



SPECIAL SGVCOG Transportation Committee Approved Minutes

Date: May 16, 2019

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: City of Duarte Community Center: Conference Room
1600 E. Huntington Drive; Duarte, California 91010

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members Present

Alhambra	J. Maloney
Diamond Bar	D. Liu
Duarte	J. Fasana
Pomona	R. Guerrero
San Gabriel	J. Pu
LA County District 1	M. Reyes

Members Absent

Claremont
El Monte
Glendora
La Cañada Flintridge
South El Monte
South Pasadena
Temple City
Walnut
LA County District 5

SGVCOG Staff

P. Duyshart

4. Public Comment

No general public comment.

5. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting

There were no changes made to the agenda order at this point in the meeting.

Since there was no quorum at this time, Item 6, the Consent Calendar, was delayed and moved to later in the agenda. The Committee moved from here to Item 7.

PRESENTATIONS

7. OurCounty Sustainability Plan

Kristen Torres Pawling, who is with the LA County Chief Sustainability Office, provided a presentation on this item to the Committee. She provided an overview of the OurCounty Sustainability Plan, including the section pertaining to the sustainable transportation goal. She explained how the county is now at the point where it must aggressively tackle and address complex and inter-disciplinary issues related to sustainability, public health, and environmental justice, and also propose solutions and actions for these challenges.

As a result, over the course of the last couple of years, it has been the responsibility of the LA County Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) to develop and craft a holistic countywide sustainability plan which addresses how to solve issues such as disproportionate exposure to air pollution and lack of access to sustainable economic resources. This incredibly thorough sustainability plan will cover subjects including:

- Climate change
- Water
- Energy
- Resource management
- Land use
- Transportation
- Open Space
- Biodiversity
- Public health
- Economy and workforce development
- Housing
- Resilience
- Governance

Ms. Torres Pawling also discussed the extensive public engagement and outreach efforts that the LA County CSO has conducted throughout this two-year process , and she also outlined the timeline for future discussion draft public review.

Questions/Discussion:

- One member of the Committee asked if the OurCounty Sustainability Plan is more of a vision rather than an implementation plan.
 - Ms. Torres Pawling confirmed that this is correct.
- Another Committee member asked is the Action Items that are put forth in this plan are solely for the County to pursue, or if some of these are also for the cities to try to implement, too.
 - Ms. Torres Pawling stated that some of these Action Items can apply to the cities, too. This plan can be template for cities which have the resources to be able to try to fulfill some of the Action Items.
 - She also added that 60 data indicators were collected to draft this plan, including GHG data.
- There was also a question regarding whether or not any funding will be attached to any portions of this plan or its action items.
 - Ms. Torres Pawling said that CSO staff is currently waiting for Board direction on this matter.

8. Overview of the 626 Golden Streets: Mission to Mission Open Streets Event

Francisco Ojeda, who is the Outreach Assistant with Active SGV gave the Transportation Committee a preview of this exciting and unique open streets event, which will be taking place this Sunday, rain or shine. He encouraged members of the Committee to attend the event and help promote the event to their respective cities' residents.

This open streets event, which is hosted and organized by ActiveSGV and presented by LA Metro, will connect the South Pasadena Gold Line Station to the downtown Alhambra district and the historic San Gabriel Mission. While on the route that meanders through these three San Gabriel Valley cities, people can only use non-motorized means of transportation, such as walking, biking, or skating, and attendees can move through the event and route at their own desired pace. Additionally, Mr. Ojeda explained how ActiveSGV’s primary goals for this event are:

- 1) Promote sustainable, active modes of transportation.
- 2) Encourage play, community connections, and exploration of the San Gabriel Valley’s diverse communities.
- 3) Improve the health of people of all incomes, abilities, and backgrounds.
- 4) Re-acquaint people with their neighborhoods, and allow people to view their neighborhood through a different lens and perspective.

Additionally, each participating city will host an activity hub and festival in their downtown or historic districts. Mr. Ojeda talked about how these hubs will enable individuals and families to rest, relax, and have some fun. Depending on the hub, hubs will have different activities such as live performers and entertainment, community fairs, arts activities, and e-bike or car demos.

The Transportation Committee had a quorum at this time. Thus, the Committee went back to Item 6, and took an action on the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Transportation Meeting Minutes: 02/21/2019

Recommended Action: Approve Transportation Committee minutes.

There was a motion made to approve the Consent Calendar. (M/S: J. Pu/M. Reyes)

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Alhambra, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Pomona, San Gabriel, LA County District 1
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Claremont, El Monte, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, LA County District 5

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) REPORT

8. Oral Report

John Fasana, the Chair of the Transportation Committee and the San Gabriel Valley representative on the Metro Board, provided the LA Metro update report to the Committee. He reported on the following items and matters:

- Provided an update on how the SGVCOG’s and ACE’s advocacy trip to D.C. went. A delegation from the COG, including elected officials and city staff, went to D.C. to advocate for INFRA Grant funding for the 57-60 Confluence Chokepoint relief project, as well as two rail grade separation projects. The COG delegation met with U.S. DOT officials and multiple members of the House of Representatives who represent portions of the San Gabriel Valley, including Rep. Judy Chu, Rep. Grace Napolitano, and Rep. Adam Schiff.

- Announced that Paul Hubler, the COGs Director of Government and Community Relations, was elected as the Chair of the of the Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC).
- Briefly discussed how Rep. Lowenthal just recently reintroduced the Nation Multimodal and Sustainable Freight Infrastructure Act into the House of Representatives as H.R. 2723. This bill would generate \$12 billion in funds through a user fee for goods movement for trade corridor and goods movement infrastructure projects. Currently, there are \$million available in federal funds for goods movement projects, but over \$9 billion in grant fund requests.
- Metro recently opposed the Hurtado bill, SB 498, which would reallocate Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) projects savings not reallocated as of January 1, 2020 to be funneled to a new grant program to fund short line railroads in the Central Valley.
 - P. Duyshart of the SGVVG then added that the SGVCOG Governing Board has this bill on the agenda at its next meeting, and the staff recommendation is also to support this bill.
- Metro staff plans to meet separately with Supervisor Barger and Foothill Transit to discuss the various issues and aspects pertaining to the SFV to Pasadena BRT project.
- Cities are currently working to get transportation projects funded under the next phase of I-710 corridor funding.
- Brief updates were also given for:
 - Gold Line Eastside Project and EIR
 - Sepulveda Pass corridor
 - Green Line extension to Torrance
- Committee member Martin Reyes also mentioned how Metro had a meeting in East LA regarding the status of the Eastside Gold Line project.

UPDATE ITEMS

9. Metrolink Update

There was no update given on this item.

10. Gold Line Update

J. Fasana provided a brief update on the Foothill Gold Line Phase 2B project. The Gold Line Construction Authority is currently waiting for base bids for the revised scope of the project.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

11. Oral Report

P. Duyshart of the SGVCOG announced that, yesterday, the Metro Planning and Programming Committee approved the San Gabriel Valley Subregion’s MSP Five Year Plan unanimously, with a 3-0 vote. He then mentioned that the next step in this MSP process is to have this go to the Metro Board for further consideration deliberation; the Board will consider the SGV’s MSP Five Year Plan at its meeting next week on Thursday, May 23, 2019. If the Metro Board approves the plan and programming allocation for transportation projects in the SGV subregion, then Metro will contact awarded agencies and cities to initiate the funding agreement process.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS

D. Liu of the City of Diamond Bar added that the D.C. trip was very productive from a staff perspective in advocating for our infrastructure grant applications. He said that the COG delegation had a unified

message and that it was well-received. J. Fasana also added that it is crucial for the SGVCOG to have a visible presence in D.C.

J. Fasana also mentioned how the CARB is working with the CTC on air quality issues right now.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

R. Yeung of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) made an announcement to the Committee regarding the Carl Moyer Program. The purpose of this program is to obtain emission reductions from heavy-duty vehicles.

A. San Miguel of SCAG shared a couple of SCAG-related updates and announcements.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.