



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022 – 4:00 PM

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Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The Transportation Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the Transportation Committee are held on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM at the Foothill Transit Building (100 S. Vincent Avenue, Suite 200, West Covina, CA 91790).* The agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Irwindale Office, 4900 Rivergrade Road, Suite A120, Irwindale, CA, and on the website, www.sgvco.org. A copy of the agenda is also viewable at the Alhambra City Hall, 111 S. 1st Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

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AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Transportation Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Transportation Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Committee.



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***MEETING MODIFICATIONS DUE TO THE STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE THREAT OF COVID-19:** AB 361 (Rivas), signed by California Governor Gavin Newsom on September 16, 2021, authorizes local agencies to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically to promote social distancing due to the state and local emergency resulting from the threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To follow the new provisions in AB 361 and ensure the safety of Committee Members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the Transportation Committee meeting will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Transportation Committee will conduct its meeting through Zoom Video Communications. To participate in the meeting, download Zoom on any phone or computer device and copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the live meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97465790739>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

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- Written Comments (Email): If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the committee members prior to or during the meeting, please submit these materials via email to SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, at afung@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT." Emailed public comments will be read into the record and will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations. While there is no page or word count limit for written comments, the time for reading written public comments into the record will be limited to three minutes, which is the same time allotted for verbal comments.
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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all public comments*)
5. Changes to the Agenda Order

CONSENT CALENDAR (*It is anticipated that the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

6. Adoption of Resolution 22-01-TC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Transportation Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings via Teleconferencing (**Page 1**)
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-01-TC making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconference.
7. Review Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes: 2/10/2022 (**Page 3**)
Recommended Action: Review and approve.
8. Review Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes: 2/17/2022 (**Page 7**)
Recommended Action: Review and approve.

UPDATE ITEMS

9. Gold Line Foothill Extension Project Updates (**Page 10**)
10. Metro I-10 ExpressLanes Extension Updates (**Page 12**)
11. AB 773 (Nazarian) Legislative Updates (**Page 14**)
12. Executive Director's Report

LIAISON REPORTS

13. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Report
14. Foothill Transit Report
15. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Report (**Page 16**)

ADJOURN

DATE: March 17, 2022

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-01-TC MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS TO ENABLE THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 22-01-TC making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.

BACKGROUND

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on February 1, 2021, AB 361 codifies portions of Governor Gavin Newsom's existing Ralph M. Brown Act exemptions pertaining to teleconferencing if a local agency issues an emergency finding, and reissues it every 30 days, that it is unsafe to meet in person. Specifically, the Brown Act exemptions include requirements to provide a public teleconference location, to maintain a member quorum within the agency's jurisdiction and to provide for public comment at each teleconference location, such as a private residence. The legislation expires in December 2024. On September 16, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 361 into law, effective immediately.

A local agency wishing to rely on the provisions of AB 361 must meet one of the following criteria:

1. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
2. The local holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
3. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

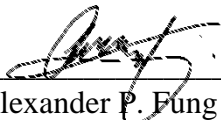
On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.¹

¹ Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.


However, this Executive Order expired on September 30, 2021, despite the State of Emergency remaining in place.

The threat that COVID-19 has presented continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to conduct Governing Board/committee meetings safely in person. Updated guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in July and August 2021 advise governmental entities to refrain from conducting indoor meetings and consider moving operations outdoors, where feasible, to prevent transmission. SGVCOG staff finds it has been unable to find a suitable outdoor space with the requisite audio/visual capabilities at which the monthly committee meetings can be held safely. Similarly, an indoor space with sufficient capacity to accommodate safe social distance practices among members, staff, and the public could not be identified.

In order to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to prevent unnecessary COVID-19 exposure to members, staff and the public, staff is recommending that Transportation Committee adopt Resolution 22-01-TC making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

Prepared by: 

Alexander P. Fung
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by: 

Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – Resolution 22-01-TC](#)



SGVCOG Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
SGVCOG Transportation Committee Interim Chairperson, Ed Reece, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
SGVCOG Transportation Committee Member, Gloria Olmos, led the Transportation Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Claremont	Ed Reece
Diamond Bar	David Liu
Duarte	Tzeitel Paras-Caracci
Glendora	Steven Mateer
Industry	Cory Moss
La Canada Flintridge	Keith Eich
Pasadena	Laura Cornejo
Pomona	Tim Sandoval
South El Monte	Rachel Barbosa
South Pasadena	Diana Mahmud
L.A. County District #1	Ben Feldman
L.A. County District #5	Sandra Croxton

Absent

Alhambra
Monterey Park
Temple City

Guests

City of Glendora	Vanessa Mikhail
City of Industry	Sam Pedroza
Gold Line	Lisa Levy Buch
Foothill Transit	Doran Barnes
Foothill Transit	Yoko Igawa
LACDPW	Sarah Ahmed
Metro	Gary Byrne
Metro	Linda Bybee
Metro	Tito Corona
Metro	Wayne Wassell
Nature for All	Bryan Matsumoto
Office of Asm. Rubio	Cameron Griffin
STV	Robert Holmquist
Member of Public	Alexa Sanchez

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Exec Director
E. Shen, Staff
P. Hubler Staff,
K. Ward, Staff
A. Fung, Staff
S. Pedersen, Staff
B. Ruano, Staff

- 4. Public Comment
There were no public comments.
- 5. Changes to the Agenda Order
There were no changes to the Agenda Order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6. Review Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes: 1/13/2022
Action: Review and approve.
- 7. Review Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes: 1/13/2022
Action: Review and approve.
- 8. Review Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes: 1/20/2022
Action: Review and approve.
- 9. FY 2017-2021 Measure M Subregional Program Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funding Reprogramming Requests
Action: Recommend the Governing Board to approve the received FY 2017-2021 Measure M Subregional Program Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funding Reprogramming Requests.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 6-9. (M/S: C. Moss/G. Olmos)
[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Industry, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, Pomona, South El Monte, South Pasadena, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Monterey Park, Temple City

ACTION ITEM

- 10. FY 2021-2022 Transportation Committee Chair and Vice Chair Elections
SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided remarks on election procedures.

There was a motion to elect Claremont Mayor Pro Tem, Ed Reece, to serve as the FY 2021-2022 Transportation Committee Chair. (M/S: T. Paras-Caracci/K. Eich)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Industry, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, Pomona, South El Monte, South Pasadena, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Monterey Park, Temple City

There was another motion to elect Industry Mayor, Cory Moss, to serve as the FY 2021-2022 Transportation Committee Vice Chair. (M/S: G. Olmos/T. Paras-Caracci)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Industry, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, Pomona, South El Monte, South Pasadena, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Monterey Park, Temple City

UPDATE ITEM

11. Metro North Hollywood-to-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project Updates
 Metro Deputy Project Manager, Gary Byrne, provided updates on this item.
12. Olympics 2028 Mobility Concept Plan Updates
 This item was postponed until the subsequent committee meeting.
13. Metro Transit Operations Temporary Service Reduction Updates
 Metro Senior Manager, Wayne Wassell, provided updates on this item.
14. SGV Slower Safer Streets Updates
 SGVCOG Management Analyst, Sam Pedersen, provided updates on this item.
15. Executive Director’s Report
 SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, provided updates on this item.

LIAISON REPORTS

16. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Report
 Pomona Mayor/Metro Board Member, Tim Sandoval, provided a report.
17. Foothill Transit Report
 Foothill Transit Government Relations Manager, Yoko Igawa, provided a report.
18. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Report

SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chair and Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Chair, Ed Reece, provided a report.

ADJOURN

SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chairperson, Ed Reece, adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 5:02 PM.

SGVCOG Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting

February 17, 2022
4:00 PM



SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Unapproved Special Joint Meeting Minutes

Date: February 17, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, called the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting to order at 4:02pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
City of Industry Mayor, Cory Moss, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call
A quorum for the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Alhambra	A. Andrade-Stadler
Arcadia	A. Verlato
Azusa	R. Gonzales
Baldwin Park	E. Estrada
Bradbury	R. Barakat
Claremont	E. Reece
Covina	P. Cortez
Diamond Bar	N. Lyons
Duarte	J. Schulz
El Monte	M. Morales
Glendora	M. Allawos
Industry	C. Moss
La Cañada Flintridge	R. Gunter
La Puente	G. Quiñones
La Verne	T. Hepburn
Monrovia	B. Shevlin
Montebello	S. Peralta
Monterey Park	H. Lo
Pasadena	V. Gordo
Pomona	T. Sandoval
Rosemead	S. Dang

Absent

Irwindale
Sierra Madre
L.A. County District #4

SGVCOG Staff Present

M. Creter, Executive Director
D. DeBerry, General Council
T. Egan, Lobbyist
A. Fung, Staff
B. Acevedo, Staff
B. Ruano, Staff
C. Sims, Staff
E. Shen, Staff
K. Ward, Staff
M. Sharkey, Staff
P. Hubler, Staff
S. Hernandez, Staff
S. Pedersen, Staff
S. Sousa, Staff
T. Lott, Staff
V. Guerra, Staff

SGVCOG Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting

February 17, 2022
4:00 PM

San Dimas	D. Bertone	V. Urenia, Staff
San Gabriel	D. Menchaca	
San Marino	S. Jakubowski	
South El Monte	G. Olmos	
South Pasadena	D. Mahmud	
Temple City	C. Sternquist	
Walnut	N. Tragarz	
West Covina	T. Wu	
L.A. County District #1	E. Gonzalez	
L.A. County District #5	S. Croxton	
SGV Water Districts	C. Goyita	

4. Public Comment

West Covina Councilman, Tony Wu, provided a verbal comment inviting committee members to attend West Covina’s first Annual Spring Festival.

JOINT MEETING BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM

5. Adopt Resolution 22-12 of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Making Findings to Enable Them to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing
SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, provided verbal remarks on this item.

There was a motion to adopt Joint Resolution 22-12 making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California exists, that social distancing being mandated or recommended by state or local officials due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and that meeting in person presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees. (M/S: R. Gonzales/C. Moss)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, La Verne, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, West Covina, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5, SGV Water Districts
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Azusa, Baldwin Park, Duarte, La Cañada Flintridge, La Puente, Walnut
ABSENT:	Irwindale, Sierra Madre, L.A. County District #4

ADJOURN JOINT MEETING

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, adjourned the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting at 4:12pm.

SGVCOG Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting

February 17, 2022

4:00 PM

BOARD APPROVED

Date

Marisa Creter

Marisa Creter, Secretary

REPORT

DATE: March 17, 2022
TO: Transportation Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

ABOUT THE FOOTHILL GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

The Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority is an independent transportation planning, design, and construction agency created in 1998 through the passage of SB 1847 (Schiff) to manage the design, contracting, and construction of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Gold Line (L Line) from Los Angeles to Pasadena. SB 1847 also directed the Construction Authority to construct any “fixed mass transit guide way eastward to Claremont.” After completing the Los Angeles-to-Pasadena Segment in 2003, the Construction Authority began the planning of extending the Gold Line to terminate at Montclair’s Transcenter. The Gold Line subsequently was extended from Pasadena to Azusa in 2016. Currently, the Gold Line terminates at the Azusa Pacific University/Citrus College Station in Azusa and is working on extending the rail line from Glendora to Montclair.

BACKGROUND

The project to extend Gold Line tracks from Glendora to Montclair increases the existing Gold Line route by 12.3 miles and adds stations in Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont, and Montclair. The project segment from Glendora to Pomona is fully funded and is 43% completed as of March 2022. It is anticipated that this segment will be completed in 2025.

The extension from Pomona to Montclair, which would add stations in Claremont and Montclair, can be completed if additional funding is secured. The Construction Authority has requested \$748 million from the State to complete the extension. Dozens of letters were also submitted to the State in support of the \$748 million funding request.

The Construction Authority’s Chief Executive Officer, Habib F. Balian, will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

Prepared by: 
Alexander P. Fung
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by: Marisa Creter
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

REPORT

DATE: March 17, 2022
TO: Transportation Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **METRO I-10 EXPRESSLANES EXTENSION UPDATES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

In January 2017, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors voted to direct Metro staff to initiate project approval and environmental document procedures for Tier I ExpressLanes projects, which included the I-10 ExpressLanes Extension Project. The Project aims to evaluate the possibility of extending the existing I-10 ExpressLanes from the I-10/I-605 intersection to the Los Angeles/San Bernardino County Line.

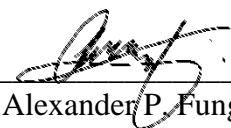
During the evaluation process, Metro plans on improving traffic flow and mobility for all vehicles, promoting equitable and sustainable multimodal travel options, and addressing the gap between the existing I-10 ExpressLanes in Los Angeles County and the I-10 ExpressLanes that are in construction in San Bernardino County. The Project's 45-day scoping period, which is the first step in the environmental review process and serves to introduce the project to the public, is anticipated to begin next month.

Through this Study, Metro staff hopes to identify one or more of the following alternatives to recommend to the Metro Board of Directors:

- Alternative 1: Do not proceed with extending the I-10 ExpressLanes in Los Angeles County.
- Alternative 2: Conversion of single HOV lane to single ExpressLane.
- Alternative 3: Convert HOV to ExpressLanes and add second ExpressLane in each direction.
- Alternative 4: Add second HOV lane in each direction.

Metro staff will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

Prepared by:


Alexander P. Fung
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by: Marisa Creter
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

REPORT

DATE: March 17, 2022
TO: Transportation Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **AB 773 (NAZARIAN) LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

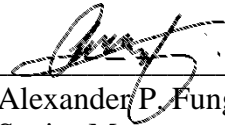
During the previous legislative cycle, the California Legislature voted to pass AB 773 (Nazarian) to authorize local authorities to implement Slow Streets Programs. While the bill was ultimately signed into law by Governor Newsom, staff desires to provide an opportunity for the Committee's members to gain a deeper understanding of this legislation.

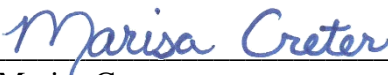
AB 773, as passed, authorizes a local authority to implement a Slow Streets Program by adopting an ordinance that provides for the closing of streets to vehicular traffic or limiting access and speed on a street using roadway design features, including but not limited to islands, curbs, or traffic barriers. In order for a local authority to implement a Slow Streets Program, the authority must:

- Conduct an outreach and engagement process that includes notification to residents and property owners abutting any street being considered for inclusion in the Program;
- Determine that the closure or traffic restriction leaves a sufficient portion of the streets in the surrounding area for other public uses, including vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic;
- Provide advance notice of the closure or traffic restriction to residents and owners of property abutting the street;
- Clearly designate the street closure or traffic restriction with signage in compliance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices;
- Determine that the closure or traffic restriction is necessary for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the closure or traffic restriction;
- Maintain a publicly available internet website with information about its Slow Streets Program, including a list of streets that are included in the program or are being evaluated for inclusion in the program, and instructions for participating in the public engagement process.

According to the author, Slow Streets Programs offer residents the opportunity to play, exercise, and socialize safely in their communities throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. The streets eligible would provide connections to citywide bicycle networks, destinations, and green spaces. AB 773 enjoyed a wide range of support from various community organizations across the State and received no major oppositions. The bill's language and analysis can be found in Attachments A and B, respectively.

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, will provide a presentation on this item.

Prepared by: 
Alexander P. Fung
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – AB 773 Bill Language](#)

[Attachment B – AB 773 Bill Analysis](#)



Foothill Gold Line

March 2022 Project Update

As the Glendora to Pomona project segment enters the 20th month of major construction, the project is already 43% complete. As March begins, 95% of the freight track relocation, 80% of the utility relocation, and 74% of the grade crossing reconstruction is now behind us. These are the activities that involve the most risk for the project, so having the majority of these tasks complete provides confidence that the project will be able to reach substantial completion in early 2025, on schedule.

This past month, crews continued to work on the remaining grade crossings, the light rail bridges, at the future stations, and also started work on the light rail system. Details below.

Grade Crossing Reconstruction Continues: This month, five grade crossings remain under construction and work is getting started to relocate utilities at Garey Ave. in Pomona – the last crossing to begin reconstruction.



At Fulton Rd. in La Verne/ Pomona (shown above, left), crews last month utilized a five-day full closure to relocate the freight track to its new, permanent position (including starting relocation on the new freight bridge over Thompson Creek). This was the second full closure of Fulton Rd., and crews will be returning to the crossing later this year for a third and final full closure to install the light rail tracks and complete the crossing work.

At Pasadena Ave in Glendora (shown above, right), the street closure was recently extended through March 27. The delay was caused by a need to change the design for a large Southern California Edison (SCE) vault within the crossing that was discovered once the street was opened up as part of the reconstruction effort. SCE crews recently completed their work at the crossing, and now KPJV is quickly working to complete the remaining grade crossing activities that unfortunately could not be completed until SCE was done with their work and out of the way.

At the remaining four crossings (Cataract Ave. and San Dimas Ave. in San Dimas, and A St. and White Ave. in La Verne) crews remain on schedule to complete the work, which includes relocating and protecting underground water, sewer, gas, communications and power lines. Crews will then move on to installing the light rail tracks, installing new safety equipment, and rebuilding the roadways, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and medians.

A handful of other crossings still require additional work and will undergo follow-up closures later this year. That work is mostly above-ground, to install the light rail tracks and relocated freight track through the crossings.

Station Construction: Work is underway on the Glendora and La Verne Stations, as well as at the future parking facility for the Pomona Station.

In Glendora, crews continue to make progress constructing the platform for the future Glendora station. Currently, crews are constructing the walls for the platform, as well as pedestrian access ramps on both ends. The ramp on the west end of the station platform will provide riders access to the station from Vermont Ave.; while the east ramp will connect to the pedestrian undercrossing and provide access from Glendora Ave. and the future station parking facility (photos below).



In La Verne, crews are currently installing underground conduit that will house the communications and power lines for the light rail system and future La Verne station. Crews will soon move on to constructing the station platform itself (photo, below left). And, at the site of the future parking facility for the Pomona station, crews are nearly complete with demolition of several vacated buildings purchased as part of the project (photo, below right). One building will continue to be used by a tenant through the end of March; at which time, it will be turned over to the Construction Authority for environmental testing, remediation and demolition.



New Light Rail Bridges Over Major Streets: Nineteen bridges are being built new or renovated as part of the Glendora to Pomona project segment, and as of this month, 36% of that work is now complete. While that overall completion number may not seem high enough, the freight bridges on the project are 94% complete.

With the freight bridge work nearly all done, the KPJV structures team is focused on constructing the various light rail bridges. Like the freight bridges, most of the light rail bridges cross water channels and washes along the corridor; but four are being built to carry light rail trains over major streets (three in Glendora and one in San Dimas). Each is required by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to improve safety for both the new light rail system and city streets. Below are updates for these four major bridges (from west to east).

Foothill Blvd./Grand Ave. Bridge (Glendora): Construction is now underway on both ends of the future light rail bridge over the Foothill Blvd./Grand Ave. intersection in Glendora. On both sides of the intersection, crews are constructing the approaches and abutments.

The west approach, as seen in the photo below (right), has been under construction since last summer and is the furthest along amongst the various bridge elements. Meanwhile, across the intersection, crews recently began constructing the east approach for the bridge. The retaining walls for both approaches consist of custom form panels that feature the project's citrus design. When completed, both approaches will measure around 1,300 feet in length.



Construction of the walls for the west and east abutments (the supports at both ends of the bridge) are also underway and at different progress points. Crews are currently installing rebar for the walls of the west abutment, while the further-along east abutment (shown above, left) just had the first concrete placement.

Route 66 Bridge (Glendora): Motorists and pedestrians traveling along Route 66 in Glendora will have noticed the unique design patterns on the two completed columns for the future light rail bridge. With the columns and abutments completed, crews have now begun constructing the falsework for the bridge. The falsework is the temporary support for the super-structure that will cross the street itself.

During this work, nightly intermittent lane or bi-directional closures of Route 66 between Hunters Trail and Compromise Line Rd. are taking place. This will continue through March.



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Lone Hill Ave. Bridge (Glendora): As seen in the photos below, the approach between the new light rail bridges over the San Dimas Wash (west of Lone Hill Ave.) and Lone Hill Ave. continues to take shape. Crews are constructing the retaining walls for the approach, which consist of custom form panels that feature the project's citrus design.

With the west and east abutments completed, construction is now underway on the center columns for the future light rail bridge. As seen in the photo below (right), crews are recently installed the steel cages for the columns. Crews will soon install custom form panels around the steel cages and then place concrete. Once the concrete is cured, crews will remove the forms to reveal the custom design pattern similar to the columns seen at Route 66.



The Lone Hill Ave. bridge will be the largest bridge on the 9.1-mile project from Glendora to Pomona. When completed, the bridge will span 344 feet from abutment to abutment. The super-structure will have a minimum vertical clearance of 24 feet to allow freight trains to travel underneath. This is the one location between Glendora and Pomona where the freight system will switch from south to north positions in the corridor to continue serving customers. Construction will continue on the Lone Hill Ave. bridge through the end of 2022, with long-term lane closures and a few days of full street closures ahead.

Bonita Ave./Cataract Ave. Bridge (San Dimas): With the falsework for the new light rail bridge over the Bonita Ave./Cataract Ave. intersection in place and forms installed for the internal walls, crews are starting construction of the super-structure (as seen in the photos below). The super-structure is the portion of the bridge that will carry the light rail trains across the intersection. Iron workers recently started installing rebar by hand within the internal structure of the bridge as they ready it for concrete to be placed. Once this section is complete, the process will be repeated as crews build the entire super-structure.



OCS (Overhead Catenary System) and TPSS (Traction Power Substation) Installation:

Throughout the corridor, crews continue to construct the foundations for the overhead catenary system (OCS) poles that will provide electrical power to the light rail trains via overhead wires. Crews are drilling holes, installing steel cages and placing concrete to complete each foundation for the OCS. Hundreds of these foundations will be constructed for the project - each about 200 feet apart.

The power will come from the Traction Power Substations (TPSS) that are being installed about a mile apart throughout the corridor. The TPSS converts AC power from the local utility into DC power that then travels through the OCS to power the light rail system. Crews recently installed the first TPSS on the project (as shown below, left). In all, eight TPSS units will be installed from Glendora to Pomona.



Freight Service has Resumed in the Corridor: In February, BNSF freight trains resumed service through the rail corridor between Irwindale and Pomona. The service was suspended in November 2020 as the freight track was relocated to make room for the new light rail system. There still remains some temporary track that will need to be updated in the coming months, as well as a short distance of freight track through Pomona that still needs to be relocated later this year; however, with the majority of the freight track relocation work completed, crews have started building the light rail system.



Always stay alert for trains and heed all safety warnings. Now that service has resumed in the corridor, expect a train when crossing the rail corridor and heed all safety warnings. As a reminder, the Federal Railroad Administration requires freight trains to sound their horn as they approach each crossing.

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