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SGVCOG and USHS Launch San Gabriel Valley Landlord Incentives Program

On April 20, 2021, the SGVCOG launched the San Gabriel Valley Landlord Incentives Program (SGVLIP), which provides benefits and support to landlords who lease their units to tenants receiving rental assistance to leave homelessness. In addition to financial benefits, landlords receive a point of contact who can mediate any issues or provide the funds to resolve the issues.

Any landlord with a unit in the Cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Irwindale, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, South El Monte, or West Covina can participate in the Program. Landlords with units outside of the stated jurisdictions may still be eligible to participate. Participating landlords will receive steady and reliable rent checks each month, either from the County of Los Angeles or nonprofits who are paid by the County. A small portion of the rent may also be paid directly by the tenants, based on the amount they can afford.

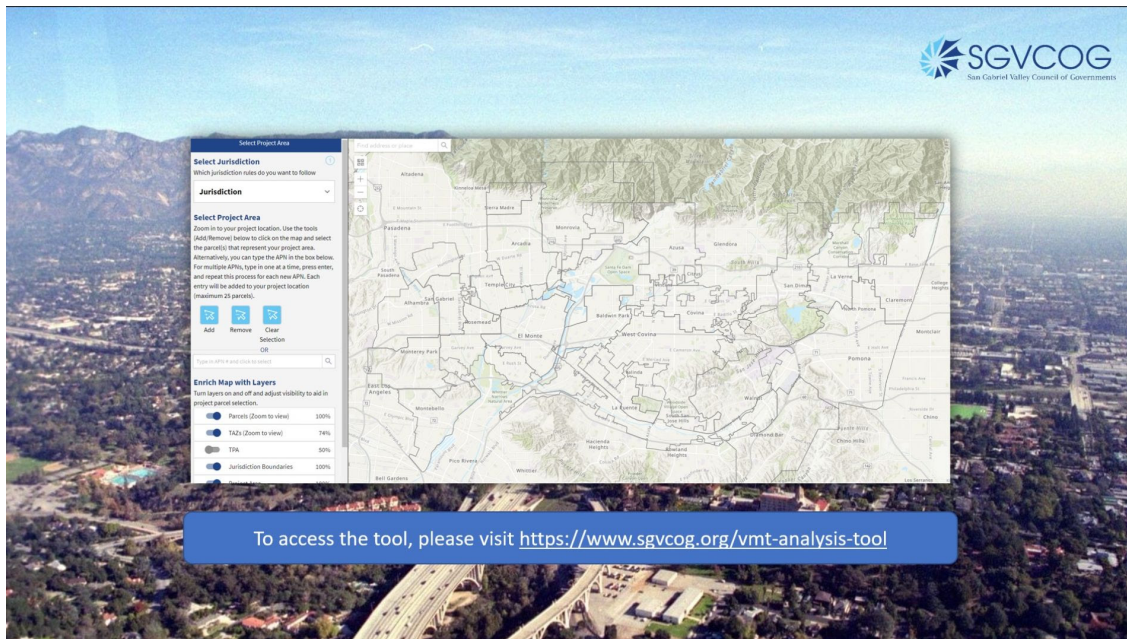
The Program is managed by the Union Station Homeless Services (USHS), in partnership with the SGVCOG. To learn more about the San Gabriel Valley Landlord Incentives Program, please visit <https://landlordincentives.org/>.



SGVCOG Governing Board Adopts Resolution to Condemn Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against AAPIs

Earlier last month, the SGVCOG Governing Board voted to approve Resolution 21-22 to condemn racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs), support member agencies to address systemic and cultural barriers that prevent the reporting and accountability for perpetrators of anti-AAPI hate crimes and incidents, and support efforts that prevent and end hate crimes, hateful messages and attacks, and hate incidents against AAPIs.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic in California last year, harmful and xenophobic rhetoric related to the geographic origins of the disease resulted in an increase of reported hate incidents and crimes against AAPI individuals, communities, and businesses throughout the nation. The Resolution acknowledges that the SGVCOG is committed to inclusion and advancing equity and justice for individuals of all races, national origins, ethnicities, and backgrounds.



SGVCOG's Regional VMT Analysis Tool Selected as Finalist for the 32nd CTF Transportation Awards

Last week, the SGVCOG's Regional Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) Analysis Tool was selected as a finalist project for the "Sustainable/Environmental Enhancement Program of the Year" Category of the 32nd Annual California Transportation Foundation (CTF) Transportation Awards. The CTF Transportation Awards recognize excellence in the planning and implementation of various transportation projects across the state.

Led by the SGVCOG, the Regional VMT Analysis Tool was developed to allow city staff and developers to determine if a proposed project would require a full VMT analysis based on each participating city's adopted CEQA criteria. The Tool, which can be found on <https://www.sgvco.org/vmt-analysis-tool>, allows users to effectively and quickly calculate the traffic impact of a proposed development.

The winner of the CTF Sustainable/Environmental Enhancement Program of the Year is scheduled to be announced at the 32nd CTF Transportation Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 12:00pm.



Metro Board of Directors Announces Stephanie Wiggins as New Metro CEO

On April 8, 2021, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced that the Metro Board of Directors voted to appoint Stephanie Wiggins as the new Metro Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Wiggins, who currently serves as the CEO for Metrolink, will succeed the retiring Metro CEO Phil Washington on May 30, 2021.

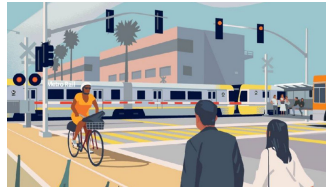
As Metro's CEO, Ms. Wiggins will manage a budget of nearly \$7 billion, oversee up to \$20 billion in capital construction projects, and oversee an agency with 11,000 employees that transports more than half a million boarding passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 buses and 6 rail lines. She began her tenure as CEO of Metrolink in December 2018, directing an agency that operates a regional passenger rail network that connects riders across a 6-county, 538 route-mile system.

Prior to joining Metrolink, Ms. Wiggins served as Deputy CEO of Metro, where she assisted in advancing Metro's primary objectives, including the implementation of projects made possible by Measure M.



[CAL FIRE Wildfire Mitigation Program](#)

CAL FIRE recently released the call-for-projects for the California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grant Program. The Program aims to reduce the risk of wildland fires to habitable structures and communities, while maximizing carbon sequestration in healthy wildland habitats and minimizing the uncontrolled release of emissions emitted by wildfires. Additional details and instructions to apply can be found on the CAL FIRE website [here](#). All application materials must be submitted no later than May 19, 2021 at 3:00pm.



[Metro FY 2022 Budget Survey](#)

As Metro prepares to develop the FY 2022 Budget, an online [survey](#) was released to solicit feedback from cities, residents, commuters, and stakeholders to gauge their interests and priorities. The responses will assist Metro staff to engage the budget development process with an equitable, transparent, and comprehensive perspective where every individual's feedback is incorporated. According to Metro staff, the proposed Budget Book is anticipated to be available on May 4, 2021 and the final FY 2022 Budget is scheduled to be adopted on May 27, 2021.



[New Connect SGV Episode on the CPA](#)

The SGVCOG recently released a new "Connect SGV" podcast episode that features discussions with Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Chair, Diana Mahmud, and Executive Director, Ted Bardacke, on the Alliance's efforts to support energy efficiency and emission reduction efforts. The episode focuses on exploring the background of the Clean Power Alliance, benefits for jurisdictions to join community choice aggregates, and information on the Alliance's programs. The episode is available in audio and video formats on the [SGVCOG website](#).

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Please be advised that all Board and committee meetings that are held this month will be conducted virtually over Zoom Conferencing.

Executive Committee: Monday, May 3, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Homelessness Committee: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 8:30 AM

City Managers' Steering Committee: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Water Committee: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Transportation Committee: Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Public Works Technical Advisory Committee: Monday, May 17, 2021 at 12:00 PM

EENR Committee: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 1:00 PM

Governing Board: Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Capital Projects and Construction Committee: Monday, May 24, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee: Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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