



SGVCOG Transportation Committee Approved Minutes

Date: June 21, 2018

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
602 E. Huntington Dr., Suite B, Monrovia, CA 91016

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members Present

- Alhambra
- Claremont
- Diamond Bar
- Duarte
- Glendora
- La Cañada Flintridge
- Pomona
- South Pasadena
- Temple City
- LA County District 5
- B. Messina
- S. Pedroza
- D. Liu
- J. Fasana
- V. Escalante
- G. Brown
- T. Sandoval, R. Guerrero
- D. Mahmud
- A. Avery
- D. Perry

Members Absent

- El Monte
- San Gabriel
- South El Monte
- Walnut
- LA County District 1

SGVCOG Staff

- M. Creter
- K. Ward
- P. Hubler
- C. Cruz
- P. Duyshart

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting

No changes to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Transportation Meeting Minutes: 05/10/2018

There was a motion to approve the 05/10/2018 Transportation Committee Minutes, but with the amendment that S. Pedroza (City of Claremont) be added to the “Members Present” list for the 05/10/2018 meeting (M/S: S. Pedroza / R. Guerrero).

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Alhambra, Claremont, Duarte, Glendora, Pomona, Temple City, LA County District 5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Diamond Bar, El Monte, La Cañada Flintridge, San Gabriel, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Walnut, LA County District 1

PRESENTATIONS

7. SGV Greenway Network and Corridor Study

Before Alta’s presentation began, M. Creter reminded the Committee that this SGV Greenway Network Feasibility Study is part of an ATP Cycle 1 Grant application and subsequent award. The SGVCOG may use some of the data and findings from this analytical report for the COG’s Measure M allocation of funds. This is a component of the Active Transportation Study project.

James Powell, a Design Associate with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. presented the results of the SGV Greenway Network and Corridor Study to the Transportation Committee. He told Committee members that one of the main purposes of giving this presentation today is to have Committee members confirm that the corridors considered in the study for active transportation development are practical and make sense for their respective communities.

Questions/Discussion:

- A Committee member stated that a project in his City should be rated higher in the greenway analysis report because it has outstanding regional connectivity and every neighborhood that is adjacent to the project right-of-way is a disadvantaged community.
- Another Committee member pointed out that residents in her cities have spoken to her about a desire to see a bike path on an SCE utility corridor which runs through the City because it connects to two schools, so it could be a “Safe Routes to School” project.
- One Committee member remarked that he appreciates the thoroughness of the areas of the study. He wants to make sure that we are doing this study effectively, especially since these projects are closer to reality with Measure M funding. However, he pointed out that we have to work in coordination with LA County DPW (and FCD), because they ultimately control most of these rights of way. Marisa stated that the COG has conducted outreach with the County to make sure that they are in the loop and aware of our project desires and project priorities. County knows which channels are most feasible to build trails, too, because they know the layout of their properties.
- One Committee member commented on the Buena Vista Trail from Duarte Gold Line station. That trail was planned before the Gold Line was even planned or opened. The trail doesn’t go right to Gold Line, so planners need to incorporate way-finding planning, etc.
- M. Creter commented that pointed out that member cities who are speaking out to advocate for bike paths and greenway corridors in their respective cities is important because these City representatives know the opinions of their residents and know the idiosyncrasies of their cities and communities along the proposed corridors.
- D. Perry of LA county District 5 pointed out that Supervisor Solis was the lead, and Supervisor Barger the co-author, for the County to come up with a master plan to utilize Flood Control Channels to help create a new Greenway Network. He will follow up with the Supervisor on this matter.

8. SGV Regional Active Transportation Data Collection Project

Monica Curiel, the Active Transportation Data Coordinator for Bike San Gabriel Valley, provided the presentation for this item.

Questions/Discussion:

- One Committee member remarked that this is a great companion presentation to the previous presentation we had on the Greenway Network Study, and complimented Bike SGV for their work on this data collection project.
- One TAC member asked what happened to a Metro bikeway Master Plan from back in the day? M. Creter answered the question by pointing out that 2 years ago, Metro finished an Active Transportation Strategic Plan in addition to a Bikeway Master Plan. Fasana said Metro will follow up with the Bikeway Master Plan and give that to COG staff.
- A Committee member brought up a bicyclist app for bikers. Sometimes these apps will actually steer you AWAY from designated painted bike lanes. He thinks that too many of the bike lanes on our streets are too unsafe and not usable. He says that maybe we could come up with more buffered lanes or bike lanes on streets which are immediately parallel to busier arterials.
- M. Curiel was asked about a comparison in usage between buffered and non-buffered lanes.

9. Metrolink’s SCORE Program

Alex Davis, the Government Relations Manager for Metrolink and the SCRRA, gave the presentation on this item.

ACTION ITEMS

10. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair

This item was moved to be considered and acted upon before Item 9 by the Chair, J. Fasana.

Chair:

There was a motion to nominate J. Fasana (City of Duarte) to be the Chair of the Transportation Committee for FY 2018-2019 (M/S: D. Mahmud / S. Pedroza).

[MOTION PASSED]

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There was a motion to close nominations for the Chair of the Transportation Committee for FY 2018-2019 (M/S: D. Mahmud / S. Pedroza).

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Vice-Chair:

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11. Ballot Initiative to Repeal the Gas Tax Increase (SB 1 Repeal)

P. Hubler, the Director of Government and Community Relations for the SGVCOG, provided a presentation to the Committee about the types of projects which are funding through the SB 1 legislation.

Questions/Discussion: The following issues were discussed:

- A Committee member pointed out that LA County residents voted 71% in favor of Measure M in 2016. The premise of Measure M was that we could leverage local dollars (Measure M) against State dollars (and this includes SB 1 funds). Additionally, that inflation has increased by 73.67% since the 1993 Gas Tax (until the 2017 Gas Tax). Additionally, we should think of how much more congested our roads are, and how our roads have deteriorated more. Measure M wasn't meant to pay for the entire cost.
- A member remarked that polls show a bleak outlook for SB 1 staying alive. She asked P. Hubler: who would be behind pro-SB1 campaign efforts? Hubler did point out though that education about the vital projects that SB1 can fund will flip some people to vote to keep the SB1 taxes, as they see the pragmatic use of their tax dollars. Fix Our Roads Coalition is leading the charge. They will develop an education campaign. As a Public Agency, the COG cannot publicly advocate for SB1 campaigning, but can post educational information about the types of transportation infrastructure projects that SB 1 funds.
- Another member stated that the emphasis should be put on SAFETY when educating residents. Point out how the SB1 funds can fund vital public safety projects.
- One Committee member said that there is a cost to the taxpayer because bad dangerous roads can add more vehicle maintenance fees for many residents and taxpayers. We also need to show residents what they WILL be getting from these SB1 funds, and then public agencies
- Another voting member stated how their City fields calls from angry residents about city not fixing pot holes. Also pointed out that residents see this tax as an additional tax to Measure M. Residents don't see the difference between the two tax measures, and don't understand what types of projects each tax measure funds.
- One TAC member thinks it would be a good idea to educate the public about what the cost of maintaining and repairing roads (operation and routine maintenance) is, so residents realize how much it costs to repair roads for their use and benefit.
- One voting City mentioned that this item is going to their City Council soon, and he doesn't want to vote before his Council does, in case his vote misrepresents the City's official stance.

There was a motion made to recommend that the Governing Board oppose the Ballot Initiative to Repeal the Gas Tax Increase (M/S: T. Sandoval / B. Messina).

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

12. San Gabriel Valley Bike Share Expansion Update

M. Creter, the SGVCOG's Executive Director, provided this update. She mentioned how, last Thursday, COG participated in a countywide Bike Share Workshop. It was educational for the COG as the COG is looking to implement a subregional-wide Bike Share Expansion program. The COG is currently trying to change the language of the terms of the already-awarded GGRF bike share expansion grant so that any company can submit bids through an open RFP process (rather than solely only the dock-based Metro service). The COG will soon reach out to cities to solicit interest in who wants to participate in the RFP process.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) REPORT

13. Oral Report

J. Fasana provided this report. He remarked how Sen. Holden is attempting to move a bill to take the 710 out of the State Highway code. Additionally, Supervisor Kuehl will be the New Metro Board Chair on July 1.

UPDATE ITEMS

14. Metrolink Update

The SBCTA and Metrolink Boards recently approved a 25% discount pilot program for the San Bernardino Line which will run through the end of the year. There is a similar program on the Antelope Valley Line, and it is actually revenue positive.

15. Update on Active Transportation Planning Efforts

M. Creter provided information pertaining to this update item. She announced that, 2 weeks ago, the applications were due for Metro Open Streets Cycle 3. There were four SGV-area projects which were submitted under this grant program: South Pasadena-Caltrans joint event on the 110 freeway, an Alhambra, San Gabriel, and South Pasadena event, an El Monte-South El Monte event, and Heart of the Foothills Round 2.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

16. Oral Report

There was no report on this item.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS

No Committee member items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

M. Creter announced that the Governing Board will go dark in September.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.