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San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*

AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025 – 4:00 PM SGVCOG Office

COG 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016

Chair **Ed Reece**Claremont

Vice Chair **Cory Moss** Industry

Members Alhambra Azusa Claremont Diamond Bar Duarte Glendora Industry La Cañada Flintridge Monrovia Monterey Park Pasadena Pomona San Gabriel South El Monte South Pasadena Temple City L.A. County District #1 L.A. County District #5

Thank you for participating in tonight's meeting. The SGVCOG encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: Regular Meetings of the Transportation Committee are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM at the SGVCOG Monrovia Office (1333 South Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016). The agenda packet is available at the SGVCOG's Office, 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA, and on the website, www.sgvcog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). A copy of the agenda is also posted for public viewing at the entrance of the SGVCOG Monrovia Office Building. Any additional agenda documents that are distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting of the agenda will be available for review in the SGVCOG office during normal business hours and on the SGVCOG website noted above.

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TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE: At a regular meeting, the public may comment: (i) on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the SGVCOG that is not on the agenda during the public comment period at the beginning of the agenda; (ii) on any item(s) that is on the Consent Calendar prior to action taken on the Consent Calendar; and (iii) on any other agenda item prior to the time it is considered by the Committee. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public are requested to state their name prior to speaking. Comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes per person. The Committee Chair may impose additional time limits if comments become repetitious, an individual member of the public seeks to speak on numerous items, or a large number of members of the public seek to speak on an item. Except in limited situations, the Committee may not take action on items not appearing on the agenda and/or discuss them at length.

If you would like to provide a public comment during a Committee meeting, please see "Instructions for Public Comments" below.

AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.



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CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Committees takes action on the balance of the Consent Calendar.

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS: State law allows Committee members to teleconference from remote locations as long as certain conditions are met, including listing the teleconference locations in the agenda. The following locations are hereby noticed as teleconference locations, which are accessible to the public for the purposes of observing this meeting and/or addressing the Committee.

Industry City Hall 15625 Mayor Dave Way Industry, CA 91744	Rose Conference Rm City Hall One Civic Center Dr. La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011	4130 Cahuenga Blvd, Suite 108 Toluca Lake, CA 91602
Chuck Bader Conference Rm. City Hall 505 S. Garey Ave. Pomona, CA 91767	City Hall 1414 Mission Street South Pasadena, CA 91030	

<u>Instructions for Public Comments</u>: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items, but within the SGVCOG's subject matter jurisdiction, you may submit written comments via email or provide a verbal comment.

- Written Comments (Email): If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the Committee members at the meeting, please submit these materials via email to Steph Wong at swong@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the "Subject" line of the email "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT" and the agenda item number to which the public comment is addressed. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations.
- <u>Verbal Comments (In Person)</u>: If you would like to make a public comment at the Committee meeting location, please fill out a public comment card. Comment cards will be made available to you by staff at the entrance to the meeting room. If you are attending the meeting at a noticed teleconference location and would like to make a public comment, please raise your hand when the item upon which you wish to speak comes up on the agenda.
- <u>Verbal Comments (Zoom)</u>: If you would like to participate by teleconference from a private location, please email Steph Wong (<u>swong@sgvcog.org</u>) to request an attendee Zoom link at least 24 hours before the meeting. Through Zoom, you may provide a verbal comment by using the web interface "Raise Hand" feature when the agenda item upon which you wish to speak is to be considered. You will then be called upon to provide your verbal comments.

For questions related to accessing the available teleconference locations, please contact Steph Wong (swong@sgvcog.org) or (626) 457-1800.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- **3.** Roll Call
- **4.** Public Comment (If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all public comments)
- **5.** Changes to the Agenda Order

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

6. Review Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes – Page 1 *Recommended Action: Review and approve.*

PRESENTATION ITEMS

- 7. San Gabriel Valley Bus Corridor Transit Improvements Project Update: Rene Coronel, SGVCOG Senior Project Manager, and Steph Wong, Principal Management Analyst, SGVCOG Page 4
 - Recommended Action: For information only.
- 8. SGVCOG Wildfire Evacuation Assessment Update: Grace Carsky, Planner, Kittelson & Associates, Inc. Page 6
 Recommended Action: For information only.

UPDATE ITEM

9. City of Industry & City of Lancaster Public Hydrogen Fueling Utility Update: Josh Nelson, City Manager, City of Industry – Page 8

Recommended Action: For information only.

LIAISON REPORTS

- 10. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Liaison Report
- 11. Foothill Transit Liaison Report
- 12. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Liaison Report

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN



SGVCOG Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 7, 2025 Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 1333 S. Mayflower Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chair, Ed Reece, called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Duarte Councilmember, Sam Kang, led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Guests

A quorum was in attendance.

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Committee Members Present		Absent		
Alhambra	Noya Wang	Azusa		
Claremont	Ed Reece	Glendora		
Diamond Bar	David Liu	Monrovia		
Duarte	Sam Kang	Monterey Park		
Industry	Cory Moss	Pomona		
La Canada Flintridge	Kim Bowman	San Gabriel		
Pasadena	Jenny Cristales-Cevallos	South Pasadena		
South El Monte	Gloria Olmos			
Temple City	Ashley Avery			
LA County Dist. #1	Ryan Serrano			
LA County Dist. #5	David Perry			

LA Metro	JC Montenegro	M. Creter, Executive Director
LA Metro	Shelly Han	R. (Ricky) Choi, Staff
LA Metro	Matthew Bresolin	R. (Roy) Choi, Staff
Foothill Transit	Lourdes Alvarez	R. Alimoren, Staff
Foothill Transit	Joe Raquel	S. Wong, Staff
TPA	Carly Shelby	K. Lai, Staff
Member of the Public	Michael Grossman	J. Talla, Staff
	Justin Skootsky	L. Gardner, Staff
		V. Urenia, Staff
		N. Arreaga, Staff
		S. Pedersen, Staff
		D. Dalan, Staff

SGVCOG Staff

J. Burkart, Staff L. Hwang, Staff D. Wankwe, Staff R. Coronel, Staff M. Moreno, Staff 4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Changes to the Agenda Order There were no changes to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Review Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes *Action: Review and approve.*

7. FY 2025-2026 Committee Chair & Vice Chair Elections

Action: Elect Claremont City Councilmember Ed Reece as the FY 2025-2026 Transportation Committee Chair and Industry City Mayor Cory Moss as the FY 2025-2026 Transportation Committee Vice Chair.

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar. (M/S: G. Olmos, C. Moss)

[Motion Passed]

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AYES:	Alhambra, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Industry, La Canada
	Flintridge, Pasadena, South El Monte, Temple City, L.A. County Dist.
	#1, L.A. County Dist. #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE	
RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	Azusa, Glendora, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pomona, San Gabriel,
	South Pasadena

ACTION ITEM

8. Legislative Position – SB 220 (Allen)

Action: Recommend the Governing Board adopt a resolution opposing SB 220 (Allen).

There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board adopt a resolution opposing SB 220 (Allen). (M/S: R. Serrano, S. Kang)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Industry, La Canada
	Flintridge, Pasadena, South El Monte, Temple City, L.A. County Dist.
	#1, L.A. County Dist. #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE	
RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	Azusa, Glendora, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pomona, San Gabriel,
	South Pasadena

PRESENTATION ITEMS

9. LA Metro FY 2026 Budget Presentation Part II
Matthew Bresolin, Principal Budget Analyst at LA Metro's Office of Management and
Budget, presented on this item.

10. Foothill Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program (BSEP) Presentation Lourdes Álvarez, Transit Planner at Foothill Transit, presented on this item.

LIAISON REPORTS

- 11. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Liaison Report Metro Principal Community Relations Officer, JC Montenegro, provided a report.
- 12. Foothill Transit Report
- **13.** Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Report SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chair and Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Chair, Ed Reece, provided a report.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

SGVCOG Senior Advisor Steph Wong announced the Open Streets event, Mission at Twilight, taking place June 22, 2025.

ADJOURN

SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chair, Ed Reece, adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 4:57 PM.

REPORT

DATE: June 4, 2025

TO: Executive Committee

Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BUS CORRIDOR TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT UPDATE

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

In July 2021, the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study (the "Study") was initiated in order to identify and develop mobility improvements within the San Gabriel Valley. The Study focused on the cities and communities along the SR 60 Freeway corridor and on ensuring compatibility with surrounding land-uses, existing transit services, and goods movement operations. A suite of "Jump-Start" projects were identified in the Study for implementation by 2028, pending sufficient funding. The proposed Jump-Start Projects include Traffic Signal Priority (TSP) enhancements, bus-only lane demonstration projects, BRT shelters, and "Complete Street" improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists. These projects were intended to support Metro's mobility goals for the LA28 Summer Olympics. The Study also identified "Mid-Term" and "Long-Term" projects that support a robust system of bus priority corridors traversing the San Gabriel Valley from East to West and North to South.

On March 21, 2024, the Governing Board voted unanimously to approve and submit the final Study to LA Metro and directed staff to further define proposed projects and perform environmental analysis, and to work with Metro to request funding for this effort in the FY25 Metro Budget. On June 20, 2024, the Governing Board voted unanimously to authorize the Executive Director to execute funding agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to implement the Project. On March 20, 2025, the Governing Board voted unanimously to authorize the Executive Director to execute funding agreements with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to implement Jump Start Segment 5 using funds direct by Supervisor Hilda Solis.

Currently, SGVCOG staff are leading three major project efforts:

1) Implementation of Jump Start Segment 5. Jump Start Segment 5 would create a bus priority corridor along Valley Boulevard and Santa Anita Avenue in El Monte, Industry, and unincorporated Los Angeles County. LA Metro has secured \$6.3 million for the project through a federal Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) grant. In addition,



Supervisor Hilda Solis has helped direct \$4.5 million in local funding for the project. SGVCOG staff are in the final stages of executing agreements with LA Metro and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to access these funds. Staff have also begun the procurement process for design and environmental phases of work. It is anticipated that a contract will be awarded in the summer of 2025.

- 2) Jump Start & Mid-Term Project Definition, Planning, and Environmental Tasks. LA Metro set aside \$1,000,000 in its FY25 budget (\$800,000 to be passed on to SGVCOG once LA Metro's administrative fees were deducted) to support SGVCOG's efforts to determine locally preferred alternatives, conduct outreach, and perform environmental analysis work for projects identified in the Study. Following discussion with LA Metro staff, it was agreed that the \$800,000 would support the Project Approval and Environmental Document Phase (PA&ED) for the Jump Start projects. Should additional implementation funding become available through grants or the advancement of local funds, this initial groundwork will allow the Jump Start projects to proceed to construction immediately. SGVCOG staff have secured a Letter of Notice to Proceed from LA Metro and are in the final stages of negotiating the terms of a funding agreement. Staff have completed the procurement process and have awarded a contract to Kimley Horn to perform this work. The project kickoff meeting was held in April of 2025. It is anticipated that LA Metro will set aside an additional \$1,400,000 of its FY26 budget (likely \$1,000,000-\$1,200,000 of available funding after LA Metro's administrative fees are deducted) to support these tasks and additional PA&ED for some of the Mid-Term projects identified in the Study.
- 3) Funding & Advocacy. SGVCOG staff are seeking additional grant funding to support these projects, with a focus on quick build components of the Jump Start projects such as TSP technology and bus shelters. Staff have applied for federal Community Project Funding and Surface Transportation Block Grant/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant opportunities. Staff are also in communication with LA Metro regarding the potential advancement of dedicated 2035 funds that are meant to support the Mid-Term projects identified in the Study.

SGVCOG Senior Project Manager Rene Coronel and Principal Management Analyst Steph Wong will present on this item.

Prepared by:

Steph Wong

Principal Management Analyst

Approved by:

Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Final SGV Transit Feasibility Study Report to the Governing Board



REPORT

DATE: June 4, 2025

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION

PLAN EVACUATION ASSESSMENT UPDATE

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

Since 2023, the SGVCOG has been working with consultant firm Jensen Hughes, Inc. to develop a Regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) utilizing \$677,959 from CAL FIRE's Wildfire Prevention Grant Program. The CWPP will include:

- A comprehensive wildfire hazard and risk analyses,
- An assessment of evacuation routes and challenges across the SGV,
- An 18-month action plan for addressing hazards and risks, and
- Recommendations for plan upkeep, monitoring, and reporting.

Evacuation Assessment Analysis and Results

As part of the CWPP development process, Jensen Hughes and subconsultant firm Kittleson & Associates completed a draft evacuation assessment with feedback and input from the Technical Advisory Group (TAG). The TAG was composed of wildfire and emergency management stakeholders including:

- County of Los Angeles Fire Department,
- County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department,
- County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Department,
- County of Los Angeles Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
- Local fire departments and law enforcement,
- Disaster Management Area Coordinators for Area C and D,
- American Red Cross,
- U.S. Forest Service,
- California Office of Emergency Services (OES),
- Caltrans, and
- California Highway Patrol (CHP)

The evacuation assessment identifies locations and communities at higher risk for evacuations from wildfires and provides strategies to improve evacuation operations and communication among wildfire and emergency management stakeholders. Several wildfire scenarios were considered as part of the evacuation assessment which include:

1. San Antonio Canyon

- 2. San Gabriel Canyon
- 3. Mount Wilson-Eaton Canyon
- 4. Angeles Forest Highway
- 5. Diamond Bar

These wildfire scenarios were selected and agreed upon by the TAG and represent the most likely wildfire scenarios to occur in the San Gabriel Valley. Results from the evacuation assessment for each wildfire scenario can be found in Attachment A. In March 2025, the TAG reviewed and provided feedback on the draft evacuation assessment.

Eaton Fire Considerations

The CWPP development process began in May 2023 prior to the Eaton Fire. The Eaton Fire occurred in an area similar to the Mount-Wilson-Eaton Canyon scenario, however the model scenario may differ from the evacuation behavior seen during the Eaton Fire. During the final TAG meeting, wildfire and emergency management stakeholders provided input based on their experience with the Eaton Fire that will be used to compare with and revise the draft evacuation assessment analysis findings. This may include revisions on evacuation zones based on the actual zones, observed congested patterns, and shelters used during the wildfire.

Grace Carsky with Kittelson & Associates will provide a presentation on this item.

Prepared by: Paulina Mejia

Management Analyst

Approved by:

Executive Director

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A – SGVCOG Regional CWPP Draft Evacuation Assessment

REPORT

DATE: June 4, 2025

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: CITY OF INDUSTRY & CITY OF LANCASTER PUBLIC HYDROGEN

FUELING UTILITY UPDATE

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

First Public Hydrogen (FPH₂) is a new public renewable hydrogen utility created as a joint powers authority between the cities of Lancaster and Industry – the first of its kind in the United States.

FPH₂ will pool demand among public and private stakeholders and meet their hydrogen needs through direct, bulk procurements with suppliers. Stakeholders may include municipalities, other public utilities, transit agencies, and private sector companies in industries such as logistics, shipping and transportation. The goal is that the collective demand from these stakeholders will enable the procurement of green hydrogen at significantly reduced prices compared to current market rates, promoting wider adoption and utilization. FPH₂ will partner with private industry leaders to build out the physical infrastructure needed to store and deliver hydrogen, with a goal of beginning deliveries to early hydrogen adopters by late 2025 or early 2026. The public utility model is designed to allow FPH₂ to lower risks to hydrogen adoption users, while helping producers to scale more quickly and offering greater transparency and accountability. Initial operational funding has been provided through a \$2.6 million loan from the City of Lancaster to cover staffing and administrative support provided by Lancaster for services including staff, payroll, accounts payable and human resources.

The formation of FPH₂ was incentivized by the Section 45V tax credit, established by the Inflation Reduction Act, which aims to encourage clean hydrogen production. The tax credit provides a maximum credit of \$3 per kilogram of hydrogen. To qualify, hydrogen producers must demonstrate lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions no greater than 0.45 kg of CO2e per kg of H2, meaning that their hydrogen production uses low-carbon electricity, such as from renewable energy sources. Hydrogen production must be verified by a third party to confirm it meets the requirements for the 45V credit. The credit is tiered, providing higher credits for lower emissions.

Staff representatives from FPH₂ will present on this item.



Prepared by:

Steph Wong

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Approved by:

Marisa Creter Executive Director