

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of June 4, 2018

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the Executive Committee held their monthly meeting. Discussion topics included a review of the SGVCOG's updated financial/accounting procedures manual, a draft 2018-19 capital projects budget, as well as an update on new legislative items. The Committee moved to approve the Governing Board agenda for the May 31 scheduled meeting.
- **Capital Projects Letter of Interest (LOI) Released:** In May, the SGVCOG Governing Board approved a project review process, through which cities and agencies within the SGVCOG's jurisdiction can submit project proposals. The purpose of this call for projects process is for the SGVCOG to provide project assistance services for some local agency projects, and the scope of services will vary based on whether or not the capital project is funded or unfunded. Services may include:
 - Grant-writing services and project development assistance
 - Planning and engineering design
 - Environmental clearance work
 - Right of Way acquisition
 - Construction
- **Census Convening:** Last week, the SGVCOG Board received a presentation from Jason Tajima on the LA County 2020 Census. As mentioned in the presentation, the State is holding a Census 2020 regional convening in the City of El Monte on Tuesday, June 26th. This convening will provide attendees information about the state and federal efforts. This convening will also highlight the anticipated count challenges local communities might face. To attend this event, please click here to RSVP.
- **Metro PAC:** On Tuesday, I participated in the quarterly Metro PAC. The primary presentation was on Metro's NextGen bus study, which aims to improve bus service and make it more relevant to transit riders. More information about that effort is available here: <https://www.metro.net/projects/nextgen/>. Staff also provided information on Metro's Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) policy, which the Metro Board will consider adopting in June. Goals of the policy are as follows: 1) Increase transportation ridership and choice; 2) Stabilize and enhance communities surrounding transit; 3) Engage organizations, jurisdictions, and the public; 4) Distribute transit benefits to all; and 5) Capture value created by transit. Staff also provided an update on the Short-Range Financial Update and Vision 2028.
- **City Managers' Steering Committee:** On Wednesday, the City Managers' Steering Committee held their monthly meeting. The Committee received a presentation from LA County on efforts related to supporting effective youth diversion. Additionally, they nominated Dominic Lazzaretto (Arcadia) to serve as the Chair and Bob Russi (La Verne) to serve as Vice-Chair of the Committee for FY 2018-19. The Committee also received an updated on efforts to gather a list of interested SGV cities to undertake a joint municipal service delivery study. The purpose of the study would be to explore and compare how individual cities in the San Gabriel Valley are performing across multiple municipal service areas. Interested SGV City Managers are encouraged to respond via online survey. Please click the link to respond.
- **Measure H Citizens Advisory Board:** The Measure H Citizens' Advisory Board is

comprised of LA County Board of Supervisors' appointees, one representing each district. The Board is mandated to review all expenditures from the special sales tax. The Board met on Thursday and received presentations from LAHSA and the Homeless Initiative office. LAHSA presented the data from the 2018 Point in Time Homeless Count. The Homeless Initiative office presented data from the first nine months of Measure H funding. The HI Director also provided an analysis of the 3-year budget. 2017-18 revenues fell short by \$89M due to a delay in levy of the tax. Still, it is estimated that \$66M will be available to roll forward to 2018-19 and 2019-20. The Homeless Initiative Director noted that these numbers will be altered when the cities' homeless plans are reviewed as an amount to be determined will be allocated to help the cities implement the plans.



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- **Greenway TAC:** On Monday, the Greenway TAC was provided a review of the greenway network feasibility study. The presentation included an overview of the study's methodology, and they shared the regional results, top ranking corridors, 50-mile feasibility analysis, and preliminary cost estimates of the many possible mixed-use greenway paths. The TAC provided feedback and moved the feasibility analysis to the SGVCOG Transportation Committee for further analysis, review, and direction.
- **Twitter Chat:** This week the SGVCOG hosted it's second Twitter Chat! The theme for this chat was Sustainable Communities. Questions revolved around how cities can incentivize homeowners to retrofit their homes, future sustainable issues which communities will need to deal with, and how communities can help reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled for short trips. There were several agencies who participated and offered some great insights on a Sustainable SGV. Search #SustainableSGV on Twitter to see the chat in its entirety.
- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Policy Committee and Water TAC held their monthly meeting. The Committee/TAC took action to recommend the Governing Board support SB 1133 (Portantino) and Sections 5001, 5006 of the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (Barrasso)/ Water Resources Development Act of 2018 (Shuster). Additionally, an update on the Safe, Clean Water program was given based on LA County's latest draft of the program released on May 25, 2018. The elections for the FY 18-19 were also held. The Policy Committee elected Judy Nelson (Glendora) to serve as Chair and Gloria Crudgington (Monrovia) to serve as Vice-Chair. The TAC elected Tom Love (Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District) to serve as Chair and Alex Tachiki (Monrovia) to serve as Vice-Chair.
- **Consortium Meeting:** At the San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness, presenter Maria Lopez of Union Station introduced LA HOP, a web-based outreach portal. Working with LA County Department of Health, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) developed the portal to facilitate requests for homeless outreach and responsive data intake and records. The portal will (1) ensure constituents can easily submit requests for homeless outreach (2) provide education about what outreach teams can and can't do and (3) support the unique needs of outreach teams to respond to the requests.
- **Measure H:** This week the LA County Homeless Initiative office released the Housing Innovation Challenge, a call for proposals that will award \$4.5 million from the Measure H Housing Innovation Fund for creative and scalable permanent housing solutions for those experiencing homelessness in LA County. The Housing Innovation Challenge will make multiple \$500,000 or \$1 million awards for faster, cost-effective construction/rehabilitation and/or creative finance models to produce permanent housing for the County's most vulnerable residents. Projects must result in the production of permanent housing for homeless families or individuals in LA County. Concurrently, the Watt Family Foundation and United Way of Greater Los Angeles launched the LA Homelessness Challenge, which will award \$400,000 for proposals to offer innovative service models for people experiencing homelessness in LA County. For more information on each of these opportunities, [Housing Innovation Challenge](https://www.housinginnovationchallenge.com/) at <https://www.housinginnovationchallenge.com/>, <https://www.lahomelessnesschallenge.org/>. Applicants to the Housing Innovation Challenge must register on the website

by September 5, 2018. Register on the website by August 21, 2018 to apply to the LA Homelessness Challenge.

- **LACOC Meeting:** In preparation for release of the 2018 HUD Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is updating and refining its project evaluation, project ranking, and reallocation policies, and system performance measures. With the 2018 NOFA, applicants will be able to create new and renewal permanent supportive housing project where 100 percent of the beds are dedicated to serve individuals with disabilities, families and unaccompanied homeless youth in which one adult or child has a disability. Planning for the 2019 Homeless Point in Time Count has begun. The city level 2018 Point in Time count data is being reviewed by opt-in cities prior to public release which is expected within a week.
- **Bike Share Workshop:** On Thursday morning, SGVCOG Staff attended a workshop for LA regional stakeholders titled, “Navigating the Expanding World of Bikeshare,” which was hosted by the Shared-Use Mobility Center. The bikeshare workshop included presenters and panelists who discussed topics such as: trends, opportunities, and barriers in LA bikesharing, new developments in LA regional bikeshare partnerships, and managing dockless services for community benefit. One common development that was discussed numerous times was the emergence of dockless bikes and dockless scooters, and how cities can and should manage and regulate these systems as it pertains to safety, use of public right-of-way, equity, funding and revenue, and issuing permits.



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- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the Public Works TAC met for its June meeting. First, the TAC received a presentation on the GoMonrovia program, which is the City of Monrovia's new innovative program to enhance and improve mobility and multi-modal transportation options within the City's service area. Additionally, the TAC heard a presentation given by LA Metro planning staff regarding Metro's comprehensive NextGen Bus Study. Since Metro has not redesigned its bus system in over 25 years, Metro is currently conducting a thorough and complete analysis of its bus system. Metro plans to prepare and implement a new bus service plan and structure in Fall 2019. TAC members had the chance to provide feedback to Metro about bus service, demands, and needs within their own cities.
- **City Managers' Conference:** The yearly City Managers Conference was held this past Wednesday, at the Kellogg West Conference Center. As is tradition, the City Managers' TAC held their annual meeting, where they elected the Chair, Vice-Chair and the subregional representatives to the SGVCOG City Managers' Steering Committee. Dominic Lazzaretto (City of Arcadia) was elected Chair and Bob Russi (City of La Verne) was elected Vice Chair. We thank them for their continued service! The rest of the conference had various panels, which discussed issues such as, the upcoming November ballot measures, management of millennials, technology and law enforcement, and crisis communications. Overall the Conference was a great success and offered a great opportunity for regional leaders to discuss various important subjects.
- **EENR:** The Committee received a presentation on the recently released National Monument Management Plan from Belinda Faustinos, Executive Director of Nature for All. She highlighted that the plan includes a section on improving the visitor experience, however a comment letter was submitted that indicated the plan should include sustainable recreation and further expand the protection of critical habitat for all threatened and endangered species. Additionally, the committee received an overview of Highway 39, in advance of their upcoming tour of the highway on July 18th.
- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday afternoon, the Transportation Committee held its June meeting. The first presentation, given by James Powell of Alta Planning, was regarding the SGV Greenway Network Corridor and Feasibility Study, which was commissioned as part of an ATP Cycle 1 grant award. SGVCOG staff will utilize both data from the Greenway Study and member agency input on potential active transportation projects in order to develop a proposed list of AT projects to be funded with Measure M subregional funds. The Committee also heard about some of the initial results of BikeSGV's thorough and diligent SGV Active Transportation Project. The methods of study for this project included manual pedestrian and bicycle counts, public opinion surveys of SGV residents, bicycle parking audits, and community street audits. Additionally, the Committee received a presentation from Metrolink regarding its proposed Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) program, which is a capital improvement plan which has been developed by Metrolink/SCRRA in order to provide improved and increased Metrolink service throughout Southern California, including the SGV. SCORE would incorporate safety enhancements and crossing and signal improvements, and would eliminate some single-track sections, among other projects. The Committee also approved a motion to recommend that the SGVCOG Governing Board oppose the Ballot Initiative to

Repeal the Gas Tax Increase.

- **SEEC:** This week, SGVCOG staff attended the annual Statewide Energy Efficiency (SEEC) Forum in Sacramento. The Forum is organized by the Local Government Commission and provides valuable opportunities for participants to learn, share, and network with peers from across the state. Additionally, Katie Ward, SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, was featured in a roundtable panel at the Forum titled “Advancing the Skills of Your Building Operations Workforce to Achieve Carbon Goals.” This panel included a diverse set of professionals from local government, workforce development, and training organizations, who shared their perspectives on the challenge of preparing the municipal building operations workforce for California’s zero net energy future. We are very proud of Katie for her participation on this panel!
- **Senate Environmental Quality Committee Hearing:** On Wednesday, Mayor Pro Tem Judy Nelson (Glendora), incoming Chair of the Water Policy Committee, testified before the Senate Environmental Quality committee in support of AB 2538. The bill, authored by Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, is intended to afford flexibility to extend the timeline for compliance with stormwater permits based upon a city’s demonstrated financial need. AB 2538 was passed by the Senate Environmental Committee by a vote of 6-1 and will advance to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.
- **Community Outreach:** Over the course of the past week, the SGVCOG has conducted extensive outreach pertaining to the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership and energy efficiency. Last week, SGVCOG staff attended the Temple City Concert in the Park, at which residents and attendees had the chance to speak with SGVCOG staff about our EASY Home Energy Assessments and rebate and financing information for energy efficiency upgrades, and were able to pick up brochures and literature from the utility companies about tips for saving energy. Moreover, this week, SGVCOG conducted two educational energy efficiency workshops at Claremont’s Joslyn Senior Center and at Baldwin Park’s Julia McNeill Senior Center. At both workshops, COG staff first gave an educational presentation which included information regarding different electric bill rate structures, and rebate and financing programs such as Energy Upgrade California, SCE Medical Baseline, Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) Program, and Middle-Income Direct Install (MIDI) Program. Please contact the COG office if you would like us to host a similar workshop in your community.

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Week of June 25, 2018

- **Capital Projects Committee:** This meeting had several items related to the City of Montebello. The Committee held a hearing for and approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Maple Avenue Pedestrian Overhead Structure Project in the City of Montebello. This project will provide a greatly needed pedestrian bridge at the intersection of Maple and the UPRR rail crossing. This area has a high density of pedestrians due to its location near the Applied Technology Center High School. Also approved for Montebello was the Project Definition Report for the Montebello Blvd. grade separation. The PDR outlines elements of the project and identifies the work to be done by the contractor, utility companies and Railroad. A contract to allow designer Moffatt & Nichol to complete design of the Montebello Blvd grade separation was approved. A project definition report was also approved for the Turnbull Canyon Road project in the City of Industry and Unincorporated LA County. A contract to allow designer HNTB to complete design of the Turnbull Canyon Road grade separation was approved, as well. Two parcels were approved as surplus which allows staff to market them for sale. The first, at 131-217 Puente Avenue in the City of Industry is a result of the completion of the Puente Avenue grade separation project which was completed earlier this year. The second property is located at 405 S Del Mar in the City of San Gabriel and is excess land as a result of the San Gabriel Trench project, due to be complete later this year. Finally, the committee also approved 15 task orders or amendments for support services such as general counsel, public outreach, construction legal services, environmental services and right of way acquisition services.
- **Planning Committee:** The Planners TAC met on Thursday. They received two presentations. The first presentation was on the County of Los Angeles' East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. Additionally, Metro presented on their NextGen Bus Study.
- **Homelessness Committee:** This week the Homelessness Committee received a presentation on the City Homeless plans. To date, 14 plans have been reviewed and approved by their cities. As is expected, all plans are on schedule to be reviewed and submitted to Los Angeles County. In addition, the Committee received a presentation on the draft Homeless Housing, Shelter and Services Provision White Paper, which will help cities partner and collaborate as they begin to implement their plans. The committee reviewed the white paper and moved it forward to review and adoption by the SGVCOG Governing Board.
- **Go Monrovia Meeting:** As a follow up to various presentations given to our TACs and Transportation Committee, the City of Monrovia has graciously agreed to facilitate a meeting for interested with Lyft and Lime Bike, their partners on the Go Monrovia program. This meeting is scheduled for July 11 at 3:00 PM in the Community Room of the Monrovia Public Library. The address of the Monrovia Public Library is: 321 S. Myrtle Avenue; Monrovia, CA 91016. ***Please RSVP HERE,
- **Electrify America Event:** On Tuesday, staff attended a stakeholder meeting hosted by Electrify America, the City of Los Angeles, and the County of Los Angeles to hear about and provide feedback on Electrify America's investments in zero emission vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure, education and access. Electrify America was founded in late 2016 to plan, implement, and manage the \$2 billion ZEV Investment Commitment resulting from the settlement between the Volkswagen Group of America, the United States, and the State of

California. The ZEV Investment Commitment will increase ZEV adoption through well-utilized infrastructure deployment, brand-neutral ZEV education and awareness, and access initiatives. Visit <https://www.electrifyamerica.com/> for more information.

- **Update on Homeless Plan Adoption:** To date, 14 homeless plans have been adopted by 15 cities with the joint Duarte/Irwindale plan adopted by each of their respective Councils. Three plans are scheduled for Council consideration July. Final Homelessness Plans are due to the County Homeless Initiative by June 30, 2018. Please submit your City's Plan to the Homeless Initiative Team lead for your City and cc: HIAdmin@ceo.lacounty.gov in your email. If your City requested an extension to submit the Final Plan and the extension was approved, a draft Plan must be submitted by June 30, 2018. Final Plan is due by July 27, 2018.
- **Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018:** On Thursday, Governor Brown signed AB 1838, which prohibits local governments from imposing new taxes on groceries, specifically soda taxes, until January 2031. In response, proponents of the Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018 withdrew the initiative from the November 6, 2018 ballot. The initiative would have increased the threshold for voters of a city to approve a new general tax from a simple majority to a supermajority. The withdrawal was due in part by a deal brokered between Governor Brown, Service Employee International Union, and the American Beverage Association. The SGVCOG Governing Board had voted to oppose this initiative at its June meeting.

The logo for SGVCOG (San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments) features a stylized sunburst or starburst design above the acronym "SGVCOG". The sunburst is composed of several light blue and white triangular shapes radiating from a central point. The acronym "SGVCOG" is written in a large, light blue, sans-serif font below the sunburst.