



SGVCOG Transportation Committee **Special Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 20, 2020

Time: **2:45 P.M.**

Location: **Foothill Transit Office**

100 S. Vincent Avenue #200, West Covina, CA 91790

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order.
J. Fasana called the meeting to order at 2:49pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
J. Fasana led the Transportation Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call

Members Present

E. Reece; Claremont
D. Liu; Diamond Bar
J. Fasana; Duarte
P. Chan; Monterey Park
J. Pu; San Gabriel
A. Avery; Temple City
M. Reyes; L.A. County District #1
D. Perry; L.A. County District #5

Members Absent

Alhambra
Glendora
Industry
Pomona
South El Monte
South Pasadena
Walnut

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Executive Director
C. Sims, Staff
A. Fung, Staff

Guests

Mary Lou Echternach, Metro
Jenny Cristales-Cervillos, Metro
Mary Lou Echternach, Metro
Lauren Cencic, Metro
Lilian De Loza Gutierrez, Metro
Doran Barnes, Foothill Transit
Yoko Igawa, Foothill Transit
Steven Gandara, Foothill Transit
Lisa Levy Buch, Foothill Gold Line
Sandra Lopez, Senator Rubio
Dominick Correy, Senator Portantino
Andrew Ross, L.A. County Public Works
Lawrence Tai, Advantec Consulting
Monica Killen, MNS Engineers
Greg Jaquez, MNS Engineers

4. Public Comment
No public comments were given at this meeting.

5. Changes to the Agenda Order
There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes – 01/16/2020
There was a motion made to approve the 01/16/2020 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes (M/S: P. Chan/M. Reyes).

[Motion Passed]

Ayes	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, Temple City, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5
Noes	
Abstain	
Absent	Alhambra, Glendora, Industry, Pomona, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Walnut

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Review of Metro’s Recommendation on East Side Route 60 Gold Line Extension
Metro Project Manager, Jenny Cristales-Cevallos, provided a presentation on this item. Ms. Cristales-Cevallos announced that Metro staff will be formally recommending the Metro Board of Directors to withdraw the SR-60 Alternative and the Combined Alternative to focus on building the Washington Boulevard Alternative in the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project. The Metro Board of Directors will be reviewing these recommendations at its meeting on February 27, 2020.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A member of the public raised concerns over the messaging that Metro staff is branding about the SR-60 Alternative as residents also had oppositions towards the Washington Boulevard Alternative. Metro representatives responded that there were genuine support and oppositions towards both SR-60 and Washington Boulevard Alternatives; however, the technical feasibility identified that the Washington Boulevard Alternative appears to be the more viable option.
- A Governing Board member mentioned that the 60 freeway is extremely congested during rush hours and that changes and improvements must be made along the 60 freeway to alleviate congestions.
- Another Governing Board member expressed concerns over Metro redirecting Measure M and Measure R funds allocated for the Gold Line Eastside Extension SR-60 Alignment to fund projects that are outside of the San Gabriel Valley and inquired about Metro’s proposed feasibility study on traffic congestion alleviation in the San Gabriel Valley. Metro representatives responded that the feasibility study would explore options and corridors along the 60 freeway and propose short-term and long-term solutions.
- A Governing Board member inquired about the possible alternatives that can result from the proposed feasibility study. Metro representatives responded that the study

would reveal the optimal mode of alternative solutions in lieu of constructing the SR-60 Alternative.

- The committee chair and vice chair encouraged cities and agencies to attend the Metro Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 10:00am to voice their concerns.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) REPORT

- 8.** Oral Report
SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chairman, John Fasana, reported on upcoming changes to the Expresslanes.

UPDATE ITEMS

- 9.** Metrolink Update
No reports were given for this item.
- 10.** Gold Line Update
L. Buch reported on the upcoming Metro Gold Line open house meetings.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 11.** Oral Report
There were no reports from the SGVCOG Executive Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Foothill Transit Executive Director, Doran Barnes, announced that new double-deck battery electric buses will be joining the Foothill Transit fleet this summer.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:44pm.