



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

## AGENDA AND NOTICE

### OF THE MEETING OF THE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (EENR) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 – 12:30 PM

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (602 E. Huntington Dr; Monrovia, CA)

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City of San Dimas

Vice Chair  
**Liz Reilly**  
City of Duarte

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*Sierra Madre*  
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**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all comments*)
4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

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

5. EENR Meeting Minutes  
*Recommended Action: Approve.*
6. Correspondence  
*Recommended Action: Receive and File.*

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

7. US DOT Improved Access to the Angeles National Forest– James Andrews, US Department of Transportation, Transportation Planner  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

**DISCUSSION ITEMS** (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

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

**UPDATE ITEMS** (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

8. Los Angeles Community Choice Energy JPA  
*Recommended Action: For information*
9. National Forest Foundation Community Collaborative  
*Recommended Action: For information.*
10. SGVCOG Water Committee Update  
*Recommended Action: For information.*
11. San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership  
*Recommended Action: For information.*

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS**

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURN**



**SGVCOG EENR Committee Unapproved Minutes**

Date: June 21, 2017

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: USGVMWD (602 E. Huntington Drive, Monrovia)

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

- 1. Call to Order  
This meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm

- 2. Roll Call

**Members Present**

Duarte	L. Reilly
San Dimas	D.Bertone
Sierra Madre	J. Capoccia
South Pasadena	D. Mahmud
West Covina	J. Toma

**Absent**

Glendora  
Claremont  
Rosemead

**COG Staff**

Christian Cruz, Staff  
Katie Ward, Staff

- 3. Public Comment  
No public comment.
- 4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting  
There were no changes to the Agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 5. EENR Meeting Minutes
- 6. Correspondence  
**There was a motion to approve consent items 5-6. (M/S: L. Reilly / D. Mahmud).**

[Motion Passed]

<b>AYES:</b>	Duarte, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, West Covina
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Glendora, Claremont, Rosemead

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 7. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative  
D. Rossman presented on this item.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**ACTION ITEMS**

8. Los Angeles Community Choice Energy  
**There was a motion to Recommend the Governing Board support the LACCE JPA for interested cities. (M/S: D. Mahmud / L. Reilly).**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Duarte, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, West Covina
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Glendora, Claremont, Rosemead

**UPDATE ITEMS**

9. National Forest Foundation Community Collaborative  
No report given.
10. SGVCOG Water Committee Update  
D. Mahmud reported on this item
11. San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership  
No report given.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS**

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 2:21p.m.

## Mosquito species that can carry Zika virus found in Pasadena

By Josh Cain, [jcain@seng.com](mailto:jcain@seng.com), [@joshpcain](https://twitter.com/joshpcain) on Twitter

Monday, July 3, 2017



PASADENA >> Health officials in Pasadena said Monday the eggs of [an invasive species of mosquito that can carry diseases like the Zika virus](#), dengue and chikungunya were found in traps in the city.

This is the first time eggs of the *Aedes albopictus* mosquito, known as the Asian tiger mosquito, have been found in the city, according to the statement from Pasadena spokesman William Boyer. City officials noted there were no reported cases of the Zika virus in Pasadena, but that residents should take precaution.

“It is important for the public to be aware of the presence of this mosquito, which is different than the local variety of the insect, and to take steps now to help protect yourself and your family against these mosquitoes,” said Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, an officer with the Pasadena Public Health Department.

“We are asking for the public’s help to take immediate action now in preventing the spread of this mosquito, such as eliminating all standing water sources on their property.”

The city announcement said the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District laid more than a dozen mosquito-egg traps throughout Pasadena.

The Asian tiger mosquito was first discovered in California in 2011 and has since been found all over the San Gabriel Valley. It is distinguished by black-and-white stripes and, unlike native mosquitoes, the *Aedes* species bite during the day. Vector officials say the invasive species also tends to be more aggressive than native mosquitoes and can breed in containers of water as small as a bottle cap.

Officials asked residents to take the following steps to help [eliminate the threat of mosquitoes](#) in the city:

- Empty, scrub clean with hot water, turn over, cover--or throw out--unused outdoor items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths or flowerpots.
- Keep swimming pool water clean, sanitized and filtered. Same with ponds or birdbaths.
- Wear insect repellents containing DEET when outdoors.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors if weather permits.
- Check window and door screens for holes, repair or replace.
- When traveling, choose lodging that has air conditioning and screens.

*Staff writer Stephanie K. Baer contributed to this story.*



# REPORT

DATE: July 19, 2017

TO: Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Phil Hawkey, Executive Director

RE: **US DOT IMPROVED ACCESS TO THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Angeles National Forest (ANF) recently, completed a pilot shuttle project which provided the public with free transportation from the Metro Gold Line Arcadia Station to the Chantry Flat Recreation Area (Chantry). This transit project was intended to provide alternative transportation to the ANF, and was modeled after the City of Duarte's successful transit program that shuttled visitors from the Duarte/City of Hope Gold Line Station to Fish Canyon in the spring of 2016. The Arcadia pilot shuttle service operated for three consecutive weekends in September 2016. Table 1 provides a breakdown of the cost by category.

<b>Chantry Flat Pilot Project Cost</b>	
Shuttle Service Contract	\$15,000
ANF Staffing	\$17,000
Volunteer time (Valued)	\$3,000
Materials Cost (Printed Flyers)	\$500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,500</b>

**Table 1. Pilot Shuttle Category Costs**

The implementation of this Chantry Pilot Project demonstrated a strong desire for the continued collaboration with partners and local communities to increase the use of alternative transportation to areas of the forest. The cities of Arcadia, Sierra Madre, and Duarte, as well as National Forest Foundation, Friends of the Angeles, Metro, REI and Southern California Association of Governments, have expressed interest in continuing this type of program.

On May 15, the Forest Service, in conjunction with the US Department of Transportation, hosted a workshop to discuss potential routes for another pilot shuttle service project into the San Gabriel Mountains. During this meeting four proposed routes were discussed for the pilot service project:

- Pasadena – Lake Avenue Route (4 miles),
- Arcadia – Chantry Flat Route (5 miles),
- Sierra Madre Villa – Chantry Flat Alternate Route (7-8 miles), and
- Azusa – San Gabriel Canyon Route (17 Miles),

Additionally, a number of key issues were identified as follows:

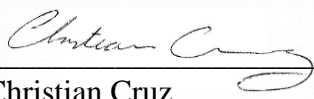
# REPORT

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- Prioritization of visitor needs/experience,
- Designing a service that accounts for site capacity,
- Collaboration with community partners,
- Importance of outreach,
- Identification of vehicle requirements,
- Determining passenger demand and cost feasibility,
- Managing parking,
- Consideration of alternative modes, and
- Obtaining funding

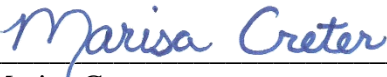
James Andrew, Transportation Planner, from the US Department of Transportation Volpe Center will present and discuss the proposed routes, collaboration opportunities, and key issues (Attachment A).

Prepared by:



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Management Analyst

Approved by:



Marisa Creter  
Assistant Executive Director

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – Presentation

# Improving Access to San Gabriel National Monument

Transit Corridor Assessment Stakeholder Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2017

# Introductions and Meeting Goals

- U.S. DOT Volpe Center
  - Provides transportation assistance to U.S. Forest Service and other public lands agencies
- Meeting Objective:
  - Build on the progress made through previous collaborative activities
  - Learn about needs/concerns and capacity to contribute to a shuttle service, and identify immediate steps

# Key Issues: Shuttles on Public Lands

- Prioritization of visitor needs/experience
- Designing a service that accounts for site capacity
- Collaboration with community partners
- Importance of outreach
- Identification of vehicle requirements
- Determining passenger demand and cost feasibility
- Managing parking
- Consideration of alternative modes
- Obtaining funding

# Results of Transportation Collaboration Meeting

- Interest in a long term, sustainable solution
- Concern about resource capacity
- Importance of interpretation and visitor experience
- Need for clarifying focus
- Resource constraints of local municipal services
- Identification of funding opportunities
- Other?

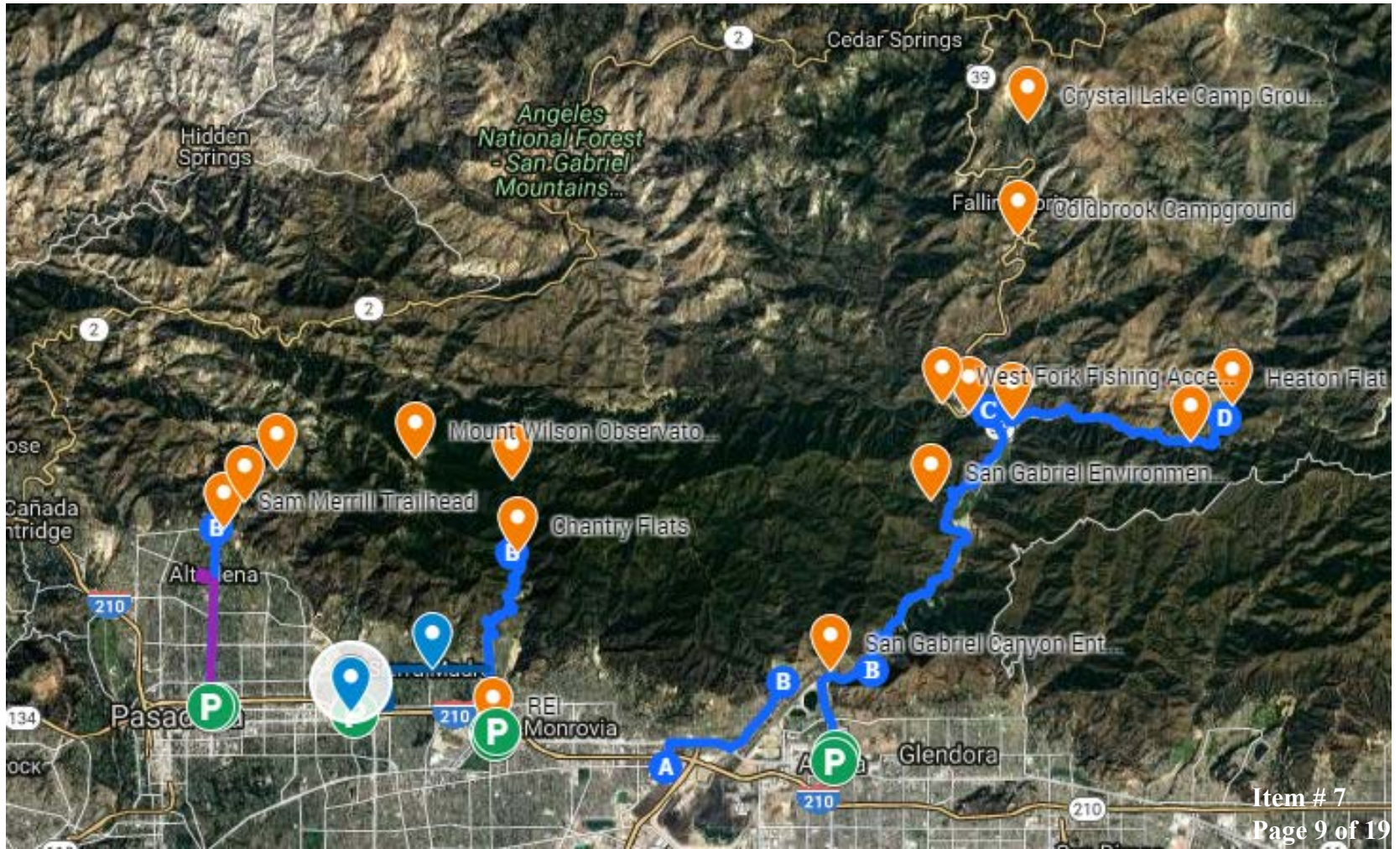
# (Draft) Goals and Challenges

- Goals:
  - Enhance access for carless communities and communities with limited access to public space Reduce congestion at popular sites
  - Improve safety of transportation network
  - Reducing environmental impacts of personal vehicles
  - Provide high quality experience for all visitors
  - Develop strong partnerships
- Challenges
  - Promote visitation without damaging the environment
  - Create a financially sustainable, resilient system
  - Maintain a certain level of ridership

# Updates since February?

- LA Metro – reviewing RFP for a comprehensive analysis of access to public space (County wide)
  - Opportunity to nest/collaborate?
- Wilderness Society – TWG meets monthly (coordination)
- Arcadia – looking into opportunity to provide transit to the forest as part of their transit planning project
- Pasadena – doing short range transit plan that could include access to the forest
- Federal Lands Highway
  - National Historic Trails and NPS for historic trail alignment with SCAG
  - Collaborative Long Range Transportation Plan for Region 5:
    - named 6 – 12 critical needs, Angeles connections to transit is a documented need
    - Looking to identify specific level of need to put into the plan to help with project prioritization
  - Developing a schedule for project prioritization and financial issues
  - Push for LA Metro to link trails to transit

# Current Conditions on Proposed Routes



# Pasadena – Lake Avenue

- 4 mile route, access to trails and Echo Mountain
- Multiple route options (Lake Ave. alternatives)
- LA Metro bus routes stop within 15 minute walk
- Pasadena Transit routes stop at Altadena border
- Limited parking options near Gold Line station
  - Paid Park and Ride available (22 spaces)
- Required partners: Altadena, Pasadena, LA County

# Pasadena – Lake Avenue Notes from 5/15

- Need to look at other station alternatives - Lake isn't a very friendly station/not a great option for connections
- Pasadena transit ends at Altadena border; see opportunity to partner with the County to expand beyond, since Altadena is unincorporated
- New service needs to be eventually funded out of operating expenses. City funding is more permanent, ideal to make it part of regular operating budget; a grant could prove the success and motivate inclusion in City budget
- Sierra Madre Villa Station – location with access to a big parking structure
- Look into creating a stop at Eaton Canyon (two entry portals – pine crest bay and one in LA County)
- Memorial park station (right next to downtown)
  - Hub for regional buses (foothill, Pasadena, LA metro line 501)
  - Parking garages in Old Town could serve parking needs
  - Would promote downtown businesses
- Metro may see this as as a vehicle for increasing weekend ridership
- Rideshare? LA Metro working with Lyft to make it more seamless; Pasadena has not looked at this option in depth
- What can Volpe provide? Data showing this would serve economically disadvantaged areas in the region; look at the requirements for Metro grants, State's cap and trade grants

# Arcadia – Chantry Flats

- 5 mile route, access to Chantry Flats and other sites
- Piloted Fall 2016
  - 842 riders over three weekends
  - 61% visitors drove to shuttle
  - 90% users willing to pay for a service
- Heavily congested on weekends
  - 115 parking spaces available
  - Counted 233 additional vehicles on roadside Saturday, May 13

# Arcadia – Chantry Flats

- Steep route affects vehicle options
- LA County road; Sierra Madre controls gate
- Road periodic maintenance scheduled 2018?
- Gold Line facility: 300 parking spaces at Arcadia station not heavily used on weekends
- Required partners: Arcadia, Sierra Madre, LA County, LA Metro Angeles Forest

# Arcadia – Chantry Flats Notes from 5/15

- Monrovia park gets extra visitation from excess Chantry demand
- Concern about shuttle “going viral”
- Two goals: spread user base across trailheads versus manage access at popular locations. Find other locations to encourage visitation
- Develop an option that has multiple stops so people can access different locations
- Option to coordinate with LA County when they resurface the road to include design features that discourage parking
- Important to look at communications – radio service not available on whole route

# Sierra Madre Villa – Chantry Flats (alternate route?)

- 7-8 mile route from Sierra Madre Villa Station through Sierra Madre business district to Chantry
- Gold Line facility: 841 free spaces, 124 paid spaces
- Required partners: Pasadena, Sierra Madre, LA County, Forest

# Sierra Madre – Chantry Flats Notes

- LA Metro controls Sierra Madre Villa parking
- Route hitting both Gold Line stops? Mt. Wilson trail in Sierra Madre, but provides no shading and is less popular. Existing line stops at Mt. Wilson trail.
- Possibility of working with CalTrans to install a sign about parking over I-210
- Look at example of LADOT/Griffith Park DASH service
- Hikers/bikers with lots of gear is not a concern – these people know to get their early; however, people with dogs may be inconvenienced
  - DOT regulations on transit vehicles – pets.
- HOVs given priority?
- Information needs to go out to people not familiar with the sites and with recreation in the mountains – when to go? What to bring, etc?
- Marketing plan – who are we targeting?
  - Potential to advertise on LA Metro and at LAX
- Discussion about vehicle acquisition – grants can provide for capital investment more so than operations
  - Look at South Coast Environmental District

# Azusa – San Gabriel Canyon

- Longest route (17 miles)
- Access to River Wilderness Park, San Gabriel Canyon, Cattle Canyon, Bridge to Nowhere Trailhead
- Bridge to Nowhere Trailhead is congested (over 160 extra cars counted on Saturday, May 13)
- Concerns about resource degradation
- Shuttle audience is hikers and cyclists
- Road is less steep than Arcadia – Chantry Flats route
- Mix of Caltrans and LA County roads
- Gold Line facility: 200 parking spaces at Azusa Station not heavily used on weekends
- Required Partners: Asuza, CalTrans, LA County, Forest, Watershed Conservation Authority

# Azusa– San Gabriel Canyon Notes

- Bungee America, private company to access private bridge, not part of Angeles
- Picnic use is very popular, need to accommodate
- Target audience for shuttle would be day users
- East Fork to be redeveloped; overnight camping restricted in immediate vicinity, new trail
- Further along the North Fork to Crystal Lake, could be an intermittent destination for a shuttle
- Azusa entertained idea of going to river overlook area, they are a proponent of opening up 39
- Only site that is fully within the National Monument
- Population that currently uses it is in the target population
- Willingness to take transit so long a distance may be a barrier

# How can each organization contribute?

- Wilderness Society: Partner with Volpe as resource for study, providing insight
- Pasadena Transit: Would like to see the draft report to make sure it is in line with their plans. Will keep informed of LRTP and can meet to discuss alternatives
- National Forest Foundation: general resource and available for marketing
- Concerned Bicyclists: LA County working on multimodal corridor development
- Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority: Proposal to Metro to bring people to parks
- COG: Dissemination information to cities and help build some buy-in. Liaise with Metro on parking
- Trust for Public Land: Back-end data analysis, GIS work, and ground-truth
- Monrovia Canyon Park: Interested in current data and keep an eye on the transit program going forward
- REI: Interested in promotion, outreach, marketing, advocacy at all levels of government. Outdoor Industry Association came out with report on recreation economy
- FHWA: This is an identified hotspot. This report can inform the Collaborative Long Range Transportation Plan