



SPECIAL SGVCOG Planners TAC Meeting Minutes

Date: November 29, 2018
 Time: 12:00 P.M.
 Location: **Monrovia Community Center**
119 West Palm Avenue; Monrovia, CA 91016

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 12:03 P.M.
2. Roll Call

Planners TAC Members Present

V. Reynoso, P. Lam; Alhambra
 B. Johnson; Claremont
 C. Hensley, J. Golding, N. Baldwin; Duarte
 E. Scherer; La Verne
 S. Bermejo; Monrovia
 K. Wong; Rosemead
 L. Stevens; San Dimas
 M. Chang; San Gabriel
 J. Jimenez; South El Monte
 S. Reimers; Temple City
 J. Anderson; West Covina
 A. Baldwin, N. Ornelas, Jr.; LA County DRP

Planners TAC Members Absent

Arcadia
 Covina
 Diamond Bar
 El Monte
 Glendora
 Irwindale
 Montebello
 Monterey Park
 Sierra Madre
 South Pasadena

SGVCOG Staff

P. Duyshart

Guests

R. Garcia; Baldwin Park
 R. Schaetzl; La Puente
 J. Farned; SGV Mosquito and Vector Control District

3. Public Comment.

No public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Planners TAC Meeting Minutes – 10/25/2018
Recommended Action: Approve.

There was a motion made to approve the Consent Calendar (M/S: L. Stevens/S. Reimers).

[Motion Passed]

Ayes	Alhambra, Claremont, Duarte, La Verne, Monrovia, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, South El Monte, Temple City, West Covina, LA County DRP
Noes	
Abstain	

Absent	Arcadia, Covina, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Glendora, Irwindale, Montebello, Monterey Park, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Metro Congestion Management Program (CMP) Opt-Out

Paul Backstrom, a Transportation Planning Manager for LA Metro’s Sustainability and Active Transportation Division, provided the presentation, and led the discussion, for this item. The overarching question regarding Metro’s proposal for the county to opt-out of the Congestion Management Program (CMP) is: “Is the continued implementation of the CMP worth the investment of our scarce public dollars and staff resources?”

During his presentation, Mr. Backstrom did the following:

- Provided an overview of the State’s Congestion Management Program.
- Provided multiple reasons as to why LA County as a whole should opt-out of the CMP.
- Described how the CMP is actually not consistent with Metro Best Practices.
- Gave an overview of previous Metro Board action on this matter.
- Provided a timeline for cities pertaining to the possible action of opting out of the CMP.

Mr. Backstrom then opened it up to members of the TAC to ask him questions and engage in discussion on this matter.

Questions/Discussion: The following issues were asked about and discussed:

- One member of the Planning TAC asked: Do we know what positions the cities of LA, Long Beach, and the County are taking? It would be a waste of time for smaller SGV cities to even go through this process if those 3 agencies do not go through with opting out. Mr. Backstrom pointed out that the CMP Opt-Out matter is going to City of LA in February; however, there is no set date from Long Beach yet, but there is commitment from staff.
- Another TAC member asked: Is there indication that transportation advocacy groups are going to try to actively oppose the opt-out effort? Mr. Backstrom stated that, no, there have not been indications of this. These groups didn’t show up to Metro committee or board meetings.
- A TAC member remarked that he wished that this option was made available to cities 6-7 years ago because cities spent a lot of time on CMP compliance and on the fee program portion of this.
- Mr. Backstrom then asked which cities are currently considering opting out. One city indicated that it has opted out, while two other cities say they will be opting out at upcoming Council meetings.

PRESENTATIONS

6. Collaborative Mosquito and Vector Control Strategies to Protect Public Health in the San Gabriel Valley

Jason Farned, who is the Operations Manager of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, provided a presentation to the Public Works TAC during which he gave an overview of the specific services that the SGVMVCD provides for its member jurisdictions. He went through some of the strategies that are implemented in order to protect public health in the San Gabriel Valley. Mr. Farned discussed, as it relates to mosquitos and vectors: active control and source reduction, disease and abundance surveillance, scientific research, and outreach and education. He also talked about integrated vector management (IVM), chemical control, and how

storm drains, drainage channels, and pools can exacerbate the spread of mosquito and vector-borne diseases.

Questions/Discussion: The following issues were asked about and discussed:

- A TAC member asked: Because of the new MBDS requirements, most new private developments have to have on-site storm water collection infrastructure. Has the District given any thought to if that exacerbates the mosquito problem? One problem here is these projects are very scattered. Mr. Farned replied that this is something that the District considers and tries to track, but it's tough because these are private properties.

7. LA County Department of Regional Planning – Significant Ecological Areas (SEA) Ordinance

Alejandrina Baldwin, a Principal Planner for the Environmental Planning and Sustainability Section of the LA County Department of Regional Planning, provided a presentation to the Planning TAC on this item. She gave information about the purpose and the background of SEAs and explained how the County's 1982 SEA Ordinance has relation to the 1980 General Plan and the upcoming 2035 General Plan. Currently, the County is updating the 1982 SEA Ordinance to reflect current challenges and circumstances related to protecting SEAs today, and regulating certain actions or uses.

Questions/Discussion: The following issues were asked about and discussed:

- A TAC member asked if the new SEA Ordinance was adopted already. Ms. Baldwin stated that this ordinance will go to the County in February.
- Another TAC member asked: In the General Plan, did the County leave detailed ecological standards to this SEA effort?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

There were no comments or announcements made by, or on behalf of, the SGVCOG Executive Director.

UPDATE ITEMS

8. Measure M MSP Funding Update

P. Duyshart gave the update on this item. He notified TAC members that the Governing Board approved the recommended MSP funding allocation and list of projects for the San Gabriel Valley's subregional MSP 5-Year Plan. Mr. Duyshart then announced that, in the coming month, the COG will review the project financial plan forms that the pertinent cities submitted for accuracy and compliance with Metro expectations, and will notify cities of any changes to the forms that need to be made. The COG will be submitting the projects and the MSP 5-Year Plans to Metro for review in early 2019.

9. ACE Capital Projects and Construction Update

P. Duyshart also gave the update on this item. He announced that the COG is re-opening the Capital Projects Review and solicitation process for a couple of key reasons:

1. Some cities told the COG that uncertainly over the future of SB 1 funding this past summer and fall caused cities to not submit possible projects for consideration.
2. Some cities told the COG that they thought that the COG would automatically do the MSP projects that they submitted for them, and this created ambiguity.

Mr. Duyshart announced that cities which want to submit possible capital projects that they would want the COG to take over construction management of to notify the COG, in writing, of which projects they want the COG to consider as soon as possible.

CHAIR'S REPORT

10. Solicitation of presentation topics

There was no discussion on this item.

11. Current City Projects

There was no discussion of city projects.

12. Future Planners' TAC Meeting Time and Location

At the last couple of TAC meetings, P. Duyshart reminded TAC members that the TAC's normal meeting venue, the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, recently informed COG staff that their Board Room will no longer be available for meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month. This meant that the Planning TAC will either have to be moved to a different recurring monthly day, or will have to change venues. When Duyshart first asked at the September meeting whether the TAC members would rather switch venues or would rather stay at the Upper District, the TAC unanimously responded that it would be preferred to stay at the Upper District. Duyshart then reported that the Upper District states that their room is available for use on the following days:

- 2nd Monday of each month
- 4th Monday of each month
- 4th Tuesday of each month
- 4th Wednesday of each month

However, at this November meeting, P. Duyshart reported to the TAC that, in the time between the October TAC meeting and the November TAC meeting, the Upper District informed the SGVCOG that they will be charging the COG a room usage fee for any COG TAC or Committee meetings moving forward. Since the TAC's current temporary meeting venue, the Monrovia Community Center, does not charge a room usage fee, and is within just 1.2 miles of the Upper District, the COG will be holding Planning TAC meetings at the Monrovia Community Center for the foreseeable future. The COG and the TAC could consider having one to two meetings per year at different venues, but, besides that possibility, TAC meetings will now be at the Community Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

C. Hensley, the Chair of the Planning TAC, announced that the next Planning Directors' TAC Meeting will be on Thursday, January 24th, 2019.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 P.M.