



**SGVCOG Public Works TAC Special Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 9, 2020  
Time: 12:00 PM  
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
R. Guerrero called the meeting to order at 12:04pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
R. Guerrero led the Public Works TAC in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call  
**A quorum was in attendance.**

**Committee Members Present**

Azusa	Robert Delgadillo
Baldwin Park	John Beshay
Diamond Bar	David Liu, Hal Ghafari
El Monte	Sal Mendez, Leticia Ortiz
Industry	Josh Nelson
Irwindale	Daniel Co, Gilbert Ramos
La Verne	Dan Keeseey
Monterey Park	Frank Lopez
Pomona	Rene Guerrero
Rosemead	Chris Daste
San Dimas	Shari Garwick
South Pasadena	Julian Lee, Garrett Crawford
Walnut	Mary Rooney
L.A. County DPW	Shirley Lai, Ron Matsuoka

**Absent**

Arcadia  
Claremont  
Glendora  
Monrovia  
San Gabriel  
San Marino  
South El Monte  
Temple City  
West Covina

**Guests**

L.A. County FCD	Enrique Baul
L.A. County FCD	Daniel Sharp

**SGVCOG Staff**

M. Christoffels, Staff  
A. Fung, Staff

4. Public Comment  
There were no public comments at this meeting.
5. Changes to Agenda Order  
There were no changes to the agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

6. Review Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes: 10/19/2020  
*Action: Review and approve.*

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 6. (M/S: M. Rooney/J. Nelson)  
[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Azusa, Baldwin Park, Diamond Bar, Industry, Irwindale, La Verne, Monterey Park, Pomona, Rosemead, South Pasadena, Walnut, Los Angeles County DPW
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	El Monte, San Dimas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Arcadia, Claremont, Glendora, Monrovia, San Gabriel, San Marino, South El Monte, Temple City, West Covina

**PRESENTATION**

**7. San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Development Project**

Los Angeles County Flood Control District Civil Engineer, Enrique Baul, provided a presentation on this item. The Los Angeles County Flood Control District's (LACFCD) San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan builds upon the SGVCOG's Active Transportation Program Feasibility Study. The Plan's purpose is to transform approximately 138 miles of existing LACFCD right-of-way into the Greenway Network and to incorporate the needs of the communities, bridge gaps between existing planning efforts, and identify and prioritize project opportunities. A review of existing studies and planned projects was recently completed and LACFCD is currently analyzing tributaries to prioritize potential greenway reaches and conducting community engagement efforts with San Gabriel Valley cities.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A committee member inquired about whether SGVCOG staff or SGVCOG city representatives are included in the project's Steering Committee. Mr. Baul responded that SGVCOG staff are included in the Steering Committee.
- Another committee member inquired about the County's engagement with cities that do not have early implementation projects. Mr. Baul responded that the County is looking forward to engaging with additional cities in the next few months. Cities are also welcomed to reach out to SGVCOG staff to schedule meetings to discuss the project.
- A committee member inquired about the timeline of the selected early implementation projects. Mr. Baul responded that the early implementation projects are on different schedule compared to the Greenway Network Project. The committee member recommended Mr. Baul to share the project schedule with all committee members.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**8. Regional VMT Mitigation Bank**

SGVCOG Chief Engineer, Mark Christoffels, provided an overview of the proposed Regional VMT Mitigation Bank Project. Earlier this year, the SGVCOG Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Fehr and Peers to provide professional services for the implementation of the Regional Vehicle of Miles Travelled

(VMT) Model to assist member agencies with complying to SB 743 mandates. Under the direction of SGVCOG staff, Fehr and Peers analyzed existing traffic conditions in the San Gabriel Valley region to develop a baseline standard and determine significance California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) thresholds for future land use and transportation projects. Several participating cities subsequently expressed the possibility of implementing a Regional VMT Mitigation Bank, which would create a monetary value for VMT mitigation such that a developer could purchase VMT reduction credits. Representatives of the 27 participating cities subsequently directed SGVCOG staff to consult with the committee regarding the possibility of implementing a Regional VMT Mitigation Bank for the San Gabriel Valley region.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A committee member inquired about other regions that have implemented regionwide VMT fee programs. Mr. Christoffels responded that the San Diego region has recently implemented a VMT fee structure; however, the San Gabriel Valley region will become the first Los Angeles County subregion to implement such a program if member agencies decide to proceed with this endeavor.
- Several committee members expressed support for SGVCOG staff to proceed with this project; however, these committee members also mentioned that it would be beneficial to consult with the SGVCOG Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee. SGVCOG staff responded that the Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee will be reviewing this item at its upcoming meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 12:00pm.
- Mr. Christoffels commented that SGVCOG staff will provide additional updates at the January committee meeting after consulting with the Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee.

**9. Metro Measure R Highway Program Criteria and Measure M Guidelines**

SGVCOG Chief Engineer, Mark Christoffels, provided an overview on this item. Metro Board of Directors recently directed Metro staff to circulate recommendations to modernize the Metro Highway Program, including broadening its mission, expanding funding eligibility, recommitting to the previously adopted Metro Complete Streets Policy, and updating performance metrics. As a result, Metro staff are requesting councils of governments and regional partners to review and provide feedback on the Measure R Highway Program Criteria and Measure M Guidelines by December 7, 2020. Metro staff will subsequently summarize stakeholder input and proceed with a formal Criteria/Guideline Amendment for final Metro Board consideration. Mr. Christoffels mentioned that SGVCOG staff is concerned that these changes will create overlapping subregional fund definitions, particularly in the Measure M programs.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A committee member inquired whether the documents that highlight the proposed changes were sent to the cities. Mr. Christoffels responded that Metro shared the documents directly with councils of governments' executive directors, but Metro did not send the documents to cities.

- Several committee members mentioned that the proposed changes can possibly mislead voters who voted in support of the measures.
- A committee member suggested that SGVCOG staff can submit a comment letter expressing that Metro should allow individual subregions to modify their eligibility requirements to preserve the existing funding structure that was established by the SGVCOG.

#### **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **10. Next Committee Meeting**

The upcoming committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021 at 12:00pm.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

R. Guerrero congratulated the Cities of Alhambra, Claremont, El Monte, La Verne, Monrovia, Pomona, and San Gabriel for finishing Southern California Regional Energy Network's (SoCalREN) energy efficiency training series and reminded cities that are enrolled in the SoCalREN to complete the agency satisfaction survey by the end of November.

#### **ADJOURN**

R. Guerrero adjourned the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee meeting at 12:56pm.