



Valley Voice

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State Award Funds Construction of 71 Units of Low-Income Housing in San Gabriel Valley

The San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) recently received a \$1 million grant to construct affordable housing developments in Claremont and Pomona. The award of \$1 million in state grant funds is being matched by an equal amount of local funds provided by the SGVRHT, completing the project budgets required for the two housing developments to begin construction this year. The state funds were awarded by the California Department of Housing and Community Development from the Local Housing Trust Fund Program. Grant applications were submitted in August 2020 by the SGVRHT.

A 1.5-acre vacant lot in Pomona is the future site of the West Mission Apartments, featuring 40 units of affordable housing for families, 6 units for veterans, and 10 units for homeless households. The two- and three-story contemporary buildings are envisioned to include a 5,400-square-foot community service center with a large multi-purpose room, offices, and conference rooms. Outdoor amenities will include a tot lot, community garden, fitness area, dog park, and a public plaza. Construction for the West Mission Apartments will begin in Spring 2021.

In Claremont, a consortium will build a 15-unit housing project serving low-income and homeless senior citizens, with at least 8 units reserved for TriCity Mental Health clients. Construction for this project is anticipated to begin in Summer 2021, with an anticipated occupancy date of Summer 2022.



Monterey Park and South Pasadena Receive \$12 Million for Active Transportation Projects from Metro

The Metro Board of Directors approved 16 active transportation and first/last mile projects across Los Angeles County in January 2021. 2 of the 16 selected projects are located in Monterey Park and South Pasadena. The projects will be funded through the first cycle of Measure M Metro Active Transport, Transit, and First/Last Mile (MAT) Program from FY 2021 to FY 2025.

The funded project in Monterey Park, known as the First/Riggin/Portrero Grande Bikeway, will include a 5.3-mile bikeway that crosses through Rosemead, South San Gabriel, Montebello, and Monterey Park. The project will connect to the existing Riggin Street bike lane and future bike lanes on First Street in East Los Angeles. This project will received a total of \$6,366,225 in MAT funds and is sponsored by the City of Monterey Park. The Cities of Montebello and Rosemead and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works serve as co-sponsors of the project.

The funded project in South Pasadena is located on the Huntington-Main/Fremont Corridor and will eliminate existing and potential conflict areas on North Fremont Avenue between Alhambra Road and Columbia Street and on Huntington Drive between Alhambra Road and Atlantic Boulevard. Proposed improvements include upgrading ADA paths of travel, implementing bike improvements approved in the South Pasadena Bike Master Plan,

improving intersection functionality, and providing a safe transition between corridors. This project will receive a total of \$6,056,160 in MAT funds and is sponsored by the City of South Pasadena.



SGVCOG Launches SoCalREN Multifamily Program Partnership

The SGVCOG proudly launched a partnership with the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Multifamily Program last month to offer resources for contractors and multifamily property owners to plan and implement energy efficiency improvements. Through this program, participating contractors can offer their multifamily property owner customers incentives to offset the cost of energy efficiency upgrades.

The SGVCOG is leveraging strong partnerships with local communities to bring SoCalREN's incentives and resources to the San Gabriel Valley communities. The partnership will ensure that SoCalREN's highly valued program are accessible for multifamily property owners, especially those located in underserved and hard-to-reach communities, in the San Gabriel Valley. Additional information on the SoCalREN Multifamily Program can be found [here](#).



South El Monte Receives DOE Award to Establish "Proving Grounds" for Advanced Building Technologies

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Building Technologies Office and the Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs Office's State Energy Program will fund and administer seven competitive selected projects. One of the seven selected projects is located in the City of South El Monte.

The City, in partnership with The Energy Coalition and Passive Logic, will install an innovative technology package into three public facilities, including the South El Monte City Hall. The package includes autonomous building controls for HVAC and energy efficiency upgrades for lighting and water heaters. When installed, the package will provide the buildings with 10% to 30% energy savings across the entire facility.

News-in-Brief



***Economic Development
Webinar***



***Upcoming Energy
Efficiency Webinar***



***New Connect SGV
Podcast Episode***

COVID-19 has severely Hosted by the San Gabriel The SGVCOG recently

affected the hospitality and dining industry and other businesses across the San Gabriel Valley. In partnership with the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP), the SGVCOG is excited to host a webinar on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 11:00am that provides recommendations and resources for San Gabriel Valley jurisdictions to support business owners and rebuild the local economy. Interested individuals can RSVP for the webinar [here](#).

Valley Energy Wise Partnership and four additional energy partnerships across Southern California, the upcoming "No Party, Like a Therm Party!" webinar on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 11:00am features resources for local jurisdictions, including school districts and special districts, to save energy through the SoCalGas Direct Install Program. Cities are encouraged to attend the webinar and interested individuals can RSVP for the webinar [here](#).

released a new "Connect SGV" podcast episode that features discussions with San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Chair and Vice Chair, Jed Leano and Becky A. Shevlin, on the Trust's efforts to implement affordable housing projects in the San Gabriel Valley. The episode also explores the Trust's affordable housing projects and how residents can support the Trust's endeavors. The episode is now available in both audio and video formats on the SGVCOG website [here](#).

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Please be advised that all committee meetings that are held this month will be conducted virtually over Zoom Conferencing.

Executive Committee: Monday, March 1, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Homelessness Committee: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 8:30 AM

Water Committee: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Transportation Committee: Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Public Works Technical Advisory Committee: Monday, March 15, 2021 at 12:00 PM

EENR Committee: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 1:00 PM

Governing Board: Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Capital Projects and Construction Committee: Monday, March 22, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee: Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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