

# SGVCOG Weekly Recap

## Week of February 7, 2022

- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG Water Policy Committee/TAC convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The committees reviewed the following items:
    - State Water Resources Control Board Emergency Water Conservation Mandates: In early January 2022, the State Water Resource Control Board approved emergency water conservation mandates in place for cities, individual property owners, and residents restricting the water activities they can conduct. These statewide rules are put forth in an effort to prevent wasteful water use and promote water conservation.
    - Water Supply Update: In December 2021, the Department of Water Resources announced a 0% State Water Project allocation. However, following precipitation in December, the Department of Water Resources increased the State Water Project allocation to 15%. As long as demand for water remains average or below average, this 15% allocation will allow the Metropolitan Water District service area to receive water at normal levels throughout the rest of the calendar year. For local water supplies, the rains in December did not take the San Gabriel Valley out of drought..
  - **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) Meeting:** On Wednesday, staff attended the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) meeting. The following presentations were made:
    - Matt White, Senior Associate for the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County by Housing Innovations, provided an overview of The Way Home, the collaborative responsible for preventing and ending homelessness in Houston - including the City of Houston and 3 surrounding counties (Harris County, Fort Bend County, and Montgomery County).. The presentation also included strategic goals, governance structure and homeless encampment strategies. The following Los Angeles Times article details some of Houston's progress in addressing homelessness and how this may influence the City of Los Angeles: <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-01-30/houston-teach-los-angeles-curbng-homelessness>
    - The Commissioners facilitated a public forum for discussion on recommendations and themes including filling system voids, simplification/streamlining, governance/accountability, local innovation and regional strengths, transparency and access to data, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and voices of those with lived experience with invited guests from the County Homeless Initiative, LAHSA, and many homeless service providers, including the Downtown Women's Center, Foothill Unity Center, Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System (HOPICS), LA Family Housing, the Samuel Dixon Family Health Center, Inc., St. Joseph Center, The Whole Child, and Wellnest LA.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2021 at 9 a.m. For more information and recordings for past meetings, you can visit the BRCH website [here](#).
- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Transportation Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee voted to elect Claremont

Mayor Pro Tem, Ed Reece, as its new Chairperson and Industry Mayor, Cory Moss, as its new Vice Chairperson. Additionally, the Committee reviewed the following major items:

- **Metro North Hollywood-to-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project Updates:** Metro conducted the Countywide Bus Rapid Transit (CBRT) and Street Design Improvement Study in 2013 to identify and develop recommendations for an effective CBRT system that includes dedicated peak hour bus lanes along with various general bus speed improvements. The Study identified the North Hollywood-to-Pasadena Corridor as the most heavily traveled corridor within a premium bus service. As a result, the Corridor - which extends approximately 19 miles from the North Hollywood Metro Red/Orange Line Station to the Pasadena City College and serves as a key regional connection between the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys with connections to the Metro B (Red), G (Orange), and L (Gold) Lines - was selected as one of the first to be studied for potential implementation of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). 4 of the 22 proposed stations will be located in Pasadena. It is anticipated that this project will be completed in 2024.
- **Metro Transit Operation Temporary Service Reduction Updates:** Due to staffing shortages and the COVID-19 Pandemic's Omicron surge, Metro will be reducing services starting February 20, 2022. Metro officials stated that full-service restoration will require all of the following conditions to be met:
  - No more than 30 new COVID-19 cases per month for Metro operations.
  - Include a total of 4,003 operators in Metro's workforce. Currently, Metro requires an additional 586 operators in order to restore full services.
  - No more than 200 mandatory call backs per week systemwide.
  - No more than 2% systemwide bus service cancellations.If sustained progress towards these conditions is made, incremental service recovery can begin with Metro's June 2022 service changes.
- **SGV Slower Safer Streets Updates:** In December 2021, the Metro Board of Directors awarded \$500,000 to the SGV Slower Safer Streets Program. Slow Street demonstrations are generally designed to make streets safer for both pedestrians and motorists by encouraging access to sustainable modes of transportation, creating an opportunity for people to stay physically active while facilitating social distancing, reducing speeding on neighborhood streets, and generating needed civic engagement. The Program hopes to further the development of a city's multimodal and active transportation policies. The maximum grant award is \$50,000, and there is a 20% in-kind requirement. Cities also have the option of partnering with ActiveSGV to help with pre-planning, communications, permitting, and implementation. The Program [application is open and linked here](#). Applications are due by 4:00pm on Monday, February 28, 2022. All funds must be spent by November 15, 2023.
- **FY 2017-2021 Measure M Subregional Program Reprogramming Requests:** In June 2018, Metro adopted the Measure M Guidelines to establish a process by which subregional funds under Measure M would be programmed by the subregions' respective entities. The SGVCOG was subsequently tasked with programming and administering the Measure M Subregional Program (MSP) funds through the development of multi-year subregional fund programming plans in the San Gabriel Valley. The SGVCOG awarded a total of \$37,338,550.00 in Cycle 1 (FY 2017-2021) MSP funds to 20 eligible active transportation, first/last mile, complete streets, highway efficiency, and bus system improvement projects in the San Gabriel Valley. Each selected project's funding allocation schedule can be changed, or "reprogrammed," at the approvals of both the SGVCOG Governing Board and the Metro Board of Directors. This year, only the County of Los Angeles

and City of Monrovia had submitted reprogramming requests for their awarded projects. Both entities reported that the scope and awarded amount of their projects remain unchanged and requested the distribution of the awarded funds to be postponed due to project delays as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- **Homeless Policy Deputies' Meeting:** On Thursday, the Homeless Policy Deputies convened for its biweekly meeting via Microsoft Teams.
  - **Emergency Housing Vouchers Update:** Tracie Mann, LACDA provided an update on the Emergency Housing Voucher program, which provides tenant-based rental assistance program for qualifying families referred through the Coordinated Entry System (CES). Ivet Samvelyan, LAHSA, provided additional information on the rehousing system data, as well as program challenges, such as rent comparables, transfer in place, and unit acquisitions, and gave proposed solutions.
  - **Overview of the Family System:** Kimberly Farnham, LAHSA, Kim Roberts, LAFH, Marion Sanders, HOPICS, and Deon Arline, DPSS provided an update on the Coordinated Entry System for Families (CESF), which included an overview of Family System goals and next steps.
  - **Homeless Count Update:** Clementina Verjan, LAHSA, provided an update on the 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. The unsheltered "street count" for SPA 3 will take place on Tuesday, February 22. More information can be found [here](#).
  - **Tools for Racial Equity in Homeless Services:** D'Artagnan Scorza, Ph.D, CEO-ARDI, provided an overview on the historical context and impact of institutional and structural racism, and how advancing racial equity can address homelessness in LA County.
- **Governing Board Preview:** The SGVCOG Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 4PM via Zoom Teleconference. The full agenda packet may be accessed at: <https://www.sgvcoq.org/governing-board-agenda>. Major action items are summarized below:
  - **Updated Salary Resolution:** Staff is recommending updating the SGVCOG salary resolution. The updates reflect adapting the salary ranges due to CPI increases to be effective July 1, 2022 and updating all director positions to be under a single classification regardless of assigned department or position for additional flexibility to accommodate responsibilities changing over time.
  - **Measure H 2022-2023 City Program Application:** At the February 2022 meeting, the Homelessness Committee recommended the Governing Board approve \$50,000 of 2022-2023 Measure H City Programs funding for the Baldwin Park Interim Housing Program. Funding will be used for operation of a pilot safe parking program for 5-10 parking spaces for residents experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, to operate tentatively from April-September 2022.
  - **Los Angeles County Internal Services (ISD) Department Update on Broadband Efforts:** ISD Director, Selwyn Hollins, will be presenting to the Governing Board on ISD's current broadband expansion efforts.
  - **Introduction of San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership President/CEO:** The new President/CEO of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, Luis Portillo will introduce himself to the Governing Board.
  - **Draft 2022 Strategic Plan:** Based on extensive stakeholder, committee and member agency feedback, staff will present the draft 2022 Strategic Plan Update for the Governing Board's consideration.
  - **Recognition of Paul Hubler, SGVCOG Director of Government and Community Relations:** The Governing Board will have the opportunity to

recognize Paul Hubler, SGVCOG Director of Government and Community Relations for his service to the SGVCOG over the past 20 years. Paul will be starting his new role as the Chief Strategy Officer for Metrolink, Southern California's regional commuter rail operator.

- **Transit Feasibility Study Community Workshops:** The SGVCOG is currently partnering with Metro to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate and improve mobility in the San Gabriel Valley. The Study was initiated by the Metro Board of Directors' following its decision in February 2020 to withdraw the State Route 60 alternative in the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project to extend the Metro L (Gold) Line. Metro has also identified \$635 million in Measure M capital funds to fund a new near-term (15 years) transit capital improvement project that results from the Study, with further funding available for a long-term project in 2053 as well. The Study will evaluate short-term and long-term transit options designed to enhance communities and the lives of residents, commuters, and visitors, with a focus on transit-dependent populations and equity-focused communities constrained by existing transportation systems. Two community workshops will be held on **Wednesday, February 23rd at 12:00pm** and at **5:00pm** to allow community members and residents to learn about the Study and provide feedback. Cities are recommended to encourage residents and local community members to attend one of the upcoming workshops. Registration links are as follows:
  - Wednesday, February 23rd at 12:00pm:  
[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_H6DIOxWwTcSneuSLzF76MQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_H6DIOxWwTcSneuSLzF76MQ)
  - Wednesday, February 23rd at 5:00pm:  
[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_I7DWdd7GQG6fUqYnSZRbuQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I7DWdd7GQG6fUqYnSZRbuQ)Additional information regarding the Study can be found [here](#).



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## Week of February 14, 2022

- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee reviewed the following major items:
  - **Southern California Regional Energy Network Public Agency Programs:** Administered by the County of Los Angeles, the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) was created to harness the collective power of residents, businesses, and the public sector to achieve energy savings across Southern California. The SoCalREN Public Agency Programs provide municipalities with tailored project delivery approaches, funding recommendations, procurement pathways to support the implementation of energy efficiency projects, benchmarking and energy analytical services to assist cities in identifying facilities that are high energy consumers and prioritize energy efficiency retrofits at these facilities, and no-cost training opportunities for city staff via periodic webinars and workshops.
  - **SB 45 (Portantino):** The 2021-22 Budget Act appropriated \$195 million for organics recycling, with \$60 million for local government recycling grants. The Budget also included \$105 million for organics infrastructure grants and an additional \$5 million for composting organic waste. SB 45, as amended on January 3, 2022, expressly directs the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to consult with the State Air Resources Board and provide assistance to local jurisdictions on any funding, including but not limited to that appropriated by the California Legislature in the annual Budget Act, to support local agencies' compliance with existing laws. After a thorough discussion, the Committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to support SB 45.
  - **2022 Solid Waste Legislative Updates:** Staff from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) provided an update on key solid waste and recycling bills that were introduced in the current legislative cycle and that are being discussed at the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force, which is comprised of local government, solid waste management, recycling management, and community members.
  - **SGVCOG Wildfire Adaptation and Prevention Updates:** In November 2021, the SGVCOG successfully secured approximately \$228,000 from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) to implement an 18-month Wildfire Adaptation and Prevention Outreach Program. The Program, which will officially be starting this month, includes the implementation of wildfire prevention workshops, community pop-up events, and social media marketing campaigns, with the goal of providing information for communities to create and maintain defensible space and structural hardening, prepare for possible evacuations, develop and implement wildfire action plans, understand evacuation terminologies, and protect themselves in the event of being trapped by wildfires.
- **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) Meeting:** On Wednesday, staff attended the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) meeting. The following presentations were made:

- Maria Salinas, President and Chief Executive Officer, of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, presented an overview of the leading regional business and advocacy organization, which included their history of work and advocacy related to homelessness.
- Margaret Ecker, RN, MS, Lead Volunteer at St. James Episcopal Church presented an overview of the church's soup kitchen program, which included program strengths and challenges, and suggestions for improvement.
- Cheri Todoroff, Director, Chief Executive Office, of the Homeless Initiative provided a presentation on the Homeless Initiative Strategy Re-Assessment process including key findings, recommendations, new strategic framework, and next steps.
- Brandon D. Young, Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP presented on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) role and governance, including County and City Infrastructures, and potential governance recommendations and options. The Commissioners followed the presentation with a discussion and provided feedback on the presented recommendations and governance options.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 9 a.m. For more information and recordings for past meetings, you can visit the BRCH website [here](#).

- **Governing Board Recap:** The SGVCOG Governing Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022, via Zoom. Major items are summarized below:
  - **Updated Salary Resolution:**The SGVCOG salary resolution was adopted, reflecting adapted salary ranges due to CPI increases to be effective July 1,2022. In addition, this resolution updated all director positions to be under a single classification, regardless of assigned department or position, for additional flexibility to accommodate responsibilities changing over time.
  - **Measure H 2022-2023 City Program Application:** At the February 2022 meeting, the Homelessness Committee recommended the Governing Board approve \$50,000 of 2022-2023 Measure H City Programs funding for the Baldwin Park Interim Housing Program. Funding will be used for operation of a pilot safe parking program for 5-10 parking spaces for residents experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, to operate tentatively from April-September 2022.
  - **Los Angeles County Internal Services (ISD) Department Update on Broadband Efforts:** ISD Director, Selwyn Hollins, presented on ISD's current broadband expansion efforts. On November 16, 2021, the County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion to invest in viable options to facilitate residential access to reliable broadband service in low-income communities. Mr. Hollins then provided an overview of the three options suggested by ISD to help close the digital divide: working with ISPs & carriers to provide and expand subsidy programs, community wireless networks, and Fiber-to-the-Home networks.
  - **Introduction of San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership President/CEO:** The new President/CEO of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, Luis Portillo introduced himself to the Governing Board.
  - **Draft 2022 Strategic Plan:** Based on extensive stakeholder, committee and member agency feedback, staff presented the draft 2022 Strategic Plan Update for the Governing Board's consideration. Key components include revised vision and mission statements, core values, and 5 new strategic goals. SGVCOG staff encouraged Governing Board members to review the draft Strategic Plan and provide feedback so that it may be incorporated in the final Strategic Plan Update. The final Strategic Plan Update is expected to be adopted during the March Governing Board meeting.

- **Recognition of Paul Hubler, SGVCOG Director of Government and Community Relations:** The Governing Board recognized Paul Hubler, SGVCOG Director of Government and Community Relations, for his service to the SGVCOG over the past 20 years. Paul will be starting his new role as the Chief Strategy Officer for Metrolink, Southern California's regional commuter rail operator.
- **Tiny Home Presentation at ICMA:** The San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) will be hosting a panel at the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) conference titled "Tiny Homes - Bridging the Journey from Shelter to Permanent Housing". The SGVRHT and City of Baldwin Park staff will share experiences from Esperanza Villa, the first tiny home village in the San Gabriel Valley, and best practices for the development of a tiny home interim housing site. The Conference will be hosted the week of September 17, 2022, in Columbus, Ohio. For more information on the conference please visit: <https://conference.icma.org/>.



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## Week of February 21, 2022

- **Energy Work Group:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG Energy Work Group held its quarterly meeting via Zoom. Work Group members received informational presentations from the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) regarding updates to its Public Agency Program and the launch of the EV Ready DAC Program, a new three-year program with a goal of installing EV charging stations in LA County's disadvantaged communities. SGVCOG staff also announced the upcoming CCEC Forum in September, and encouraged agencies to submit presentation proposals. Additionally, attendees received information about the new 2022-2023 Energy Champion Awards structure. Work Group members were given the opportunity to share updates regarding their ongoing or planned energy efficiency projects. It is anticipated that the Energy Work Group will reconvene in April 2022.
- **San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study Community Workshops:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG held two community workshops to share progress updates on the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study with members of the public. Both workshops were held via Zoom and ran for approximately 60-90 minutes each. The Study's project team shared updates on the Study Area Map, Study Area Definitions, Mobility Problem Definitions, and proposed initial concepts of route alternatives. Members of the public were also given the opportunity to express comments and concerns. Additional community workshops will be held later this year as the Study progresses. Recordings of the two community workshops can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#).
- **Release of FY2022-23 Measure H Funding Recommendations:** On Wednesday, the Homeless Initiative released its funding recommendations for Measure H for FY 2022-23. The funding recommendations for FY2022-23 include the \$10 million for the County's councils of governments, which was previously recommended by the Board of Supervisors. In addition, there is an additional \$10 million proposed for "new investments for local jurisdictions." The Homeless Initiative will hold a virtual public hearing on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, to hear public comments on the recommendations. The final recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on May 5, 2022. The proposed recommendations can be found [here](#), and more information about the process can be found [here](#).
- **Planners TAC:** On Thursday, the Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee held its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee reviewed the following major items:
  - **SGV Slower Safer Streets Application:** In December 2021, the Metro Board of Directors awarded \$500,000 to the SGV Slower Safer Streets Program, which will provide opportunities for San Gabriel Valley cities to host local slow street demonstration projects in their jurisdictions. This program is available to all San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) member cities. The maximum grant award will be \$50,000, and there is also a 20% in-kind requirement. Cities also have the option of partnering with ActiveSGV to help with pre-planning, communications, permitting, and implementation. All funds must be spent by November 15, 2023. The Program application is open and linked [here](#). Applications are due by 4PM on Monday, March 14, 2022.
  - **Housing Element Approval Discussion:** The Planners TAC had a discussion on the status of cities' Housing Elements. Cities had until February 13, 2022, to have their Housing Element approved by their city councils and certified by California



Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and, if they did not meet that deadline, new legislation – specifically AB 1398 (Bloom) – provides that cities will only have until October 15, 2022, to complete any rezoning that may be needed to provide adequate sites for RHNA. At this time, very few cities located within the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), have received tentative approval for their Housing Element. Many cities have submitted their Housing Elements to HCD for review and have had significant delays in receiving comments and received multiple drafts of revisions from HCD, which made it difficult for cities to meet this deadline. The SGVCOG will continue to engage around this issue that cities are facing.

- **REAP Project Updates:** SGVCOG was awarded funding from the SCAG Regional Early Action Program (REAP) Subregional Partnership Program. REAP is intended to help accelerate housing production throughout the SCAG region, which includes the San Gabriel Valley, and have a net-positive effect on housing supply by increasing housing planning, meeting the sixth cycle regional housing needs assessment (RHNA). The SGVCOG is completing several projects and is extending consultant support to member cities for several projects:
  - Affordable Housing Incubator: Will create a bench of consultants which can be accessed by all member cities that can provide the technical resources they need to more easily, quickly, and efficiently develop housing, especially at affordable levels. The bench will launch in April 2022. To learn more about the disciplines and submit a project for consideration, fill out [this form](#).
  - Site Specific Technical Assistance: Will provide consultant technical assistance for cities and developers looking to develop sites for housing, especially at affordable levels. If your city is seeking technical assistance on a potential site, you can use the form [here](#).

The SGVCOG also kicked-off a surplus land inventory this week and intends to kick-off a project to establish a revolving loan fund administered by the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT). This revolving loan fund will provide \$8 million for shorter-term loans – for example predevelopment, acquisition, or preconstruction – to assist cities and developers in their development of affordable housing. Finally, the SGVCOG will complete a feasibility study to determine the viability of creating San Gabriel Valley Regional Land Trust and develop and implement an implementation plan to advance that effort.

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## Week of February 28, 2022

- **Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** On Monday, the Capital Projects and Construction Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee approved the adoption of Resolution 21-02-CPCC, making specified findings to enable the Committee to continue to hold meetings via teleconferencing. The Committee also approved an action item to authorize the Executive Director to issue a task order revision to Moffat & Nichol to augment staffing support on the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project through July 29, 2022. Staff provided quarterly project progress updates and quarterly environmental mitigation monitoring reports for the active projects.
- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee convened its monthly meeting via Zoom to review the following major topics:
  - **FY 2017-2021 Measure M Subregional Program Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funding Reprogramming Request:** The Committee recommended the Governing Board approve the reprogramming requests that had been received for the FY 2017-2021 Measure M Subregional Program Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funding programs.
  - **2022 SoCalREN Public Agency Programs:** Natalie Espinoza, Program Manager with The Energy Coalition, presented on the Southern California Regional Network's (SoCalREN) upcoming incentive programs and an overview of SoCalREN's accomplishments in the San Gabriel Valley in 2021.
  - **2022-2023 Energy Champion Awards:** SGVCOG Management Aide Vanessa Guerra provided an update on the 2022-2023 Energy Champion Awards Structure and on agencies' progress in the Awards.
  - **SGV Slower Safer Streets:** SGVCOG Management Analyst Samuel Pedersen provided an update on the SGV Slower Safer Streets Program, which will award cities up to \$50,000 for local slow street demonstration projects. The Program [application is open and linked here](#). **Applications are due by 4PM on Monday, March 14, 2022.**
- **Homelessness Committee:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG Homelessness Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee heard a presentation on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) from Mary Wickham, Executive Director of BRCH, Brandon D. Young, Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, and Amie Park, Attorney for County Counsel. They presented on the key themes identified in BRCH meetings and the potential governance options for the County's homeless services system currently being discussed. The BRCH is expected to make its final recommendation for presentation to the Board of Supervisors by the end of March 2022. SGVCOG staff then presented their recommendation on the governance structure that it felt would best serve the SGVCOG. The Committee voted to recommend Governing Board direct staff to submit a comment letter on the recommendations for BRCH. The next SGVCOG Homelessness Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 29, from 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.
- **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) Meeting:** On Wednesday, staff attended the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) meeting. The following presentations were made:
  - Heidi Marston, Executive Director, LAHSA, provided updates on the work that LAHSA has been undertaking to improve its work and recommendations on how

LAHSA could most effectively serve the homeless services system with a focus on prevention, housing supply, and the rehousing system. She presented on their goals to build an efficient rehousing system, achieve excellence in managing grants and contracts, inform and educate the public, and equip data-driven decision making.

- Brandon D. Young, Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP presented updates to identified themes and governance structure recommendations. Commissioners continued their discussion on potential governance recommendations and options.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 6 p.m. For more information and recordings for past meetings, you can visit the BRCH website [here](#).

- **City Managers' Steering Committee:** On Wednesday, the City Managers' Steering Committee held its monthly meeting virtually via Zoom. The Committee voted to recommend Governing Board direct staff to submit a comment letter on the SGVCOG's recommendations for the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH). Additionally, the Committee heard an update on the SGVCOG's Regional Early Action Program (REAP) Subregional Partnership Program.
- **Governing Board Preview:** The SGVCOG Governing Board will hold a special meeting next Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 4PM via Zoom Teleconference. Major action items are summarized below:
  - **2022 SGVCOG Strategic Plan Update:** Staff is recommending approving the 2022 SGVCOG Strategic Plan Update. The proposed Update identifies priorities and actions for the agency to undertake to support member agencies over the next few years. Staff collected feedback from SGVCOG policy committees and member agencies and presented the draft Update at the February Governing Board meeting.
  - **FY 2017-2021 Measure M Subregional Program Reprogramming Requests:** The SGVCOG administers the Measure M Subregional Program (MSP) fund, and, in Cycle 1 (FY 2017-2021) awarded more than \$37 million to 20 eligible active transportation, first/last mile, complete streets, highway efficiency, and bus system improvement projects in the San Gabriel Valley. Each selected project's funding allocation schedule can be changed, or "reprogrammed," at the approvals of both the SGVCOG Governing Board and the Metro Board of Directors. This year, the County of Los Angeles and City of Monrovia have submitted reprogramming requests for their awarded projects.
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  - **Housing Incubator Technical Assistance Consultant Bench:** The SGVCOG was awarded funding through SCAG's Regional Early Action Program (REAP) Subregional Partnership Program. REAP is intended to help accelerate housing production throughout the SCAG region, which includes the San Gabriel Valley, and have a net-positive effect on housing supply by increasing housing planning, meeting the sixth cycle RHNA. The Affordable Housing Incubator project under the REAP program will create a bench of consultants in a variety of disciplines which

can be accessed by all member cities that can provide the technical resources they need to develop housing, especially at affordable levels. Staff recommends that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute master agreements with the selected vendors for a total overall not-to-exceed amount of \$800,000.

- **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) Governance Options:** The Governing Board will consider the recommendation made by the SGVCOG's Homelessness Committee to direct staff to submit a comment letter on the recommendations being considered by the BRCH, including the following key principles:
  - The County should establish a stand-alone department that oversees and administers the homeless services system in the County.
  - The County should work with all stakeholders to establish a consensus simplified vision and goals that guide the County's program, policy, and funding decisions.
  - COGs and cities should have increased representation on the decision-making body(ies) that oversee the homeless services system.
  - Subregions should have increased programmatic autonomy and funding discretion to allow for the implementation of locally-based and locally-supported solutions.
  - Input from subregions should be a driver of programmatic, policy, and funding decisions for the County.
  - The homeless services system should increase access to data for all stakeholders within the system - including those employed by a local government - and enhance data sharing and data tracking in order to better evaluate the system.



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