

# SGVCOG Weekly Recap

## Week of October 1, 2018



- **SGVCOG/LAHSA Position Paper Meeting:** In response to the local preference statement in the SGVCOG Position Paper, Jan Cicco and I met with Peter Lynn, Executive Director of LAHSA, on Tuesday. This was a productive discussion and provided an opportunity for us to express the cities' concerns and to understand possible strategies to address those concerns. LAHSA is working on alternative options that may work for both the County and the cities. LAHSA staff is working on housing sizing that can be right-sized for non-urban communities and still be cost effective. The COG will continue to work with the County to develop a strategy while always putting the interests of the cities first.
- **Measure H Funding 2019-2020:** The County started the community input process for 2019-2020 Measure H funding allocation this week. San Gabriel Valley cities and engaged community members have an opportunity to provide feedback at a County Listening Session this coming Tuesday, October 9th in West Covina from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. For more information or to register to attend the Listening Session and provide your city's feedback please register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5875883990874071299>.
- **Measure H RFP:** The second of three RFP Strategy conference calls was held on Tuesday. COG staff updated participating cities on proposal strengthening language, steps cities can take to demonstrate readiness and collaboration which are key elements for eligible proposals. The COG is developing a Grant Writer and Management program to support cities proposal. The COG will help fund pre-screened grant writers for cities that participate in the program. Please watch for a survey to be released this weekend that will help the COG to develop the terms of Grant Writer and Management program.
- **SCAG Grant Workshop:** SCAG held an application workshop for the upcoming Sustainable Communities Program on Tuesday, October 2. The Sustainable Communities Program provides technical assistance to local jurisdictions for projects that integrate transportation and land use and support the implementation of SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. Cities, counties, and transit agencies are among the eligible applicants that can apply for technical assistance in specific active transportation and sustainability projects. These are the projects for which applicants can apply:

| Active Transportation   | Integrated Land Use   | Green Region Initiative   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Community-wide &amp; Area Plans (Max Award = \$250,000)</li> <li>➤ Regional Corridors Plans (Max Award = \$250,000)</li> <li>➤ Infrastructure Demonstration Projects (Quick Build) (Max Award = \$500,000)</li> <li>➤ Safety Strategic Plan (Max Award = \$250,000)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ SB 743 Implementation Assistance</li> <li>➤ Parking Pricing, Reduction, &amp; Management Strategies</li> <li>➤ Livable Corridor &amp; Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Heat Island Reduction with Urban Greening &amp; Cool Streets</li> <li>➤ Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Planning</li> </ul> |

- For project types in the Integrated Land Use and Green Region Initiative project categories, applicants will receive specific deliverables that are outlined in SCAG’s [Program Guidelines](#). For the Active Transportation project categories, applicants can develop a scope of work and project budget. The maximum awards for those categories are listed in the table above. In all instances, SCAG will provide technical assistance, completing the procurement and contracting on behalf of the awarded agencies. The application deadline for SCAG’s Program is November 15, 2018, by 5:00 p.m. More information about the Program can be found [here](#).
- **Renewable Gas Workshop:** Staff attended the Power of Waste: Renewable natural Gas (RNG) For California Workshop. This event was hosted by So Cal Gas, and featured several experts on sustainable energy, RNG opportunities, technologies to bring RNG to market, and utilization of organics to develop RNG. These speakers provided an overview of current market trends in RNG and discussed how it can be effectively used to help local communities meet GHG reduction goals. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Homeless Committee:** At the Homelessness Committee on Wednesday, Committee member received an update on the 2017-18 California Homeless Legislation. A second presentation by LAHSA and Union Station on LA HOP (<https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/>). A live demonstration of the online portal brought home the ways in which cities can easily connect with homeless outreach services. Strategies for creating strong eligible Measure H RFP proposals was also discussed.
- **City Managers Steering Committee:** On Wednesday, the City Managers’ Steering Committee held their monthly meeting. The Committee took action to approve the proposed Measure M MSP 5-Year Programming plan funding recommendations, which will provide \$31,000,000 to SGV cities that submitted active transportation, first-last mile or complete streets projects. The Committee also engaged in discussion with LA County Fire Department Assistant Chief Nick Duvally to address concerns over municipal compliance and development review processes.
- **Weekend to End Homelessness:** Cities and agencies are invited to partnership in a Weekend to End Homelessness October 19 - 21st. This weekend is designed to link the public to San Gabriel Valley homeless programs, including cities homeless plans. The SGVCOG will be participating in the kick-off at Bassett Park

on the 19th. The weekend is being produced by Supervisor Hilda Solis, the Inner City Law Center and LAHSA. For more information please contact Erin Thompson at [w2eh@innercitylaw.org](mailto:w2eh@innercitylaw.org).

# SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of October 8, 2018

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the Executive Committee held its October meeting. The Committee received a summary of legislation the SGVCOG has been tracking for the legislative cycle that ended on September 30. completed legislative cycle. Additionally, the Committee received an update on outreach to potentially expand membership to the three member water districts serving as individual members to the SGVCOG Governing Board. The Committee also took action to approve the October 18 Governing Board agenda.
- **SCAG Aviation Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC) Meeting:** On Tuesday, I attend the first re-convening of SCAG's ATAC. This group had not met for several years, since the development of the 2016 RTP/SCS. The meeting was widely attended, with representatives from all of the region's airport. The purpose of the ATAC is to "foster innovative solutions that improve access to our region's airports through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, information sharing, and promoting best practices." Key goals of the group are as follows:
  - Provide aviation-related technical expertise to SCAG staff;
  - Provide a forum for the exchange of information and viewpoints on aviation issues and topics of current interest; and
  - Develop consensus amongst SCAG region stakeholders on critical aviation strategies, policies, and plans
  - Additionally, SCAG is required to address airport ground access in the RTP/SCS, and the group will provide input on that as it is developed. The group will meet on a quarterly basis, and SGVCOG staff will continue to participate.
- **GCCOG/SBCCOG Meeting:** On Tuesday, I participated in a meeting with the Executive Directors of the Gateway Cities COG (GCCOG) and South Bay Cities COG (SBCCOG). This meeting served as an opportunity to discuss issues of mutual interest, as our COGs represent 72, or over 80%, of the cities in Los Angeles County. At this initial meeting, we discussed each agency's process for programming their Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs (MSP) funds and strategies for expediting the delivery of capital projects. Both GCCOG and SBCCOG were very interested to learn about the expansion of ACE to take on additional capital projects and are interested in exploring similar concepts in their regions.
- **Metro Active Transportation (AT) 2% Working Group:** On Thursday, I attended Metro's Policy Advisory Council (PAC) Measure M AT 2% Working Group Meeting. The purpose of this group is provide recommendations on how this funding will be invested throughout the County. Of note, while Measure M indicates that 2% of all funding (~\$2.4B over 40 years) will be invested in active transportation, only 36% (\$857M) of that is anticipated to be allocated via a competitive countywide program. The overall use of the Measure M AT 2% is as follows:
  - LA River Gap Closure - \$365M (15%)

- Metro Active Transportation (MAT) Competitive Program - \$857M (36%)
  - Metro Board Priorities - \$1.1B (49%)
  - The 49% allocated for Metro Board priorities will be allocated on a non-competitive basis for exciting programs and policies such as Bike Share, Bike & Ped Programs, and First/Last Mile. The AT 2% Working Group is just beginning the process of developing recommended guidelines for the MAT program. The next meeting is anticipated to occur in mid-November.
- **Assemblymember Holden Transportation Forum:** This week Assemblymember Chris Holden hosted a hearing entitled “Securing Transportation Growth Opportunities.” This event brought together various agencies to learn about transportation issues and how agencies can secure transportation growth opportunities for current and future projects. Nearly 60 participants attended the event and it was live streamed in Sacramento. Mark Christoffels spoke at the event and provided an update on capital projects in our region.
- **Emerging Technologies Summit: Fall 2018:** On Tuesday, one of the SGVCOG staff attended the Fall 2018 Emerging Technologies Summit in Downey, CA. Hosted by the Emerging Technologies Coordinating Council (ETCC), the conference attracted over 150 individuals from all over California to discuss and learn about emerging technology’s role in clean energy and construction. Panelists, keynote speakers, and conference attendees discussed and brainstormed strategies and ideas in achieving the 100% renewable clean energy goal by 2045 as listed in SB 100. The SGVCOG is grateful to the ETCC for hosting this event and is thankful to the speakers and panelists for sharing their knowledge at this summit.

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Week of October 15, 2018

- **Lemon Avenue Press Event:** On Monday, regional officials celebrated the opening of the new Lemon Avenue on-ramp on the SR-60. El Monte Councilmember Victoria Martinez, Vice-Chair of the SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, served as MC of the event. Other speakers at the event included:

- State Senator Ling Ling Chang
- LA County Metro Director and Duarte Mayor John Fasana
- Diamond Bar Mayor Ruth Low
- Industry Mayor Pro Tem Cory Moss
- Caltrans District 7 Deputy Director Ron Kosinski

The opening of the final of three new ramps will allow eastbound motorists to enter the freeway well in advance of the nearby confluence of State Routes 57 and 60. It will also allow the closing of an existing eastbound on-ramp at Brea Canyon Road, thus reducing hazardous traffic weaving at the 57/60 confluence. With completion of the Lemon Avenue Interchange and new on-ramps at Grand Avenue, major construction can start in early 2021 of the \$288.6 million State Routes 57-60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project. This project will add new freeway lanes and widen the Grand Avenue overcrossing within the two-mile confluence zone. The improvements will ease congestion for 350,000 daily motorists and reduce the average of 670 collisions a year, one-third of which result in injury or fatality. This project was the first non-grade separation project completed by the ACE Project. I would like to extend a special thank you and acknowledgement to SGVCOG staff Mark Christoffels, Chief Engineer, and Charles Tsang, Senior Project Manager.

- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the Public Works TAC held its October meeting. SoCalGas staff presented on renewable natural gas (RNG) and SoCalGas's new tariff services for customers. The presentation explained how biogas is converted into RNG, and provided information about the three main tariff services: Biogas Conditioning/Upgrading Services, Compression Services, and Distributed Energy Resources Services. The second primary presentation that was given to the TAC was given by Metro Planning Manager Paul Backstrom. Mr. Backstrom presented on Metro's current recommendation that LA County cities and local agencies opt out of the State's Congestion Management Program (CMP). Mr. Backstrom explained Metro's reasonings for opting out of the CMP, and shared the timeline and process for cities to opt-out of the program if they wish to do so. He also explained how, in order for cities to opt-out of the CMP without penalty from the state, a majority of the County's jurisdictions representing a majority of the County's population must opt-out. Moreover, SGVCOG staff presented on the SB 1 Sustainable Communities Grant funding opportunity, and SCAG staff provided an overview of the SCAG Sustainable Communities Program Grants.

- **SCAG Sustainable Communities Program Grants:** SCAG is currently accepting applications under this grant program. The SGVCOG coordinating an application to develop a multi-jurisdictional Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Planning plan. Additionally, the SGVCOG is also interested in supporting efforts related to multi-jurisdictional Regional Corridor projects, the purpose of which would be to improve active transportation connectivity between different neighborhoods and communities.
  - ***If your City would like to participate in an SCP application for a multi-jurisdictional Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Planning project or a Regional Corridor project, or your City would like assistance on an individual application, please notify COG staff by the beginning of next week. Please contact either Peter Duyshart ([pduyshart@sqvcoq.org](mailto:pduyshart@sqvcoq.org)) or Katie Ward ([kward@sqvcoq.org](mailto:kward@sqvcoq.org)). Thank you.***
- **Electrifying Transportation Workshop:** On Wednesday, I attended a workshop hosted by the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative (LARC) entitled “Electrifying Transportation in Southern California: Opportunities & Challenges for 2030.” This event brought together representatives from UCLA, SCAG, SCE, Foothill Transit, and various local governments to discuss the following issues:
  - Electric Vehicles & the Southern California Mobility Shift;
  - Innovative Electrification Case Studies for Southern California;
  - Transportation Electrification & Frontline Communities; and
  - CA Governor’s Office & State Legislature Keynote
  - There is significant work occurring throughout the region to develop infrastructure for electric vehicles. If your city is interested in participating in planning activities to identify optimal deployment of EV charging infrastructure, specifically workplace charging and at multi-unit dwellings (MUDs), please contact the Katie Ward ([kward@sqvcoq.org](mailto:kward@sqvcoq.org)).
- **Water Committee:** On Wednesday, the Water Policy Committee and Water TAC held their monthly meeting. Tony Zampielo, Executive Officer of the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster presented on the three-year projection of its Supplemental Water purchases. Supplemental Water is defined as Nontributary water imported through a Responsible Agency and reclaimed water or water obtained from other available sources when water is not available in a timely fashion from a Responsible Agency. The Committee and TAC also recommended that the Governing Board support the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster White Paper titled “Tapping into Available Capacity in Existing Infrastructure to Create Water Supply and Water Quality Solutions.” The strategies outlined in the White Paper encourage exploring the opportunity for controlled and strategic integration of the region’s existing stormwater and wastewater systems to achieve multiple benefits, such as enhancing the quality of receiving waters in Los Angeles County, and increasing water supplies available for recycling.
- **EENR Committee:** On October 17, the EENR Committee was given a presentation on H.R. 2, also known as the Farm Bill. This bill includes a Section 9101, which would preempt cities, counties, and communities from adopting their

own pesticide regulations, including on private property or public places. The Committee recommended that the Governing Board adopt a resolution to oppose Section 9101. The Committee was also provided an update by the Western Riverside Council of Governments on their commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE), which is routinely used by local governments to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements. Additionally, the Committee was provided a recap of pertinent legislation that was recently signed by Governor Brown.

- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday afternoon, the Transportation Committee held its October meeting. Members of the Transportation Committee first heard a presentation from SGVCOG staff regarding the COG's recommended projects list for the first cycle of Measure M MSP Subregional fund programming. The Transportation Committee unanimously approved a motion to approve of both COG staff's methodology that it used to select and prioritize projects for recommendation, and staff's recommended list of projects to receive funding during the first 5-Year MSP plan. In addition, Steve Fox, who is a Senior Regional Planner with SCAG, gave an in-depth presentation on the final draft of the "Los Angeles and San Bernardino Inter-County Transit and Rail Connectivity Study." The primary goals of this study were to:
  - Assess the market for transit and rail travel in the East LA County/Southwestern San Bernardino County corridor, including Ontario Airport
  - Estimate potential ridership, travel and economic benefits, and capital/operating costs associated with transit and rail alternatives in the corridor
  - Provide recommendations for the most cost-effective and beneficial transit and rail service options to best serve the communities and residents of this corridor.
    - Moreover, Metrolink staff also gave a follow-up presentation to the one they gave to this Committee in June about their proposed SCORE Program, which is a capital improvement plan which has been developed by Metrolink/SCRRA in order to provide improved and increased Metrolink service throughout Southern California, including the SGV. Metrolink staff provided relevant funding and next steps updates which have developed and come about since their last presentation.
- **Homeless Update:**
  - *Homelessness Committee:* The Homelessness Committee has a new meeting date and time. The committee will meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. The ARC (Arts and Recreation Center) at Baldwin Park, 14403 Pacific Ave, Baldwin Park, CA 91706.
  - *HEAP funding:* The deadline for the submission of the Council Shelter Declaration has been extended to November 15th. LAHSA will take all submissions to the State on November 16th. Adopted Shelter Declaration, with certified resolutions if possible, can be submitted to Jose Delgado via e-mail at: [Jdelgado@lahsa.org](mailto:Jdelgado@lahsa.org). Please contact staff if you would like a sample shelter declaration, staff report and resolution. [jcicco@sgvcoq.org](mailto:jcicco@sgvcoq.org).
  - *Weekend to End Homelessness:* Supervisor Solis presents the Weekend to End Homelessness brought to the San Gabriel Valley by the

Inner City Law Center in partnership with by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The event will kick off in Basset Park in La Puente tonight at 5:00 p.m. Events will continue through the weekend across the Valley. For complete information please contact Erin Thompson at [w2eh@innercitylaw.org](mailto:w2eh@innercitylaw.org).

# SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of October 22, 2018

- **Planners TAC:** On Thursday, the Planners TAC met for its October meeting. First, the TAC heard a presentation from Scott Reimers, the Planning Manager for Temple City, about Temple City's Mid-Century General Plan and the Crossroads Specific Plan. The Crossroads Specific Plan area includes the neighborhoods around and adjacent to the intersection of Las Tunas Drive and Rosemead Blvd. (SR-19), which are two major arterials which run through the city. The presentation discussed zoning changes and density changes, new development standards, the mobility component, design guidelines, parking strategies, public outreach and engagement, and the implementation strategies of the plan. Additionally, SGVCOG staff provided a legislative update on bills that were signed by the Governor related to homelessness, zoning and planning, supportive housing, density bonus rules, and other related policy areas.
- **Los Angeles County Sustainability Plan Workshop:** On Tuesday, I participated in a workshop hosted by the Los Angeles County of Sustainability focused on the Open Space Chapter of the Los Angeles County Sustainability Plan, which is currently under development. This workshop was specifically for local governments, with a separate workshop previously held for the non-profit sector. At this meeting, stakeholders provided feedback on the draft goals included in the Open Space Chapter. Currently, they are as follows:
  - Ensure the region's landscapes and ecosystems meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of the future to meet their own needs.
  - Increase and enhance native biodiversity, habitat and connectivity.
  - Ensure parks, open space and natural areas benefit human and ecosystem health in the context of a changing climate.
  - Ensure park, open spaces, and natural areas are resilient in the face of drought, wildfire, climate change, and gaps in maintenance.
  - Create and manage the built environment's nature-based infrastructure to optimize multiple benefits and ecosystem services.
  - Ensure all residents have access to parks, beaches and other recreational open space.
  - Improve ecological literacy.

More information about the County's planning effort is available at <https://ourcountyla.org/>.

- **LGSEC Workshop/Quarterly Meeting:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff attended the Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition (LGSEC) quarterly meeting in Santa Rosa. The meeting focused on disasters and energy resiliency, including discussions on how to incorporate planning and energy efficiency as a component of disaster response, the role of public safety as it relates to disaster response and coupling a diverse energy grid to best prepare for emergency situations. In the opening keynote, Mayor for the City of Santa Rosa, Chris Coursey discussed the community's response

to the devastating wildfires in Santa Rosa last year. Mayor Coursey discussed collaborations between various city departments that has led to over 1,000 of the 2,700 lost homes being rebuilt in Santa Rosa, with a strong emphasis on ensuring homes are built to current energy codes. This collaboration set the stage for the remainder of the meeting that put State officials, utility officials, and local government leaders together to envision improved planning and communication, as well as an opportunity to share experiences to close any gaps with emergency preparedness and a reliable energy grid. This is the last quarterly meeting for the LGSEC for this year, the next meeting will take place in Southern California early next year.

- **Weekend to End Homelessness Recap:** The first weekend to End Homelessness was held on October 19-21 across the San Gabriel Valley. The event kick-off was held at Basset Park in La Puente Friday night. At the event, local residents picked up materials from service providers and were given information about how to volunteer, donate and support homeless solutions. Attendees were treated to performances by the East Los Angeles Performing Arts Academy, Bonded by Love, and the Inner City Dwellers. Recognitions were presented to homeless service providers and the Homeless Youth Forum LA. Activities included a supportive housing tour in El Monte and donation drives in Baldwin Park, Pomona and Temple City. The weekend was produced by Inner City Law Center's Homeful.la project and it was their first time working with all partners, including the SGVCOG, on an event of this scale.
- **Measure H RFP Reminder:** Completed proposals responding to the 2018 Cities' Implementation RFP will be due to the United Way on November 7th. Several San Gabriel cities are preparing joint and individual proposals. As a reminder, limited funding is also available under this RFP for cities that *did not* create a homeless plan. If your city did not create a County funded plan and you would like to know more about this opportunity, please contact SGVCOG staff. If your city needs assistance in preparing an RFP response, please email [jcicco@sgvcoq.org](mailto:jcicco@sgvcoq.org) and cc: [nshiple@laverne.edu](mailto:nshiple@laverne.edu) and [drshiple@the-grantwriters.com](mailto:drshiple@the-grantwriters.com).
- **Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** The Capital Projects and Construction Committee met on October 22nd and approved four amendments to previously approved Resolutions of Necessity for the Fairway Drive grade separation project. The Chief Engineer reported that the property owner, Majestic Realty is not objecting to the order and that both parties have agreed upon the new easements. Also, the Committee approved a contract amendment with WSP for construction management services in the amount of \$3,320,363 for the Fairway Drive grade separation project. The Chief Engineer reported that the Lemon Avenue on and off ramps to the 60 freeway was added to the scope of work in conjunction with the Fairway Drive project. This phase added 24 months to the overall project schedule. The ramps are now open to vehicles, and the new contract total for construction management services is \$11,011,292. The Committee also approved a contract amendment with Jacobs Engineering for construction management services in the amount of \$137,072 for the San Gabriel Trench project. The Chief Engineer reported that Union Pacific Railroad experienced significant schedule delays in laying track in the new trench due to damage caused by heavy rains in Northern California back in 2016. UPRR needed to shift resources to initiate track repair work. The delay necessitates additional construction management services on the trench. The new

contract total for construction management services is \$22,270,447. Finally, the Committee approved the execution of Task Order 2 for construction management services with PreScience Corporation for the Durfee Avenue grade separation project. This task order in the amount of \$5,791,548 will add additional services to the contractor's scope of work. The new contract value is \$6,027,527.

# SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of October 29, 2018

- **San Gabriel Valley SB 1 Transportation Projects Press Briefing:** On October 31st, 2018, SGVCOG held a transportation projects press briefing at the Diamond Bar Holiday Inn to highlight the role of SB 1 transportation revenues in delivering high-priority highway projects. Many elected officials, including Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Congresswoman Judy Chu, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, and State Senator Connie Leyva, attended the briefing and urged the public to vote “no” on Proposition 6 in this upcoming midterm elections. Duarte Mayor John Fasana, Diamond Bar Councilmember Jimmy Lin, Montebello Councilmember Jack Hadjinian, Industry Mayor Pro Tem Cory Moss, San Gabriel Councilmembers Juli Costanzo and Chin Ho Liao, and Claremont Councilmember Sam Pedroza also attended the briefing and voiced their support for SB 1. SGVCOG Chief Engineer Mark Christoffels provided a detailed presentation on the overview of SB 1 funding for San Gabriel Valley transportation projects to elected officials and media representatives after the press briefing. Christoffels outlined the plans of utilizing SB 1 funding to launch the SR-57/60 chokepoint relief project in early 2021. He also spoke on the SR 71 freeway conversion project, which also utilizes SB 1 funding and plans on widening the 4-lane expressway to a 8-lane freeway in early 2020.
- **Twitter Chat:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG hosted a Twitter chat on the COG’s Twitter page: @SGVCOG. The topic of this Twitter chat was “Open Space in the SGV,” and the purpose of the chat was to engage with regional stakeholders to allow them to share ideas on how to protect, preserve, and create open space and green space in the San Gabriel Valley. The questions that the COG asked from our Twitter account included: Regional agencies and stakeholders that participated included: Bike SGV, Nature for All, the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the Watershed Conservation Authority, and the City of Walnut. All participating organizations provided thoughtful and substantive answers to our questions, and gave great ideas about how to improve open spaces in the San Gabriel Valley area moving forward. The COG is grateful for their participation.
- **Caltrans Planning Grants - Reminder:** On November 30, grant applications for Caltrans’ FY 2019-20 Transportation Planning Grants are due to Caltrans and the CTC. The largest program is the Sustainable Communities Grant. Under the Competitive Grant Program, there will be a total of \$17 million in available funds. The purpose of the Sustainable Communities Grant is to fund local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further the region’s RTP/SCS, contribute to the State’s GHG reduction targets, and also assist in achieving key Caltrans mission objectives. Examples of eligible projects include: Corridor enhancement studies; Health and transportation studies; Studies to improve access to social service for DACs; Station area and First/Last mile planning; Planning for zero emission vehicles; Complete street plans; Active

Transportation plans; and Traffic calming and safety enhancement plans. Caltrans also has the Adaptation Planning Grants, through which there will be \$6 million in available funding for planning actions at local and regional levels that advance climate change efforts, strategies, and plans on transportation systems. For more information about these funding opportunities, please visit: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>.

- **SCAG Future Communities Grant:** Yesterday, on November 1, SCAG opened its Call for Projects process for its Future Communities Pilot Program grant opportunity. The goals and objective of this grant program are as follows:
  - Test technology and data-driven approaches to reducing municipal VMT and GHG production
  - Promote innovation to best practices and policies
  - Identify strategies to quantify and monitor performance and efficacy

Potential pilots include: Fleet management; Dynamic routing / route optimization; Foundation tech and ITS infrastructure, such as sensors, detectors, software, and servers; Behavioral incentives; Public -private partnerships; Analytics to inform operating policy decisions; and Freight or movement of goods and services. There will be \$2.7 million in available grant funding under this program, with funding being made available through MSRC and SCAG. Cities which are within the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which includes all SGV cities, are eligible to apply. Cities should note that there is a 25% local match requirement as part of this grant program. Additionally, the maximum project size for this grant is \$500,000. Future Communities Pilot Program application will be due to SCAG by 5:00 PM on December 13, and award recommendations will be published in January 2019; SCAG is expecting to award 6 to 10 grant projects for this program. Pilot programs will launch in Spring 2019 and are expected to conclude in December 2020. For more information about this grant opportunity, please visit: <http://www.scaq.ca.gov/opportunities/Pages/Grants.aspx>. SCAG will host two workshops about the Future Communities Pilot Program and its application, one on November 13 and the other on December 4. Both workshops will take place from 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., and will be held at SCAG's main office in Downtown Los Angeles.

- **Community Outreach - Village Venture:** SGVCOG staff members attended the Claremont Village Venture Arts and Crafts Fair on October 27th, 2018. The event attracted thousands of residents from all over Southern California to visit the over 400 vendors and entities that boothed at the fair. Staff members discussed the importance of saving energy with hundreds of residents and business owners at the event and advertised the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership's EASY and SGV Go Green energy assessment programs. Many residents also pledged to save energy by signing SoCalGas' energy-saving pledge cards. SGVCOG staff members commend the Claremont Chamber of Commerce for hosting a successful 38th Annual Village Venture Arts and Crafts Fair and express gratitude to the organizers for planning this amazing event.
- **Homeless Updates and Reminders:** Proposals under the 2018 Cities Implementation RFP will be due to the United Way this Wednesday, November 7th at 3:00 p.m. If you do not have time to obtain your cover signature, please submit

the unsigned document on Wednesday. If minor changes are required for the signature, these, along with the sign document are due no later than November 30. Submit all materials to [rfp@unitedwayla.org](mailto:rfp@unitedwayla.org).