

# **SGVCOG Public Works TAC Approved Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 21, 2018 Time: 12:00 P.M.

Location: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

602 E. Huntington Dr., Suite B, Monrovia, CA 91016

#### PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. D. Liu led the Public Works TAC in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.** Roll Call

### **Public Works TAC Members Present**

P. Wray; Arcadia

D. Bobadilla; Azusa

F. Lopez; Claremont

D. Liu, K. Young; Diamond Bar

B. Yu; El Monte

A. Sweet; Glendora

E. Rodriguez; Irwindale

A. Tachiki, C. Velarde; Monrovia

R. Guerrero; Pomona

R. Salas; South El Monte

A. Avery; Temple City

M. Heredia; West Covina

J. Lu, A. Ross, J. Yang, L. Grindle; LACDPW

#### **Guests**

D. Cadena, WKE, Inc. L. Young; Translink

S. Ahmad, SA Associates S. Sharma, S. Gota, B. Schmith; LA Metro

F. Alamolhoda LAE Associates J. Martinez; NCE

G. Jaquez; MNS Engineers V. Sedagat, S. Ariannia; Geo-Advantec, Inc.

## **SGVCOG Staff**

E. Wolf

P. Duyshart

4. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**5.** Review Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes: 04/16/2018

There was a motion to approve the minutes (M/S: D. Liu/D. Bobadilla).

[Motion Passed]

**Public Works TAC Members Absent** 

San Dimas

San Gabriel

Ayes	Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Glendora, Irwindale,
	Monrovia, Pomona, South El Monte, Temple City, West Covina, LACDPW
Noes	
Abstain	

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

**6.** LA Metro's Arterial Performance Measurement Pilot Program: Results for the San Gabriel Valley

Shrota Sharma of LA Metro, Lis Young of TransLink Consultants, and Tiffany Barkley, a Director at Iteris, all presented on this item to the Public Work TAC. They explained how the TAC first heard a presentation in October 2017 about the background and intent of Metro's "Measure Up!" Countywide Baseline Conditions Analysis program, and then Metro, TransLink, and Iteris provided a follow-up presentation in January 2018 during which they described the data sources and types of data used in the arterial performance analysis program, and during which they also announced that the SGV subregion was chosen to be the focus subregion for the "Measure Up!" Pilot Program. The purpose of the May 2018 presentation to this TAC is to report back to the TAC on some of the results of the arterial studies, as well as share the feedback of those in the SGV subregion who had tested the tool which contains traffic congestion data for all key arterials in the SGV.

The presenters pointed out how the goals of this Arterial Performance Measurement Pilot Program are to: enhance performance-based decision-making, provide useful tools and quantitative data to support local agency and sub-regional operations and planning efforts, monitor and report on mobility performance on arterial corridors, measure effectiveness of Arterial Transportation System Management improvements, and develop consistent methods for mobility performance measures calculations and reporting. Additionally, the performance measures and data collected as part of the program were elaborated on, and they include: speed, travel time, travel time index, travel time delay, level of services, vehicle and person-miles travelled, vehicle and person-hours travelled, and vehicle-hours of delay (relative to similar arterial corridors). The presenters also discussed the sources of the data, which included the INRIX 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Speed data, and also provided an opportunity after the meeting to train TAC members on how to access, use, and analyze the iPeMS tool platform.

\*\*City Staff members who haven't yet participated in the Pilot Program by access the currently free iPeMS tool can still try out the tool and view the traffic data for free by logging onto the system with their respective City domains.

Questions/Discussion: The following issues were discussed:

• There were no questions during the meeting; however, members did ask a few questions during the live demo. and training which took place immediately after the PW TAC meeting adjourned.

## ACTION ITEMS DISCUSSION ITEMS

### **UPDATE ITEMS**

7. LA County's "Safe, Clean Water Program"

Eric Wolf, a Senior Management Analyst with the SGVCOG, provided the TAC with a detailed status update on the proposed draft of the County's "Safe, Clean Water Program." The LA County Board of Supervisors' collective purpose for this program is to, "implement multi-benefit stormwater projects and programs that increase water supply, improve water quality, and provide community enhancements. Mr. Wolf described the framework of the overall program, including the tax calculation which will determine public revenue and income for the program, and then the

three main sub-programs: the Municipal Program, Regional Program, and Flood Control District Program. This program is slated to be on the November ballot, and the corresponding ballot question would ask voters if a parcel tax (of a currently unknown amount) per square foot of impermeable surface should be adopted. Wolf explained how the County if hoping that this tax will generate \$300 million annually for water infrastructure improvements and construction. Mr. Wolf also went into detail about how the impermeable area calculation will be done by the County. There will also be a "municipal return" component to this program, which will enable cities to receive money (allocated proportionally) which they can then invest into water quality and storm water projects.

Mr. Wolf also discussed the comprehensive and multi-tiered project selection process, which includes a Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) and Technical Committee Project Scoring Criteria. The presentation concluded with a timeline for the development and the release of future drafts of the program, and opportunities for local agencies and the SGVCOG to provide valuable input about provisions which should be in the program.

### Questions/Discussion: The following issues were discussed:

- A member of the TAC asked about the ordering of the purposes of the program. How will these programs and their related projects have an impact on the water supply? How much needs to be invested to even have a sizable and beneficial impact? There should be scientific and engineering proof that these projects have benefits, to show that projects have an impact. This is about water quality and permit requirements. Why do NGOs, etc. have voting power on these committees? This does not seem right for them to have that voting power.
- Another TAC member asked what happens in the case that the County does not listen to the COGs or to the Cities? E. Wolf replied that, back in January, the Governing Board gave SGVCOG staff overarching direction on this matter.
- There was a question regarding if cities have the option to opt out of this program, if it is passed throughout the County? Wolf pointed out that while Cities cannot opt out if this program is passed, it will take a 2/3 vote across the County for this program to become law, and that is a very difficult threshold to reach. Wolf also mentioned how some cities have already taxed themselves and their residents to fund stormwater and water quality projects.
- A TAC member City's representative wondered if there is a review period for the new draft which will soon be released? Mr. Wolf stated that there will be, and urged cities to also submit comments separate from the COG.
- One TAC member from a small city worried that smaller cities do not have chances to be on the County's oversight subcommittees, which does not seem fair or equitable.

# **8.** ACE/COG Integration

P. Duyshart updated the TAC on this item. He notified TAC members that the Classification portion of the SGVCOG/ACE Integrated Classification and Compensation study is complete, but the Compensation portion of the study will not be complete until October, when it will go to the Governing Board for review and direction.

## **9.** Update on Measure M Subregional Fund Programming

P. Duyshart provided an update to the TAC on this matter. He announced to the Public Works TAC that SGVCOG and ACE Staff will not be able to present a meticulous, thorough, and calculated list of projects for the first Measure M 5-Year plan until a couple issues are resolved: ambiguity of Gold Line Phase 2B local contribution requirements and a delay in receiving finalized

results from an SGV Greenway Study. Additionally, Chief Engineer Mark Christoffels recently announced a call for projects for First-Last Mile program project proposals, and P. Duyshart reminded TAC members to please send in their proposed projects, as Measure M subregional fund allocation and programming cannot occur until the COG receives more proposals.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

No comments.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

R. Guerrero announced that the next Public Works TAC Meeting will be on June 18, 2018.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.