

# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments\*

# AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022 – 4:00 PM

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Cory Moss
City of Industry

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MEETINGS: Regular Meetings of the Transportation Committee are held on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM at the Foothill Transit Building (100 S. Vincent Avenue, Suite 200, West Covina, CA 91790). The agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Irwindale Office, 4900 Rivergrade Road, Suite A120, Irwindale, CA, and on the website, <a href="www.sgvcog.org">www.sgvcog.org</a>. A copy of the agenda is also viewable at the Alhambra City Hall, 111 S. 1st Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

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**AGENDA ITEMS:** The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Transportation Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Transportation Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a committee member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar.



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- Written Comments (Email): If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the committee members prior to or during the meeting, please submit these materials via email to SGVCOG Management Analyst, Steph Wong, at <a href="swong@sgvcog.org">swong@sgvcog.org</a> at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT." Emailed public comments will be read into the record and will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations. While there is no page or word count limit for written comments, the time for reading written public comments into the record will be limited to three minutes, which is the same time allotted for verbal comments.
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#### PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- **3.** Roll Call
- **4.** Public Comment (If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all public comments)
- **5.** Changes to the Agenda Order

# **CONSENT CALENDAR** (It is anticipated that the Committee may take action on the following matters)

- 6. Adoption of Resolution 22-06-TC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Transportation Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings via Teleconferencing (Page 1)

  Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-06-TC making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconference.
- 7. Review Transportation Committee Special Meeting Minutes: July 7, 2022 (Page 3) *Recommended Action: Review and approve.*
- **8.** Review Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes: July 21, 2022 (Page 5) Recommended Action: Review and approve.

# **ACTION ITEM** (It is anticipated that the Committee may take action on the following matters)

9. Support AB 2622 (Mullin): Sales and Use Taxes Exemption for Zero Emission Transit Buses (Page 7)

Recommended Action: Recommend the Governing Board adopt a resolution in support of AB 2622.

# PRESENTATIONS (It is anticipated that the Committee may take action on the following matters)

10. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Fleet Electrification – Calder Silcox, Maddie Emerson, and Jonathan Rossi, TRC (Page 9)

Recommended Action: For information only.

#### LIAISON REPORTS

- 11. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Liaison Report
- 12. Foothill Transit Liaison Report
- 13. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Liaison Report

#### STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **ADJOURN**

DATE: August 11, 2022

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-06-TC MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS

TO ENABLE THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO

HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt Resolution 22-06-TC making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on February 1, 2021, AB 361 codifies portions of Governor Gavin Newsom's existing Ralph M. Brown Act exemptions pertaining to teleconferencing if a local agency issues an emergency finding, and reissues it every 30 days, that it is unsafe to meet in person. Specifically, the Brown Act exemptions include requirements to provide a public teleconference location, to maintain a member quorum within the agency's jurisdiction and to provide for public comment at each teleconference location, such as a private residence. The legislation expires in December 2024. On September 16, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 361 into law, effective immediately.

A local agency wishing to rely on the provisions of AB 361 must meet one of the following criteria:

- 1. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
- 2. The local holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
- 3. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.



However, this Executive Order expired on September 30, 2021, despite the State of Emergency remaining in place.

The threat that COVID-19 has presented continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to conduct Governing Board/committee meetings safely in person. Updated guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in July and August 2021 advise governmental entities to refrain from conducting indoor meetings and consider moving operations outdoors, where feasible, to prevent transmission. SGVCOG staff finds it has been unable to find a suitable outdoor space with the requisite audio/visual capabilities at which the monthly committee meetings can be held safely. Similarly, an indoor space with sufficient capacity to accommodate safe social distance practices among members, staff, and the public could not be identified.

In order to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to prevent unnecessary COVID-19 exposure to members, staff and the public, staff is recommending that Transportation Committee adopt Resolution 22-06-TC making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

Prepared by:

Steph Wong

Management Analyst

Approved by:

Marisa Creter Executive Director

<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

<u>Attachment A – Resolution 22-06-TC</u>





# **SGVCOG Transportation Committee Special Meeting Minutes**

Date: July 7, 2022 Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

## PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chairperson, Ed Reece, called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Transportation Committee Member, David Liu, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

A quorum was in attendance.

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Absent</b>	
Claremont	Ed Reece	Alhambra
Diamond Bar	David Liu	Duarte
Glendora	Steven Mateer	Monterey Park
Industry	Sam Pedroza	Pasadena
La Canada Flintridge	Keith Eich	Pomona
Temple City	Ashley Avery	South El Monte

South Pasadena

L.A. County District #1 L.A. County District #5

GuestsSGVCOG StaffFoothill TransitYoko IgawaA. Fung, StaffLACDPWSarah AhmedN. Ryu, StaffMetroTito Corona

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Adoption of Resolution 22-05-TC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Transportation Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings via Teleconferencing Action: Adopt Resolution 22-05-TC making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconference

**6.** Review Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes: June 9, 2022 *Action: Review and approve.* 

- 7. Review Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2022

  \*\*Action: Review and approve.\*\*
- **8.** Proposed Revisions to the SGVCOG Measure M Subregional Program (MSP) Public Outreach Plan

Action: Recommend the Governing Board to revise the SGVCOG Measure M Subregional Program (MSP) Public Outreach Plan.

# There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 5-6. (M/S: S. Mateer/K. Eich) [Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Industry, La Canada Flintridge, Temple City
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NOES:	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
NO VOTE	
<b>RECORDED:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Alhambra, Duarte, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona, South El
	Monte, South Pasadena, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District
	#5

#### **ADJOURN**

SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chairperson, Ed Reece, adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 4:10 PM.

SGVCOG Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee

July 21, 2022 4:00 PM



# SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee **Unapproved Special Joint Meeting Minutes**

July 21, 2022 Date: Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

## PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

> SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, called the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, and Governing Board to order at 4:03pm. A quorum was in attendance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

City of Glendora Mayor, Michael Allawos, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

> A quorum for the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee was in attendance.

<b>Committee Members Present</b>		Absent	
Arcadia	A. Verlato	Alhambra	
Azusa	R. Gonzales	Baldwin Park	
Claremont	E. Reece	Bradbury	
Covina	P. Cortez	Montebello	
Diamond Bar	N. Lyons	Pasadena	
Duarte	J. Schulz	Pomona	
El Monte	M. Morales	San Dimas	
Glendora	M. Allawos	L.A. County District #4	
Industry	C. Moss		
Irwindale	A. Ambriz		
La Cañada Flintridge	R. Gunter	SGVCOG Staff	
La Puente	G. Quiñones	M. Creter, Executive Director	
La Verne	T. Hepburn	D. DeBerry, General Counsel	
Monrovia	B. Shevlin	A. Fung, Staff	
Monterey Park	H. Lo	B. Ruano, Staff	
Rosemead	S. Dang	B. Logasa, Staff	
San Gabriel	T. Ding	B. Acevedo, Staff	
San Marino	S. Jakubowski	E. Shen, Staff	
Sierra Madre	R. Arizmendi	M. Medrano, Staff	
South El Monte	G. Olmos	M. Sharkey, Staff	
South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti	N. Ryu, Staff	
Temple City	C. Sternquist	R. Alimeron, Staff	
Walnut	A. Wu	R. Choi, Staff	

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July 21, 2022 4:00 PM

West Covina,	T. Wu	S. Pederson, Staff
L.A. County District #1	A. Moreno	S. Hernandez, Staff
L.A. County District #5	S. Croxton	S. Sousa, Staff
SGV Water Districts	C. Goytia	S. Wong, Staff
		T. Lott, Staff
		V. Guerra, Staff

#### JOINT MEETING BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM

**4.** Adopt Resolution 22-41 of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board and Transportation Committee Making Findings to Enable Them to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing.

There was a motion to adopt Joint Resolution 22-41 making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California exists, that social distancing being mandated or recommended by state or local officials due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and that meeting in person presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees.

(M/S: T. Hepburn/C. Moss) [Motion Passed]

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AYES:	Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte,
	Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Verne,
	Monrovia, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El
	Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, L.A. County District #5,
	SGV Water Districts
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE	La Puente, Monterey Park, West Covina, L.A. County District #1
<b>RECORDED:</b>	
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Montebello, Pasadena, Pomona, San
	Dimas, L.A. County District #4

#### ADJOURN JOINT MEETING

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, adjourned the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, and Governing Board Meeting at 4:11pm.

	Date	 	

Marisa Creter, Secretary

**BOARD APPROVED** 

DATE: August 11, 2022

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: SUPPORT AB 2622 (MULLIN): SALES AND USE TAXES EXEMPTION

FOR ZERO EMISSION TRANSIT BUSES

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend the Governing Board adopt a resolution in support of AB 2622.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Current sales and use tax laws in California include exemptions for the sale, storage, and use of zero-emission transit buses. The exemptions are limited to those buses that were sold to public agencies who are eligible for the California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project under the State Air Resources Board. They are meant to relieve some of the financial burden on municipalities that would like to invest (or have already invested) in electric or hydrogen fuel cell electric bus fleets. It is anticipated that the tax exemption will allow public transit agencies to save between \$30,000 and \$50,000 on each zero-emission bus purchased. The current regulation governing this exemption expires on January 1, 2024.

AB 2622 (Mullin) would extend this exemption by two years to January 1, 2026. The extension is timely because it will to allow agencies to have clarity on which taxes will apply as they plan their capital budgets – procurement processes for these fleets typically begin 18-24 months before purchase. The bill also includes a provision requiring the Legislative Analyst's Office to report to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the tax exemption by May 1, 2024.

Supporters of the bill include:

- League of California Cities (priority bill)
- California Transit Association
- Foothill Transit
- Southern California Association of Governments
- San Mateo County Transit District
- Transportation Agency for Monterey County
- Madera County Transportation Commission
- Transportation Authority of Marin

At this time there are no significant opposition to the bill.

## **SGVCOG POSITION**

Staff recommends that the Transportation Committee recommend the Governing Board pass a



resolution in support of AB 2622. By signaling our strong support for this legislation, the SGVCOG will continue to advocate for the best interests of its member agencies and residents. Support for the bill aligns with the San Gabriel Valleys consistent leadership record on issues related to greenhouse gas emissions, air quality, and responsible tax incentive structures.

The bill passed unanimously through the Senate Governance and Finance Committee and is expected to advance to a Senate vote in August.

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Management Analyst

Approved by:

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Executive Director

# **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – Bill Text AB 2622 (Mullin)

Attachment B – SGVCOG Governing Board Resolution Draft

Attachment C – SGVCOG Letter of Support

DATE: August 11, 2022

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AND FLEET

**ELECTRIFICATION** 

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

# **BACKGROUND**

As electric vehicle (EV) technology advances, the electrification of entire fleets of medium and heavy duty vehicles for commercial operations has become more viable. Some key obstacles to widespread adoption include high capital costs, EV model availability, and operational unknowns particularly related to charging. Ensuring an affordable, fast, and easy charging process requires appropriate support from the power grid and dedicated infrastructure, both of which will depend on federal and state funding. SGVCOG member cities can benefit from the cost savings associated with fleet electrification, the opportunity to meet emissions reduction goals, and complying with regulations. It is critical to inform local leaders on the available federal funding sources, the EV procurement and deployment process, anticipated challenges, and the infrastructure investments required for these projects.

TRC is an environmental, engineering, and technology firm that has conducted significant research and analysis work on the topics of energy efficiency, electrification, and distributed energy resources.

Representatives from TRC will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

- Calder Silcox, Transportation Electrification Lead
- Maddie Emerson, Legislative & Regulatory Analyst
- Jonathan Rossi, Engineering Director

Prepared by:

Management Analyst

Approved by: Marisa Creter

Marisa Creter Executive Director

# **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment A - TRC Electric Fleet and Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Presentation

