

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of May 6, 2019

- **Caltrans Section 190 ACE Funds:** The SGVCOG received very exciting and welcome news earlier this week, as the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced that it has awarded a total of \$15 million in Section 190 Grade Separation Program grant funds for three projects which are part of the SGVCOG's Alameda Corridor-East program. The Section 190 Grade Separation Program is administered by both Caltrans and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and this program provides funding for the construction of grade separation projects which will improve safety and expedite the movement of vehicles. The funds are allocated and awarded based on a prioritization ranking list of the most urgent projects as established by the CPUC. Out of 36 grade separation projects in the State, the Fairway Drive grade separation project ranked number 5, the Durfee Avenue project ranked number 9, and the Fullerton Road project ranked number 16. Each of these critical grade separation projects will be awarded \$5 million in funding. The projects, when completed, will improve safety for motorists and pedestrians, and will also significantly reduce vehicle hours of delay each day at the respective crossings. The SGVCOG is thrilled to receive this funding!
- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Executive Committee held its monthly meeting. The Committee was updated on the 2019-20 appointments for the SGVCOG Board Officers, Policy Committees and outside/partner agency appointments. Additionally, the Committee reviewed and approved the June 6 Governing Board meeting agenda.
- **Washington, D.C. Trip:** Currently, a delegation of the SGVCOG which consists of COG board members and elected officials, COG staff, and City staff are in Washington, D.C., primarily to advocate for \$20 million in federal funding for the Montebello Grade Separation project. from the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Program. Earlier this week, the COG's delegation had the opportunity to meet with U.S. Department of Transportation staff to discuss the importance of investing in critical infrastructure improvements here in the San Gabriel Valley, including freight infrastructure. The COG delegation was also honored and grateful to be able to meet with three of the San Gabriel Valley's congressional representatives, Rep. Adam Schiff, Rep. Judy Chu, and Rep. Grace Napolitano to discuss the importance of funding critical transportation and goods movements projects such as the Montebello Grade Separation project and the SR 57-60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project, as well as to talk about SGV transportation priorities. The COG delegation also met with LA County Supervisors

at the LA County Board of Supervisors' congressional reception on Capitol Hill, and also had the chance to meet new California State Transportation Agency Secretary David Kim. This trip to our nation's capital has been productive in advocating for the SGV transportation and infrastructure needs.

- **Community Outreach: El Monte Cinco de Mayo:** Last weekend, the SGVCOG its extensive community outreach pertaining to the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership (SGVEWP), which works to promote energy efficiency and sustainability throughout the SGV region. On Saturday, the SGVCOG had SGVEWP tables at the City of El Monte's Cinco de Mayo festival, which was located at Arceo Park. At this exciting and engaging event, COG staff spoke with residents and attendees about the SGVEWP's EASY Home Energy Assessment program, energy efficiency and energy savings ideas, tips, and strategies, rebate and financing information, and income assistance programs such as the Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) program. Moreover, COG staff also distributed SoCalGas Water and Energy Efficiency Starter Kits, which include one low-flow showerhead and three faucet aerators. COG staff enjoyed the opportunity to speak with residents of the City of El Monte and its surrounding neighborhoods this weekend to share ideas about energy efficiency, and we would like to thank the City for accommodating us at this event! If your city is hosting a community event in the coming months and you would like for the COG to have an SGVEWP table at the event, please let us know!
- **LA County Time Capsule Project 2019:** The LA County Arts Commission, in collaboration with Supervisorial District One and the Department of Public Works has just completed the renovation and conservation of the Fort Moore Memorial. During the renovation, a time capsule was unearthed from the base of the flagpole, presumably buried during the original construction in 1957. The time capsule contained photographs and documents related to the fort, the memorial project, and life in Los Angeles circa 1957. In celebration of the rededication of the memorial on July 3rd, the Civic Art Program is collecting submissions for a new time capsule. The new time capsule will reflect stories, memories, and mementos to represent the peoples, cultures, and communities that make up Los Angeles County in 2019, to be sealed for a future generation to discover. This call for submissions is open to all residents of Los Angeles County.

Your submission:

- Can be from an individual or group
- Can be a story, drawing, photograph, poem, small book, small object
- Must be smaller than 8.5 x 11" if flat, or 2 x 2 x 1" if object
- Is accompanied with a brief description of the item, how does it reflect your Los Angeles and/or what you want to share with future Angelenos?

Please submit your idea for the time capsule (a photo, or digital copy) to lvellanoweth@arts.lacounty.gov or to this [online form](#) no later than Friday, May 17th, 2019.

For more information on Fort Moore and the time capsule, please visit the [website](#).



SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of May 13, 2019

- **Meeting with Senator Rubio:** Last Friday, Cynthia Sternquist, Becky Shevlin and I met with Senator Susan Rubio to discuss challenges to obtaining funding to implement homeless plans. The Senator was attentive and actively engaged in seeking solutions. She suggested creating a homeless master plan in the region. We discussed the special designation that large cities with populations over 330,000 were given enabling them to directly receive State HEAP funds. The SGVCOG suggested that a similar designation for the San Gabriel Valley would help to circumvent the delays and barriers we have encountered with Measure H and HEAP funds. Staff will research the political mechanisms that may make such a designation possible and the COG will follow up with the Senator. It is our goal to solidify a working partnership with the Senator with tangible results.
- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Policy Committee and Water TAC held their monthly joint meeting. Members were presented with the following two pieces of legislation that further the stormwater/water strategic priorities of the SGVCOG:
 - SB 414 (Caballero): would enact the Small System Water Authority Act of 2019 and require the State Water Resources Control Board to order the consolidation of certain small water systems that are not in compliance with specified clean drinking water standards through the formation of a small system water authority.
 - SB 669 (Caballero): would provide the financial framework to compliment SB 414, which provides the governance framework. SB 669 establishes funding at the state level by creating the Safe Drinking Water Fund and would require the State Water Resource Control Board to administer the Fund to assist community water systems in disadvantaged communities that are chronically noncompliant relative to the federal and state drinking water standards and do not have the financial capacity to pay for operation and maintenance (O&M) costs to comply with those standards.

The Water Committee and TAC approved to recommend these pieces of legislation for Governing Board approval. This dual legislative package would address the non-compliant water systems in California, while not imposing a statewide water tax as alternative approaches have suggested.

- **Joint EENR/Public Works Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG's EENR Committee and Public Works TAC held a joint meeting at the Glendora Public Library. These two committees met concurrently to discuss and deliberate over the

California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) proceedings pertaining to rulemaking on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from buildings throughout the State of California. The CPUC was represented at this joint committee meeting by the President of the CPUC, Mr. Michael J. Picker. President Picker provided the two committees with an overview of as to why the CPUC is undertaking this decarbonizing rulemaking process. The CPUC is addressing decarbonization by means of examining methods through which the State can reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with energy use in buildings and structures. The CPUC is taking this action to support the State's new ambitious decarbonization goals, the most recent of which were established by then-Governor Brown in September 2018. Mr. Picker also discussed the four main tasks that the CPUC has with regards to these rulemaking proceedings; these include implementation of SB 1477, implementing electrification and decarbonization pilot programs, coordinating with the California Energy Commission on the Title 24 building codes and Title 20 appliance standards, and establishing a building decarbonization policy framework. Members of both the EENR Committee and the Public Works TAC had the opportunity to ask President Picker questions about the CPUC's building decarbonization rulemaking process, as well as share substantive feedback and concerns. Members of the public also addressed President Picker through public comments. The SGVCOG is grateful to President Picker for visiting the San Gabriel Valley to attend this meeting and hear from our City leaders and members of our communities.

- **SB 212 Informal Rulemaking Process Update:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff submitted a comment letter on behalf of member agencies to provide feedback and comments to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) regarding the Department's SB 212 (Jackson) released informal draft regulatory text. The bill was signed into law by former Governor Brown in September 2018 to establish safe and convenient disposal options for pharmaceutical drug and home-generated sharps waste. CalRecycle recently published its informal draft regulatory text and the Department is currently soliciting comments until Monday, July 1, 2019. The SGVCOG's letter expressed several concerns from our member agencies regarding the proposed regulations, including the lack of details on regulatory online sales of sharps and pharmaceuticals and the lack of specificity on ensuring that outreach efforts of stewardship programs cater to individuals that speak languages other than English. CalRecycle will conduct an informal rulemaking workshop to present draft regulatory text and solicit stakeholder feedback later today from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Cities can join the workshop webinar [here](#) or submit comments at PharmaSharps@CalRecycle.ca.gov.

- **OurCounty Cities Summit:** On Tuesday, SGVCOG attended Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office's OurCounty Cities Summit to provide feedback and input on the draft of the countywide sustainability plan. Over the past two years, the Los Angeles County's Chief Sustainability Office has been working to develop a vision for making communities healthier, more equitable, economically stronger, more resilient, and more sustainable. This vision eventually became a countywide sustainability plan known as "OurCounty." Since 2017, the County's Chief Sustainability Office has conducted more than 150 stakeholder workshops, 12 goals, 37 strategies, and 148 actions were developed to form a discussion draft of the plan. SGVCOG staff, along with other city staff in attendance, provided feedback on topics such as streamlining the construction and permitting of zero-emission vehicle infrastructure and conducting a countywide climate vulnerability assessment that addresses social infrastructure vulnerability. Cities are encouraged to review the plan [here](#) and submit suggestions and comments [here](#) by Friday, May 24, 2019. Questions and inquiries regarding the plan can be directed to sustainability@lacounty.gov.
- **SCAG Technical Working Group:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff participated in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Technical Working Group. SCAG staff presented on the proposed approach to address relationships between California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) regional determination for SCAG region versus proposed growth forecast associated with Connect SoCal. Additionally, SCAG staff discussed the proposed 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) job centers. For the San Gabriel Valley, the proposed job centers are located in Pasadena, El Monte, and the Industry-Rowland Heights subregion.
- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the Transportation Committee reconvened in the City of Duarte, and heard two primary presentations. First, Kristen Torres Pawling, a Sustainability Program Director with the LA County Chief Sustainability Office gave a presentation on the OurCounty Los Angeles Countywide Sustainability Plan. Additionally, members of the Committee also received a presentation from Francisco Ojeda, ActiveSGV's Outreach Associate, about this Sunday's 626 Golden Streets: Mission to Mission open streets event through the cities of South Pasadena, Alhambra, and San Gabriel. He provided background on the purpose, objectives, and benefits of community open streets events, and provided many details about the fun activities that attendees of the event can take part in. This open streets event will be the first of four open streets event in the SGV over the course of the next 1.5 years!
- **626 Golden Streets & Twitter Chat:** This upcoming Sunday, May 19, ActiveSGV, along with the cities of South Pasadena, Alhambra, and San Gabriel, will be

hosting the 626 Golden Streets: Mission to Mission open streets event! Open streets events such as this one close off streets to cars, and open up streets for non-motorized activities only. Open streets provide residents and visitors the opportunity to walk, ride transit, ride scooters, or bike through their communities, enabling them to connect with their neighborhoods in a new manner. This Sunday's event is free and open to the public, and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The route stretches from the South Pasadena Metro Gold Line station to the west to the historic San Gabriel Mission to the east. There will be an activity hub in each of the three cities along the route, where there will be activities, recreation, arts, performances, and community fairs. The SGVCOG hopes to see many people at this exciting event! In order to help spread the word about 626 Golden Streets, the COG led an engaging Twitter chat on Tuesday. During the chat, the COG previewed this event and its route through the three cities, and also had interesting and substantive discussions with regional partners and agencies, as well as SGV residents and Twitter followers, about the importance of supporting and investing in active transportation, open streets, and complete streets in our SGV communities. During the course of this Twitter chat, the COG's tweets received over 11,500 organic impressions and a couple hundred engagements. The COG would like to thank ActiveSGV, CicLAvia, Day One, the Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition, the City of Alhambra, and the City of San Gabriel for actively taking part in this participatory exercise!

- **CAGTC Appointment for Paul Hubler:** On Wednesday, Paul Hubler, the SGVCOG's Director of Government and Community Relations, was confirmed as the Chair of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC). The CAGTC is a national coalition which is based out of Washington, D.C. that works raise public recognition and Congressional awareness to the need to enhance and improve U.S. freight transportation capabilities, and to promote sufficient funding in federal legislation for trade corridors (such as the Alameda Corridor-East), gateways, intermodal connectors, and freight facilities. This non-profit trade association represents a broad, national group of stakeholders that includes state DOTs, MPOs, ports, engineering firms, and freight corridors, and its membership consists of over 60 organizations and entities. The COG is very excited that Paul is taking on this leadership role!

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Week of May 20, 2019

- **CNRA Trails and Greenways Program Public Hearing:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff participated in a public hearing webcast regarding the Trails and Greenways Grant Program. This grant program is administered by the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and is funded through Proposition 68, and there will be \$27.7 million available statewide for trails and greenways projects. During this public hearing, CNRA staff went over the draft guidelines, the application procedures and process, and examples of eligible and ineligible projects. Examples of eligible projects for this grant program include:
 - New non-motorized trails
 - New non-motorized trail segments
 - Non-motorized bridges
 - Trailhead facilities
 - Acquisition of land

In addition, staff also described the project selection process, which consists of four primary steps: the submission of the Project Proposal, an On-Site Evaluation, submitting Supporting Documentation, and then the Awarding of Funding. It is anticipated that the solicitation for project proposals will be released in July 2019, and that project proposals will be due to the CNRA by the end of **August 2019**. In the meantime, however, the public comment period to provide input on the draft guidelines for this program is still open until Friday, May 31st. The draft guidelines can be viewed and downloaded [HERE](#), and you may submit comments on the guidelines to bondsandgrants@resources.ca.gov. For more information on this grant program, please follow this [LINK](#). CNRA staff can also be reached at (916) 653-2812.

- **626 Golden Streets Recap:** This past Sunday, SGVCOG staff participated in the 626 Golden Streets event. This car-free event allowed residents to walk, run, skate, bike, and explore the San Gabriel Valley across five miles of open streets in South Pasadena, Alhambra, and San Gabriel. The streets on the route were closed to car traffic; however, multiple street crossings were created to allow cars to pass freely and safely across the event route. The route, known as “Mission-to-Mission,” began on Mission Street by South Pasadena’s Gold Line station and ended at the San Gabriel Mission at the intersection of Mission Road and Mission Drive. Three major festival hubs were placed along the five-mile route to provide residents with places to rest and relax. Each festival hub featured live music performances,

community vendors, game booths, first-aid booths, water stations, portable restrooms, and hand-wash stations. SGVCOG staff boothed at the Alhambra hub and provided energy efficiency information and water conservation kits to residents. Through boothing at the hub, staff members were given the opportunity to engage with hundreds of San Gabriel Valley residents and discuss the importance of saving energy and water at home. SGVCOG congratulates the event organizers on a successful open streets event and thanks them for promoting sustainable and active modes of transportation in the San Gabriel Valley region.

- **Coyote Management Task Force Updates:** The Coyote Management Task Force previously convened in January and March to develop a regional coyote management framework. This framework would provide a comprehensive regional coyote management model for all San Gabriel Valley cities and issue guidance for dealing with coyotes in the region. Over the past few months, SGVCOG staff worked with member agencies, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California State Assemblyman Ed Chau's office, the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources, and local Humane Society organizations to develop two separate draft documents, including the SGVCOG Regional Coyote Management Framework (RCMF) and Potential Implementation Plan (PIP). The PIP was developed based on comments and feedback from member agencies and was created to explore the possibility of SGVCOG providing coyote management services to residents of participating cities. On Wednesday, 23 representatives from 15 municipalities and entities met at the Monrovia Community Center to review the draft RCMF and PIP. Task force members are in the process of providing final comments to SGVCOG staff regarding the draft RCMF and PIP. Both documents are scheduled to be presented to the SGVCOG City Managers' Steering Committee for review and approval on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. After a thorough review by the City Managers' Steering Committee, the RCMF and PIP will be forwarded to the SGVCOG Governing Board for official adoption and approval on Thursday, July 18, 2019. Questions, comments, and inquiries regarding the task force, the RCMF, or the PIP can be directed to SGVCOG Management Analyst Alexander Fung at afung@sgvcoq.org or (626) 457-1800.
- **Rosemead Public Works Day:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff attended the Public Works Day at Rosemead Park geared towards 200 elementary students (4th-6th graders) to give them a sense of what SGVCOG does, highlighting our partnership with SCE and SCG, and ways to be more energy efficient. The interactive demonstration covered sources of energy, small energy usage focused on incandescent light bulbs, and large energy usage focused on video games. Students were engaged throughout the demonstration as SGVCOG staff asked questions about gaming, had students interact with coal as an example of fossil fuels, and read the lightbulb temperature using an infrared thermometer.

- **10th Annual Statewide Energy Efficiency Forum (SEEC):** Registration is now open for the [10th Annual Statewide Energy Efficiency Forum](#), taking place June 26-27, 2019 in Long Beach. This Forum is offered at no cost to all California local governments. The Forum will gather a multidisciplinary audience of over 300 sustainability leaders to foster knowledge exchange, innovation, and mutual support to transition California communities from energy awareness to planning and action.
- **Planners' TAC:** On Thursday, the Planners' TAC held its May meeting, which had quite a substantive agenda. The TAC considered two legislative items: SB 330, the Housing Crisis Act of 2019 (Skinner) and AB 516: Authority to Remove Vehicles (Chiu & Santiago). SB 330 would, among other things, for a five year period, prohibit most cities from imposing parking requirements and from setting any cap on the number of housing units. The bill would also limit new design standards based on cost. The TAC passed a motion to recommend that the Governing Board oppose SB 330. AB 516 would repeal existing law that authorizes peace officers to tow vehicles for have five or more delinquent parking or traffic violations, for leaving a vehicle on the road for 72 or more hours, and for having lapsed vehicle registration in excess of six months. The TAC passed a motion to recommend that the Governing Board oppose AB 516. Additionally, the TAC heard two presentations, the first of which was a presentation given by Jared Dever, the District Manager of the SGV Mosquito and Vector Control District, on their proposal that cities adopt a unified ordinance pertaining to addressing unmaintained swimming pools in the SGV region. Mr. Dever discussed the SGVMVCD's efforts to identify non-compliant swimming pools in the region which pose mosquito-related public health dangers to the SGV area, and also described the SGVMVCD's notification methods for contacting residents and urging them to address their unmaintained pools. The SGVMVCD wants to work with cities on an ordinance which would address enforcement mechanisms and procedures so that the SGVMVCD can attempt to fix the pools of residents who aren't complying. Moreover, the TAC also received a presentation from Jonathan Nettler of PlaceWorks. Mr. Nettler provided information about the SB 2 Planning Grants funding program, as well as the technical assistance that the State is offering to local governments through PlaceWorks and other partners.

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Week of May 27, 2019

- **Safe, Clean Water Program Implementation Ordinance:** The Safe, Clean Water Program will provide local funding to increase local water supply, improve water quality, enhance communities, and protect public health in Los Angeles County. The Program will generate up to \$300 million per year from a special parcel tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable surface area on private property within the LA County Flood Control District. An Implementation Ordinance will be presented to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in July 2019 along with supporting documents to systematize the details described in the Program Elements. Current drafts of these documents can be viewed here: <https://safecleanwaterla.org/public-review-period-docs/>

These documents are available for Public Review and comment until June 14, 2019. Please send your comments to SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov. For additional information, there will be an Open House on June 10th at 2pm in South Gate which will provide an overview of the documents, an opportunity to dialogue about topics of interest, and submit comments. Please RSVP for the event at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safe-clean-water-program-public-review-open-house-tickets-61886021757>

- **MMASC Event:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff attended the 2019 Women's Leadership Summit at The Huntington Library hosted by MMASC and WLG. This year's theme, "Rise Up! Lift Up! Straight Up!" focused on internal growth (Rise Up!), encouraging growth in others (Lift Up!), and having open discussions about being a female leader in local government (Straight Up!). There were a variety of Q&A sessions, panels, and an influential keynote speaker which inspired women in government to be fearless leaders for themselves and other women. Topics included navigating gender bias, leadership styles, engaging men as advocates, and hearing personal stories from dynamic women in government. The day ended with a networking reception in the open-air Garden Court and was a great opportunity to openly share, learn new skills, and connect with women colleagues.
- **NextGen Bus Study External Work Group #6:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff attended the 6th NextGen Bus Study External Working Group meeting. Metro is currently conducting a comprehensive analysis of its bus system and plans to implement a new bus service plan and structure starting next year. The purpose of this external working group is to provide Metro with feedback from a cross-section of countywide stakeholders who will provide different perspectives of

diverse groups, coalitions, and communities. The objective of this working group meeting was to articulate an actionable approach to the equity platform for the NextGen Bus Study. Metro staff also provided a few examples of NextGen draft bus service concepts which have been developed; these concepts have been influenced by extensive community and stakeholder input, as well as by analyzing trade-offs related to efficient use of resources vs. providing thorough bus coverage where necessary. Metro will deliver its first draft of a NextGen service plan in September 2019. Additionally, the current plan is to implement the new NextGen service plan and schedules in June 2020.

- **Three Valleys Municipal Water District's Leadership Breakfast:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff attended the Three Valleys Municipal Water District's Leadership Breakfast. David Bolland, Director of State Regulatory Relations for ACWA, discussed "Surveying the New Urban Water Conservation Laws and the Role of Local Water Agencies" which highlighted water conservation and efficiency legislation that became effective after the 2012-2017 drought. Mr. Bolland discussed the Landscape Area Measurement Program (DWR) in depth as well as AB 1668 (Friedman) and SB 606 (Hertzberg) which is the water conservation package. The legislation is part of the larger 20x2020 Water Conservation Plan which sets forth a statewide road map to maximize the state's urban water efficiency and conservation opportunities between 2009 and 2020, and beyond.
- **Special Districts Summit:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff attended the Special Districts Summit West in Anaheim. The Special Districts Summit featured a full-day event with an inspirational keynote, leadership discussions and insights into top trends/emerging technologies designed specifically for special purpose local governments. The Summit Sessions featured leaders from the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Riverside County Transportation Commission discussing how local government leaders must face a workforce in transition, aging infrastructure and population growth by engaging in new thinking and new management practices. Additional sessions included how local governments can attract and maintain talent in the future workforce, and exploring innovative ways local governments are organizing data to drive smarter decisions, faster responses and better service.
- **Upcoming Connect SoCal Workshop - El Monte:** SCAG's Connect SoCal, the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, is a long-range visioning plan that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental, and public health goals. The plan is developed with input from local governments, county transportation commissions, tribal governments, nonprofits, businesses, and local stakeholders. **SCAG is hosting a Connect SoCal workshop in El Monte on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the El Monte Community Center (3130 Tyler Avenue, El Monte, CA**

91731). The workshop will highlight challenges facing Southern California over the next 25 years and potential solutions to address them, including the anticipated growth in population, transportation, and housing development of the Southern California region. All local government officials and city staff are encouraged to attend this workshop. A list of upcoming Connect SoCal workshops can be found [here](#) and more information regarding Connect SoCal can be found [here](#).

- **Congresswoman Chu’s City Officials Roundtable Discussion on 2020 Census:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff attended a City Officials Roundtable hosted by Congresswoman Judy Chu to discuss the 2020 Census with local government officials. The congresswoman encouraged cities to establish individual “Complete Count Committees” within their jurisdictions and allocate funding to outreach to residents regarding the 2020 Census. She also shared that cities would lose around \$2,000 in annual funding per resident that is not counted for the next ten years. These funding include community development block grants, food stamps, housing vouchers, special education programs, and children’s health programs. Experts also shared that residents in the eastern Los Angeles County are at risk of losing a congressional seat in the House of Representatives due to the census. The 2020 Census is scheduled to be held on April 1, 2020 and the apportionment numbers are expected to be released in December 2020. Detailed census data will be released in March 2021. Resources are available to assist cities with outreach efforts and can be found at <https://census.ca.gov/>.

The logo for SGVCOG (San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments) features the acronym "SGVCOG" in a large, light blue, sans-serif font. Above the text is a stylized sunburst or starburst graphic composed of several overlapping, semi-transparent blue and light blue shapes.