

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of December 3, 2018

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Executive Committee held its monthly meeting. The Committee received an update on the SGVCOG 1st Quarter Financial Report, which reflects that the adopted 18-19 budget is aligned with actual income and expenses. Additionally, the Committee authorized executing a contract with Los Angeles Metro for the SGVCOG to host an open streets event on October 26, 2018 with the cities of El Monte and South El Monte. The open streets route will be approximately 4.5 miles connecting the cities of South El Monte and El Monte and building upon the community's annual Children's Day Festival and Dia de Los Muertos celebrations. The event will also include a Complete Streets Demonstration on Santa Anita in South El Monte up to the region's first public bicycle park at the Jeff Seymour Center in El Monte. Staff is also working to negotiate and execute a contract with BikeSGV for production of the event.
- **Homeless Committee:** The Committee would like to welcome Margaret Clark as the new incoming Vice Chair of the Homelessness Committee. Councilmember Clark was elected to the position at the December meeting. Additionally, Ms. Heather Stratman, Principle Strategic Advisors, presented on Establishing a Regional Housing and Land Trust Fund. Ms. Stratman was instrumental in the creation of the Association of California Cities – Orange County's, Orange County Housing Finance Trust. The Homelessness Committee invites cities, particularly those interested in a Housing Trust Fund, that have created homelessness plans, or submit proposals under HEAP or the 2018 City Implementation RFP to consider designating representation on the Homelessness Committee. The Committee meetings will focus on supporting the cities' homeless strategies. Cities interested in designating a representative may do so by e-mailing the SGVCOG Regional Homelessness Coordinator, jcicco@sgvcog.org. The leadership of an elected official is encouraged, but the City Council may designate a staff member in the event a Councilmember/Mayor cannot participate. The Homelessness Committee will be dark in January. The next meeting will take place on February 6, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. The location is the ARC Baldwin Park, 14403 Pacific Avenue, 91706.
- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the EENR Committee met and COG staff provided presentations regarding the implementation of SB 212 and National Park Trust's "Kids to Parks Day." EENR Committee members subsequently requested COG staff to work with the member cities and agencies to develop a list of recommended actions in preparation for the promulgation of SB 212's policies in 2021. Additionally, the Clean Power Alliance, the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative, The Trust for Public Land, and the Southern California Gas Company attended the meeting to provide brief updates. The next meeting is scheduled to be on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 12:30pm at the Monrovia Community Center (119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016). At next month's meeting, CR&R Corporation is scheduled to provide a presentation on converting green and food waste into renewable natural gas. In addition, representatives from The Trust for Public Land will be providing an overview of the Climate-Smart Cities Initiative.

- **SCAG Economic Summit:** On Thursday, staff attended SCAG's, annual Southern California Economic Summit that was hosted in partnership with the Southern California Leadership Council. The Summit provided an opportunity for local civic and business leaders to assess the current state of the region's economy, discuss the role of technology and innovation in the region's future, and look at ways in which the region can maintain leadership and support growth in new transportation technology. Discussion topics included the economic impact of the recent Woolsey Fire, which amounted to over \$600 million of lost productivity in the 10 days of the fire. SCAG also presented the results of the 6 SCAG county economic reports that showed unemployment rates at 10-year lows, increasing wages, but unevenly across the region. The full Summit program can be viewed [here](#).
- **Gold Line Supplemental EIR Scoping Meeting:** On December 10, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority will be hosting a Public Scoping Meeting related to a proposed modification to the phasing of the construction of the Gold Line Phase 2B extension project. The purpose of this meeting is to solicit input from members of the public regarding the Supplemental EIR for this proposed modification. The Construction Authority is proposing to modify the Glendora to Montclair Phase 2B project to allow for the potential to construct and operate this project in four phases instead of two. As a result of this significant amendment to the original PHase 2B project proposal, the Construction Authority will be initiating a Supplemental EIR in order to study and evaluate to potential impacts and consequences of implementing a revised construction and operating schedule. This supplemental EIR will also include a proposed modification to the location of the future parking facility at the Pomona North Station. This EIR Scoping Meeting on this matter will take place **this upcoming Monday, December 10, from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at the La Verne Community Center (3680 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750)**. If you are unable to attend this scoping meeting in-person, then you will still be able to submit written comments to the Construction Authority, and you send email these comments to: LLevyBuch@foothillgoldline.org. For more online information about this meeting, please follow this link: <https://foothillgoldline.org/community-meetings-events/>.
- **Merry Mingle - Reminder:** On this upcoming Thursday, December 13, the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership will be hosting its 16th Annual Merry Mingle. The Merry Mingle will take place from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, and will be located in the breezeway right outside the Economic Partnership's office at 4900 Rivergrade Road in Irwindale. At this year's Merry Mingle, you will have the opportunity to meet the Economic Partnership's new President and CEO, Bill Manis, and recognize and thank outgoing President and CEO Jeff Allred for his hard work and dedication to the Economic Partnership during his time as President and CEO. The Merry Mingle is co-sponsored by the SGVCOG, as well as the SGV Public Affairs Network and the Regional Chamber of Commerce San Gabriel Valley. We hope to see you next week at this festive event! To register for this event, please follow this link: <https://sgvpartnership.org/events>.

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Week of December 10, 2018

- **SCAG Executive Directors' Meeting:** On Wednesday, I attended the SCAG subregional executive directors' meeting. Darin Chidsey, Interim Executive Director of SCAG, provided an in depth update on SCAG's district evaluation process, which is a process that occurs every five years to assess the population size of the 69 SCAG districts. Additionally, SCAG staff provided updates on the RHNA process and the SB 150 report. The SB 150 report found that while the State is meeting GHG reduction targets through the electricity sector, the regions are not meeting their GHG reduction targets related to VMT, which were established by SB 375. SCAG staff also reviewed SB 50 (Wiener), which is an updated version of SB 827. While it contains much of the same language related to reducing local control over land use in order to encourage denser housing near transit, the new bill has been revised to gain the support of affordable housing and labor advocates. The SGVCOG's Planners TAC will be discussing this bill in January.
- **SCAG Aviation TAC:** On Tuesday, I participated in SCAG's quarterly Aviation TAC meeting. The primary focus of the meeting was reviewing passenger traffic data and forecast methodology. Burbank Airport also provided an update on their new terminal.
- **Homeless Deputies Meeting:** The Supervisors' Homeless Deputies received updates on projects in the 2nd Supervisorial District. Deputy Wickrema reported that a new 160-unit apartment complex in the Harbor Gateway area opened recently. The apartments will offer an array of supportive services for the residents. Homeless Initiative Director, Phil Ansell, presented the recently released HI 11th Quarterly Report. Some highlights of the first 15 months of Measure H funding and implementation are as follows:
 - 9,635 homeless families and individuals have secured Permanent Housing;
 - 4,165 Clients have been linked to Intensive Case Management Services;
 - 3,321 clients received federal or local rental subsidies;
 - 18,714 people entered crisis, bridge and interim housing funded in whole or part by Measure H;
 - 8,479 disabled individuals with applications for SSI or Veterans Benefits have been supported by CBEST teams;
 - More than 350 Measure H funded outreach team members, including members of 36 multidisciplinary outreach teams working across the county; and
 - 1,500 new jobs in the homeless services delivery system have been filled across the region, helping to build capacity among providers.
- **Consortium Meeting:** The San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness celebrated an important transition at its meeting this week. The Consortium's new Board President is Joe Lyons, ex officio member of the SGVCOG Homelessness Committee. Joe's years of experience on the Claremont City Council will help to facilitate a strong collaboration between the Consortium and the SGVCOG. President Lyons set the tone for a new direction for the agency. Engagement, characterized by two-way involvement and communication between the agency and its members, is the focus of the agency. The

goals of the Consortium are to 1) become self sustaining, 2) reconnect with CBOs, 3) catalog providers, and 4) advance best practices. Regarding assisting unhoused residents in the context of a coordinated system, President Lyons emphasized the importance of local engagement in the process stating, “They are not just a person in need of a bed. They are persons in need of the community surrounding them as they get housed.”

- **LACOC Meeting:** A primary responsibility of the Los Angeles Continuum of Care Board is to review, provide direction, and approve the Continuum’s response to the annual HUD Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The Board addressed matters relative to the Board’s governance structure to ensure that new members will not be seated during the NOFA process. New Board members will be elected in May/June to be seated in October. The Board approved a NOFA calendar that anticipates a reallocation of funds and RFP for new projects in July, 2019.



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- **Capital Projects Committee:** The Capital Projects & Construction Committee met on December 17th and ratified El Monte's Victoria Martinez Muela's position as Chair and voted Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval as Vice Chair. The Committee unanimously approved the selection of Riverside Construction to construct the Durfee Avenue grade separation project in the City of Pico Rivera. The contract award was authorized in the amount of \$43,957,683. The project is expected to begin in May 2019 and estimated to be completed within 24 months. The Committee also approved a sole source contract with Southstar Engineering to provide temporary contract management services while recruitment is underway for a new Contracts Manager. Simplex Management was approved to provide project management services for the remainder of the Fullerton Road grade separation project. Lastly, the Committee approved the Capital Projects Federal and State legislative program.
- **Strategic Plan Survey Reminder:** As a reminder, staff is currently gathering input for the proposed SGVCOG Strategic Plan update via a survey. All Governing Board Delegates/Alternates and City Managers are encouraged to complete the survey. A summary of this survey will be presented at the January Governing Board meeting. If you have not completed the survey, please use the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8WPB8QD>.
- **ExpressLanes Meeting:** On Tuesday, I participated in a meeting with Metro Board member John Fasana, Metro staff, as well as representatives from SBCCOG, Gateway COG and Supervisor Hahn's office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Metro ExpressLanes program, including the development of an interfund borrowing policy to assist with expansion of the ExpressLanes network. This would include completion of the ExpressLanes gap that will be created along the I-10 when the County of San Bernardino opens their ExpressLanes project in the coming years. Metro staff had previously presented the draft policy to the SGVCOG Transportation Committee in November. It is anticipated that the loan policy will be presented to the Metro Board in February.
- **SCAG Active Transportation Working Group:** On Thursday, I participated in SCAG's Active Transportation Working Group. Metro staff provided an update on the Metro Bike Share program, including their limited e-bike pilot program which introduced a small number of e-bikes into the system. Santa Monica also presented an overview of their scooter share program and best practices. SCAG staff also presented on first-last mile freight delivery management, including emerging technologies such as TNCs, e-bikes/cargo bikes, drones, and curb management.
- **HEAP RFP Released:** On Friday, December 14th, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority released Requests for Proposals for 1) Rapid Rehousing and Prevention, 2) Interim Housing and 3) Access Centers and Access Points. Funding sources include HEAP, State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH), City and County of Los Angeles funds, and Measure H Special Funds. The RFP materials are now available at: <https://www.lahsa.org/funding/>. If you city is

interested in applying or working with a nonprofit on such projects, please review the proposals and determine which match your homelessness strategies. Please note the date for each of the mandatory bidders conferences. It is suggested that cities do not wait until the Bidders Conferences to gather their teams and begin planning, designing and drafting proposal responses. All proposals will be due on February 27, 2019 by 2:00 p.m.



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Week of December 31, 2018

- **ATP Award Recommendations:** On December 28, 2018, Caltrans staff published their 2019 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 4 Final Scores for all submitted ATP Cycle 4 project applications. Overall, there were 19 proposed projects in the San Gabriel Valley that had ATP applications submitted during this cycle. Additionally, Caltrans staff also published its recommended projects to receive ATP funding under the Statewide Component. We are excited to hear that, for the Statewide awards, the City of Pomona and the City of Duarte each had a project which received a top 14 score in the entire state, as both projects received an outstanding score of 93! Here is more information about these two projects:
 - **City of Pomona**
 - **Project Title:** Multi-Neighborhood Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements
 - **Recommended Funding:** \$9,269,000
 - **City of Duarte**
 - **Project Title:** Active Transportation Safety Project
 - **Recommended Funding:** \$2,270,000

Moreover, additional ATP funds are expected to be awarded by SCAG under the regional MPO component of ATP Cycle 4 funding. It is not clear yet what the score threshold will be for projects which were not recommended for statewide funding, but these decisions and recommendations will be made public by SCAG at a later date. Please see below for a complete list of the 19 projects from the San Gabriel Valley which were scored by the CTC:

City/Agency	Project Title	ATP Funding Requested	Project Score
Pomona	Multi-Neighborhood Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements	\$9,269,000	93
Duarte	Active Transportation Safety Project	\$2,270,000	93

Monterey Park	School and Crosswalk Safety Enhancement Project	\$1,367,000	89
LA County Public Works	San Gabriel Valley Four Corners Bike Path Gap Closures	\$15,030,000	82
South El Monte	Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Safety Project	\$1,268,000	81
LA County Public Works	Whittier Narrows Rio Hondo Bike Path Connectivity Improvements	\$2,234,000	80
La Puente	Valley Boulevard Pedestrian Improvements	\$2,234,000	79
Pomona	San Jose Creek Bike Path	\$9,409,000	78
LA County Public Works	Eaton Wash Bike Path – Huntington Drive to Longden Avenue	\$3,549,000	77
LA County Public Works	San Gabriel River Bike Path Extension, Azusa	\$1,499,000	76
La Cañada Flintridge	Foothill Boulevard Link Bikeway and Pedestrian Greenbelt Project	\$1,006,000	74

Monrovia	Monrovia Active Community Link	\$12,125,000	66
LA County Public Works	Vincent and Citrus Communities SRTS	\$5,773,000	61
El Monte	Active Streets El Monte	\$6,809,000	56
South Pasadena	Citywide Active Transportation Plan	\$230,000	55
West Covina	Safe Routes to School Project	\$920,000	53
Rosemead	Installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons by Emerson Elementary School	\$340,000	51
Diamond Bar	Golden Springs Drive Mobility Improvements Project	\$1,908,000	49
Rosemead	HAWK system installation at Rosemead High School	\$390,000	48

- City Managers' Steering Committee:** The City Managers' Steering Committee held its monthly meeting on Wednesday. They recommended the Governing Board approve the mid-year budget revision, which will result in a positive year-end balance of \$9,741. Additionally, the Committee was reminded to attend the SGVCOG Strategic Plan update workshop on January 17 during the regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting.
- Strategic Planning Workshop - Reminder:** On January 17, a comprehensive Strategic Plan workshop will be held as part of the January Governing Board meeting. The purpose of this workshop will be to present recent survey results gathered on strategic goals, as

well as provide an engaging forum for member agencies to discuss and provide input on the future of the SGVCOG. Based on the results of this workshop, staff will prepare and present a draft revised strategic plan at the February Governing Board meeting. Please RSVP to this workshop [here](#).

- **New ACE Website:** Recently, SGVCOG staff had been working to develop a new website for the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Project. The new website, which was developed on the Wix platform, would include a more modernized outlook and allow for easy navigation. Despite that the contents of the ACE website would be completely updated, the new website would continue to utilize the same website domain: www.theaceproject.org. ACE is scheduled to introduce the new website early next week.
- **General Assembly Reminder:** The 2019 SGVCOG General Assembly is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 10th from 8:30am to 1:30pm at the Pacific Palms Resort. The event will address the future of the San Gabriel Valley and the impact of transformational technology on the development and management of our cities. Experts and panelists will be presenting on topics such as stormwater, homelessness, transit, curbside management, broadband, and electric vehicle charging stations. Sponsorships for the General Assembly are accepted until the end of January and registrations are available starting mid-January. For inquiries regarding the General Assembly, please call (626) 457-1800 or e-mail sgv@sgvcog.org.

