

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of August 3, 2020

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Executive Committee held its monthly meeting. The Committee was given an overview presentation by Citizen Business Bank on the SGVCOG's investment accounts. Additionally, the Committee was briefed on remote alternatives to holding the FY20-21 SGVCOG Officer elections, and was given an update on the updated SGVCOG salary resolution. Both items will be presented at the August 20 Governing Board meeting for discussion and approval.
- **SCAG Aviation TAC:** On Tuesday, SGVCOG staff attended the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Aviation Technical Advisory Committee meeting. The Orange County John Wayne Airport (JWA) provided presentations and updates on its Reconstitution and Long-Term Recovery Plan as the airport has experienced a significant decline in ridership since March. A Reconstitution Committee was established to define objectives and recommend exposure control measures to protect passengers and workers. Contactless transactions and mobile control device options for ticket printing and food purchasing were implemented. Additionally, airport tenants, including airlines, concessions, and rental car services, were allowed to defer rent payments until September. SCAG staff also announced that the Connect SoCal Plan is scheduled for full adoption by the SCAG Regional Council in September.
- **Homeless Committee:** On Wednesday, the Homelessness Committee met virtually via Zoom. The meeting included a presentation on the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Point in Time (PIT) Homeless Count, where the Committee discussed the individual city counts for SPA 3. The Committee also discussed the SGVCOG Regional Coordination Program, which includes two activities: a Regional Homeless, Mental Health, and Crisis Response Study and a Regional Homeless Services Coordination Program. The SGVCOG will complete a procurement process in order to complete both of these projects. Finally, SGVCOG staff provided updates on the SGVCOG Homeless Programs, Measure H FY20-21 Funding Recommendations, and LAHSA's COVID-19 Recovery Plan and Funding Plan. The next Homelessness Committee meeting will take place Wednesday, September 2.
- **RHT Board of Directors:** On Wednesday, the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Board of Directors (Board) met virtually via Zoom. The Committee approved several items, including a procurement/purchasing policy, an updated project pipeline, the SGVRHT logo, an e-signature policy, the SGVRHT investment policy, and a number of funding items. This includes revising the resolution supporting the SGVRHT's application to the State's Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) program, ensuring that the SGVRHT will also receive administrative funding through the grant program. Finally, staff presented on the outreach strategy and marketing materials that will be utilized to increase awareness of SGVRHT and seek capital funds from public and private sources. The Board will

hold a Marketing Training on Wednesday, August 26th, to discuss the marketing tools in more detail and create a plan for targeted outreach based on Board member's professional networks. Moving forward, the Board of Directors meetings will be held quarterly; and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4th.



SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of August 10, 2020

- **Governing Board Preview:** The SGVCOG Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday, August 20 at 4PM via Zoom Teleconference. The full agenda packet may be accessed [here](#). Major Action items are summarized below:
 - **Support H.R. 2 (DeFazio) INVEST in America Act/Moving Forward Act:** Staff is recommending to support H.R. 2 (DeFazio) INVEST in America Act, or Moving Forward Act. H.R. 2 provides over \$1.5 trillion in federal spending across a range of infrastructure areas including wastewater and drinking water, transportation, clean energy, affordable housing, healthcare, schools, and broadband. After a significant discussion, the Water Committee recommended the Governing Board support the Bill, which would protect access to safe drinking water, invest in clean water and wastewater infrastructure, and help communities address stormwater needs through funding investments.
 - **Updated Salary Resolution:** Staff is recommending updating the SGVCOG salary resolution. The updates include updating the SGVCOG salary ranges, consolidating/refining positions, removing obsolete y-rating sections and modifying employee auto/cell phone allowances.
 - **Assignment of Housing Funds:** Staff is recommending authorization to the Executive Director to execute Assignment of Housing Funds with the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT). This action would formalize the funding approval made by the Governing Board in November 2019 to allocate funding from the \$5.6 million State budget allocation and approximately \$1.5 million allocation from Los Angeles County's Measure H Innovation Funds towards the SGVRHT. The Governing Board previously allocated \$1,000,000 in funding from the State Budget Allocation and \$350,000 from the Measure H Innovation Funds to the SGVRHT for eligible affordable housing and homeless housing projects and \$200,000 from the Measure H Innovation Funds to support the operations of the SGVRHT. With the transfer of these funds, the SGVRHT is agreeing to use the funds for purposes consistent with the restrictions and limitations set forth in the grants of the funds and its own joint powers agreement. The SGVRHT Board of Directors would also report annually to the SGVCOG on the amount of funds spent and in what amounts.
 - **Approval of Selection and Award of On-Call Consulting Support Services for Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) Contracts:** In 2012, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) issued the new Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, which allowed local agencies (permittees) to form Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMP) consisting of multiple permittees within a watershed to consolidate their compliance efforts. The Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) EWMP consists of nineteen permittees,

ten of which are members of the SGVCOG. In October 2017, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to execute Memorandums of Agreement with participating agencies to administer contracts related to the ULAR Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP). The CIMP scope of work includes several components, including program development, establishing monitoring stations at key waterbody outfalls, measuring pollutants and constituents at receiving waters, monitoring stormwater and non-stormwater outfalls, developing and tracking studies, and annual reporting to the Regional Board. In June, a Request-for-Qualifications (RFQ) was issued to seek a bench of qualified firms to provide On-Call Consultant Services, including but not limited to (1) NPDES Compliance Reporting and Regulatory Support, (2) Special Studies, (3) Watershed Planning, (4) Feasibility Studies, (5) Stormwater Capture Project Design, and (6) Stormwater and Non-Stormwater Monitoring disciplines for the implementation and administrative support of ULAR Water Management Group’s EWMP and CIMP. Based on the rankings/interviews of the Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC), the TEC recommended an “on-call bench” of the following firms and disciplines:

Discipline (s)	NPDES Compliance Reporting	Special Studies	Watershed Planning	Feasibility Studies	Stormwater Capture Project Design	Stormwater and Non-Stormwater Monitoring
Firms						
Tetra Tech	X	X	X	X	X	X
Craftwater Engineering	X	X	X	X	X	
Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions	X	X				X
CWE	X			X	X	X
John L. Hunter and Associates	X	X				
FMF Pandion						X
Stantec Consulting Services				X	X	

Geosyntec Consultants			X	X	X	
Paradigm Environmental		X	X			

- **SGVCOG Legislative Program Update Presentation:** SGVCOG annually adopts a legislative program of objectives in the core regional policy areas of water, transportation, homelessness, energy and the environment, aligning closely with the adopted Strategic Plan. An update presentation will be provided at the meeting by Tim Egan, SGVCOG Legislative Consultant, Capital Representation Group; and Paul Hubler, Director of Government and Community Relations, SGVCOG. The update will include how legislative objectives and funding needs of SGVCOG member agencies have evolved in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. Additionally, staff is seeking direction regarding the formation of a Legislative Committee. The SGVCOG Bylaws allow the Governing Board to establish committees on matters considered important by the Governing Board. Although legislative items are incorporated in the existing SGVCOG policy committees, there are several legislative matters important to member agencies that fall outside these policy areas. These legislative matters include COVID-19 response, economic recovery, housing and local control.
- **FY 20-21 Officer Electronic Survey Process and Schedule:** In May, the Governing Board approved an action to delay the FY 20-21 Board Officer Elections until September 2020 due to the limitations of conducting in-person meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the uncertainties and ever-changing restrictions caused by COVID-19, staff is recommending using an electronic survey method for conducting the SGVCOG FY 20-21 Board Officer Election. The Executive Committee agreed with staff's recommendation due to the ease of conducting for staff and the usability for Board Members. Electronic surveys have successfully been used for previous SGVCOG efforts, including the 2019 strategic plan update and Executive Director evaluations. Detailed procedures are outlined in the following section. Additionally, The Governing Board will consider two options for prospective officer candidates: (1) allow candidates to run for one position and (2) allow candidates to run for multiple positions. Historically, the SGVCOG has allowed Board Members to run for multiple positions. The Executive Committee made no recommendation on either option. Staff is seeking direction from the Governing Board on whether prospective officer candidates be limited to running for one officer position or allowed to run for multiple positions.
- **SoCalREN Network Toolkit:** The Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) is offering a free network toolkit for agencies including cities, counties, school districts, water districts, sanitation districts, and other public agencies. The toolkit includes tips to get started on energy efficiency projects, marketing tools like

web-badges and social media posts to share your commitment to energy efficiency with your community, and access to webinars and a resource library. Register for the toolkit [here](#).

- **RHT 6 Month Opt-in Period:** The San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) was established on February 19, 2020 to fund the planning and construction of homeless housing and extremely low, very low, and low-income housing projects. The establishment of the SGVRHT included a six-month opt-in period that would allow cities within the jurisdiction of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to join the SGVRHT without incurring a joining fee. The six-month opt-in period is coming to an end on August 19, 2020. A City can join the SGVRHT as a member or as an affiliate. Membership is required in order to receive funding from SGVRHT or serve on the Board of Directors. The following cities are currently not members of SGVRHT: Bradbury, Industry, La Canada Flintridge, La Puente, Montebello, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, Temple City, and Walnut. To join or to get more information about the SGVRHT, please contact Brielle Acevedo at bacevedo@sgvrht.org.



SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of August 17, 2020

- **Governing Board Recap:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Governing Board held a teleconference meeting over Zoom for its August meeting. Members of the Governing Board received a presentation on ongoing SGVCOG projects and programs and voted to approve the following major items:
 - **Support H.R. 2 (DeFazio) INVEST in America Act/Moving Forward Act:** This Bill provides over \$1.5 trillion in federal spending across a range of infrastructure areas, including wastewater, drinking water, and stormwater, transportation, clean energy, affordable housing, healthcare, schools, and broadband.
 - **Updated Salary Resolution:** Members of the Governing Board voted to approve an update to the SGVCOG Salary Resolution. The updates include revising and updating the SGVCOG salary ranges, consolidating/refining positions, removing obsolete y-rating sections and modifying employee auto/cell phone allowances.
 - **Assignment of Housing Funds:** Members of the Governing Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to execute Assignment of Housing Funds with the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT). This action formalizes the funding approval made by the Governing Board in November 2019, allocating \$1.35 million from the SGVCOG's State budget allocation and Los Angeles County's Measure H Innovation Funds towards the SGVRHT. The SGVRHT agrees to use the funds for purposes consistent with the associated restrictions and limitations and providing reports annually on expenditures.
 - **Approval of Selection and Award of On-Call Consulting Support Services for Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) Contracts:** The SGVCOG has administered contracts related to implementation of the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMP). The EWMP is required for compliance with the 2012 Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board). The Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) EWMP consists of nineteen jurisdictions, ten of which are members of the SGVCOG. The EWMP scope of work includes several components to implement the ULAR EWMP and associated Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP). In June, a Request-for-Qualifications (RFQ) was issued to seek a bench of qualified firms to provide On-Call Consultant Services, including compliance reporting and regulatory Support, special studies and feasibility studies, watershed planning, stormwater capture project design, and stormwater and non-stormwater monitoring disciplines, and administrative support. Based on the rankings/interviews of the Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC), the TEC recommended an "on-call bench" of the following firms and disciplines:

Discipline (s)	NPDES Compliance Reporting	Special Studies	Watershed Planning	Feasibility Studies	Stormwater Capture Project Design	Stormwater and Non-Stormwater Monitoring
Firms						
Tetra Tech	X	X	X	X	X	X
Craftwater Engineering	X	X	X	X	X	
Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions	X	X				X
CWE	X			X	X	X
John L. Hunter and Associates	X	X				
FMF Pandion						X
Stantec Consulting Services				X	X	
Geosyntec Consultants			X	X	X	
Paradigm Environmental		X	X			

After a thorough discussion, members of the Governing Board voted to approve the selection of the listed firms/disciplines, award “on-call” contracts for consulting support services for the ULAR Water Management Group’s EWMP, and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate, execute contracts, and issue Task Orders within her authority to the firms listed in the table above.

- **FY 20-21 Officer Electronic Survey Process and Schedule:** In May, the Governing Board approved an action to delay the FY 2020-2021 Board Officer Elections until September 2020 due to the limitations of conducting in-person meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the uncertainties and ever-changing restrictions caused by COVID-19, SGVCOG staff recommended using an electronic survey method for

conducting the SGVCOG FY 20-21 Board Officer Election. Upon reviewing the recommendations, members of the Governing Board voted to allow members of the Governing Board to run for one executive position only and that the Board Officer Elections will be conducted using electronic surveys at the next Governing Board meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 4:00pm.

- **ILG Natural Disasters Webinar:** On Monday, SGVCOG staff participated in a Natural Disaster Management Webinar hosted by the Institute for Local Government (ILG). California Institute of Technology Researcher, Dr. Lucy Jones, provided a short lecture on the keys to preparing for natural disasters in the community. Dr. Jones also emphasized that the most common response for residents facing a disaster is to find an individual, a group, or an entity to blame. She recommended cities and agencies to provide an avenue for residents to express their concerns without judgment in order to mitigate a community's stress in the event of a disaster and that cities resist and mitigate the disruptions of disasters with proper infrastructure and planning. Dr. Jones ended her presentation by encouraging cities to invite community members to take active roles in preparing for emergencies. Additionally, Malibu City Manager, Reva Feldman, shared the City's experience with battling the Woosley Fire a few years ago. The City of Malibu, which has approximately 13,000 residents and 15 million annual visitors, struggled to communicate with residents and visitors during the Woosley Fire as residents lost access to power, wireless connections, and telecommunications. Since then, the City has developed alternative communication tools, including reverse 911 systems, Nixle, wireless emergency alerts, website banners, text alerts, AM/FM radios, posters, changeable message signs, and loudspeakers to spread information during emergencies. Ms. Feldman emphasized that it is crucial to share real time and accurate information with residents during a disaster.
- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee held a Zoom teleconference for its August meeting. As part of the 2020 Legislative Priorities, the EENR Committee has developed a Zero Waste Policy to eliminate the negative impacts of products and packaging. Committee members thoroughly reviewed the proposed policy and encouraged SGVCOG staff to only purchase items that come with no packaging or biodegradable packaging. The committee subsequently voted to recommend the Governing Board to adopt the SGVCOG Zero Waste Policy. Additionally, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Community Liaison Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Elyse Rasussen, provided a presentation on COVID-19 updates and flu season preparation. Residents are encouraged to receive the flu vaccine as early as possible to prepare for the upcoming flu season, and it is highly recommended that residents continue to wear face coverings, abide to physical distancing measures, and avoid crowded areas to slow the spread of COVID-19. The Committee is scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 1:00pm.
- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Transportation Committee held a Zoom teleconference for its August meeting. The committee

received an update from SGVCOG staff regarding the repurposing of Metro Open Streets Cycle 3 funding to support pandemic recovery activities, such as traffic control rentals, program signage, public education, coordination for the installation of temporary outdoor businesses, active transportation safety, and Slow Streets programs. San Gabriel Valley cities are invited to submit interest in hosting a demonstration in their cities by responding to an interest form on the SGVCOG website [here](#). Interest will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis given the impacts of COVID-19 on communities. Additionally, the Committee received a presentation from the City of Alhambra and Gibson Transportation Consulting, Inc. on the SR-710 North Corridor Mobility Improvements. The presentation discussed the development and evaluation of various alternatives for possible modifications to the current SR-710 stub that reduce congestion and improve traffic locally without negatively impacting the San Gabriel Valley region. These include converting the SR-710 North stub from a freeway facility to an arterial street and reconfiguring the existing I-10 interchanges at Fremont Avenue, Atlantic Boulevard, and Garfield Avenue with single-point urban interchange designs. The City of Alhambra is now conducting virtual outreach meetings with various stakeholders to enable further studies and obtain suggestions to the proposed projects. Furthermore, the committee discussed a petition letter to request the SGVCOG be added as a voting At-Large Member on the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Community Noise Roundtable and directed COG staff to solicit interest from committee members via e-mail. Finally, the Committee discussed a recommendation to the Governing Board to approve an advance/loan for MSP funding for the I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Improvement Project. This high-priority project will be ready for construction in 2022; however, the current funding sources of this project are not available until 2048. To allow this project to begin construction in a timely manner, SGVCOG and Metro staff recommended a loan agreement with Metro for Measure M funding to be repaid for 7 years with future San Gabriel Valley Subregional Measure M MSP fund allocations. After a thorough discussion, the committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to support and approve this request. The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 2:45pm.

- **SCAG Technical Working Group:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff participated in the SCAG Technical Work Group meeting and received updates regarding the Connect SoCal Plan, the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. Connect SoCal is a long-range visioning plan that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental and public health goals. The SCAG Regional Council adopted Connect SoCal for federal conformity purposes, but SCAG staff has since gathered additional input from stakeholders on the short-term and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The top long-term concern regarding COVID-19's impact on the community is the lack of government funding for services and programs; however, 87% of respondents still noted that Connect SoCal goals were still important in light of COVID-19. Additionally, SCAG collected additional feedback from cities and counties on the data on entitlements and general plan capacities in their jurisdictions that form the foundation of Connect SoCal. Based on those recommendations, SCAG staff have

made changes to the data to reflect entitlements and their phasing and general plan capacities at the neighborhood level.

- **Homeless Policy Deputies' Meeting:** On Thursday, the Board of Supervisors' Homeless Deputies meeting was held via teleconference. The meeting focused on the FY 2020-21 Measure H Funding Recommendations. Released on June 26, the draft recommendations were open for public comment until July 15. Since then, the Homeless Initiative (HI) made modifications to the funding recommendations and drafted a Board Letter on the recommendations to be included in the September 15 Board of Supervisors agenda. Homeless Initiative Director Phil Ansell reviewed the Board Letter at this meeting. Due to the pandemic and subsequent economic downturn, FY 2020-21 Measure H revenue is projected to decrease by \$67 million. As such, the County and its partners have sought strategies to sustain homeless services and utilize primarily State Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) funding and CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding, the latter of which is subject to negotiations with the 6 cities that receive their own ESG-CV funding (Los Angeles, Long Beach, El Monte, Glendale, Pasadena, and Pomona). The recommendations include utilizing \$54.9 million in County HHAP funding originally allocated to FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 in FY 2020-21. The recommendations also include \$19.72 million in County ESG-CV funding for the unincorporated areas, the 82 cities for which the County is receiving ESG-CV funding, and those 6 cities that receive their own ESG-CV funding. HI announced that the City of Long Beach has agreed to allocate funding to enable four strategies (A5, B4, C7, D6) to be sustained in the City. Finally, due to 3,000 public comments against the use of Measure H funding for LA County Sheriff's Department homeless outreach, the CEO removed the recommendation of allocating \$2.2 million to this strategy. Attached is the FY 2020-21 Measure H Funding Recommendations Board Letter for the September 15 Board of Supervisors agenda.
- **Metro NextGen Public Hearing:** Metro staff have continued to work to provide Los Angeles County residents a better bus system and have new information to share with the community regarding how the new NextGen Bus Plan will improve the way riders travel. The updated Bus Plan will be presented at six [NextGen Bus Plan public hearings](#) that will take place between August 19th to August 27th. Members of the public can stream the hearings or call-in with access to live translations in Mandarin, Spanish, and Russian. Approved changes to the Bus Plan will become effective as early as December 2020 and the hearing for the San Gabriel Valley is scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2020 at 6:00pm. Instructions to comment and participate during the upcoming hearing in either English, Spanish, or Mandarin can be found on the Metro website [here](#).
- **Upcoming SoCalREN Webinars:** The Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) will be holding webinars to assist cities and agencies to reduce energy usage in their buildings and facilities. The next installment in the Conversations with SoCalREN webinar series is on Wednesday, August 26, at 1 pm. Cities will learn how SoCalREN can help agencies navigate working with Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) and get a sneak peek of their new ESCO guidebook. Learn more and register for the webinar [here](#).

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of August 24, 2020

- **Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors Meeting:** On Wednesday, the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) hosted an Outreach and Marketing training for the Board of Directors via Zoom webinar. The training provided the Board of Directors with resources to promote the SGVRHT, including a fact sheet, flyer, project pipeline, and PowerPoint. During the meeting, Board members identified companies and organizations they would reach out to about partnering with SGVRHT and potential funding opportunities. The SGVRHT is able to receive and leverage public and private sources to fund the planning and construction of homeless housing and extremely low, very low, and low-income housing projects. Staff will be presenting virtually at the Municipal Management of Southern California Annual Conference (MMASC) on October 27th at 9:45AM. The staff and Board of Directors efforts are part of a larger Outreach and Marketing strategy to ensure the long-term success of the SGVRHT. The next Board of Directors meeting is November 4, 2020.
- **Homelessness Working Group:** On Thursday, the Homelessness Working Group met virtually via Zoom. The meeting featured a presentation from Union Station Homeless Services on encampment cleanup best practices, including essential considerations for cleanups during a pandemic. The meeting also featured a presentation from COG staff on the Transition Age Youth (TAY) Green Path Career program, which will provide workforce development, education, and training in the energy efficiency field for youth exiting the foster care system. The working group discussed regional safe parking programs and safe haven projects, or small-scale shelters, and COG staff provided updates on the regional housing navigation services contract with Union Station and the FY 2020-21 Measure H funding recommendations.
- **CAHOOTS Presentation at Homelessness Committee:** Next Wednesday, September 2 at 8:30am, the Homelessness Committee will meet via Zoom and will hear a presentation on Eugene, Oregon's CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets) Program. CAHOOTS is a mobile crisis intervention service that provides first response to people experiencing mental health, substance use, and homelessness related crises. CAHOOTS assists the Eugene and Springfield Police Departments by responding to non-violent crisis situations and other situations needing de-escalation. The program saves the City of Eugene an estimated \$8.5 million on public safety spending and \$14 million in emergency medical system costs annually. CAHOOTS has recently gained national attention as communities across the country look to reimagine public safety and implement alternative crisis response programs. More information and the staff report on the program are attached. To join the Zoom meeting, please go to <https://zoom.us/j/95551620128>.
- **2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Progress:** The [2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards](#) recognize San Gabriel Valley cities'

efforts for increasing energy efficiency in municipal facilities and communities. Cities must meet thresholds in energy efficiency projects, community outreach, and strategic planning to receive awards in Bronze, Silver, and Gold Tiers. This month, the City of San Gabriel achieved Bronze and the cities of South El Monte and South Pasadena achieved Silver. All three cities are one action away from graduating to the next tier. In addition, the Cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Irwindale, Pomona, San Dimas, Walnut, and Monrovia are one action away from achieving Bronze. Cities will be recognized in December 2020 and can access monthly progress reports [here](#).

- **Rose Institute Conference on Redistricting:** The Rose Institute of State and Local Government at the Claremont McKenna College will be hosting a conference titled “2021 Redistricting: New Rules for California Local Governments” on Thursday, September 17, 2020, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The conference will take place virtually and include presentations on statutory timelines for redistricting, AB 849 regulations, public outreach, and strategic insights. Cities are highly encouraged to attend and interested individuals may register for the conference [here](#).
- **Metro Goods Movement Strategic Plan Comment Period Extended:** Metro’s [draft version of the Goods Movement Strategic Plan](#) is available for public comment until Sunday, August 30, 2020 at 11:59pm. The plan provides a strategic framework to guide Metro’s goods movement-related planning activities, investments, partnerships, and decision-making over the next five to seven years. Implementation of this plan provides Metro with an opportunity to lead the region in resolving goods movement challenges. Public comments can be submitted using [this form](#) and questions can be directed to goodsmovement@metro.net.

The logo for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) features a stylized sunburst or starburst design above the acronym "SGVCOG". The sunburst is composed of several triangular rays in shades of light blue and teal. The acronym "SGVCOG" is rendered in a light blue, sans-serif font.

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of August 31, 2020

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Executive Committee held its monthly meeting. The Committee was given an update on the SGVCOG's establishment of an irrevocable trust to cover potential future costs associated with employer contributions for CalPERS. Additionally, the Committee received an update on the FY 20-21 Officer Nominations. The following nominations were received by the August 31 deadline:
 - President: Margaret Clark (Rosemead)
 - 1st Vice President: Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)
 - 2nd Vice President: Tim Hepburn (La Verne)
 - 3rd Vice President: Diana Mahmud (South Pasadena), Ed Reece (Claremont)

Given that multiple nominations were received for the 3rd Vice President, an election will be held during the September 17 Governing Board meeting via an electronic survey. For the other positions in which only one nomination was received, these nominees will be appointed as an action at the October Governing Board meeting.

- **Metro BRT Vision and Principles Study Stakeholder Workshop:** On Monday, SGVCOG staff participated in a Metro Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Vision and Principles Study Stakeholder Workshop. The Metro BRT Vision and Principles Study focuses on developing the overall vision for BRT in Los Angeles County and defining BRT operational standards and design guidelines. As part of the Study, Metro selected 30 viable corridors based on network connectivity, land use, equity, and demographic factors. Of the 30 viable corridors, 15 promising corridors were then selected based on factors surrounding the corridors' associated trip lengths, travel delays, transit suitability, and transit-oriented communities (TOC). At the recent stakeholder workshop, Metro reported that seven corridors were selected out of the 15 promising corridors for further study. Two of the seven corridors include stations that are located in the San Gabriel Valley:
 - **Cesar Chavez/Sunset Corridor:** This corridor begins at the East Los Angeles College in Monterey Park, passes through Downtown Los Angeles and Hollywood, and ends in Glendale. The corridor was chosen based on its high network connectivity, ability to connect Downtown Los Angeles to the San Fernando Valley, opportunities to build BRT-friendly infrastructure that can lead to travel time savings, and alignment with the City of Los Angeles' areas that feature TOC and transit-supportive policies.
 - **Atlantic Corridor:** This corridor begins in East Los Angeles, passes through the Gateway Cities near the 710 Freeway, and ends in Long Beach. This corridor was selected based on its network connectivity and opportunities to build stations and passenger amenities. While this corridor does not generate as much ridership as the other selected corridors, this route addresses Metro's equity goals by providing access to industrial jobs for lower-income workers.

Over the next few months, Metro will be holding stakeholder briefings for elected officials, cities, and COGs across Los Angeles County. Metro staff will also narrow the seven selected corridors down to three to five priority corridors to be recommended for implementation. Additional information on the BRT Vision and Principles Study can be found [here](#).

- **Homeless Committee:** On Wednesday the Homelessness Committee met via Zoom and heard a presentation on Eugene, Oregon's CAHOOTS program, a mobile crisis intervention service that provides first response to people experiencing mental health, substance use, and homelessness related crises. CAHOOTS staff highlighted several aspects of the effectiveness of the program in Eugene, including reducing the number of calls that require police intervention and providing efficient and effective services for those suffering from emotional distress, substance abuse, and homelessness. These services are typically provided at a lower cost than other first responder options. The presentation also discussed how a similar-type program could be implemented in the San Gabriel Valley. The meeting's second presentation was on the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS)'s Housing for Health program. The presentation highlighted the broad array of services they provide through contracted community based organizations and the work they are doing to lead to the COVID-19 response across the homeless services system. The Committee agreed to postpone elections until May, with Becky Shevlin to remain as Chair and Margaret Clark as Vice Chair.
- **SCAG:** On Thursday, SCAG Policy Committees and the Regional Council held their monthly meeting and discussed a number of important items:
 - After discussion and recommendation by SCAG's Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee, the Regional Council approved the Subregional Partnership Program Guidelines. Approximately \$23 million is being allocated to the subregions (based on the draft RHNA allocations) for planning activities that accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance with implementation of a jurisdiction's Sixth Cycle RHNA. The SGVCOG will be required to submit an application with its proposed activities, from September 17, 2020, to December 1, 2020. Over the last several months, SGVCOG staff has been working with city staff to develop a list of proposed activities, including support for the Regional Housing Trust.
 - Following recommendation by SCAG's Transportation Committee, the Regional Council approved the guidelines for the 2020/2021 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) and authorized staff to release the Active Transportation & Safety Call for Applications. Applicants, which include municipalities and councils of government, can apply for technical support to complete the following projects: 1) active transportation specific community-wide or area plans (e.g. active transportation plans; bike plans; pedestrian plans); 2) "quick-build" projects that are temporary (1-3 year) pilot capital improvement projects; or 3) network visioning and implementation projects that include network visioning planning and implementation of a temporary pilot capital improvement project based on

that network visioning. The application period opens on September 8, 2020, and applications are due on November 13, 2020.

- Most notably, the Regional Council approved *ConnectSoCal*, SCAG's 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). *ConnectSoCal* is a long-range vision that builds upon and expands land use and transportation strategies established over several planning cycles to increase mobility options and achieve a more sustainable growth pattern. The Plan was previously submitted to federal transportation agencies to ensure federal compliance but had not yet been submitted for approval by the State. With approval of the document, it will be submitted for approval by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and ensure that the region is able to advance its transportation projects. Most notably, approval of *ConnectSoCal* triggers the next steps in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process. The draft RHNA allocation numbers will be released to each city early next week, initiating the 45-day appeals process. Beginning on September 11, 2020, cities will have 45 days to appeal their RHNA number based on one of the following criteria: 1) Local planning factors and information relating to affirmatively furthering fair housing; 2) Application of the adopted Final RHNA Methodology; or 3) Significant and Unforeseen change in circumstances. An overview of the RHNA Appeals process can be found [here](#) (on page 467).

- **AQMP Advisory Group Meeting:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff participated in the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (AQMD) 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Advisory Group meeting. AQMD staff provided presentations on the Attainment Plan for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} Standard for the South Coast Air Basin, the Coachella Valley Extreme Area Plan for the 1997 8-hour Ozone Standard, and the 2022 AQMP Control Measure Development Schedule. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reported that the South Coast Air Basin failed to attain the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard by December 31, 2019. As a result, AQMD will be developing an Attainment Plan to reduce PM_{2.5} emissions or one of its precursors by 5% every year. Additionally, AQMD plans on working with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the EPA to address air pollution that stems from exceptional events, such as wildfires and fireworks. The draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan is expected to be completed by Fall 2021 and the document is scheduled to be submitted to the EPA on August 3, 2022.
- **SGV Connect Podcast:** The SGVCOG is proud to announce the launch of the "SGV Connect" Podcast Series! The podcast will feature Southern California and San Gabriel Valley leaders on their unique stories and insights on handling emerging issues. Each episode provides an opportunity for residents, city staff, elected officials, and stakeholders to learn about cities, programs, and issues impacting the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley region. Episodes are posted every two months and they are available in both audio and video formats. The first episode, which was released earlier this week, focuses on discussing local jurisdictions' emergency planning efforts with Malibu City Manager, Reva Feldman, and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Regional Health Officer, Dr.

Frank Alvarez. Ms. Feldman shared her experience leading the City of Malibu in responding to the 2018 Woolsey Fire and Dr. Alvarez shared his insights on working with residents and the community to join existing emergency planning efforts. The episode is available on the SGVCOG website [here](#).

