

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of December 2, 2019

- **Homeless Committee:** On Wednesday, the Homeless Committee held its monthly meeting. The Committee developed its legislative priorities for 2020 and recommended these for approval by the SGVCOG Governing Board. It also heard a presentation from the SGVCOG's General Counsel David DeBerry on the Orange County homeless litigation. David DeBerry provided an overview on the status of the two cases - one by the northern Orange County cities and the other by the southern Orange County cities - and provided information on how cities could comply with the Court's ruling regarding the northern Orange County cities.
- **Winter Shelter Information:** In late November, winter shelters opened in the San Gabriel Valley. The Winter Shelter Program temporary shelter to those experiencing homelessness, as well as access to supportive services. Winter shelters in the San Gabriel Valley will be operating in Bassett Park and at the William Steinmetz Park in Hacienda Heights - both operated by Volunteers of America - in churches throughout the region operated by the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless. More information and specific locations can be found [here](#).
- **RHTF Meeting:** On Wednesday, the Regional Housing Trust Working Group held its meeting on membership and board composition. The Committee discussed these elements of the joint powers agreement and discussed alternatives for membership requirements. The final meeting of the Regional Housing Trust Working Group will be held on **Wednesday, December 18 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control Offices (1145 N. Azusa Canyon Rd; West Covina, CA)**. The COG will also hold its final stakeholder meeting on **Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the Baldwin Park Community Center**. The meeting will provide an overview of the proposed San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust and will seek feedback from attendees on the Trust set-up. Please share this information with anyone that may be interested. Attendees can RSVP at <https://forms.gle/jYwKtZQ9SVvyXkSg5>.
- **City Managers' Meeting:** On Wednesday, the City Managers' Steering Committee held its monthly meeting. The Committee received a presentation on various staffing models for the set-up of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Fund. They were also presented with a potential dues structure for cities who would participate in the Trust Fund. The Committee will review and provide a Governing Board recommendation on these two topics at the January meeting.
- **SCAG Economic Forum:** On Thursday, SCAG held its 10th Annual Economic Summit. The event featured California Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins, as well as panels on how to address the State's housing crisis and how SCAG's regional transportation plan - Connect SoCal - will support economic development in the region.
- **Planners TAC:** On Thursday, the Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee convened at the Monrovia Community Center. Melinda Coy and Greg Nickless, staff from the California Department of Housing and Community

Development (HCD), provided an overview of the housing bills that were signed by Governor Newsom. These include changes in the law related to accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and junior ADUs that will become effective January 1, 2020, making cities' existing ADU Ordinances out-dated if they are not updated before that time. In addition, HCD staff presented on the other housing-related legislation that was passed in an effort to increase housing production in the State. The presentations from the meeting are attached. The Committee also discussed the possibility of establishing a regional transportation vehicle miles of travel (VMT) analysis model to comply with upcoming SB 743 mandates for cities to adopt VMT thresholds by July 1, 2020. After a brief discussion, committee members expressed support for this endeavor and recommended staff solicit interest from member agencies. Finally, the Committee heard updates on SCAG's regional housing needs assessment (RHNA) allocation methodology and the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust.

- **Emergency Preparedness and Response Twitterchat:** On Tuesday, SGVCOG staff held a Twitterchat with 15 agencies regarding emergency planning and response efforts. Participating agencies and cities included the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management, the Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, the Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and the cities of Claremont, Industry, Monrovia, Pomona, San Dimas, San Gabriel, South El Monte, and Temple City. Discussion posts from this Twitterchat event reached more than 60,000 users and made more than 510,000 impressions on Twitter within the first hour of the chat. The upcoming Twitterchat event is expected to take place in late January 2020 on the topic of regional housing trusts.

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Week of December 9, 2019

- **Hope for Home Grand Opening:** On Friday, December 6, the City of Pomona held the Hope for Home Grand Opening. The facility provides crisis beds, as well as an Access Center with onsite services and a housing and outreach services office. The Center was developed in response to the needs of the city of Pomona and has had a tangible impact on the homeless population in Pomona.
- **SCAG Executive Directors' Meeting:** On Tuesday, I participated in SCAG's Subregional Executive Directors' meeting. Key topics of discussion included RHNA, AB 101 funding, Connect SoCAL, and the SAFE Rule. SCAG will be hosting a briefing on Connect SoCAL for the SGV region on January 16th at Foothill Transit immediately following the SGVCOG's Governing Board meeting.
- **Metro PAC Meeting:** On Tuesday, Mark Christoffels represented the SGVCOG at the Metro PAC Meeting. Key updates were as follows:
 - Measure M Active Transportation 2% Program: The draft program outline was discussed. It is anticipated that the draft will go to Metro Board in January to authorize a call for Tier 1 projects
 - Connect SoCal: Agencies are encouraged to comment, and Metro is preparing their review.
 - Next Gen Bus Study: The draft plan will be reviewed by the Metro Board in January. There will then be a 6 month public comment period with tentative final Metro approval in September. If implemented, the Plan will increase frequency to 15 minute headways on main routes while less used routes will see decreased levels of service. Goal is to have 80% of all routes with a 15 minute headway.
 - Traffic Reduction Study: Metro seeking interest on people to serve on a committee to review congestion pricing strategies. Interested persons should contact Tham Nguyen at nguyentha@metro.net.
 - LRTP: The financial forecast will be available in February. Project list already incorporated into SCAG's RTP.
- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Committee held its December meeting. The meeting featured a presentation from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on the implementation of SB 205. SB 205 requires cities to verify whether businesses that are required to have an industrial water quality permit have a valid permit prior to issuing a business license. Staff from the LARWQCB and SWRB provided an overview of how cities are expected to comply with SB 205. The meeting also featured updates on the upcoming 2019 MS4 NPDES water quality permit, the implementation of the County's Safe Clean Water Program, and new orders from the SWRCB regarding the 2012 MS4 NPDES permit. The next meeting of the Water Committee will be held on January 15, 2020.
- **RHTF Update:** On Tuesday, staff held its third public meeting regarding the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust. Staff provided an overview of the Trust and solicited input on the Trust. Staff heard valuable questions and comments on the

Trust and will report these to the RHTF working group at its meeting on Wednesday, December 17.

- **Homeless Funding Update:** On Wednesday, staff held a kick-off meeting with staff to discuss the COG's homelessness funding from the State and County Innovation Funds. At its November meeting, the Governing Board approved funding to be allocated in 8 categories: the Regional Housing Trust (capital and operations), the implementation of cities' homeless plans, the development of new homeless plans, landlord education/outreach and incentive, other regional work, homelessness prevention and diversion programs, pilot programs, and master leasing. COG staff is working with City staff to develop working groups around each of these categories in order to develop the funding parameters. These working groups will be meeting over the course of January, with anticipated proposals coming to the Homelessness Committee, City Managers Steering Committee, and Governing Board in February 2020.
- **OurCounty Sustainability Plan Seeking Public Input on Near-Term Priority Actions:** The OurCounty Sustainability Plan is a regional sustainability endeavor for Los Angeles County and outlines a regional vision for the County to reduce impacts to the natural environment. The plan was adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in August 2019, and the County is currently drafting a list of near-term priorities that will be implemented in the next few years. The Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office is currently accepting feedback on the draft list of near-term priorities through the end of today, December 13, 2019. The draft near-term priorities can be found [here](#) and comments may be submitted through sustainability@lacounty.gov. The County will review public comments this month and work with stakeholders in January to revise the list of near-term priorities in preparation for submitting the finalized list to the Board of Supervisors by the required reporting date of February 28, 2020. The finalized list of near-term priorities will inform the County's budgeting decisions for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

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- **CPCC Meeting:** The Capital Projects and Construction Committee convened on Monday for its December meeting. The committee approved a contract to Railpros for construction observation services for the ACE grade separation projects. The sole source approval in the amount of \$300,000 was necessary due to the Union Pacific's (UP) workforce reductions. UP had previously performed this task but now this work - as well as other work - is being outsourced. The committee also adopted two Resolutions of Necessities for the Turnbull Canyon Road project, both owned by Southern California Edison (SCE). There were no objections either in writing or in person from SCE during the hearing. Additionally, the committee approved the 2020 Transportation and Capital Projects Legislative Priorities which were earlier also approved by the SGVCOG Transportation Committee.
- **RHTF Update:** On Wednesday, the COG held its final meeting of the joint powers agreement negotiation working group. The group reviewed the final draft agreement and next steps in the formation of the joint powers authority. The draft joint powers agreement will be reviewed by cities over the next few weeks and will be discussed at the City Managers' Steering Committee on January 8, 2020. Pending consensus at that meeting, the final agreement will be distributed to city staff shortly thereafter so that cities can start considering joining the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust. Thank you to all city staff that have participated in this process over the last few months!
- **CalHome Notice of Funding Availability:** The State's CalHome Program provides grants to local public agencies and nonprofit developers to assist individual first-time homebuyers with deferred-payment loans for down payment assistance, home rehabilitation - including for manufactured homes not on permanent foundations - acquisition and rehabilitation, homebuyer counseling, self-help mortgage assistance, or technical assistance for self-help homeownership. Any entity that has administered these types of programs for at least two years is eligible to apply. The guidelines for the program can be found [here](#). Applications are due by **January 27, 2020**. More information about the program, including information about upcoming webinars and the video of a previous webinar can be found [here](#).
- **Regional Forum Announcement:** SGVCOG is proud to be hosting its Regional Housing Trust and Affordable Housing Forum on **Thursday, February 13, 2020 from 9:00am to 1:00pm** at the Glendora Public Library's Bidwell Forum. This event will bring together elected officials, city staff, and community leaders to explore innovative housing projects and affordable housing funding mechanisms in California. Additionally, the forum will highlight details and updates of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust. Speakers and panelists will share innovative building practices and present various funding programs that encourage development of affordable housing units and accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Tickets are \$20.00/individual and free for SGVCOG Governing Board members

(Delegates/Alternates). Individuals/groups can purchase tickets online via Eventbrite [here](#) from now until Thursday, February 6, 2020.

