrans may not give up control of a project to ACE. C. Jeffers suggested instead an organizational model that maintained ACE as a construction management agency that cities could independently (or in groups) enter into contractual agreements with.
- Some questioned the amorphous nature of the mission ACE would be taking on compared to the specific mission they have now: manage grade separation construction projects.

Ultimately, there was support for recommendations 1, 2, and 4 – 6 as written; with strong support for recommendation number 2, hiring a Transportation Planner. The city managers supported changing recommendation number 3 to read,

Investigate further possible ACE governance changes and potential future capacity to construct capital projects in the SGV and report back in 90 days to the City Managers Steering Committee.

This reflects their desire for more time and information regarding the transition of ACE to take on a transportation construction management role under the SGVCOG. Examples of the type of information they would like are the outcome of discussions with Caltrans about the ACE taking over authority for management of projects from Caltrans and the results of Metro’s Measure M funding guidelines being drafted over the next few months. The city managers requested a report back with these follow up details within 90 days.

There was a motion to approve recommendations 1, 2, and 4 – 6 as written, and approve recommendation 3 as revised above. (M/S: C. Jeffers/O. Chi).

[Motion Passes]

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8. COG Office Lease

P. Hawkey discussed the expiration of SGVCOG's office lease in December 2017 and the desire to consider leasing office space more central to the geographic area of the COG, and possibly co-locate with the ACE and/or SGV Economic Partnership. He solicited volunteers to work with the COG on lease options. B. Russi and S. Gonzalez volunteered.

UPDATE ITEMS

9. ACE Construction Authority – Oral Report

There was no report.

10. Executive Director's Monthly Report – Oral Report

10.1 Energy Wise Contract Amendment and Staffing

P. Hawkey reported that EnergyWise grant funding will be available to hire a fulltime position.

10.2 Redevelopment Tools and Potential Legislation

P. Hawkey advised the group that Assembly Member Chris Holden's office is seeking city managers as part of a discussion group to supporting redevelopment legislation the assembly member wants to draft. C. Jeffers, J. Gomez, T. Ramos, and J. DeStafano volunteered to participate.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 1:45.