

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of June 7, 2021

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the Executive Committee held its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee heard a presentation from SGVCOG Treasurer Renee Graves of CliftonLarsonAllen on the Quarterly Treasurer Report for the period ending March 31, 2021. The Committee also reviewed legislation (AB 61 and SB 314) that would support expanding outdoor dining options on a more permanent basis put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governing Board is anticipated to adopt resolutions of support for AB 61 and SB 314 at the June 17 Governing Board meeting.
- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Transportation Committee convened its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee considered the following items:
 - **Metro Strategic Project List:** Metro adopted the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) last year to provide a detailed roadmap for guiding Metro's plan to build, operate, maintain, and partner for improved mobility over the next three decades. Included in the LRTP is the development of the Short Range Transportation Plan (SRTP), a 10-15 year action plan which contains the Strategic Project List (SPL). The SPL includes a list of planned but unfunded major transportation projects and approved transportation programs submitted to Metro from any of the nine councils of governments (COGs) in Los Angeles County. Metro recently requested all of the COGs to submit eligible projects and programs for inclusion on the SPL by June 30, 2021. After soliciting feedback from member agencies, staff received a total of 38 programs and projects to be included on the SPL. The Committee reviewed the submitted requests and recommended the Governing Board to adopt the list of requested projects. Once approved by the Governing Board, staff will transmit the adopted list to Metro before the end of this month. Additional projects from member agencies may also be added in the future.

The Committee also heard presentations on the following items:

- **San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study Update:** On May 20, 2021, the SGVCOG Governing Board approved a professional contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to conduct the technical analyses for the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study. On June 1, 2021, the Executive Director approved a Task Order with Hill International, Inc. for providing public outreach services in support of Kimley-Horn's analyses for the project. The Notice to Proceed (NTP) for both contracts are to be issued in mid-June and the project kick-off meeting has been scheduled for July 9, 2021.
- **Glendora First/Last Mile Demonstrations:** City of Glendora Transportation Manager Stephen Mateer presented on the City's first/last mile pilot demonstration projects. In December 2019, the Glendora City Council adopted a resolution to further refine first/last mile project concepts for Ada Avenue, Foothill Boulevard, Glendora Avenue, and Vermont Avenue. As a result, Glendora city staff engaged in public outreach activities and applied for funding to implement demonstration projects. In September 2020, the SGVCOG awarded the City of Glendora over \$30,000 for a demonstration project using repurposed Metro Open Streets grant funds. By November 2020, a temporary first/last mile demonstration project was installed on Glendora Avenue from Foothill Boulevard to Ada Avenue. This demonstration project ran through March 2021 with the goals of supporting active transportation and public health during the COVID-19 Pandemic, evaluating potential safer street designs, and collecting detailed public feedback. The

demonstration provided an excellent opportunity for the City to test improvements and observe operational benefits and drawbacks.

- **Metro “Operation Shelter the Unsheltered”:** Metro’s System Security and Law Enforcement Chief Judy Gerhardt presented on Metro’s “Operation Shelter the Unsheltered” to assist these persons in seeking housing and support services. During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Metro has experienced an increase in the number of persons experiencing homelessness seeking shelter on the rail system and riding trains throughout the day without a formal destination. Since riders are currently required to exit trains at all terminus stations, such as Union Station, to allow Metro staff to effectively clean and disinfect trains, in an effort to protect riders from COVID-19, Metro has used this opportunity to partner with law enforcement and several homeless outreach providers to engage with persons experiencing homelessness. Metro and these partners are engaging with persons experiencing homelessness as they exit trains by offering them interim housing, mental health services, and substance abuse treatment. By tracking bed availability, Metro can subsequently provide these persons transportation to area shelters.

The Transportation Committee is scheduled to reconvene on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 4:00pm.

- **Active Transportation Twitterchat:** On Monday, SGVCOG staff held an Active Transportation Twitterchat session with 14 San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies to discuss active transportation and first/last mile efforts. Participants shared recommendations for agencies and stakeholders to collaborate and address major challenges that serve as barriers to complete active transportation projects. Discussion posts from the one-hour Twitterchat event reached more than 130,000 users and garnered more than 505,000 impressions. The SGVCOG sincerely extends gratitude to the Cities of El Monte and Glendora, ActiveSGV, the Alameda Corridor-East Project, CicLAvia, Day One, Foothill Transit, Foothill Gold Line, Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, Los Angeles Walks, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, Metrolink, Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition, and SCAG for sharing their insights and perspectives during the Twitterchat.
- **ARP and City Improvements Webinar:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG partnered with the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership to host the “American Rescue Plan (ARP) and City Improvements” Economic Development Webinar. Pasadena Economic Development Manager Eric Duyshart and Montebello City Manager Rene Bobadilla shared their cities’ plans for utilizing ARP funds to support fiscal recovery efforts. Additionally, Glendora Transportation Manager Steven Mateer and Pomona Development Services Director Anita Gutierrez shared their cities’ plans to remove or keep temporary downtown/neighborhood improvements after the COVID-19 Pandemic. Over 140 individuals attended the event and copies of the speakers’ presentations can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#).
- **SGVCOG Crisis Response Study Community Forums:** The SGVCOG is hosting community forums during the week of June 21 to gather feedback on our Regional Homeless, Mental Health, and Crisis Response Study. This study is examining how a mobile crisis response program could be developed and implemented in the San Gabriel Valley. More information on the study can be found [here](#). We are looking for **first responders** (EMTs, law enforcement, fire department personnel) and **service providers** working in behavioral or mental health and/or homeless services to participate in these virtual forums. Dates and times for each group are included below and registration can be found [here](#). We would greatly appreciate it if you could share this information and the attached flyer with first responders and service providers in your City.
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 - Friday June 25, 3pm - 4:30pm
- **Governing Board Preview:** The SGVCOG Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 4PM via Zoom Teleconference. The full agenda packet may be accessed at: <https://www.sgvkog.org/governing-board-agenda>. Major action items are summarized below:
 - **Authorization to Submit Applications for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Funding for ACE Projects:** The TIRCP is a discretionary grant program administered by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to provide funding for the construction of capital improvements to California's intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems, and bus and ferry transit systems. As part of the \$11-billion transportation funding investment proposed as a component of Governor Newsom's California Comeback Plan, \$500 million in general funds is proposed to be administered through the TIRCP for investment in high-priority, construction-ready rail-roadway grade separations and at-grade crossing safety improvements throughout California. If the TIRCP funds are provided in the current State budget, this item would authorize staff to coordinate submittal of a joint application with LA Metro seeking TIRCP program funding for the ACE Projects.
 - **State and County Homeless Funds:** Staff is recommending the Governing Board add the Tiny Home Bridge Housing Program to the SGVCOG Homelessness Pilot Programs and reallocate \$150,000 in excess funding from the Green Path Careers (GPC) Pilot Program to the Tiny Home Bridge Housing Program. Reallocating funding from the GPC Pilot Program to the Tiny Home Bridge Housing Program will have no impact on the San Gabriel Valley's participation in the GPC program. SGVCOG staff will continue to work with its participating cities and GPC partners to recruit program participants. Reallocating funding will also ensure that all funding is expended by the December 2021 deadline.
 - **FY 20-21 Budget Amendment #2:** Staff is recommending revisions to the FY 20-21 budget. The overall impact is resulting in a year-end balance of \$38,701.
 - **Contract Award to Badawi and Associates to Perform Financial Audit Services:** As stipulated in the SGVCOG Bylaws, the SGVCOG is required to conduct an independent financial audit. The SGVCOG's current contract for financial audit services expires on June 30, 2021. In February 2021, an RFP was released to solicit financial audit services. After a competitive evaluation by a Technical Evaluation, Badawi and Associates was selected as the most qualified firm based on its technical qualifications. Staff is recommending the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a professional services agreement with Badawi and Associates to provide financial audit services for the SGVCOG for five fiscal years, with the contract beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2026, in the fixed fee amount of \$262,983, as well as authorization to initiate task orders for on-call assignments for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
 - **Support AB 61 (Gabriel):** AB 61 provides the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) with the authority necessary to continue to allow licensees to continue to operate under the COVID-19 Temporary Catering Authorization permit for 365 days after the emergency order is lifted. The bill also allows the ABC to extend the 365-day period as long as the licensee has applied to the department for an expansion of their licensed premises. In addition, this bill authorizes, until

- one year after the end of the declared COVID-19 emergency, a restaurant to prepare and serve food as a temporary satellite food service without obtaining a separate satellite food service permit. The SGVCOG Executive Committee reviewed AB 61 and voted to recommend the Governing Board support AB 61.
- **Support SB 314 (Wiener):** SB 314 authorizes the ABC to, for 365 days from the date the Covid-19 state of emergency is lifted, allow licensees to continue to exercise license privileges in an expanded licensed area authorized pursuant to a Covid-19 temporary catering permit. In addition, this bill allows a licensed manufacturer to share a common licensed area with multiple licensed retailers.
 - **Support AB 1201 (Ting):** AB 1201 would prohibit an individual from selling a plastic product that is labeled with the terms “compostable,” “home compostable,” or “soil biodegradable” unless the product meets specified standards and satisfies specified criteria. The EENR Committee reviewed AB 1201 and voted to recommend the Governing Board to support AB 1201 (Ting).
 - **Metro Strategic Project List for the San Gabriel Valley:** As discussed above at the Transportation Committee, this item would approve the Transportation Committee’s recommendation that the the Governing Board to adopt the list of requested projects for inclusion on the Metro Strategic Project List (SPL).
 - **Los Angeles County Coordination Survey Results:** At the recommendation of the Governing Board, SGVCOG staff solicited member agencies’ input on the engagement and coordination efforts between the County of Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley cities. The survey asked respondents to provide their levels of engagement and contracting relationships with each County department, as well as share specific concerns and comments regarding their relationships with the County. A total of 21 responses were received between March 31-May 13, 2021. The survey was reopened from May 21-May 30, 2021 to provide member agencies with additional time to submit responses. During this time, SGVCOG staff received one additional response. Several surveyed cities reported that they are pleased with the County’s quality of service, with concerns mainly centered around the cost of some contracted County services and lack of funding for Measure H to San Gabriel Valley cities. The SGVCOG Executive Committee reviewed the updated survey results and acknowledged that the Homelessness Committee and the SGVCOG staff are actively addressing member agencies’ concerns with Measure H funding. Additionally, the Committee directed staff to reach out to cities to better understand the concerns regarding the County’s animal care and control services.
 - **Governing Board Member Agenda Item Request Process:** According to the SGVCOG Bylaws, the Executive Committee is responsible for considering and providing guidance on matters being considered for inclusion on Governing Board agendas and any other matters directed by the Governing Board. To clarify the process for requesting items and projects on the Governing Board agenda, staff has developed a visual and written process as reference.
 - **State and Federal Legislative Update:** Tim Egan, SGVCOG Legislative Consultant, Capital Representation Group; and Paul Hubler, Director of Government and Community Relations, SGVCOG will provide an update presentation on the SGVCOG’s legislative program, as well as updates on the State’s budget proposal.
 - **Recognition of SGVCOG President Margaret Clark:** The Board will recognize President Margaret Clark’s service to the SGVCOG with a celebratory presentation.

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Week of June 14, 2021

- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee voted to re-elect San Dimas Mayor Pro Tem Denis Bertone as its FY 2021-2022 Chair and Claremont Mayor Jennifer Stark as its FY 2021-2022 Vice Chair. Additionally, the Committee reviewed the following presentations:
 - **Indoor Air Quality in the COVID and Post-COVID World:** kW Engineering Director, David Gilliland, P.E. provided an overview of the core recommendations for reducing airborne infectious aerosol exposure from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), which includes the following recommendations
 - Ventilation: Provide and maintain the required minimum outdoor airflow rates for ventilation as specified by applicable codes and standards.
 - Use combinations of filters and air cleaners that achieve a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) of 13 or better levels of performance for air recirculated by HVAC systems.
 - Only utilize air cleaners for which evidence of effectiveness and safety is clear.
 - Select control options that provide desired exposure reduction while minimizing associated energy penalties.
 - Where directional airflow is not specifically required, or not recommended as the result of a risk assessment, promote mixing of space air without causing strong air currents that increase direct transmission from person-to-person.
 - Maintain temperature and humidity design set points.
 - Maintain equivalent clean air supply required for design occupancy whenever anyone is present in the space served by the HVAC.
 - Limit re-entry of contaminated air that may re-enter the building from energy recovery devices, outdoor air, and other sources to acceptable levels.
 - **Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing:** The Center for Sustainable Energy Project Manager, Kajsa Hendrickson, provided a presentation on this item. The Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) Program, which is administered by the Center for Sustainable Energy, Association for Energy Affordability, GRID Alternatives, and California Housing Partnership, aims to help close the gap between those who has access to solar and those who benefits from solar, as it is traditionally unavailable to low-income households.
 - **Plastic Recycling Symbols and Codes Overview:** SGVCOG staff provided a presentation on this item. The “Chasing Arrows” Symbol that can commonly be found in plastic containers and products does not necessarily imply that the product is recyclable. Each number indicates the grade of plastic and can also identify the safety and uses of the respective item:
 - **Number 1 (PETE or PETG):** Number 1 plastics include polyethylene terephthalate, which can commonly be found in soft drink bottles, mineral water containers, fruit juice containers, and cooking oil containers. These plastics are easily recyclable and can be reused to manufacture containers,

carpet, and furniture. Number 1 plastics are often accepted by curbside recycling programs.

- **Number 2 (HDPE):** Number 2 plastics include high-density polyethylene, which can be found in containers for cleaning agents, milk, detergents, shampoo, and washing and shower soaps. HDPE sheets can also be easily recycled into pipes, oil bottles, pens, and detergent bottles. Number 2 plastics are commonly accepted by curbside recycling programs.
- **Number 3 (PVC or Vinyl):** Number 3 plastics include polyvinyl chloride, which can be found in trays for fruits, plastic packaging, and food foils. Due to its lightweight and rigid properties, PVC plastics can be easily stamped, sawed, punched, nailed, riveted, or bonded using PVC adhesive. Number 3 plastics are rarely recycled and are usually not included in curbside recycling programs. In some cases, these plastics can be recycled and repurposed as speed bumps, roadway gutters, fences, non-food bottles, and cables.
- **Number 4 (LDPE):** Number 4 plastics include low-density polyethylene, which can be found in crushed bottles, shopping bags, high-resistant sacks, and wrappings. While these plastics are not usually recycled, they can be converted into floor tiles, shipping envelopes, laboratory equipment, and various containers.
- **Number 5 (PP):** Number 5 plastics include polypropylene plastics, which can be found in furniture, luggage, toys, and cars. These plastics are ideal for the manufacturing of ketchup bottles and medicine bottles due to their durability, strengths, and low weights. Number 5 plastics are increasingly accepted by curbside recycling programs.
- **Number 6 (PS):** Number 6 plastics include polystyrene plastics, which are used for toys, hard-packing, refrigerator trays, cosmetic bags, costume jewelry, CD cases, and vending cups. Although not accepted by many curbside recycling programs, these plastics can be recycled to manufacture egg cartons, take-out containers, and rulers.
- **Number 7 (Other):** Number 7 plastics include, but are not limited to, acrylic plastic, polycarbonate plastic, polylactic fibers, nylon, and fiberglass. Not every plastic item can be recycled; however, both acrylic and polycarbonate plastics can be recycled and repurposed. Residents should consult with their local recycling programs before recycling number 7 plastics.

The Committee is expected to reconvene on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 1:00pm.

- **Solid Waste Working Group:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Solid Waste Working Group convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Working Group reviewed MDM Analytics' SB 1383 Software Program and discussed existing manure processing requirements. Additionally, several cities confirmed their interest in participating in a Regional Food Recovery Program for San Gabriel Valley cities to support local jurisdictions to comply with SB 1383's upcoming food recovery mandates. The Working Group requested SGVCOG staff to develop a draft Scope of Work for the Regional Food Recovery Program and solicit participation interest from other member agencies. SGVCOG staff will also be providing a presentation on the proposed Regional Food Recovery Program to the SGVCOG Public Works Technical Advisory Committee next Monday. The Working Group is expected to reconvene in mid-July.

- **Governing Board Recap:** Governing Board Recap: On Thursday, the SGVCOG Governing Board convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. Members of the Governing Board reviewed and voted on the following major items:
 - **Authorization to Submit Applications for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Funding for ACE Projects:** The Governing Board voted to approve Resolution 21-31 authorizing the Executive Director to jointly submit with the ACE Program funding partner agency, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro), applications consistent with applicable Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) guidelines - for which Governor Newsom has proposed the administration of \$500 million in general funds - for funding for the Montebello Corridor Project, the Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project and the Pomona At-Grade Crossings Safety Improvements Project, and the execution of any and all agreements as may be required.
 - **State and County Homeless Funds:** Members of the Governing Board voted to approve adding the Tiny Home Bridge Housing Program to the SGVCOG Homelessness Pilot Programs and reallocate \$150,000 in excess funding from the Green Path Careers (GPC) Pilot Program to the Tiny Home Bridge Housing Program. This reallocation of funding from the GPC Pilot Program to the Tiny Home Bridge Housing Program will have no impact on the San Gabriel Valley's participation in the GPC program. SGVCOG staff will continue to work with its participating cities and GPC partners to recruit program participants.
 - **FY 20-21 Budget Amendment #2:** The Governing Board voted to adopt Resolution 21-32 amending the FY 20-21 Budget. The overall impact is resulting in a year-end balance of \$38,701.
 - **Contract Award to Badawi and Associates to Perform Financial Audit Services:** Members of the Governing Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Badawi and Associates to provide financial audit services for the SGVCOG for five fiscal years, with the contract beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2026, in the fixed fee amount of \$262,983, as well as authorization to initiate task orders for on-call assignments for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
 - **AB 61 (Gabriel):** As recommended by the Executive Committee, the Governing Board voted to adopt Resolution 21-33 to support AB 61 (Gabriel). AB 61 provides the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control with the authority necessary to continue to allow licensees to continue to operate under the COVID-19 Temporary Catering Authorization permit for 365 days after the emergency order is lifted.
 - **SB 314 (Wiener):** Members of the Governing Board voted to approve Resolution 21-34 to support SB 314 (Wiener). SB 314 authorizes the ABC to, for 365 days from the date the COVID-19 state of emergency is lifted, allow licensees to continue to exercise license privileges in an expanded licensed area authorized pursuant to a COVID-19 temporary catering permit.
 - **AB 1201 (Ting):** As recommended by the EENR Committee, the Governing Board voted to adopt Resolution 21-35 to support AB 1201 (Ting). AB 1201 would prohibit an individual from selling a plastic product that is labeled with the terms "compostable," "home compostable," or "soil biodegradable" unless the product meets specified standards and satisfies specified criteria.
 - **Metro Strategic Project List for the San Gabriel Valley:** At the recommendation of the Transportation Committee, the Governing Board voted to approve Resolution 21-36 adopting the list of San Gabriel Valley regional transportation projects and programs to be included on the Metro Strategic Project List. A total of 42 programs and projects were received and will be transmitted to Metro.

- **State and Federal Legislative Update:** Tim Egan, SGVCOG Legislative Consultant, Capital Representation Group; and Paul Hubler, Director of Government and Community Relations from the SGVCOG provided an update on the SGVCOG's legislative program, as well as provided updates on the State's budget proposal.
 - **Recognition of SGVCOG President Margaret Clark:** The Governing Board recognized President Margaret Clark's service to the SGVCOG with a celebratory presentation and video.
- **SB 9 (Atkins):** SB 9 would require cities and counties to ministerially approve, without condition or discretion, a housing development containing two residential units on an individual parcel in single-family zones. As a follow-up to the discussion at Thursday's Governing Board meeting, please find the League of California Cities' template letter opposing SB 9 unless amended.
- **SGVCMA Annual Workshop:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff attended the San Gabriel Valley City Managers' Association's (SGVCMA) 2021 Annual Workshop, which included a public health briefing from Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Director, Dr. Barbara Ferrer, and a keynote speech from Golden State Warriors Assistant Coach, Ron Adams. Additionally, city managers discussed topics such as the long-lasting effects of COVID-19 on local governments, the rise of millennial and younger city councilmembers, and the mental health of municipal employees.
- **SGVCOG Crisis Response Study Community Forums:** The SGVCOG is hosting community forums during the week of June 21 to gather feedback on our Regional Homeless, Mental Health, and Crisis Response Study. This study is examining how a mobile crisis response program could be developed and implemented in the San Gabriel Valley. More information on the study can be found [here](#). We are looking for **first responders** (EMTs, law enforcement, fire department personnel) and **service providers** working in behavioral or mental health and/or homeless services to participate in these virtual forums. Dates and times for each group are included below and registration can be found [here](#). We would greatly appreciate it if you could share this information and the attached flyer with first responders and service providers in your City.
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- **NPDES MS4 Permit:** In early June, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) released the Revised Tentative Regional Phase 1 MS4 Permit. The new MS4 Permit, which will succeed the MS4 Permit adopted in 2012, mandates the stormwater quality requirements that cities must meet. The Revised Tentative Permit, as well as the Regional Board staff's responses to comments to previously released draft tentative permit, can be found [here](#). The SGVCOG's Water Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet to discuss the Permit on Monday, June 21, at 9:30 a.m. The information to find the meeting can be found at the SGVCOG's [website](#). On Tuesday, June 22, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, the Regional Board will hold a public workshop. Interested participants can register for the meeting [here](#). A joint meeting of the SGVCOG's Water Policy Committee/TAC will meet on Tuesday, June 29, at 10:00 a.m. The Regional Board will be considering the Tentative Permit at public hearings on July 8, 9, 16, and 23, beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day.

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Week of June 21, 2021

- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Public Works Technical Advisory Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee re-elected Pomona Public Works Director Rene Guerrero as the Committee's Chair and Diamond Bar Public Works Director David Liu as the Committee's Vice Chair. Additionally, committee members reviewed the following major items:
 - **SB 1 Local Streets and Roads Maintenance of Effort Requirement:** SGVCOG Director of Government and Community Relations, Paul Hubler, provided updates on this item. SB 1 (Beall, 2017) requires cities to maintain their existing commitment of local funds for streets, roads, and highways comparable to FY 2009-2012 in order to receive their annual shares of SB 1 funds. In July 2020, the SGVCOG sent a letter urging Governor Newsom and the San Gabriel Valley State Legislative Delegation to suspend the MOE commitment due to the impact on general fund revenues of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The California Transportation Commission's (CTC) proposed budget trailer bill requires the Controller to suspend MOE for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 in proportion to declines in taxable sales within the city or county. Cities and counties may also petition the Controller to use transient occupancy tax, in lieu of sales tax, to calculate the adjustment.
 - **South El Monte Energy Project Highlights:** The Energy Coalition (TEC) Project Manager, Code Bruder, provided updates on this item. The City of South El Monte recently received multiple grants to complete energy projects at its buildings and facilities. Collaborating with TEC through the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN), the City of South El Monte received funds from the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to install an innovative technology package at City Hall, the Community Center, and the Senior Center. Additionally, the City received funds from the California Climate Investments' Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program to launch an Electric Vehicle (EV) carshare program and install eight Level 2 EV charging stations at municipal facilities and/or parks in South El Monte. Cities are encouraged to contact and collaborate with their respective SoCalREN project managers to discuss possible energy grant opportunities. Cities that have not enrolled in the SoCalREN can contact SGVCOG staff to register and enroll in the Network.
 - **San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program:** SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item. At the SGVCOG Solid Waste Working Group meeting on March 25, 2021, several cities expressed an interest in participating in a regional endeavor to comply with SB 1383's edible food recovery regulations, which can include the hiring of an external consultant to conduct activities such as assessing potential food recovery agencies and their capacities for cities to utilize for SB 1383 requirements, assessing Tier 1 and Tier 2 generators for current compliance with edible food recovery, preparing guidance, and assisting with communication efforts. The Program is expected to begin in September 2021. Cities that are interested in participating in the Regional Food Recovery Program are encouraged to submit statements of interest [here](#) before July 8, 2021. SGVCOG staff will subsequently work with each participating city to execute memorandums of agreement (MOAs).
 - **SB 1383 Capacity Planning:** Los Angeles County Department of Public Works representatives provided a presentation on this item. Under SB 1383 regulations,

the County of Los Angeles must work collaboratively with each city to estimate the amount of organic waste that will be disposed, identify existing organic waste recycling infrastructure capacity that is verifiably available, and estimate the amount of new or expanded organic waste recycling capacity that is needed. The County of Los Angeles must also collaborate with each city to estimate the amount of edible food that will be disposed by Tiers 1 and 2 commercial edible food generators, identify existing capacity at food recovery organizations and services, identify proposed new or expanded food recovery organizations and services that will be utilized, and identify, if any, the amount of new or expanded capacity that is needed.

The Committee is expected to reconvene on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 12:00pm.

- **Water TAC:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Water Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a special meeting to discuss the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. TAC members developed a strategy for comments and talking points for the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's public hearings to consider adoption of the Permit in July. Members volunteered to review sections of the Revised Tentative Permit and to develop 4 to 5 priority areas for comments. There was also a discussion on the need to coordinate with other cities in LA County and with the League of California Cities. SGVCOG staff is working with the Water TAC Chair to coordinate with these other agencies. Public hearings for consideration of the Permit will be held on July 8, 9, 16, and 23. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Planners TAC:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee voted to re-elect Duarte Community Development Director Craig Hensley as the Committee's Chair and Claremont Community Development Director Brad Johnson as the Committee's Vice Chair. The Committee also reviewed the following major items:
 - **2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Progress Updates:** SGVCOG Management Aide, Ana Bordallo, provided updates on this item. Earlier this year, the SGVCOG launched the 2021 San Gabriel Valley 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 trainings and meetings, benchmarking municipal facilities, and conducting energy efficiency outreach activities. The Energy Champion Awards' most recent progress report can be found on the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership website [here](#).
 - **Electric Reach Codes Overview:** Southern California Edison Senior Policy Advisor, Joshua Torres, provided a presentation on this item. On September 18, 2018, Former Governor Brown signed SB 100 and issued an executive order to set a 100% clean energy goal for California and establish a new target to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045. Achieving carbon neutrality will greatly reduce the threat of climate change; however, jurisdictions and communities must engage in rigorous planning to ensure that energy remains safe, affordable, and reliable. Reach codes are known as local requirements that exceed the State's codes. Such codes can lead to energy and water savings, emissions reductions, and local leadership. These codes are effective and flexible tools for local jurisdictions to achieve local policy objectives. They can also be customized to meet a community's specific clean energy goals.
 - **AQMD Warehouse Indirect Source Rule:** South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Planning, Rule Development, and Area Sources Program

Supervisor, Kalam Cheung, provided a presentation on this item. To assess and identify potential actions to further reduce emissions associated with emission sources operating in and out of warehouse distribution centers, the AQMD recently adopted new rules to regulate distribution warehouses on May 7, 2021. The Warehouse Indirect Source Rule (Rule 2305) applies to operators and owners of existing and new warehouses with floor space greater than or equal to 100,000 square feet within a single building. Rule 2305 would require warehouses subject to the rule to annually take actions that either reduce emissions or facilitate emission reductions. Specifically, warehouse operators of warehouses subject to Rule 2305 would be required to reduce emissions using one of the following three methods:

- **Option 1: Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Menu:** Warehouse operators must earn a specific number of points each year from emission-reducing activities. Certain actions are assigned a specified number of points based on the WAIRE Menu Structure. The number of annual points that warehouse operators must earn depends upon the number of generated truck trips.
- **Option 2: Custom WAIRE Plan:** An operator may also choose to apply to implement a site-specific custom plan that incorporates actions that are not listed on the WAIRE Menu; however, plan approval is required prior to being able to earn points. Custom plans can include onsite and offsite measures within the control of the operator that can be demonstrated to reduce emissions of NOx and/or diesel PM.
- **Option 3: Mitigation Fee:** Warehouse operators may choose to pay a mitigation fee to the AQMD and the funds generated will be allocated to provide financial incentives for truck owners to purchase NZE or ZE trucks, or for the installation of fueling and charging infrastructure. Funds will be allocated with priority provided for projects in the communities near warehouses that paid the fee.

Warehouse operators who are required to comply with Rule 2305 would pay fees as established by Rule 316, which reimburses AQMD for administrative costs associated with ensuring compliance with Rule 2305. While AQMD's analysis shows that Rule 2305 can potentially increase the cost of goods by approximately 0.05%, it is expected that the Rule will contribute to avoiding 150 to 300 premature deaths, 2,500 to 5,800 asthma attacks, and 9,000 to 20,000 lost work days. Questions regarding Rules 2305 and 316 can be directed to waire-program@aqmd.gov or (916) 396-3140.

The Committee is expected to reconvene on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 12:00pm.

- **Homelessness Working Group:** On Thursday, the Homelessness Working Group met via Zoom. The meeting featured the following presentation and updates:
 - **USC Keck Street Medicine Program:** Brett Feldman, Director of the Program, presented on street medicine which recognizes that people experiencing homelessness (PEH) have significant barriers to accessing healthcare in the same way as those who are housed, and to best provide care to PEH requires meeting clients where they are. The USC Street Medicine Program was established three years ago and recently launched a SPA-3 team in affiliation with the multi-disciplinary teams at Union Station. The program can treat acute and chronic medical conditions, dispense medication, draw labs, treat wounds, do EKGs and ultrasounds, and more on the streets. While there is no psychiatrist on staff, the program can provide some mental health care and counseling services. The program stays with clients as their primary care physician (PCP) until they are

housed. All PEH in SPA 3 are eligible for the program and City staff may refer clients into the program.

- **SGVCOG Measure H Funding Plan:** The SGVCOG is developing a funding plan for the 2022-2023 Measure H funding that is being provided to LA County Councils of Governments, pending Board of Supervisors approval on July 13. A survey will be sent to City staff to provide feedback on current and future programs. The Homelessness Working Group will hold special meetings on July 15 and July 29 to discuss the Measure H funding plan. The plan will then go to the Homelessness Committee, City Managers Steering Committee, and Governing Board for approval in September.
- **City Program Updates:**
 - **Baldwin Park:** The City is hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Shower of Hope Program & Hybrid Access Point on Tuesday, June 29 at 10am. The program provides free showers and meals to people experiencing homelessness (PEH) every Tuesday from 10 AM - 2 PM between May 18 and August 10. The program is paired with on-site outreach, housing navigation, employment services, case management, and a variety of resources to help strengthen linkages to the LA County coordinated entry system to improve overall services for PEH. Additionally, through a partnership with Housing for Health, the program will host a second COVID-19 vaccination clinic on Tuesday, June 29. Please contact Yuriko Ruizesparza at yruizesparza@baldwinpark.com with any questions.
 - **Claremont:** The City is coordinating with community-based organizations, the faith-based community, the school district, and Tri-City Mental Health to identify clients in need of prevention and diversion assistance. The City is working with SHARE Collaborative Housing to lease an apartment, match roommates to the unit, and provide supportive services and peer support. The program is looking for a unit in the Claremont area and any clients from SPA 3 are eligible to participate. Finally, the City is working with Inland Valley Hope Partners to provide shelter beds to families.
 - **Monrovia:** The City's Emergency COVID Housing Impact Program (eCHIP) pilot program has now served 77 families made up of 283 individuals. Follow-up contacts with families have largely shown positive outcomes with participants remaining housed. The City's outreach teams have also been connecting with PEH, providing resources, and hygiene kits.
 - **Pomona:** The City's outreach efforts include a Survey123 data tool with ArcGIS to capture client information and allows staff to determine hotspots to invest efforts to best serve and refer clients to housing like Hope for Home and to services. Street outreach teams contact between 100 and 300 people per month. The City has also begun working with Neighborhood Legal Services to provide a legal assistance clinic twice per week, helping clients with wrongful evictions and with securing citizenship and other documentation. This work has successfully allowed participants to be placed into permanent housing.
- **Upcoming Special San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) meeting:** On Monday 6/28 the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust will convene to approve the list of projects for inclusion in the SGVRHT's application to the State's Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) program. The agenda packet and livestream link can be found at <https://www.sqvrht.org/>.

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of June 28, 2021

- **Welcome New SGVCOG Officers!:** We are excited to introduce its new slate of officers for fiscal year 2021-22, who were appointed by the Governing Board at their May meeting.
 - President: Becky Shevlin
 - First Vice President: Tim Hepburn
 - Second Vice President: Ed Reece
 - Third Vice President: April Verlato

Congratulations to all! We look forward to working with you!
- **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Sustainable Communities Program Award:** On Thursday, the SCAG Policy Committees and Regional Council held their monthly meetings. One of the items considered by the Regional Council was approval of the proposed project list for SCAG's 2020 Sustainable Communities Program - Smart Cities and Mobility Innovations Call for Applications. The SGVCOG submitted an application to this program for "GoSGV Engagement and Evaluation" to support the outreach and engagement and the data evaluation of the GoSGV e-bike share program, which is anticipated to re-launch later this year. The SGVCOG's project was among the 8 projects recommended for approval by the Regional Council. As a result, the SGVCOG will receive technical assistance to support completion of the project.
- **State Budget Earmarks:** We are very excited to announce that funding for the SGVCOG and the SGV Regional Housing Trust were included in the FY 2021-22 Budget approved by the Legislature. The budget included \$1 million for the SGVCOG for workforce development programs and \$20 million for the SGV Regional Housing Trust for affordable housing. We are extremely grateful to Senator Susan Rubio and the entire SGV legislative caucus for their leadership and support in helping to secure funding for these regional priorities.
- **57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project INFRA Award:** Earlier last week, Congresswoman Young Kim announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation will award \$30 million in Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant funding for the State Route 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project. LA Metro serves as the recipient of the grant award. In March 2021, Congresswoman Kim and Congresswoman Grace Napolitano led a bipartisan effort and urged Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg to support improving the 57/60 Freeway Confluence. The 57/60 Project aims to address the second highest truck accident location in Southern California, with an accident rate that is 50% higher than the statewide average. Once completed, the Project will increase the average peak travel speed from 31.5 mph to 68.5 mph and significantly reduce fatalities and accidents along the 2.5-mile chokepoint. Congresswoman Kim's press release on the INFRA Award can be found [here](#).
- **Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee elected Diamond Bar Mayor Nancy Lyons as Committee Chair and Industry Mayor Cory Moss as Committee Vice Chair. Staff announced that the State Route 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Program recently received an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant of \$30 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Committee also approved two agreements with the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department for the planned improvements to the Diamond Bar Golf Course as part of the State Route 57/60 Chokepoint Relief Program. Additionally, the Committee awarded a construction contract to Griffith Company for the State Route 57/60 Chokepoint

Relief Program Phase 1-Diamond Bar Golf Course Project. The Committee approved the construction management services contract and issuance of task order #1 to WSP for pre-construction management services for the State Route 57/60 Chokepoint Relief Program Phase 2-Interchange Improvements Project.

- **RHT Board Meeting:** On Monday, the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) held a special meeting to approve projects for its upcoming Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) program application to the State. The LHTF program provides matching funds to housing trust funds, like the SGVRHT. Two projects, totaling 175 units, were recommended for funding as part of the application. The projects were selected from the San Gabriel Valley Project Pipeline based on the scoring criteria adopted by the Board which placed emphasis on projects' readiness to start construction and percentage of units serving residents whose income is 30% of the Area Median Income. This criteria adopted by the Board is consistent with the requirements and priorities of the State LHTF Program. The SGVRHT issued Letters of Intent (LOI) to the projects pending award of LHTF funds. More information of the two projects is included below:
 - **East End Village (Pomona):** 125-unit affordable housing project serving low and very low-income families. The project will have an onsite health clinic. Construction is anticipated to begin in March 2022 with an anticipated occupancy date of March 2025. The funding award for this project is \$1,000,000.
 - **Mariposa Housing (Alhambra):** 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. Construction is anticipated to begin in February 2022 with an anticipated occupancy date of May 2023. The funding award for this project is \$1,000,000.
- **Safe, Clean Water Regional Oversight Committee Meeting:** On Tuesday, the Regional Oversight Committee met to approve Stormwater Investment Plans (SIP) for the nine Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Program Watershed Areas. The SGVCOG, on behalf of the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) Watershed Management Group, submitted a scientific study to examine the water quality impact of wildfires to the SCW Program that was approved by both the ULAR and Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committees individually. With the Regional Oversight Committee's overwhelming approval, the SIPs will now be considered by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in August for final adoption. For more information on the fire study visit the following link: [Fire Effect Study](#).
- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG Water Committee and Water Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a special meeting. Committee members voted to re-elect Gloria Crudgington, Council Member of Monrovia, as Chair and elected Jennifer Stark, Mayor of Claremont, as Vice Chair of the Committee. The meeting focused on a discussion of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. All municipalities must comply with the MS4 NPDES Permit, which can be incredibly costly to achieve. Committee members developed a strategy for comments and talking points for the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Board) public hearings to consider adoption of the Permit in July. Members discussed the need to focus on the following four areas of comments: 1) overall lack of funding; 2) need for more explicit guidance on how to attain compliance, including interim compliance; 3) reporting/monitoring requirements; and 4) compliance schedules. Committee members volunteered to provide comments at the hearings, and staff is working to secure additional speakers from our region and to coordinate comments with other cities and agencies in LA County. The hearings will be held on July 8, 9, 16, and 23. More information can be found [here](#). If any members are interested in providing

public comments at the Regional Board meeting, please contact Samantha Matthews (smatthews@sgvcoq.org) as soon as possible.

