



# Valley Voice

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## ***SGVCOG Launches San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program***

Earlier last month, the SGVCOG officially launched the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program. The Program, which was featured at the 2021 Los Angeles County City Sustainability Summit on September 30th, provides a regional approach for participating San Gabriel Valley cities to comply with SB 1383's food recovery regulations. SB 1383, passed in 2016, requires cities and counties to implement specific activities to support the State's organic waste recycling and food recovery goals.

The San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program will assist participating San Gabriel Valley cities to assess potential food recovery agencies and their food recovery capacities, identify commercial edible food waste generators and assess their current compliance with SB 1383, prepare guidance, implement outreach and education efforts, and implement inspection and enforcement programs. Questions regarding the Program can be directed to SGVCOG staff at [afung@sgvcog.org](mailto:afung@sgvcog.org).

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## ***Foothill Transit Announces Bus Stop Enhancement Grant Program***

Last month, Foothill Transit announced that its Bus Stop Enhancement Program (BSEP) will be available to cities this fiscal year. The Program was developed to provide financial assistance to Foothill Transit's member agencies interested in enhancing bus stops serviced by Foothill Transit. Most bus stops serviced by Foothill Transit are owned and maintained by the jurisdictions in which they are located at.

Of the \$400,000 budgeted by Foothill Transit this year for BSEP, each successful applicant is eligible for up to \$40,000 towards bus stop enhancement projects. Funds may be used for physical improvements and for purchasing bus stop modules, such as shelters, benches, trash cans, and tree grates. All costs, including installation and labor, must be paid by the successful applicant and will be reimbursed by Foothill Transit at the completion of those projects. Interested applicants must submit applications by December 1, 2021.

Questions and inquiries regarding BSEP can be directed to Lourdes Alvarez at [lalvarez@foothilltransit.org](mailto:lalvarez@foothilltransit.org).



## ***SGVCOG Launches San Gabriel Valley Regional VMT Mitigation Fee Structure Study***

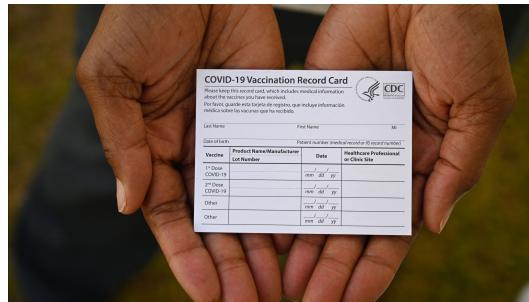
In September 2021, the SGVCOG officially launched a study to explore the potential for a Regional Vehicle of Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Fee Structure. The Study will explore methodology and frameworks for jurisdictions to mitigate VMT impacts through implementing actions that reduce VMT across the San Gabriel Valley region. Primary goals of the study include:

- Addressing local development projects' impact on the regional transportation system;
- Developing an approach that would fund and implement regional transportation projects that reduce VMT, with an emphasis on transparency, accountability, and consistency; and
- Expanding the types of transportation programs and projects that could be implemented to mitigate VMT impacts

The Study includes 25 participating San Gabriel Valley cities and is expected to be completed by Fall 2022. Periodic updates regarding this study will be provided to the SGVCOG Transportation Committee. Questions and inquiries can be directed to SGVCOG staff at [afung@sgvcog.org](mailto:afung@sgvcog.org).

## ***Travel Advisory and Masking Guidance from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health***

Beginning **October 7th**, the County of Los Angeles requires all attendees (ages 12+) to show proof of full vaccination or negative COVID-19 test results prior to entering outdoor mega events.



Beginning **October 7th**, the County strongly recommends that all restaurants reserve and prioritize indoor seating/service for those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Beginning **October 7th**, the County requires indoor bars, breweries, wineries, distilleries, nightclubs, and lounges to verify COVID-19 vaccination status of patrons and employees.



If you are travelling with children who are not or cannot get vaccinated at this time, please follow recommendations for unvaccinated individuals and choose the [safer travel options](#).

### ***News-in-Brief***



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### **Justice Conference**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) will be hosting its 7th Annual Environmental Justice Conference virtually and in-person at the Ontario Convention Center on October 27th. The Conference encourages collaboration between community members, policymakers, health professionals, and businesses to discuss pressing air quality and public health concerns. The Conference also seeks to connect attendees with environmental justice advocates in local communities. Interested individuals can register for the event [here](#).

### **Application**

Funding application for the FY 2022-2025 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) active transportation, bus system improvements, and first/last mile projects is now available. Eligible applicants include San Gabriel Valley cities, the County of Los Angeles, and joint powers authorities. This cycle of MSP funds prioritizes multi-jurisdictional corridor projects that can maximize regional transportation benefits. Additional information on the FY 2022-25 MSP Funding Guidelines, Funding Application, and Scoring Rubric can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#).

### **Kits for Kids Program**

The Southern California Regional Energy Network recently launched the Kits for Kids Program, which introduces 4th graders in participating schools to energy efficiency topics. Students from participating classrooms will receive energy efficiency kits, which they can collaborate with their households to install LED lightbulbs, high-efficiency showerheads, and faucet aerators. Each participating room will receive a \$1,000 grant if at least 65% of their students install all energy efficiency measures. Interested schools can contact [afung@sgvcog.org](mailto:afung@sgvcog.org) to participate.

## **October Committee Meeting**

### **Schedule**

**Please be advised that all Board and committee meetings that are held this month**

**will be conducted virtually over Zoom Conferencing. Livestreams of the meetings can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#). The livestreams of San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors meetings can be found [here](#).**

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**Water Committee:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 10:00 AM

**Transportation Committee:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 4:00 PM

**Public Works Technical Advisory Committee:** Monday, October 18, 2021 at 12:00 PM

**EENR Committee:** Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 1:00 PM

**Governing Board:** Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 4:00 PM

**Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** Monday, October 25, 2021 at 12:00 PM

**Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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