

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of January 7, 2019

- **NextGen Bus Study Workshops:** LA Metro is currently working on a large-scale and comprehensive study of its bus system, and they are calling this study the NextGen Bus Study. The objective of this bus study is to: understand transit market demand in LA County, study the agency's current bus system and how well it serves current and potential customers, and to ultimately recommend how to best reimagine the system. Over the course of the next month, LA Metro will be hosting 10 workshops throughout LA County, including two (2) in the San Gabriel Valley region. We encourage our member cities which are served by Metro Bus service to spread the word to their residents about these two workshops so that Metro can hear input from a large and diverse group of SGV residents who use the bus system. Here is the information for the two SGV NextGen Bus Study Workshops:
 - Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 4-7 PM, Asian Youth Center, 100 Clary Ave., San Gabriel, CA 91776
 - Thursday, January 24, 2019, 4-7 PM, Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly Street, Pasadena, CA 91103

For more information about the NextGen Bus Study, or to find out more information about the workshops, please visit: <https://www.metro.net/projects/nextgen/>.

- **Strategic Plan Workshop Reminder/RSVP:** Next Thursday (January 17), a comprehensive Strategic Plan workshop will be held as part of the January Governing Board meeting. The purpose of this workshop will be to present recent survey results gathered on strategic goals, as well as provide an engaging forum for member agencies to discuss and provide input on the future of the SGVCOG. Based on the results of this workshop, staff will prepare and present a draft revised strategic plan at the February Governing Board meeting. SGVCOG Board Members and City Managers are encouraged to participate. Please RSVP to this workshop [here](#)
- **Twitter Chat:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG resumed its monthly Twitter chat series by hosting a Twitter chat which addressed issues and topics pertaining to Wildfire Emergency Planning and Response efforts and strategies. Throughout the chat, a plethora of public agencies responded to relevant and important questions that were asked by the COG from the COG's Twitter account, and they also provided very important information about the emergency services that their respective agencies provide to keep the public safe. Additionally, information was also shared

about how the public can stay connected and receive vital emergency alerts and announcements. The Twitter reached almost 3,000 users on Twitter. To view the Twitter chat, find the SGVCOG on Twitter: @SGVCOG, or, follow this link: <https://twitter.com/SGVCOG/status/1082728812511584256>. Participants in the Twitter chat included:

- SGVCOG
 - LA County Public Works
 - City of Duarte
 - City of Monrovia
 - Arcadia Fire Department
 - LA County Sheriff - San Dimas Station
 - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service of California
 - Watershed Conservation Authority
 - SCE Public Affairs
- **Coyote Management Task Force:** SGVCOG recently convened the Coyote Management Task Force to develop a regional solution for the existing and ongoing coyote issues within the San Gabriel Valley region. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, with representatives of fifteen municipalities present. At the meeting, representatives discussed the possibility of developing a regional coyote management plan and received a coyote management presentation from the City of Arcadia. The task force will convene next month to begin drafting the foundations of the regional management plan. Cities that are interested in participating in the efforts to develop a regional coyote management plan should fill out [this form](#) by Friday, January 18, 2019 at 5:00pm.
 - **Sacramento Meetings:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist and SGVCOG lobbyist Tim Egan met individually with Assemblymembers Blanca Rubio and Chris Holden, as well as Senator Susan Rubio in Sacramento. Issues discussed are summarized below:
 - Assemblywoman Rubio will reintroduce AB 2538, which was sponsored by the SGVCOG to call for the State to develop Financial Capability Analysis guidelines for MS-4 stormwater permittees, intended to relieve the compliance timeline and cost burden on communities. SGVCOG has also initiated requests that other SGVCOG legislators as well as SCAG support the bill.
 - Assemblywoman Rubio will seek to convene a meeting of the SGV State Legislative Caucus shortly to adopt bylaws and elect a Chair and Vice Chair. The SGV State Legislative Caucus has worked in close collaboration with the SGVCOG on regional issues for almost two decades. Support for reconstituting the Caucus was also discussed with Senator Susan Rubio and Assemblymember Chris Holden.

- Senator Rubio was provided an update on ACE projects located in 22nd Senate District located at Turnbull Canyon Road and Fullerton Road. Additionally, Senator Rubio expressed an interest in working with the COG on homelessness issues.
- Other issues discussed include whether Assemblymember Holden has plans to work with the California Product Stewardship Council to consider reintroduction of AB 1180 (Holden) relating to tire fees to mitigate debris contamination of stormwater as well as possible follow-on legislation or initiatives arising from his Select Committee Hearing on Regional Transportation Solutions held in Rancho Cucamonga in October 2018.
- **Homeless Grants:** Homeless Initiative Director, Phil Ansell, announced Thursday that the results of the 2018 City Implementation RFP competition will be released next week. Most of the cities that created homeless plans submitted proposals. About half will be awarded next week and the rest will be invited to resubmit with additional information for consideration.
- **LACoC, Homeless Deputies, Homeless Count:** The Homeless Count will take place on January 22nd. Cities can demonstrate their support of the Count by joining the County in proclaiming January 20th Homeless Count week. Please contact Jan Cicco for a sample proclamation or download it from the SGVCOG website Homelessness Committee page. Other ways to support the Count include providing a deployment site, elected officials speaking in support at the deployment site, city leadership and elected officials joining in the count, giving the option to department managers for supervisors to determine if staff that choose to can work the night of the count with comparable time off during the day. If an elected official or city manager chooses to speak or participate, please notify COG staff so that LAHSA and the County can be advised. HUD Funding priorities as identified in the FY18 competition include Racial Equity, Domestic Violence Homeless Coordination and implementation of the Violence Against Women Act. The HEAP RFPs have been released by LAHSA and can be downloaded at <https://www.lahsa.org/funding/>. HEAP RFPs include the following programs: 1) Interim Housing, 2) Access Centers and Access Points, and 3) Rapid Rehousing and Prevention. The LA COC Board will receive an update on HEAP State funding in February. The NOFA release is expected in July. The opportunity to apply for new programs through the reallocation of returned funds and and release of the New Projects RFP. New project recommendations will be made in August. At the Homeless Policy Deputies Meeting, Director Ansell presented a list of key Homeless Initiative activities for 2019. These include the 2019-20 Measure H funding allocations, implementation of the cities homeless plans, expansion of Safe Parking, implementation of homeless employment recommendations, incorporation of supported self-resolution to homelessness (diversion) assistance

for older adults experiencing homelessness, allocation of No Place Like Home Mental Health Services Act housing funds, capacity building for service providers and faith organizations and improved public messaging and communications. The Coroners office reported statistics on deaths of those experiencing homelessness. The highest cause by far was drug overdose and 81% of deaths were males.

- **SCAG Sustainability Awards - Call for Nominations:** The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is committed to sustainability efforts and development projects in the Southern California region. The organization is now accepting nominations for projects that use innovative planning to improve the mobility, livability, prosperity, and sustainability of the Southern California region. The awards program is open to all parties, including local governments, nonprofits, developers, and others. Partnerships are also welcome to apply for this opportunity. This year, SCAG will accept submissions in the categories of:
 - Active, Health, and Safe Communities
 - Clean Cities: Alternative Fuels and Infrastructure
 - Green Region Initiative: Resource Conservation and Climate Action
 - Efficiency and Sustainable Land Use
 - Environmental Justice

To learn more about the SCAG Sustainability Awards, please visit [here](#). The deadline to submit application is Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 2:00pm.

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- **Water Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Water Policy Committee and Water TAC held their joint monthly meeting. Kirk Allen from Los Angeles County Public Works gave an update on the Safe, Clean Water program. Mr. Allen reviewed the implementation timeline for each of the programs, including the municipal, regional and district program. Additionally, the Committee and TAC approved an update to the stormwater legislative priorities for 2019 and recommended Governing Board approval.
- **ExpressLanes Meeting:** On Tuesday, I participated in a meeting with Metro Board member John Fasana, Metro staff, as well as representatives from SBCCOG, Gateway COG and Supervisor Hahn's office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Metro ExpressLanes program, including the development of an interfund borrowing policy to assist with expansion of the ExpressLanes network. This would include completion of the ExpressLanes gap that will be created along the I-10 when the County of San Bernardino opens their ExpressLanes project in the coming years. Metro staff had previously presented the draft policy to the SGVCOG Transportation Committee in November. Chair Fasana provided an update on the development of this policy and related issues at the January Transportation Committee meeting.
- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG EENR Committee held its January meeting at the Monrovia Community Center. The first presentation of the meeting was given by RMC Project Manager Joseph Gonzalez on Proposition 68's grant funding guidelines. The guidelines are scheduled to be approved by the RMC Board later this month and a call-for-projects is expected to be released in late February or early March. CR&R Project Manager Mike Silva provided the second presentation of the meeting on the company's facility that converts organics and food waste into renewable natural gas. EENR Committee members requested COG staff to work with the South Coast Air Quality Management District to schedule a tour of the facility at a later date. Additionally, SGVCOG staff Alexander Fung provided the third presentation on the COG's new Coyote Management Task Force. The task force focuses on developing a regional plan in addressing the coyote issues in the San Gabriel Valley. Cities that are interested in learning more or joining the regional coyote management efforts can contact Alexander Fung via e-mail at afung@sgvcog.org or call (626) 457-1800. We also welcome the City of San Gabriel and Los Angeles County's First Supervisorial District to the committee! The next EENR Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 12:30pm at the Monrovia Community Center.
- **Caltrans Webinar:** On Monday, from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, SGVCOG staff participated in an "SB 1 for Local Agencies Webinar," which was hosted by Caltrans staff, specifically, the Caltrans Division of Local Assistance. Throughout this webinar, multiple Caltrans Division Office chiefs presented on a plethora of topics, rules, guidelines, and procedures pertaining to SB 1 programs, compliance,

and project implementation. First, Caltrans staff addressed the following funding and grant programs under SB 1:

- Active Transportation Program (ATP)
- Local Partnership Program (LPP)
- Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP)
- Trade Corridors Enhancement Program (TCEP)
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For each of the above programs, Caltrans staff provided information about which project phases that funds can be used for, any match requirements, and Baseline Agreement requirements. Additionally, Caltrans provided pertinent information related to SB 1's Accountability and Transparency Guidelines. This included information about which types of projects or SB 1 funds require a Baseline Agreement, and the required process and timeline for executing a Baseline Agreement. An overview of quarterly or biannually project progress reports was also given, too. Also, Caltrans staff gave helpful information and details regarding local assistance agreements, such as Master Agreements and Program Supplement Agreements, the CTC allocation overview and process, the Federal authorization overview and process, and best practices. For a PDF file of the full presentation from the webinar, please click [HERE](#). Additionally, for a comprehensive list of SB 1 Local Assistance contact information, please click [HERE](#). The SGVCOG is in Caltrans District 7, and the District 7 Local Assistance Engineer is Steve Novotny, who can be reached at Steve.Novotny@dot.ca.gov.

- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Transportation Committee met for its January meeting. Metro Deputy Executive Officer Michael Cano presented on the Metro Goods Movement Strategic Plan. The next presentation that was given to the Committee was regarding the Gold Line Eastside Extension Phase 2. For this item, Laura Cornejo, a Metro Deputy Executive Officer, gave an update on the EIR work for this project, the project approval timeline, and the possible project alternatives. The third presentation during this Committee meeting was on the recently-launched BlueLA Carsharing service, which is the nation's largest electric vehicle carsharing service which benefits disadvantaged communities. Moreover, Committee Chair John Fasana led discussions on two items. One item was the ExpressLanes/Congestion Pricing Program Interfund Loan Principles and Policies, as well as the possible ExpressLanes Pilot Program that Metro might implement for I-10 and I-110. The second discussion item was regarding a Metro recommendation pertaining to the change in scoping plan for the Foothill Gold Line Extension Phase 2B from Glendora to Claremont. Metro staff's recommendation is to ensure the extension of the Foothill Alignment to the Pomona station as a first phase. The Committee also discussed funding options for filling in the \$93 million funding gap to have the first 2B phase go to Pomona instead of La Verne.

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Week of January 21, 2019

- **Homeless Count:** As part of the Greater Los Angeles Continuum Care, the communities in the SGV joined hundreds of others across the nation in taking a count of their homeless populations in the month of January. On Tuesday, the 2019 Annual Point in Time Homeless rolled out across the San Gabriel Valley. Nearly 1,400 volunteers including elected officials, upper city management, staff and police officers working side-by-side with churches and community groups to make the count a success. Supervisor Kathryn Barger was in Altadena with members of the Town Council to bring awareness to the SGV Count. Supervisor Solis' Field Representatives counted out of the Pomona deployment site with Mayor Sandoval, Councilmembers Rubin Gonzalez, Victor Preciado, Steve Lustro and Norma Garcia. City Manager, Shannon Yauchzee participated in the Baldwin Park Count. Although the visual Count took place this week, interviews of homeless individuals will continue for the next few weeks. A separate Youth count is taking place over several weeks. Upon conclusion, the data will go to USC and will be analyzed. The goal is to send the data report to HUD in May and, once received, will then be released broadly.
- **Measure H Implementation Grants:** Thursday morning, cities received award notifications from the County CEO and United Way. Eighteen proposals requesting \$5,229,229 were submitted under Priority 1: Increase the supply of interim and permanent housing. Nineteen proposals requesting a total of \$3,611,380 were proposed under Priority 2: Enhance County service systems. \$1,731,700 were awarded under Priority 1. \$2,005,564 were awarded under Priority 2. Twenty proposals were awarded full or partial funding. With the exception of training strategies, those proposals that were partially funded or not funded at this time were offered the opportunity to resubmit the requests with some rewriting. SGVCOG member cities submitted 17 proposals, nine requesting \$2,977,393 under Priority 1 and eight for \$1,683,854 under Priority 2. \$1,773,604 were awarded to member cities; \$726,700 under Priority 1 and \$1,046,904 under Priority 2. An additional \$2,851,643 is eligible for resubmission; \$2,250,693 under Priority 1 and \$600,950 under Priority 2. The County has scheduled a conference call with the COGs to discuss ways in which the COGs can help awarded cities to move forward, and also to assist cities that desire to resubmit in reformulating their proposals in partnership with their respective HI leads.
- **Planning TAC:** On Thursday, the Planning TAC met for its first meeting of 2019, with staff from 19 SGV cities in attendance. Members of the TAC first heard a presentation from Heather Stratman of Principle Strategic Advisors about the possibility of establishing a Regional Housing and Land Trust Fund. Ms. Stratman described the structure and benefits of a typical Housing Trust Fund, and she explained the role that Housing Trust Funds can play in filling funding gaps for

homelessness and housing projects. Also discussed during this presentation were different funding sources for the Trust Funds, including LA County Measure H, Propositions 1 and 2, SB 2, and possible new redevelopment-type programs which utilize some form of tax increments. Additionally, SGVCOG staff provided a legislative preview presentation for 26 bills pertaining to housing, planning, and zoning that have already been introduced in the 2019-2020 legislative session. Legislation related to zoning and land use, low-income and affordable housing, accessory dwelling units, new versions of redevelopment, homelessness, and housing in general was discussed. Bills of note include SB 50 (Wiener), AB 10 (Chiu), AB 68 (Ting), AB 11 (Chiu, et al.), SB 5 (Beall and McGuire), and AB 139 (Quirk-Silva). The TAC also held a brief discussion on possible ideas or plans pertaining to any regulations that cities might try to enact for MEHKOs, or Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations, which were just formally legalized by AB 626.

- **California Natural Resources Agency's Urban Greening Grant:** The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) is currently accepting concept proposals for the Urban Greening Grant Program until February 28, 2019. Approximately \$19.0 million in awards will be funded by this program through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Applicants submitting the most competitive proposals will be invited to participate in the next level of the competitive process. The upcoming technical assistance workshop for this grant will be held on February 11, 2019 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Pomona City Hall Council Chambers. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP to the workshop by calling CNRA at (916) 653-2812 or e-mailing urbangreening@resources.ca.gov. Additional details of the Urban Greening Grant Program can be found on the CNRA website [here](#).
- **Public Sector Employer Bikeshare Webinar:** On Wednesday, I participated in a webinar hosted by the California Department of Public Health (DPH) on developing a public sector employer bikeshare program. The DPH launched its program in downtown Sacramento in 2013. The program is intended to help the agency meet both its employee wellness and GHG emissions reductions goals. The program has been highly successful, with approximately 10% of DPH staff utilizing the program. DPH staff has developed a toolkit for other public agencies interested in launching a similar program. That toolkit can be accessed here:
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DCDIC/NEOPB/CDPH%20Document%20Library/PPPDS_%20BikeShareToolkit.pdf.
- **Los Angeles County Green Leadership Awards:** The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors established an annual Green Leadership Awards Program in 2008. The awards program is designed to recognize efforts to enhance the Greater Los Angeles region's sustainability and to create opportunities to engage and inspire the community to become more environmentally-conscious. Residents, public agencies, businesses, nonprofits, educational institutions, and trade and professional associations that are within the County of Los Angeles are eligible to apply for this awards program. The application can be found on www.lacounty.gov and the deadline to submit all required materials is February 15, 2019 by 5:00pm. Selected winners will be invited to an awards ceremony that is scheduled to be

held on April 23, 2019. Questions and inquiries regarding the Green Leadership Awards can be directed to Jackie Guevarra or Laura Perez at Greenleadership@lacbos.org.

- **Metro NextGen Bus Study Workshop:** Throughout this month, LA Metro has been hosting a series of workshops for its NextGen Bus Study, which is a study that is being conducted to design a new bus network that is more relevant, reflective of, and attractive to the residents of Los Angeles County. Two of these workshops have been hosted in the San Gabriel Valley: one took place in the City of San Gabriel last week, and the second took place yesterday evening in Pasadena, which SGVCOG staff attended. This open house-style event enabled members of the public to speak directly with Metro staff, learn more about the details, goals, and purpose of the study, and share input, suggestions, and thoughts about how Metro can improve the bus system. At this workshop, there were different interactive stations which pertained to: project purpose, recurring study themes, data analysis of travel patterns, service redesign considerations, and interactive mapping and public comments. Metro staff urged members of the public to provide feedback with regards to equity, customer experience, accessibility, connectivity, bus schedules, and outreach and engagement. After all of these NextGen Bus Study workshops conclude by mid-February, Metro will compile all information and input received from workshop participants and use this valuable information as the organization drafts service and route design concepts. Then, in March, Metro will reconvene its External Working Group, which SGVCOG staff participates in, and will share and review its draft service concepts for the redesigned bus system with that group.

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- **Capital Projects Committee:** The Capital Projects & Construction Committee met on Monday, January 28, 2019. The Committee unanimously approved an agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to perform services for construction improvements at the SR 57/60 interchange. The design for this project is expected to be complete in 2020. Lastly the Committee reviewed the quarterly project progress and project mitigation monitoring reports.
- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, in lieu of a formal Public Works TAC meeting, Public Works TAC members took part in a tour of the San Jose Creek Water Treatment Plant of the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. During this highly informative tour of this treatment plant, which treats about 50 million gallons of wastewater per day, a Sanitation Districts facilities planning engineer walked attendees through the process that the Sanitation Districts utilizes to treat wastewater and solid waste. The Sanitation Districts tour guide first discussed the history and the public funding sources of the agency, and also conveyed the role that it plays to protect public health, safety, and the environment while also considering economy of scale and being cost-effective. Attendees learned that the Sanitation Districts converts its processed and treated waste into resources such as recycled water, energy, and recycled materials. Additionally, Public Works TAC members were able to get a first-hand look at the outside waste treatment tanks, where they learned about the primary treatment process, which involves gravity, the secondary treatment process, which uses biological techniques to filtrate and disinfect the water, and the tertiary treatment process, which employs chemical techniques to disinfect the water. The SGVCOG appreciates the Sanitation Districts of LA County for accommodating the Public Works TAC members during this tour and for providing the TAC with unique insight into their treatment processes and operations.
- **SCAG Aviation TAC:** On Tuesday, SGVCOG staff attended Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Aviation TAC meeting. At the meeting, experts and professionals presented on Los Angeles International Airport's upcoming renovation plans and the expected air traffic growth rate in the Southern California region. Most notably, the SCAG region has been experiencing the highest amount of annual air traffic growth rate (5.12%) in the United States. Given other regional and national forecasts, the SCAG region is projected to have an annual air passenger growth rate of 1.61% to 2.61% from 2017 to 2045. With an annual passenger growth rate of 1.61%, the SCAG region would have 172.5 million annual passengers (MAPs) by 2045. At an annual passenger growth rate of 2.61%, the region would have 226.7 MAPs by 2045. These growth rates are conservative when compared to North America (3.1% annual growth rate) and San Francisco International Airport (2.7% annual growth rate). While these projections were precisely calculated, presenters stressed that projection results can be impacted if

there are drastic unexpected changes in population, income, GDP, and job growth. For Los Angeles International Airport, the passenger growth rate has been increasing steadily at an average annual rate of 2.2% since 2009. For questions and inquiries regarding projections or statistical models used in the projection calculations, please contact Hiroshi Ishikawa at ishikawa@scag.ca.gov.

- **Tri-COG Meeting:** On Tuesday, Mark Christoffels, Paul Hubler, and I participated in a meeting with South Bay and Gateway COGs. Topics of discussion included Metro's 28X2028 plan and the impact of accelerating multiple regional projects, the proposed ExpressLanes interfund borrowing program, and coordination with SCAG on regional projects.
- **CalRecycle's SB 212 Informal Rulemaking Workshop:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff attended California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) SB 212 informal rulemaking workshop. CalRecycle is currently soliciting public comments and feedback regarding existing regulatory languages of the bill. The informal rulemaking workshop covered the timeline and the first three articles of the bill's regulatory languages, which include details on regulating covered entities, stewardship organizations, stewardship plans, as well as definitions of key terms mentioned in the bill language. At the meeting, SGVCOG staff provided suggestions for CalRecycle staff to consider adding specific provisions to ensure that public outreach materials include translations for communities with high percentages of immigrant populations. Additionally, SGVCOG staff recommended CalRecycle staff develop outreach programs targeted to populations of individuals facing homelessness. CalRecycle is encouraging cities to send all public comments regarding the first three articles to PharmaSharps@CalRecycle.ca.gov by February 15, 2019. Feedback and comments gathered by that date will be used to develop the formal rulemaking document. CalRecycle is scheduled to begin the formal rulemaking process in early October of this year. SGVCOG staff will be attending the second SB 212 informal rulemaking workshop in late February, which covers the last four articles of SB 212's regulatory language. Staff will also provide a brief presentation regarding the details of the first rulemaking workshop at the February EENR Committee meeting that is scheduled to be on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at the Monrovia Community Center. For more information about SB 212 or its rulemaking process, please visit the CalRecycle website [here](#).