

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of January 3, 2022

- **Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) Award:** The San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) received an award of \$1,052,500 to support the development of 175 units of affordable housing across two projects in Alhambra and Pomona. The LHTF program provides matching funds for funds held by the SGVRHT, effectively doubling the investment in each project and providing a \$1M dollar award to each project. The award also provides 5% in administrative funds to administer the program. A description of the awarded projects is below:
 - East End Village (Pomona)- \$1,000,000: 125-unit affordable housing project serving low and very low-income families. The project will have an onsite health clinic. The City of Pomona is contributing \$400,000 in PLHA directly to the project as well as 6 project-based vouchers. Construction is anticipated to begin in March 2022 with an anticipated occupancy date of March 2025.
 - Mariposa Housing (Alhambra)- \$1,000,000: 50-unit affordable housing project serving low-income individuals and families. The project will include a special-needs set aside and utilize project-based vouchers as rental subsidy. The City of Alhambra is contributing \$116,407 in matching funds in the form of PLHA. Construction is anticipated to begin in February 2022 with an anticipated occupancy date of May 2023.
- **San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Board Meeting:** On Tuesday, the SGVRHT Board of Directors met virtually and approved funding for 3 affordable housing projects on the San Gabriel Valley Project Pipeline. Projects on the Pipeline were evaluated and ranked based on criteria adopted by the Board, including readiness to close financing within the next 12 months. The funding allocations represent \$4,060,000 of the \$8 million in State Budget Earmark funds allocated to Pipeline Project Funding. Additional projects will be recommended for funding as they achieve readiness to proceed. A description of the projects awarded funding is below:
 - Vista del Monte (Baldwin Park)- \$500,000: 53-unit affordable housing project serving low-income families. The project received 53 project based vouchers from the Baldwin Park Housing Authority. Construction is anticipated to begin in Q2 2022 with an anticipated occupancy date of November 2023.
 - 11730 Ramona (El Monte)- \$1,560,000: 39-unit affordable housing project for seniors. Construction is anticipated to begin in Q2 2022 with an anticipated occupancy date of December 2023.
 - Prisma Artist Lofts (Pomona)- \$2,000,000: 75-unit affordable housing project for artists and families, including 15 live-work artist lofts. Construction is anticipated to begin in Q4 2022 with an anticipated occupancy date of Q4 2023.

This award brings the total number of SGVRHT funded affordable housing projects to 7, supporting the development of 413 units with an average investment of \$19.5K per unit.
- **Homelessness Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Homelessness Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee reviewed the following major items.
 - **State Homeless Funding:** Following a presentation on the SGVCOG's State Homeless Funding updates by SGVCOG staff, the Committee recommended Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to re-allocate funding between approved Homeless Program categories to ensure that all funds are expended by

June 30, 2022. If approved by the Governing Board at the January 20th meeting, staff will provide regular funding updates to Homelessness Committee.

- **Los Angeles County's Specialty Substance Use Disorder Treatment System:** Gary Tsai, M.D., Director of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control for the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health provided an overview of LA County's Specialty Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment System with an emphasis on people experiencing homelessness. The Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) division within the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health is responsible for prevention, harm reduction, and driving under the influence (DUI) programs, in addition to the Specialty Substance Use Disorder Treatment System. The SAPC provides services for a wide variety of clients, including those who are experiencing homelessness.

The next SGVCOG Homelessness Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 1, from 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

- **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) Meeting:** On Wednesday, staff attended the 10th meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH). The following presentations were made:
 - Amy Bodek, Director of the Department of Regional Planning, Angela George Moody, Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works; and Emilio Salas, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) provided a joint presentation on the three departments' approaches to strengthening collaboration and streamline increased affordable housing. Additionally, they highlighted how they address some of the barriers and possible solutions to building affordable housing.
 - Emilio Salas, LACDA Executive Director, provided an agency overview of the LACDA, which included its governance structure, funding sources, and current work to address homelessness.
 - Veronica Lewis, Director of the Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System (HOPICS), provided an overview presentation of her South Los Angeles nonprofit organization, which included funding sources, and their experience and expertise within the current homeless services system.
 - Jill Bauman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Imagine LA gave a brief overview presentation of the organization that aims to prevent first-time and repeat homelessness and equips families to maintain housing stability and thrive long-term. The presentation also provided information on their Family Partnership Model, funding sources, and their impact on the families they serve.

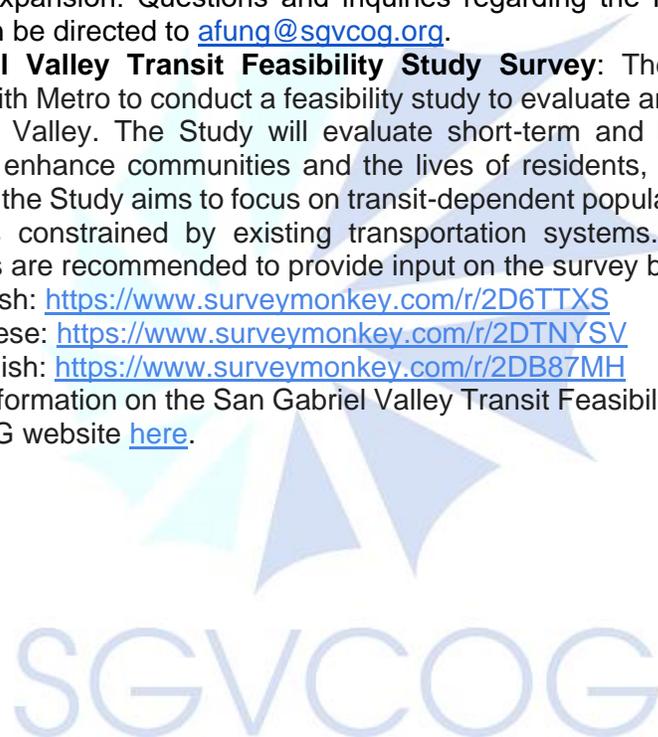
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2021 at 6 p.m. For more information and recordings for past meetings, you can visit the BRCH website [here](#).

- **2022-2023 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards:** After successfully hosting the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards, the SGVCOG is proud to unveil the new 2022-2023 Energy Champion Awards structure that is designed to encourage cities, school districts, and special districts in the San Gabriel Valley to implement energy efficiency actions and projects. Based on the number of specific actions completed, public agencies can be recognized in the Awards' Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Champion levels. Additional information regarding the Awards can be found [here](#).
- **Clean California Local Grant Opportunity:** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) developed the Clean California Local Grant Program as part of a two-year program through which approximately \$296 million in funds will go to local communities to beautify and improve local streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to clean and enhance public spaces. Through the combination of adding beautification measures and art in public spaces along with the removal of litter and debris,

this effort will enhance communities and improve spaces for walking and recreation. Eligible projects include non-infrastructure and infrastructure related community litter abatement and beautification programs. Applications are due February 1, 2022, and additional information can be found [here](#).

- **CalRecycle SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Opportunity:** Earlier last week, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycled) released additional information regarding its [SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant](#). The Department is administering a one-time grant program meant to provide aid in the implementation of regulations adopted by CalRecycle pursuant to Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016 and SB 170 Budget Act of 2021. This non-competitive grant program provides \$57 million to local jurisdictions to assist with the implementation of regulation requirements associated with SB 1383. The SGVCOG plans on partnering with interested cities to submit a joint application seeking funding to expand the ongoing [San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program](#). Discussions will be held at next Wednesday's SGVCOG City Managers' Steering Committee meeting regarding the Regional Food Recovery Program's expansion. Questions and inquiries regarding the Regional Food Recovery Program can be directed to afung@sgvco.org.
- **San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study Survey:** The SGVCOG is currently partnering with Metro to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate and improve mobility in the San Gabriel Valley. The Study will evaluate short-term and long-term transit options designed to enhance communities and the lives of residents, commuters, and visitors. Additionally, the Study aims to focus on transit-dependent populations and equity-focused communities constrained by existing transportation systems. All San Gabriel Valley stakeholders are recommended to provide input on the survey below:
 - English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2D6TTXS>
 - Chinese: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2DTNYSV>
 - Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2DB87MH>

Additional information on the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#).



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Week of January 10, 2022

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the Executive Committee held its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee received an update on the SGVCOG's local, state and federal legislative agenda outreach strategies for 2022. Additionally, the Committee was briefed on the final statewide redistricting maps that were adopted by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission on December 20, 2021.
- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee convened its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee heard an update on the SGVCOG Transit Feasibility Study and discussed 15 different proposals developed based on the study. Those who wish to provide feedback on the study may do so by visiting: <https://www.sgvco.org/transit-study>. The Committee also received an update on working with Caltrans on complete street projects. Agencies interested in doing so may review the [Caltrans Complete Streets Elements Toolbox](#), which discusses complex statewide policies in an easy-to-understand way and provides guidance on selecting complete street elements to meet relevant goals in the Caltrans Strategic Management Plan. Lastly, the Committee heard an update on the SGVCOG [Broadband 101 Resource Guide](#), which includes information on Los Angeles County's plans for broadband infrastructure development and funding opportunities for broadband projects.
- **Water Policy Committee/TAC:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG Water Policy Committee/TAC convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee reviewed the following major items.
 - SGVCOG 2022 Strategic Plan Update: Staff presented proposed language to update the SGVCOG Strategic Plan. The Committee approved a motion to recommend the Governing Board to adopt the water-related items in the 2022 Strategic Plan Update. The approved language is as follows: "Support regional water resiliency and assist cities in complying with MS4 permit requirements, with an emphasis on Safe Clean Water Program implementation and identification of regional solutions."
 - State Water Project Update: Tom Love, General Manager of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD), presented to the Committee and TAC regarding the State Water Project (SWP) and related drought actions. MWD's Board of Directors approved new infrastructure investments and water exchanges with other agencies that will allow Colorado River water and stored supplies to be more readily distributed throughout the region. The strategies will preserve limited SWP supplies for areas that can only receive imported water from the SWP, including, in part, the San Gabriel Valley.
- **City Managers' Steering Committee:** On Wednesday, the City Managers' Steering Committee held its monthly meeting virtually via Zoom. The Committee received an update on broadband coordination that the SGVCOG has been involved with over the past few months and the Committee provided feedback on how the SGVCOG can support member agencies with broadband expansion efforts. The Committee also heard an update on a proposed Regional Application for the CalRecycle SB 1383 Local Grant Assistance Program to expand the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program. Cities that are interested in partnering with the SGVCOG to submit a regional application to the SB 1383 Local Grant Assistance Program may fill out the form [here](#).

- **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) Meeting:** On Wednesday, staff attended the 11th meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH). The following presentations were made:
 - Jonathan E. Sherin, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the Department of Mental Health presented an update on department investments used to develop housing units and provide rental assistance subsidies, service costs broken down by level of care, and an overview of the three components of the LA County Mental Health system where the department interfaces with clients – Community Services, Crisis Care and Re-Entry Initiatives.
 - Brandon D. Young, Partner of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP provided a presentation on the role of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and LAHSA’s governance and alternatives on how improved decision-making could better serve persons experiencing homelessness.
 - Rossana D’Antonio, Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works provided a presentation overview on the department’s homeless initiatives including affordable housing development and project management.
 - Peggy Edwards, Consultant of Population Change Institute, Board Member of Bridge to Home, and Board Member of Measure H Citizens’ Oversight Advisory Board discussed overall challenges of the current homeless services system and suggestions to improve performance through governance actions.
 - Scott Martin, President of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association provided a presentation overview of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association (HHIA) including recommendations for improvement and key principles to effective homeless housing.
 - Rachel Barbosa, City Manager of the City of South El Monte Provided a city’s perspective on improving the effectiveness of Measure H and LAHSA. The presentation provided an overview of the Mid Valley Collaborative on Homelessness’s homeless services, and the City of South El Monte’s impact on homelessness.
 - The Commissioners had a discussion on the implementation of the BRCH Survey Tool to determine the top two (2) governance issues that will be presented to the following groups:
 - Racial Equity, including the Ad Hoc Committee on Black people experiencing homelessness
 - Lived Experience, including Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority’s Lived Experience Advisory Board and the Homeless Youth Forum of Los Angeles
 - Council of Governments
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2021 at 9 a.m. For more information and recordings for past meetings, you can visit the BRCH website [here](#).
- **Homeless Policy Deputies’ Meeting:** On Thursday, the Homeless Policy Deputies convened for its biweekly meeting via Microsoft Teams.
 - **Homeless Initiative Quarterly Report #21:** Elizabeth Ben-Ishai, CEO-HI, provided an overview of the HI Quarterly Report that was released on December 14th, 2021. The presentation focused on key system wide outcomes, pandemic response, HI success stories, updates on policy-related efforts, and HI’s Strategy Reassessment process.
 - **Outreach System Overview:** Various LAHSA, DMH and Housing for Health staff provided a presentation overview of Los Angeles County’s Coordinated Outreach System that included strategic goals, services and outreach, and multidisciplinary teams and programs.

- **Homeless Count Update:** Molly Rysman, LAHSA, provided an update on the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. In response to the current COVID-19 Omicron surge, LAHSA is consulting with HUD, USC, DPH and additional CoCs to get final guidance on including additional safety measures, and possible postponement of the Count. A decision should be made by Monday, January, 17.
- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Transportation Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee received the following presentations:
 - **East San Gabriel Valley Mobility Action and Area Plans:** The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (DRP) has partnered with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to develop the East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan and the East San Gabriel Valley Mobility Action Plan. The East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan serves as a long-range planning and policy document intended to guide the growth and development of the unincorporated areas of East San Gabriel Valley over several decades. It is primarily a land use document that contains elements related to community character and design, environmental justice, and economic development. The ESGV Mobility Action Plan will identify ideas and projects to make it easier and safer to walk, bike, and use transit in and between the 24 unincorporated communities located in the East San Gabriel Valley.
 - **COVID-19's Impact on Aviation Activities:** The public's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the subsequent national, state, county, and local mandatory health orders significantly impacted air transportation demand globally, nationally, regionally, and locally. Global air traffic had decreased 65% from March 2020 to April 2020 during the onset of the Pandemic. Air passenger demand in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) region was significantly impacted as air passenger traffic decreased by 66% from 2019 to 2020. After April 2020, air passenger traffic in the SCAG region began to increase slowly. By August 2021, demand had recovered to within 40% of August 2019. The recovery of air passenger demand in the SCAG region has been driven by domestic travel, as international air travel recovery lags behind domestic travel due to travel restrictions and quarantine measures. Aircraft operations have not been affected to the same extent as air passenger demand.
- **Governing Board Preview:** The SGVCOG Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 4PM via Zoom Teleconference. The full agenda packet may be accessed at: <https://www.sgvcoq.org/governing-board-agenda>. Major action items are summarized below:
 - **Hearings to Consider Resolutions (RONs) of Necessity for Parcels for the State Route 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project in the City of Diamond Bar:** Pursuant to the Bylaws of SGVCOG's Governing Board, the Capital Project and Construction Committee initially considered all RONs related to the State Route 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project in the City of Diamond Bar on December 13, 2021, and recommended the RONs be considered by the Governing Board. As a result, staff recommends the Governing Board conduct public hearings to consider condemnation of real property required for the 57/60 Project and upon completion of the public hearings, that the Governing Board adopt RONs authorizing and directing General Counsel, or its designees, to prepare, commence, and prosecute proceedings in eminent domain for the purpose of acquiring interests in real property necessary for the Project.
 - **Approval of Grant Agreements with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Under the Safe, Clean Water Program for Implementing the Rio**

Hondo Load Reduction Strategy Project: Staff is recommending authorizing the Executive Director to execute three Transfer Agreements with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and receive a total of \$7,113,480 of grants under the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) for implementing the Rio Hondo Load Reduction Strategy (LRS) Project at three sites along Alhambra Wash, Eaton Wash and Rubio Wash. SGVCOG is leading the Rio Hondo LRS Projects at Alhambra Wash, Eaton Wash, and Rubio Wash, on behalf of the cities of Alhambra, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, South Pasadena, Temple City and Los Angeles County.

- **State Homeless Funds:** At the January 5, 2022, Homelessness Committee meeting, the Committee voted to recommended the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to re-allocate funding between approved Homeless Program categories to ensure that all funds are expended by June 30, 2022, as well as directed staff to provide monthly updates to the Homelessness Committee on the progress of state homelessness funding expenditures.
- **FY 2022-2025 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Programming Recommendations:** Over the past several months, the SGVCOG Transportation Committee, the SGVCOG City Managers' Steering Committee, the SGVCOG Public Works Technical Advisory Committee, and the SGVCOG Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee reviewed this item and voted to recommend the Governing Board to approve the proposed staff recommendations to program \$15,000,000.00 from FY 2022-2025 MSP Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funds for the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project and directed staff to work with cities and agencies that submitted applications for Category 2 to refine project scopes that can lead to improvements that would provide regional benefits to the San Gabriel Valley's active transportation, bus system, and first/last mile networks.
- **SGVCOG 2022 Legislative Agenda:** SGVCOG annually adopts an agenda of local, state and federal legislative objectives in the core regional policy areas of water, transportation, homelessness, energy and the environment, aligning closely with the adopted Strategic Plan and in support of its member agencies. The 2022 agenda continues a number of objectives initiated under previous agendas and includes new objectives responsive to emerging challenges and opportunities. As a result, the staff recommends the Governing Board affirm the SGVCOG's 2022 Legislative Agenda.
- **Resolutions to Approve Application Filing for California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Program:** The Fire Prevention Grant Program provides funding for fire prevention projects and activities in and near fire-threatened communities that focus on increasing the protection of individuals, structures, and communities. Staff proposes that the SGVCOG submit an application for a program, titled "San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation and Outreach Program," to provide support for San Gabriel Valley cities to conduct community outreach efforts. Additionally, staff proposes that the SGVCOG submits another application for a program, titled "San Gabriel Valley Regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan," that can serve as the foundational strategic document that would guide the wildfire adaptation and prevention efforts of the 31 incorporated cities and the dozens of unincorporated communities within the San Gabriel Valley.
- **Introductory Presentation of LA Metro Chief Executive Officer Stephanie Wiggins:** Ms. Stephanie Wiggins was appointed by the Los Angeles County Metro Board of Directors to serve as the agency's Chief Executive Officer in May 2021.

Ms. Wiggins will provide introductory remarks and provide key Metro updates to members of the Governing Board.

- **CalRecycle SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program:** SGVCOG staff is in the process of developing a Joint Application with interested San Gabriel Valley cities to submit to the [CalRecycle SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program](#). This one-time, non-competitive program provides cities and counties an opportunity to apply for funding to support SB 1383 compliance. Each city receives an allocation based on their respective population and the allocation for San Gabriel Valley cities can be found in the Grant Program's guidelines posted on the CalRecycle website [here](#). The Joint Application will request CalRecycle to provide funds to support the expansion of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program, which would continue food recovery education until April 2024 and establish subregional food recovery hubs to increase our region's capacity to process edible food recovery. Cities that are interested in providing 100% of their allocation, or a portion of their allocation, to support the Regional Food Recovery Program will be asked to designate the SGVCOG as the Lead Agency under the grant. The SGVCOG will include the scopes of work from cities that plan on providing portions of their allocation to the Regional Food Recovery Program in the joint application. Upon award, an MOU will be executed to release the funds for individual cities to implement their respective scopes that are outside of the Regional Food Recovery Program. Given that the grant application is due on February 1st, interested cities must submit a statement of interest using this [form](#) by **January 19, 2022 at 5:00 PM**. Cities must also prepare a Letter of Authorization (LOA) to provide the SGVCOG to apply for and to act on their behalf in the implementation and administration of the grant funding if awarded. Staff will collaborate with participating cities to obtain LOAs after the statement of interest submission deadline. Questions regarding the expansion of the Regional Food Recovery Program can be directed to SGVCOG staff at afung@sgvcog.org.



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Week of January 17, 2022

- **Governing Board Recap:** The SGVCOG Governing Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2022, via Zoom. Major items are summarized below:
 - **Hearings to Consider Resolutions of Necessity (RONs) for Parcels for the State Route 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project in the City of Diamond Bar:** The Governing Board voted to approve RONs 22-03 to 22-07 authorizing and directing General Counsel, or its designees, to prepare, commence, and prosecute proceedings in eminent domain for the purpose of acquiring interests in real property necessary for the Project.
 - **Approval of Grant Agreements with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Under the Safe, Clean Water Program for Implementing the Rio Hondo Load Reduction Strategy Project:** Members of the Governing Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to execute three Transfer Agreements with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and receive a total of \$7,113,480 of grants under the Safe, Clean Water Program for implementing the Rio Hondo Load Reduction Strategy (LRS) Project at three sites along Alhambra Wash, Eaton Wash and Rubio Wash. SGVCOG is leading the Rio Hondo LRS Projects at Alhambra Wash, Eaton Wash, and Rubio Wash, on behalf of the cities of Alhambra, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, South Pasadena, Temple City and Los Angeles County.
 - **State Homelessness Funds:** The Governing Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to re-allocate funding between approved Homeless Program categories to ensure that all State homelessness funds are expended by June 30, 2022, as well as to provide monthly updates to the Homelessness Committee on the progress of state homelessness funding expenditures.
 - **FY 2022-2025 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Programming Recommendations:** Members of the Governing Board voted to program \$15,000,000.00 from FY 2022-2025 MSP Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funds for the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project and directed staff to work with cities and agencies that submitted applications for Category 2 to refine project scopes that can lead to improvements that would provide regional benefits to the San Gabriel Valley's active transportation, bus system, and first/last mile networks.
 - **SGVCOG 2022 Legislative Agenda:** The Governing Board voted to adopt Resolution 22-09 affirming the SGVCOG's 2022 Legislative Agenda. The 2022 agenda continues a number of objectives initiated under previous agendas and includes new objectives responsive to emerging challenges and opportunities.
 - **Resolutions to Approve Application Filing for California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Program:** Members of the Governing Board voted to adopt Resolutions 22-10 and 22-11 to approve filing of two applications for the California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Program. The two applications are titled as follows:
 - San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation and Outreach Program
 - San Gabriel Valley Regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan

- **Introductory Presentation of Los Angeles County Metro Chief Executive Officer Stephanie Wiggins:** Stephanie Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer of Los Angeles County Metro provided introductory remarks and key Metro updates to members of the Governing Board.
- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee reviewed the following major items:
 - **2022-2023 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards:** SGVCOG staff provided the first presentation of the meeting on the 2022-2023 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards structure. The SGVCOG launched the Energy Champion Awards to encourage San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies to implement energy efficiency actions and engage in long-term energy planning activities. Requirements for cities and agencies to receive an award include implementing a combination of activities such as attending energy efficiency meetings or webinars, hosting an energy efficiency related event to the local community, and submitting a project commitment form. Additional information on the Awards can be found on <https://www.sgvcoq.org/energy-champion-awards>.
 - **CalRecycle SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program:** Earlier this month, CalRecycle released application forms and guidelines for its one-time SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program. Under this non-competitive grant, cities, counties, and joint powers authorities can submit individual or joint applications to request funding for collection, education, outreach, food recovery, capacity planning, procurement, recordkeeping, enforcement, inspection, and program evaluation projects. Applications must be submitted by February 1, 2022. The SGVCOG plans on partnering with interested San Gabriel Valley cities to submit grant applications to expand the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program. The expansion would include establishing subregional food recovery hubs across the San Gabriel Valley to increase the region's food recovery capacity and infrastructure and continuing education and outreach activities to educate Tier 1 and Tier 2 edible food waste generators, food recovery organizations, and residents about SB 1383's food recovery regulations from April 1, 2022 to March 30, 2024. Questions and inquiries regarding the Regional Food Recovery Program's expansion can be directed to afung@sgvcoq.org.
 - **COVID-19 Updates:** The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) provided the final presentation of the meeting on COVID-19 updates. While the nation has the tools, such as vaccines, boosters, masking, and testing, to combat the Omicron and Delta variants, DPH staff emphasized the importance of testing before gathering and before and after traveling. Additionally, cities and residents are encouraged to visit the DPH website at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/reopening-la.htm#orders> to review the most recent Health Officer Orders.
- **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) Meeting:** On Wednesday, staff attended the 12th meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH). The following presentations were made:
 - John Wickham, Legislative Analyst for the City of Los Angeles presented on the Chief Legislative Analyst Reports on Governance and Outreach that provided information on homeless response service models, comprehensive homelessness response system, current governance structure, and alternative governance structures.

- Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager and Elizabeth Anderson, Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator presented on the City of West Hollywood's homeless initiative, which provided information on the City's homeless services.
- Margaret Willis, Housing and Human Services Administrator for the City of Santa Monica, presented an overview of the City's work in addressing homelessness, in addition to acknowledging current system challenges and providing recommendations for LAHSA.
- Helen Chin, Assistant to the City Manager on Homelessness for the City of Culver City, provided a presentation on the city's progress in addressing homelessness and detailed challenges for small cities and issues with the current homeless services system.
- Dr. Judy A. Fancher, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction, Pre-K-12; and Martha Calderon, Equity and Access Coordinator for the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District provided a presentation about the district's role in creating transitions to housing. The presentation also shared long-term outcomes, definitions of homelessness, and detailed student-centered support.
- Commissioners had a discussion on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) Role and Governance, including County and City Infrastructures. The conversation reflected on previous presentation topics, and continued with discussion of how to proceed with potential recommendations on governance structures.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2021 at 9 a.m. For more information and recordings for past meetings, you can visit the BRCH website [here](#).

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Week of January 24, 2022

- **Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee approved the adoption of Resolution 22-01-CPCC, making specified findings to enable the Capital Projects and Construction Committee to continue to hold meetings via teleconferencing. The Committee took action on the SGVCOG Strategic Plan Update, and approved a motion to approve with revisions. The Committee reviewed the quarterly project progress reports for all projects, including those in design and construction. In addition, the CPCC also reviewed the quarterly environmental mitigation monitoring reporting update.
- **Solid Waste Working Group:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Solid Waste Working Group convened via Zoom for its bimonthly meeting. The Working Group reviewed the County of Los Angeles' plan to develop food recovery hubs to better support food recovery efforts and received solid waste legislative updates from the League of California Cities. Additionally, SGVCOG staff shared plans to expand the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program to implement additional SB 1383 outreach activities and establish subregional food recovery hubs in the San Gabriel Valley. The Working Group is anticipated to reconvene in early March.
- **Homelessness Working Group:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Homelessness Working Group met via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The meeting featured presentations from SGVCOG and SGVRHT staff on the SGVCOG's upcoming Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) program - which will provide resources for cities to support the production of housing, especially at affordable housing - an update on the SGVRHT, and an overview of the governance options that have been presented at the County's Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH). BRCH was tasked with identifying and analyzing the challenges inherent in the current system and providing recommendations to change and approve its efficacy, with a specific focus on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). BRCH staff will solicit feedback from councils of government (COGs) and their member cities to collect feedback on their top concerns related to governance for the BRCH to address. BRCH staff will be presenting at a meeting of COGs and cities on **Monday, January 31, 2022, from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.** The meeting can be accessed [here](#).
- governance options that have been presented at BRCH and to discuss a survey tool that is being released for COGs and their member cities to collect feedback on their top concerns related to governance for the BRCH to address.
- **Planners' TAC:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee convened on Thursday via Zoom. Major items are summarized below:
 - The TAC heard a presentation from the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning on the **East San Gabriel Valley Mobility Plan**, intended to identify gaps in the transportation network in unincorporated areas in the eastern San Gabriel Valley and the [East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan](#), intended to guide the growth and development of the unincorporated areas of East San Gabriel Valley over several decades.
 - The TAC heard a presentation on the **San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study**, as described in more detail at the end of this email. The SGVCOG is

currently soliciting public input on the Study, and more details about how to provide input can be found at the end of this email.

- **Homeless Policy Deputies' Meeting:** On Thursday, the Homeless Policy Deputies convened for its biweekly meeting via Microsoft Teams.
 - **Homeless Outreach System Overview Part 2:** Various LAHSA, DMH and Housing for Health staff provided a follow-up presentation for the Los Angeles County's Coordinated Outreach System, which included the outreach training curriculum, coordination with cities and partners, and the Sheriff HOST program.
 - **Update on Project Homekey 1.0 and 2.0:** Elizabeth Ben-Ishai, CEO-HI, provided an update on Project Homekey 1.0 and 2.0. The total state allocation for Homekey Round 2 is \$1.45B. For all jurisdictions in Los Angeles County (including the County), the state has set aside \$296.7M of its Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund Homekey Allocation and \$61.9M of its General Fund Homekey Allocation. The deadline to apply for Los Angeles County's geographic set-aside funds for Homekey Round 2 is January 31, 2022. After January 31, 2022, the remaining funds go into the general "pot" and all jurisdictions may compete for them.
 - **Homeless Initiative Strategy Re-Assessment:** Elizabeth Ben-Ishai, CEO-HI provided an update on the HI Strategy Re-Assessment process. After 14 community input sessions and submitted written public comment, HI developed draft recommendations. Next, HI will lead a process with cities and Councils of Governments to fully flesh out the implementation of co-investment strategies and funding mechanisms.
- **BRCH Input Meeting:** On **Monday, January 31, 2022, from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**, the SGVCOG will be hosting a meeting for all councils of governments (COGs) and cities with staff from the County's Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH). BRCH was tasked with identifying and analyzing the challenges inherent in the current system and providing recommendations to change and approve its efficacy, with a specific focus on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). BRCH staff has developed a number of governance options, which have been presented to the Commission. BRCH has also developed a survey tool to solicit feedback from councils of government (COGs) and their member cities to collect feedback on their top concerns related to governance for the BRCH to address. The meeting will be held on Monday from **4:00 - 5:30 p.m.** The meeting information can be found below:
 - [Zoom Link](#)
 - **Meeting ID:** 870 1710 5455
 - **Passcode:** 386861
- **San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study Survey:** The SGVCOG is currently partnering with Metro to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate and improve mobility in the San Gabriel Valley. The Study was initiated by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors' following its decision in February 2020 to withdraw the State Route 60 alternative in the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project to extend the Metro L (Gold) Line. Metro has also identified \$635 million in Measure M capital funds to fund a new project. The \$635 million of local funds are budgeted for a near-term (15 years) transit capital improvement project that results from the Study, with further funding available for a long-term project in 2053 as well. The Study will evaluate short-term and long-term transit options designed to enhance communities and the lives of residents, commuters, and visitors. Additionally, the Study aims to focus on transit-dependent populations and equity-focused communities constrained by existing transportation systems. All San Gabriel Valley stakeholders are recommended to provide input on the survey below:
 - English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2D6TTXS>

- Chinese: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2DTNYSV>
- Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2DB87MH>

Additional information on the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#).



SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of January 31, 2022

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- Wednesday, February 23rd at 12:00pm:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_H6DIOxWwTcSneuSLzF76MQ
- Wednesday, February 23rd at 5:00pm:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I7DWdd7GQG6fUqYnSZRbuQ

Additional information regarding the Study can be found [here](#).

- **Homelessness Committee:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG Homelessness Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee heard the following presentation.
 - **Housing for Health:** Sally Malone, Manager, Policy and External Affairs, Housing for Health gave a presentation providing the background and overview of the Housing for Health (HFH) division of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS). HFH was established in 2012 as a “prescription for housing” for DHS patients to reduce inappropriate use of expensive health care resources and improve health outcomes by providing housing and services to people experiencing homelessness with complex health and/or behavioral health conditions, high utilizers of public services, and other vulnerable populations. Their housing and integrated service packages are aimed at addressing the social determinants of health to improve overall health outcomes.

The next SGVCOG Homelessness Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 1, from 8-10:00 a.m.

- **San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Meeting:** On Wednesday, the SGVRHT Board met virtually and approved funding for 2 affordable housing projects on the San Gabriel Valley Project Pipeline. Projects on the Pipeline were evaluated and ranked based on criteria adopted by the Board, including readiness to close financing within the next 12 months. The funding allocations represent \$3,040,000 of the \$8 million in State Budget Earmark funds allocated to Pipeline Project Funding. To date, \$7,100,000 has been expended. Additional projects will be recommended for funding as they achieve readiness to proceed. A description of the projects awarded funding is below:

- Pilgrim Place (Claremont) \$1,280,000: is a 32-unit affordable housing project for individuals who are formerly or currently experiencing homelessness. All units will be restricted to 30% Area Median Income (AMI), or very low income individuals, and the project will provide on-site supportive services. Construction is anticipated to begin in April 2023 with an anticipated occupancy date of August 2024. Based on the total development cost for this project, every dollar invested by the SGVRHT would leverage nearly 17 dollars from another source.
- Chapel Avenue (Alhambra) \$1,760,000: is a 44-unit affordable housing project for low income individuals and families, with 50% of the units serving special needs populations (restricted to 30% AMI). All remaining units will be at or below 60% AMI. Construction is anticipated to begin in January 2023 with an anticipated occupancy date of May 2023. Based on the total development cost for this project, every dollar invested by the SGVRHT will leverage \$15 from another source.
- **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) Meeting:** On Wednesday, staff attended the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) meeting. The following presentations were made:
 - Antonia Jiménez, Director of the Department of Public Social Services provided a presentation overview of the CalWORKs homeless programs, supportive services and general relief homeless programs, in addition to their Measure H strategies, collaborations, successes and challenges.
 - Sarah Mahin, Director of Housing for Health, provided an overview presentation on Housing for Health (HFH) programs, principles, and partnerships. Rohini Khanna, Co-Deputy Director, Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) provided the history and overview of ODR, which included budget and funding sources, harm reduction and community based diversion models, and programs.
 - William Snow from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provided an overview of Continuum of Care (CoC) including responsibilities, governing structures, and what is required to split a CoC.
 - Kiera Pollock, MSW, Director of Senior Services at the Los Angeles LGBT Center provided an overview presentation of the nonprofit organization's services, gaps in services, and recommendations for the homeless services system. The Center provides services for more LGBT people than any other organization in the world, offering programs, services, and global advocacy that span four broad categories: Health, Social Services and Housing, Culture and Education, Leadership and Advocacy.
 - Reanna Mendoza, Ed.D., Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Parent Engagement and Brenda Venegas, District Community Liaison provided a presentation overview of the South Whittier School District's homeless youth support and practices including their community liaisons and partnerships.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2021 at 6 p.m. For more information and recordings for past meetings, you can visit the BRCH website [here](#).