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July 2017

SGVCOG Governing Board Considers Organizational Restructuring

The Governing Board recently debated the recommendation from the Ad Hoc ACE/Large Capital Projects Committee proposing a new expanded role for the ACE (Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority) organization and defining a new more integrated relationship between the SGVCOG and ACE, which is a subsidiary of the SGVCOG. The Ad Hoc Committee has been meeting for a year to evaluate the future of ACE since their mission will be completed by the year 2023.

Several of the recommended changes, including expanding the jurisdiction of ACE and modifying the ACE Board, will require amendments to the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) of the SGVCOG. A majority of the SGVCOG member agencies will need to approve the changed JPA at their legislative board for it to be approved.

The Ad Hoc Committee provided recommendations as follows:

- ACE should be retained by the SGVCOG, rather than expire when its current mission is completed,
- ACE's jurisdiction should be expanded so it can undertake projects throughout the San Gabriel Valley,
- The ACE Board should be restructured so that it has representatives from 5 districts of the San Gabriel Valley.
- ACE should retain its own CEO and Staff, reporting to the ACE Board.

The Executive Committee generally concurred with these recommendations. However, they recommended that both the COG and ACE be combined into a

single organization under one Executive Director. They also requested that the staff integration be approved immediately and implemented July 1, 2018.

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The Governing Board will consider these issues at a future date.



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Work Continues On New Underpass on Puente Ave In the City of Industry

Construction of a roadway underpass and railroad bridge on Puente Avenue at Valley Boulevard in the City of Industry and unincorporated community of Avocado Heights is moving into its next phase. Excavation has begun on Workman Mill Road, south of Valley Boulevard, to prepare the site for construction of the south abutment, retaining walls and roadway underpass.

Crews recently finished work on the southern portion of the roadway bridge that will carry vehicles across Puente Avenue. Despite construction taking place on busy Valley Boulevard, work was staged to ensure traffic flow and access to local businesses was maintained at all times.

Work now moves on to the northern portion of the Valley Boulevard roadway

bridge, as well as the railroad bridge that will span the underpass. As a result, traffic lanes on Valley Boulevard have been shifted onto the newly constructed portion of the bridge structure on the south. In addition, 3rd Avenue has been opened to traffic to provide access to eastbound Valley Boulevard. Project completion is scheduled for Fall 2018.

The project will reduce traffic congestion by an estimated 13 vehicle-hours of delay each day. Additionally, emissions will be reduced and locomotive horn noise eliminated.



Puente Ave Construction

Metro Board Approves Funding and Partnership Agreements for the Foothill Gold Line's Next Segment

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board approved the \$1.4-billion funding and partnership agreements between Metro and the Construction Authority for the construction of the Los Angeles County portion of the Foothill Gold Line light rail project from Glendora to Montclair. The partnership agreements establish a funding plan and shared roles and responsibilities between the two agencies, as the Construction Authority will build and complete the Foothill Gold Line before turning it over to Metro for passenger service.

The Foothill Gold Line is being funded by Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. The portion of the project within Los Angeles County (Glendora to Claremont) is being mostly funded by Metro's Measure M half-cent, as well as residual Measure R funds from the Pasadena to Azusa segment that was completed under budget. The portion from Claremont to

Montclair will need to be funded by San Bernardino County.

The Foothill Gold Line will be the first

transit project in Measure M to begin construction when it breaks ground on October 21, 2017.



SGV Elected Officials and Gold Line Representatives

Governing Board Officers Reflections For FY 17-18

At it's May meeting the Governing Board re-elected and appointed leadership members. Please see below their thoughts on their goals for the COG over the next year.



President Cynthia Sternquist

As you reflect over the past year, what do you think was the COG's most impactful accomplishment?

The most impactful accomplishment was strengthening our committees. The new legislative committee will also play an important role in helping our committees agendas move forward. Our committees are stronger then ever to ensure that the SGV is at the forefront!

Over the next year, what do you see as a priority for the COG to address?

The top priorities will be to get a consensus from the Governing Board on the merger of ACE /COG. Also, the decision of the COG Executive Director, Phil Hawkey, to leave his position in October, tasks the Executive Committee and Governing Board to determine a process for hiring a new Executive Director and ensuring a smooth transition is of utmost importance.

How do you manage your role as a COG officer along with your other responsibilities?

Outstanding staff support and the support of my colleagues helps me to manage my time efficiently. My family is very supportive of my efforts and understanding of the time constraints it can present. This year is particularly challenging as I am currently Mayor of my city.



1st Vice President Margret Clark

As you reflect over the past year, what do you think was the COG's most impactful accomplishment?

I think the most impactful accomplishment is the COG's whitepaper and positions on the stormwater issue. We have been a leader in this very important issue and have had our position paper requested by other organizations.

Over the next year, what do you see as a priority for the COG to address?

I believe that stormwater will continue to be a priority as well as homelessness where we have seen a tremendous increase in attendance and interest in our COG homeless committee. I also would like us to address public safety issues.

How do you manage your role as a COG officer along with your other responsibilities?

Since I have been on the executive board for the past year, I already have made provisions for the time required. Additionally, the issues fit with the many other committees I serve on at the regional (SCAG) state (League of Cities), and national (National League of Cities) level.



2nd Vice President Joe Lyons

As you reflect over the past year, what do you think was the COG's most impactful accomplishment?

The COG's most impactful accomplishment was its endorsement of Measure H and its successful lobbying of Supervisors Barger and Solis to include funding to COG's and cities.

Over the next year, what do you see as a priority for the COG to address?

I consider two priorities to be time sensitive and critical. First, assist member cities plan and apply for grant funding through existing County, State, and Federal programs. Second, to establish a working relationship and partnership with the County's Measure H lead agencies in order to assist member cities achieve maximum benefit from implementation of the Measure H Strategies.

How will you manage your role as a COG officer along with your other responsibilities?

The new title will bring with it some increased opportunities to facilitate the COG's implementation of our Strategic Plan and corporate reorganization resulting from the Board's decision to fully merge ACE with the SGVCOG.



3rd Vice President Becky Shevlin

As you reflect over the past year, what do you think was the COG's most impactful accomplishment?

I believe that in all areas of our strategic planning priorities, we have made contributions in building and maintaining a strong voice as a COG in representing the needs of the San Gabriel Valley, but especially in areas relating to transportation, water, and homelessness.

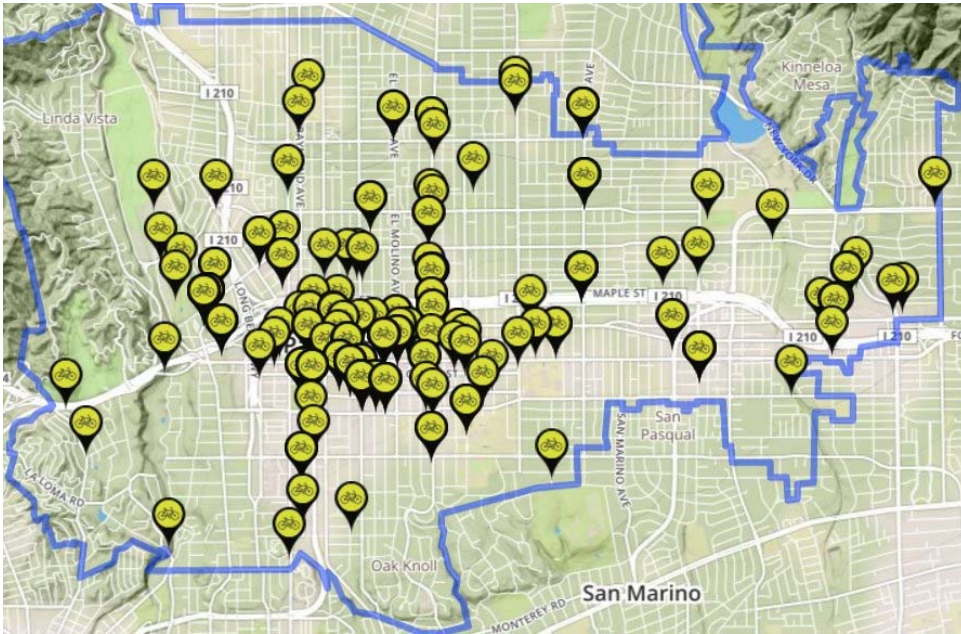
Over the next year, what do you see as a priority for the COG to address?

The commencement and facilitation of the merger of COG and ACE per Governing Board directives while also maintaining and advancing the focus on the COG strategic priorities.

How will you manage your role as a COG officer along with your other responsibilities?

I will continue to be engaged as much as possible with and through the COG and its membership and continue to educate myself on pertinent issues for not only the region in general, but relating to our individual COG members as well.

San Gabriel Valley News In Brief



Pasadena Bike Share Locations



City of Pasadena To Launch New Bike Share Stations:

Metro Bike Share launches in Pasadena on July 14. Metro's Pasadena Bike Share Program will have approximately 400 bicycles at 34 bike share stations that are located to serve the Central District, Pasadena City College Caltech and Metro Gold Line Stations.

Key destinations accessible via bike sharing will include Old Pasadena, Paseo Colorado, the Playhouse District, South Lake Avenue, Levitt Pavilion (Memorial Park) and Pasadena City College. There will also be bike share stations connecting to and from the Rose Bowl. Riders traveling to and from stadium events will be able to take advantage of the bike share via virtual kiosk.

The Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee Recommends Support of LACCE:

On June 21st, the EENR Committee recommended that the COG support the Los Angeles County Community Choice Energy (LACCE). LACCE allows local governments, working through a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to purchase and sell electricity to customers in their jurisdictions as an alternative to traditional investor owned utilities (IOU).

The County of Los Angeles initiated a technical feasibility study to determine if the County can meet the electricity load requirements for 82 eligible cities and County unincorporated areas with rates that are competitive with the local IOU. The Study concluded that the formation of a LACCE program in Los Angeles County would be financially prudent and would yield considerable benefits to residents and businesses.

The Los Angeles County supervisors, approved the creation of the LACCE JPA in April 2017, which took effect on June 27, 2017, when the City of Rolling Hills Estates passed an ordinance adopting the JPA giving interested cities a 180-day window to adopt the JPA with out a fee. Cities can opt in by passing a CCE enabling ordinance and JPA Agreement.

LA County Approves Commercial PACE Agreement with the SGVCOG:

On June 20th, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between LA County and the SGVCOG to jointly promote Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) in the San Gabriel Valley. This agreement awards \$120,000 in funding to the SGVCOG. The SGVCOG will work with the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP) to leverage existing business partnerships. The SGVEP will use \$100,000 of the funding to develop and implement a comprehensive marketing plan, as well as provide technical assistance. The SGVCOG will retain the remaining \$20,000 to provide staff support for the SGVEP efforts.

The LA County Commercial PACE Program is a financing option for property owners designed to facilitate and fund adoption of energy efficiency, water efficiency, and renewable energy building upgrades. PACE covers up to 100% of the installed cost through low interest loans that are designed to be repaid as a portion of the property owner's tax bill. More than 99 percent of the cities within LA County have adopted PACE resolutions.



Foothill Gold Line Industry Workshop a Success

The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority recently /hosted an Industry Workshop in Monrovia, CA. The event drew more than 200 small business representatives and prime contractors interested in upcoming business opportunities with the Construction Authority and helping to build the nearly \$1.4 billion, six-station Glendora to Montclair segment.

The Construction Authority Plans to issue RFP's for significant contracts, and attendees learned about the Construction Authority's Small Business Enterprise (SBE) program, which has an aspirational goal of 16.6% participation by SBEs in all contracts.

For more information please visit: <http://www.foothillgoldline.org/about-us/construction-authority/>



Gold Line Workshop Participants



Commuters using the Gold Line

626 Open Streets Final Report Released :

Modeled after the thousands of other "open streets" or "ciclovía" events that have been staged in cities around the world for the past decade, 626 Golden Streets temporarily opened stretches of roadway from South Pasadena to Azusa for people to walk, jog, skate, bike, run and play.

Over 18 miles of streets, linking 6 Metro Gold Line stations, were made car-free on March 5th, 2017 from 9am-3pm. Eight San Gabriel Valley communities participated in the event:

- South Pasadena,
- San Marino,
- East Pasadena,
- Arcadia, Monrovia,
- Duarte,
- Irwindale, and
- Azusa.

The event marked the one-year anniversary of the Foothill Gold Line Phase 2A Azusa extension opening brought and estimated 100,000 people.

During the event surveys asking questions about participant experiences were distributed and nearly 1,200 were forms. The results of the survey are as follows:

- 99% of respondents would like to see a 626 event in the San Gabriel Valley again.
- 69% of respondents shopped at businesses along the event route.
- 48% of respondents indicated this was their first opens streets event
- 17% of respondents used the Metro Gold Line for the first time.
- 17% average rise in sales for local businesses.

The event raised the bar for multi-jurisdictional collaboration by bringing together various communities, local non-profits, and countless committed individuals, in support of reimagining San Gabriel Valley Streets.

The SGVCOG Takes Positions on Various Pieces of Legislation:

AB 1274 (O'Donnell) Support:

Exempts two additional model years of vehicles (model years 7 and 8) from motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program (smog check) requirements, assesses these vehicles a fee of \$24 per year for each year they are exempted, and directs revenue from the fee to the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Moyer Program) which, promotes emission reductions and incentivizes owners to go beyond regulatory requirements.

SB 268 (Mendoza) Oppose:

Increases the number of Metro Board members from 14 to 16. It also reduces the number of County Supervisors on the METRO Board from five to two, removes the appointment of two public members, and increases Los Angeles Councilmember appointments.

AB 1408 (Calderon) Support:

Requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide a local law enforcement agency with copies of an inmate's record of supervision during any period of parole, including records of supervision in the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS).

AB 1132 (Garcia) Support:

Authorizes an air pollution control officer (APCO) to issue an interim Order of Abatement pending a hearing of the district hearing board, if the APCO determines that a person is in violation, either by operating without a permit or exceeding a district permit or rule, and the violation presents an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health, welfare, or the environment.



Commuter using Active Transportation

SB1 Augmentation Funding Guidelines

SB 1, directs \$100 million annually from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account to the Active Transportation Program (ATP) beginning in the 2017-18 fiscal year. The California Transportation Commission adopted an accelerated implementation schedule at their May 17th meeting to accommodate the unexpected supplemental funding from SB 1. The accelerated schedule includes a proposed implementation strategy of using SB 1 funds to advance projects funded through the Cycle 3 ATP competition, and to fund Cycle 3 projects that were high-scoring but ultimately not selected for funding awards.

The augmentation guidelines describe the policy, standards, criteria, and procedures for the development, adoption and management of the ATP. The funding available for the 2017 ATP Augmentation will be distributed into the Statewide Component, the Small Urban & Rural Component, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Component.

Funding for the 2017 ATP Augmentation will only be available to:

- Projects programmed in the adopted 2017 ATP that can be

delivered earlier than currently programmed

- Projects that applied for funding in the 2017 ATP but were not selected for funding

Projects that were awarded funds in 2017 ATP will remain in the component from which they were originally funded. In other words, a 2017 ATP project awarded funding from the Small Urban & Rural

Component will remain in that component and a 2017 ATP project awarded funding from the MPO Component will remain in that component.

Call for Projects began on June 30th and project submittals must be submitted by August 1st.



Riders Utilizing Active Transportation Infrastructure

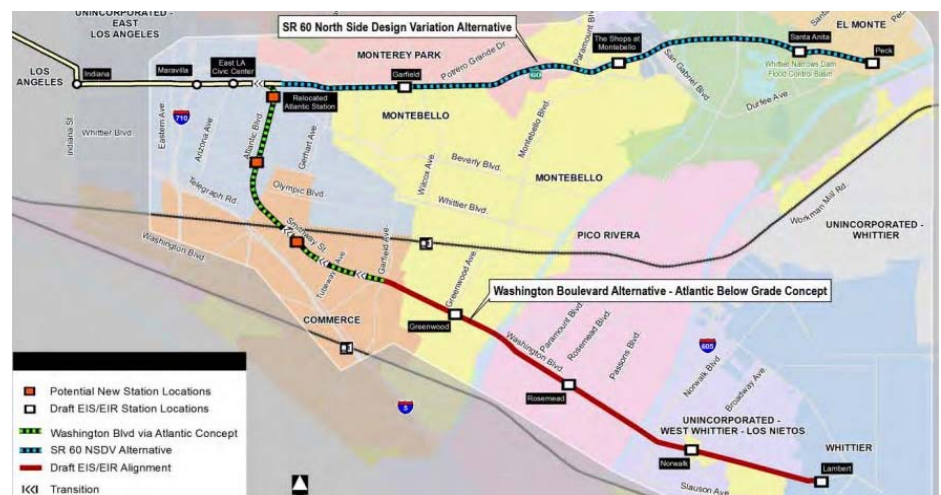
Eastside Corridor Phase 2 Receives Metro Board Approval To Move Forward

The Metro Board of Directors approved a new Project Definition for environmental clearance of the Metro Eastside Gold Line Extension also known as the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 project. The new project definition includes three routes to be studied in a revised draft environmental document: 1. State Route 60 (SR-60) North Side Design Variation Alternative to South El Monte; 2. Washington Boulevard Alternative with Atlantic Boulevard Below-Grade Option to Whittier; and 3. Combined Alternative with both Alternatives.

The Board also approved a motion directing staff to report back on options to comply with the projected groundbreaking dates outlined in the Measure M Expenditure plan and potential opportunities for accelerating

both alignments. This information would be provided to the board by the project team upon completion of the revised environmental document. The SGVCOG supports the SR60 alignment which generally follows the southern edge of

the SR-60 Freeway terminating at Peck Rd in the City of South El Monte. Measure R includes \$1.3 Billion, and Measure M includes \$1.1 Billion for the total combined project. Currently, funds will be available beginning 2029.



LA County To Develop Water Resiliency Plan

In April of 2016, the LA County Board of Supervisors (BOS) directed the Department of Public Works (DPW) to develop a Water Resiliency Plan to address drought preparedness. The Plan calls for integrated strategies that would make the County more self-reliant (less reliant on imported water) and increase the ability to capture, clean, and retain stormwater and urban runoff. Likely the Plan will advise the construction of local and regional multi-benefit stormwater capture projects. The Plan is due in draft form by Summer 2017.

On May 30th, the BOS passed a motion brought by Supervisors Sheila Kuehl and Hilda Solis to concurrently develop an Expenditure Plan that will determine a parcel tax to fund the construction of stormwater capture projects. Specifically, the motion directs County agencies and departments to:

- Conduct broad education, outreach, and engagement with stakeholders and the public;
- Determine an appropriate parcel tax to fund stormwater capture and water quality projects and programs;
- Develop an Expenditure Plan for the parcel tax that will

- Analyze crediting or rebate programs for entities who have met program purposes; and
- Pursue state legislation to authorize taxing authority.

A first draft of the Water Resiliency Plan is expected to be completed in Summer 2017, but will continue to be developed with stakeholder input through 2018.

At the heart of the plan will be strategies that promote multi-benefit stormwater capture projects to boost and clean our local water supplies and catch more rainfall during big storms. The Board of Supervisors also directed the DPW on May 30th, to concurrently develop an Expenditure Plan that will determine an appropriate parcel tax to implement stormwater capture and water quality projects and programs. DPW will report back to the Board of Supervisors within nine months.

Current draft legislative language for the parcel tax allocates 40% of revenues back to cities within the boundaries of the Flood Control District (FCD) in the same proportion as the amount of revenue collected within each jurisdiction. Fifty percent of revenues would go toward

watershed-based regional projects and programs. The remaining 10% of revenue would be allocated to the FCD for administrative costs.

The Water Resiliency Plan and Expenditure Plan are in their infancy and much work still needs to be done. This planning process thus far, has been open and the SGVCOG has been well represented. SGVCOG representatives are Diana Mahmud, Council Member City of South Pasadena and Judy Nelson, Council Member City of Glendora.



San Gabriel Dam

The SGVCOG Hosted An ATP Workshop on Cycle 3 and Cycle 4 Grants

On July 17, the SGVCOG hosted an Active Transportation Workshop to provide interested cities information and support on the following:

- ATP Cycle 3 Augmentation and SCAG planning grants,
- Identifying ATP Cycle 4 projects,
- Preliminary project ideas, and
- Local resources for applications.

Stephen Patchan from SCAG presented on the Cycle 3 Augmentation Guidelines and discussed the \$40 million that will be available regionally for Cycle 3 contingency projects. Additionally, \$2 million of the \$40 million will be allocated for planning projects within cities who have never previously received ATP grant money. Projects awards will be announce

no later than October 5th, 2017.

Shelly Quan from Metro and Alexis Lantz from LA County Department of Health provided an overview of ATP Cycle 4 and reviewed best practices and approaches to successful applications. Specifically, they focused on the application sections related to safety and public health and the importance of identifying the appropriate project area, appropriate community outreach, and the utilization of data.

The workshop also provided participants an overview of local resources to assist in developing their application such as health agencies, associations, and coalitions that can provide valuable support.

For further information or to receive any of the documents presented please contact Christian Cruz at ccruz@sgvcog.org.



ATP Workshop and Greenway Participants

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, July 10, 4:00 p.m.

Executive Committee

1000 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra

Wednesday, July 12, 12:00 p.m.

City Managers Steering Committee

1444 W Garvey Ave, West Covina

Wednesday, July 19, 10:00 a.m.

Water Committee

602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

Wednesday, July 19, 12:30 p.m.

EENR

602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

Thursday, July 20, 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee

602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

Thursday, July 20, 6:00 p.m.

Governing Board

602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

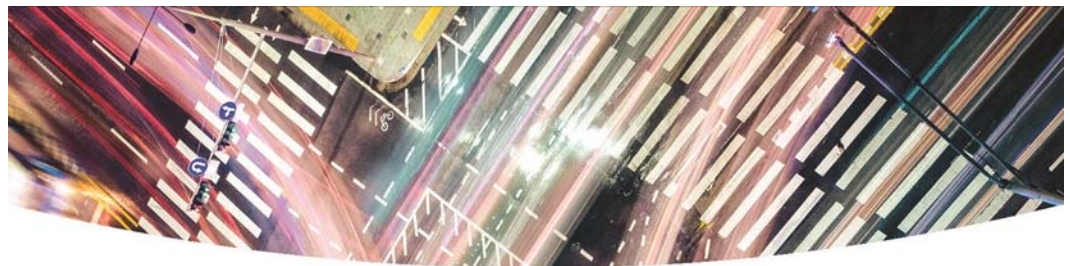
Thursday, July 27, 12:30 p.m.

Homelessness Committee

602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia



City of San Gabriel Summer Concerts



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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**GENERAL
ASSEMBLY 2017**

Wednesday, October 25, 2017
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
(Registration and networking
will begin at 8:15 am)

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