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Celebrate Community Mobility at Active Streets 2024 Mission-to-Mission!

EVENT MAP

- EVENT ROUTE**
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- CROSSING FOR CARS**
汽車通行的路口 / CRUCE DE CARROS
- SOUTH PASADENA METRO STATION**
南帕薩迪納火車站 / ESTACION DE METRO SOUTH PASADENA
- FESTIVAL HUBS**
活動中心 / CENTROS DE ACTIVIDAD

ACTIVE STREETS
MISSION-TO-MISSION

OPEN STREETS
MADE POSSIBLE BY Metro

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We're thrilled to announce the return of the Mission-to-Mission Open Streets Event **on Sunday, April 28th, 2024**. In partnership with LA Metro and ActiveSGV, we are converting the streets of Alhambra, San Gabriel, and South Pasadena into an exciting space free from car traffic, perfect for walking, biking, and exploring. This popular regional event will allow pedestrians and cyclists to enjoy 5 miles of roadway free of charge. Each city will have a hub showcasing local businesses, organizations, and entertainment. The day will begin with an Opening Ceremony at 8:15 am at the South Pasadena Hub, located by City Hall. We can't wait to see you at this special community celebration. You can find more information about the event [here](#).

***Promoting San Gabriel Valley's Interests in
Washington, D.C.***



During the second week of March, SGVCOG President Tim Hepburn led a delegation to Washington, D.C., to advocate for the San Gabriel Valley's needs directly to federal lawmakers and agencies. The team included Ricky Choi, Director of Government and Community Relations, Steph Wong, Senior Management Analyst, and specialists from Townsend Public Affairs. They aimed to discuss funding requirements and priorities for crucial areas such as housing, homelessness, transportation and infrastructure, and environmental sustainability.



During their time in D.C., the SGVCOG team met with members of the U.S. Congress and officials from various federal agencies that oversee funding crucial to the San Gabriel Valley's projects and initiatives. These meetings were an opportunity to highlight the agency's achievements and advocate for continued and enhanced federal support.

The trip was a vital step in strengthening the SGVCOG's relationship with federal decision-makers, ensuring they are aware of and support the San Gabriel Valley's priorities. The delegation's efforts are expected to bolster support for the region, contributing to the continued success of SGVCOG's initiatives.

***SR 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project
Community Open House & Project Update***



On March 18th, the SGVCOG hosted a Community Open House in Diamond Bar to raise community awareness of the progress of the SR 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project. The meeting was attended by Mayor Stan Liu, Mayor Pro Tem Chia Yu Teng, and Councilmembers Andrew Chou and Ruth Low, along with more than 30 residents, underscoring the community's vested interest in the enhancements being made to our highways. Ricky Choi, our Director of Government and Community Relations, initiated the discussion with an overview of the project's objectives and anticipated outcomes. This was further elaborated by Rene Coronel, P.E., Senior Project Manager, who answered questions and delved into the specifics of the construction process, providing attendees with a comprehensive understanding of the project's scope and its critical role in alleviating traffic congestion.



The feedback provided by residents was invaluable, and the SGVCOG is grateful for the City of Diamond Bar's leadership and partnership in addressing this critical infrastructure project. If you want to receive project updates, please contact Aurelio Marquez at amarquez@sgvcog.org for more information.

Coyotes Among Us: Spreading Awareness Through Community Engagement



This March, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments' Neighborhood Coyote Program embarked on an educational journey, making stops in the cities of San Marino, Rosemead and Arcadia to raise awareness about living safely with coyotes. Our first destination was a fun-filled day at San Marino's Lunar New Year Festival on Sunday, March 10th, distributing educational materials and engaging with over 100 residents. Then, we were at Rosemead's festive St.

"PAW"tricks Day event on Saturday, March 16th. Amidst the festive St. Patrick's Day atmosphere, our team connected with families, distributing informational pamphlets, whistles, and coloring books for kids. Conversations revolved around pet safety in coyote-prone areas, the importance of reporting unusual coyote behavior, and the importance of engaging the community in proactive coexistence practices.



Next, the road then took us to Hugo Reid Elementary School in Arcadia on Thursday, March 21st. Here, we presented to over 61 students. Our presentation aimed to demystify these often misunderstood creatures, focusing on their origins, natural behaviors, and how to share our spaces with them safely. Each student left with a new understanding of coyotes, armed with coloring books and whistles to remind them of the day's lessons.



Our goal is to create a more informed San Gabriel Valley community that can live in harmony with the wildlife around us. If you're interested in bringing the Neighborhood Coyote Program to your organization, please contact pmejia@sgvcog.org for more information.

Connect SGV Podcast Episode: SGV Works

A graphic for a podcast episode titled "CONNECT SGV". The text reads "NEW PODCAST EPISODE: SGV Works". It features two circular portraits of the hosts: Martin Medrano, Community Relations Manager at San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, and Goose Dulce, Executive Director at God's Pantry. At the bottom, it says "Listen Now on <https://www.sgvcog.org/connectsgv>". The background of the graphic is a scenic view of a valley with mountains in the distance.

In this episode, we delve into an in-depth discussion with Goose Dulce, the visionary Executive Director of God's Pantry, and Martin Medrano, the SGVCOG's Community Relations Manager. Together, they shed light on the transformative SGV Works program, a flagship workforce development program spearheaded by God's Pantry. Listen in as they explore this while highlighting its success stories and the lasting positive effects. Listen [here](#).

Defend Your Home Against Wildfires: Join Our Wildfire Preparedness Webinar

The graphic features a blue and yellow color scheme. At the top right are logos for SGVCOG and FIRE PREP SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. The main title 'CREATING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE:' is in large blue letters, with the subtitle 'Preparing for Wildfires in the SGV' below it. A central section contains three white boxes: 'April 10, 2024', '5:00 pm - 6:00 pm', and 'Online via Zoom'. To the right are logos for FORMLA LANDSCAPING and JENSEN HUGHES. Below these are two topic boxes: 'Firewise Landscaping' and 'Community Wildfire Prevention Plan'. At the bottom is a dark blue button with the text 'Register at tinyurl.com/sgv-wildfire-safety'.

Join us on Zoom on **April 10th at 5 pm** to learn how to prepare for wildfires! You'll discover essential strategies for preparing your home and community for wildfires from our expert speakers at FormLA and Jensen Hughes. They'll share tips and tricks for creating fire-resistant landscaping in your yard to stop the spread of wildfires. You'll also get an exclusive look at the groundbreaking Community Wildfire Protection Plan in the San Gabriel Valley. This plan is designed to identify and prepare for wildfire risks in our communities, and our speakers will explain how it impacts you. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn and share your insights. The event is open to all, so register now at tinyurl.com/sgv-wildfire-safety.

Save the Date for Azusa's State of the City

The graphic features the City of Azusa logo at the top left. The text 'The City of Azusa invites you...' is in a serif font. Below this are three images: a landscape with a mountain, a building with a flag, and the Azusa Auditorium. Large white numbers '04 25 24' are overlaid on the images. Below the numbers is the text 'STATE of the CITY' in a large, bold, serif font. At the bottom, the date and time are listed: 'April 25, 2024 | 6:00pm | Azusa City Auditorium'.

The annual Azusa 'State of the City' Address is scheduled for *Thursday, April 25th, 2024, at 6:00 pm*. The event will take place at the Azusa City Auditorium, located at 213 E. Foothill Blvd. Mayor Robert Gonzales will deliver an update on the City's state of affairs, various project updates, and priorities for the rest of

the year. After the event, there will be a community reception with live music and refreshments. For more information, visit the City's [website](#).

April Committee Meeting Schedule

Please be advised that the Governing Board will convene in person at the SGVCOG's office in Monrovia. Livestreams of the meetings can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#). The live streams of San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors meetings are [here](#).

Executive Committee - April 1, 2024, at 10:00 AM

Capital Projects and Construction Committee - April 1, 2024, at 11:00 AM

Homelessness Committee - April 3, 2024, at 8:30 A.M.

(Special Joint Meeting) Water Committee & EENR Committee - April 3, 2024, at 10:15 A.M.

City Managers' Steering Committee - April 3, 2024, at 12:00 P.M.

Transportation Committee - April 3, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.

Regional Housing Trust Board - April 11, 2024, at 2:00 P.M.

Governing Board - April 11, 2024, at 4:00 PM

Planning Directors Working Group - April 25, 2024, at 12:00 P.M.

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