

# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

# AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS WORKING GROUP

Monday, September 12, 2022 – 12:00 PM Zoom Link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86791885077?pwd=SHFGMHpLcm43ZVlzblJtcm1TVDhvUT09

Chair **Rene Guerrero**City of Pomona

Vice-Chair **David Liu** City of Diamond Bar

**Members** Arcadia Azusa Baldwin Park Diamond Bar El Monte Glendora Industry Irwindale La Verne Monrovia Monterey Park Pasadena Pomona Rosemead San Dimas South El Monte South Pasadena Temple City Walnut L.A. County

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Introductions
- 3. Public Works Working Group Meeting Notes 8/15/2022 (Page 1)
- **4.** LA Metro Transit Oriented Community Technical Assistance Program (TOC TAP) Fabian Gallardo, TOC TAP Manager, LA Metro (**Page 4**)
- **5.** Title 24 Updates and SoCalREN Bonus Incentives Sophia Sousa, Management Aide, SGVCOG and Angela Vaszily, SoCalREN Program Manager (Page 6)
- **6.** Green Economy Conference Overview Greg Apodaca, Founder, Community 2.0 (Page 8)
- 7. Announcements
- 8. Adjourn



### SGVCOG Public Works Working Group Meeting Notes August 15, 2022 12:00 PM – Via Zoom/Teleconference

#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 12:02pm.

### 2. Introductions

Arcadia – P. Wray
Azusa – R. Delgadillo
Diamond Bar – D. Liu, H. Ghafari
El Monte – L. Torres, S. Mendez
Irwindale – D. Co
La Cañada Flintridge – P. DeChellis
LA DPW – J. Pletyak, S. Liu
Monrovia – C. Castruita, K. McCune
Pomona – R. Guerrero
Rosemead – B. Janka, E. Chan
South Pasadena – T. Gerber
Walnut – M. Rooney
SA Associates – S. Ahmad

Presenters and SGVCOG Staff CalRecycle – J. Wright FCC – D. Coho SGVCOG – K. Ward, N. Ryu, S. Sousa, S. Wong, V. Guerra

### 3. Public Works Working Group Minutes 6/27/2022

### 4. CalRecycle Tire-Derived Aggregate Grant Program

In an effort to reduce waste from tires, CalRecycle administers the Tire-Derived Aggregate Grant Program, encouraging agencies to use tire-derived aggregate (TDA) in civil engineering applications. TDA is made of shredded tires and is a lightweight, free-draining, and cheaper alternative to conventional lightweight aggregates typically used in civil engineering. The grant program provides technical assistance to agencies exploring the use of TDA in their projects. Application materials for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 are due December 7, 2022. Visit calrecycle.ca.gov/tires/grants/tda/fy202223/ for the complete notice of funds available. The presentation slides can be accessed <a href="here">here</a>.

Mr. McCune, City of Monrovia, inquired whether there were special instructions for TDA use in infiltration galleries regarding the potential release of compounds from TDAs. Mr. Wright informed Mr. McCune that there were no special handling procedures, and that the potential compounds released from TDAs into infiltration galleries, including iron, manganese, and zinc, would be captured in the soil layer directly beneath the TDA gallery. In addition, water leaving the TDA infiltration gallery heading toward the groundwater table has proven to be much cleaner than storm water entering the system.

Since the meeting, Ms. Coho emailed Ms. Sousa with the following update: If the Governor is providing all K-12 students in California free lunch, the households with children in K-12 can consider applying for the benefit. The household will need to

submit documentation to support this qualifier. The household may consider contacting the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) at 877-384-2575 or <a href="mailto:acpsupport@usac.org">acpsupport@usac.org</a> ahead of completing the application to discuss their case.

### 5. Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

The ACP is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) benefit program that assists households with broadband connectivity. Through ACP, participating households receive a benefit of up to \$30 per month toward their internet service bill for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. In addition, eligible households can receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 toward the purchase of a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. For more information on eligibility and enrollment, visit <a href="fcc.gov/acp">fcc.gov/acp</a>. The presentation slides can be accessed here.

Mr. Guerrero, City of Pomona, inquired whether there were existing materials cities could use to help promote the program and whether there was a formal commitment required when agreeing to be a sponsorship partner of the ACP. Ms. Coho informed Mr. Guerrero that there are plenty of outreach materials available for cities to use at no cost. Cities can include their logo on the materials in an effort to assure residents that ACP is a trusted public program.

Mr. McCune highlighted that a new California bill has enabled all California public school students to qualify for the free and reduced lunch program. Given that having a student in the free and reduced lunch program in one's household would make them eligible for the ACP, Mr. McCune wondered whether this includes the many additional families that would be eligible in light of the new bill. Ms. Coho informed Mr. McCune that she is not sure of the answer and that she would further investigate the matter.

Since the meeting, Ms. Coho informed Ms. Sousa that households with children in grades K-12 can consider applying for the benefit. The household would need to submit documentation to support this qualifier. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has an Acceptable Documentation Guide containing the information. The household may consider contacting USAC at 877-384-2575 or acpsupport@usac.org ahead of completing the application to discuss their case.

### 6. Energy Champion Awards Update

Minor changes were made to the 2022-2023 Energy Champion Award Structure to provide additional flexibility for San Gabriel Valley cities to participate and progress in the Awards. Additional information on the Energy Champion Awards and the guidebook can be found at <a href="mailto:sgycog.org/energy-champion-awards">sgycog.org/energy-champion-awards</a>. The presentation slides can be accessed here.

#### 7. Announcements

The Public Works Working Group will reconvene on September 12, 2022 at 12:00pm.

# 8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:51pm.

# REPORT

DATE: September 12, 2022

TO: Public Works Working Group

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: LA METRO TRANSIT ORIENTED COMMUNITY TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TOC TAP)

### **BACKGROUND**

In October of 2020, the LA Metro Board of Directors approved the implementation of the Transit Oriented Community Technical Assistance Program (TOC TAP), designating five million dollars over a five-year period to LA County jurisdictions interested in pursuing and funding TOC planning studies. TOCs are communities designed to make means of travel other than driving—for example, taking transit, walking, or biking—more convenient. By designing communities in such a way, jurisdictions can increase transit ridership, stabilize and enhance communities surrounding transit, and empower residents by increasing modal choice.

The second cycle of the program begins on September 30, 2022 with applications due by December 2, 2022. Program highlights include:

- Up to \$200,000 available for jurisdictions to explore transit-oriented communities (five eligible TOC areas) within their own jurisdiction.
- Five eligible TOC program areas: Affordable Housing, Community Stabilization, First/Last Mile, Regional Housing Needs Assessment, and Measure M Metro Active Transportation (MAT).
- Pre-developed template "mini-scopes" to expedite the application process and reduce the burden on applicant jurisdictions.
- Online GIS map to assist jurisdictions in identifying eligible corridors (based on distance from nearest Major Transit Stop).
- Metro TOC-TAP 30-Minute "Coffee with a Plan-nerd," an opportunity in which jurisdictions can sign up for a for a 30-minute Microsoft Teams Meeting with a TOC staff member to workshop project ideas, share concerns, and ask questions. Sign up for a 30-minute call using the following link: <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/TOCTAPchat30">tinyurl.com/TOCTAPchat30</a>

For information on technical and/or grant writing assistance, eligible projects, and TOC convenings, please refer to the TOC TAP flyer (Attachment A). For additional information, please reach out to TOC TAP manager, Fabian Gallardo, at <a href="mailto:GallardoFa@metro.net">GallardoFa@metro.net</a> or (213) 547-4224. Mr. Gallardo will provide a presentation on this item.



Prepared by:

Sophia Sousa Management Aide

Approved by: 1

Marisa Creter Executive Director

# **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – TOC TAP Flyer

# REPORT

DATE: September 12, 2022

TO: Public Works Working Group

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: TITLE 24 UPDATES AND SOCALREN BONUS INCENTIVES

### **BACKGROUND**

Every three years, the California Energy Commission (CEC) is required by Title 24, Part 6 of the California Code of Regulations to update and adopt building standards with the goal of increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The updated 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards establish new requirements for newly constructed buildings, including additions and alterations. The updates primarily focus on encouraging electric heat pump use, establishing electric ready requirements, expanding photovoltaic (PV) system and battery storage, and strengthening ventilation standards. New requirements introduced by Tile 24 will become effective on January 1, 2023. A summary of the updates provided by the CEC can be found in Attachment A.

With Title 24 updates, incentive opportunities offered by the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN), the SGVCOG's partner for implementing energy efficiency projects, will be reduced or no longer available. The SoCalREN uses the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards as a baseline for their incentives, and because of this, fewer energy savings will be eligible for incentives as standards become increasingly strict. Some incentives that will no longer be eligible under the new code include the installation of heat pump water heaters, LED tube lighting, high bay lighting, and HVAC economizer controls.

While certain incentive opportunities will expire once Title 24 updates are established, the SoCalREN is currently offering "supercharged" incentives for a limited time. Projects can receive 50% of eligible project costs covered by the SoCalREN or 150% of the standard incentive rates. The SGVCOG and SoCalREN encourage public agencies to take advantage of this opportunity as soon as possible, especially considering that many of the projects are currently eligible for incentives that will no longer be available once Title 24 updates come into effect. Additional information can be found in the attached flyer (Attachment B).

SGVCOG Management Aide, Sophia Sousa, and SoCalREN program manager, Angela Vaszily, will provide a detailed presentation on Title 24 updates, their implications on existing SoCalREN incentives, and new bonus incentives. For additional information, please contact Ms. Sousa by email at <a href="mailto:ssousa@sgvcog.org">ssousa@sgvcog.org</a> or by phone at (626) 209-9354.

Prepared by: Asymbol Jou Sa

Sophia Sousa
Management Aide

Approved by: 17 arusa Creter

Marisa Creter Executive Director

### **ATTACHMENTS**

<u>Attachment A – 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards Summary Attachment B – SoCalREN Supercharged Incentives</u>

# REPORT

DATE: September 12, 2022

TO: Public Works Working Group

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: GREEN ECONOMY CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

### **BACKGROUND**

Community 2.0, a coalition dedicated to mobilizing individuals and organizations in Los Angeles County to take actions to overcome climate emergency challenges, plans on hosting a Green Economy Conference in October of this year to discuss and showcase green business opportunities, green technologies, and green lifestyle products and services. The event organizers aim to inspire leaders and community members to integrate technology development and apply successful practices to solve climate emergency challenges.

Last year, the Green Economy Conference featured presentations and discussions on integrating the shared interest of individuals, places, and planet through partnerships. Additional information on the Green Economy Conference can be found on <a href="https://gapodaca.com/green-economy-conference">https://gapodaca.com/green-economy-conference</a>. Community 2.0 Founder, Greg Apodaca, will provide a presentation on this item.

Prepared by:

Sophia/Sousa

Management Aide

Approved by:

Marisa Creter

**Executive Director**