



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021 – 10:00 AM

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MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the Transportation Committee are held on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM at the Foothill Transit Building (100 S. Vincent Avenue, Suite 200, West Covina, CA 91790).* The Transportation Committee agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 S. Fremont Avenue, Suite 10-210, Alhambra, CA 91803, and on the website, www.sgvcog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Committee.



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***MEETING MODIFICATIONS DUE TO THE STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE THREAT OF COVID-19:** AB 361 (Rivas), signed by California Governor Gavin Newsom on September 16, 2021, authorizes local agencies to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically to promote social distancing due to the state and local emergency resulting from the threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To follow the new provisions in AB 361 and ensure the safety of Committee Members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for December 9, 2021 at 10:00am will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Transportation Committee will conduct its meeting through Zoom Video Communications. To participate in the meeting, download Zoom on any phone or computer device and copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the live meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97465790739>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

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- **Email:** Please submit via email your public comment to SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, at afung@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email “FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.” Emailed public comments will be read into the record and will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Public comment may be summarized in the interest of time, however the full text will be provided to all members of the Committee prior to the meeting.
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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

5 MINUTES

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*)

CONSENT CALENDAR

10 MINUTES

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

5. Adoption of Resolution 21-04-TC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Transportation Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings via Teleconferencing **(Page 1)**
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 21-04-TC making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconference.
6. Review Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes: 11/4/2021 **(Page 3)**
Recommended Action: Review and approve.
7. Review Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes: 11/16/2021 **(Page 6)**
Recommended Action: Review and approve.

ACTION ITEMS

40 MINUTES

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

8. FY 2022-2025 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Programming Recommendations – Alexander Fung, Senior Management Analyst, SGVCOG **(Page 10)**
Recommended Actions:
 - 1) *Recommend the Governing Board to program \$15,000,000.00 from FY 2022-2025 MSP Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funds for the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project.*
 - 2) *Direct staff to work with cities and agencies that submitted applications for Category 2 to refine project scopes that can lead to improvements that would provide regional benefits to the San Gabriel Valley's active transportation, bus system, and first/last mile networks.*
9. Strategic Plan Update – Alexander Fung, Senior Management Analyst, SGVCOG **(Page 13)**
Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction on transportation-related items in the proposed update to the SGVCOG Strategic Plan.

PRESENTATION

30 MINUTES

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

10. Metro Transit Fare Collection Resumption – Drew Phillips, Office of Management and Budget Deputy Executive Officer, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority **(Page 17)**
Recommended Action: For information only.

UPDATE ITEM

5 MINUTES

11. Executive Director's Report

LIAISON REPORTS

15 MINUTES

- 12.** Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Report
- 13.** Foothill Transit Report
- 14.** Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 MINUTES

- 15.** Committee Meeting Schedule
Recommended Action: For information only.

ADJOURN

REPORT

DATE: December 9, 2021

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 21-04-TC MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS TO ENABLE THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 21-04-TC making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.

BACKGROUND

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on February 1, 2021, AB 361 codifies portions of Governor Gavin Newsom's existing Ralph M. Brown Act exemptions pertaining to teleconferencing if a local agency issues an emergency finding, and reissues it every 30 days, that it is unsafe to meet in person. Specifically, the Brown Act exemptions include requirements to provide a public teleconference location, to maintain a member quorum within the agency's jurisdiction and to provide for public comment at each teleconference location, such as a private residence. The legislation expires in December 2024. On September 16, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 361 into law, effective immediately.

A local agency wishing to rely on the provisions of AB 361 must meet one of the following criteria:

1. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
2. The local holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
3. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

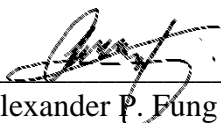
On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.¹

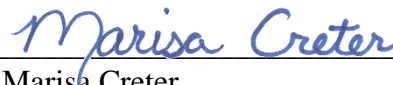
¹ Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.

However, this Executive Order expired on September 30, 2021, despite the State of Emergency remaining in place.

The threat that COVID-19 has presented continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to conduct Governing Board/committee meetings safely in person. Updated guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in July and August 2021 advise governmental entities to refrain from conducting indoor meetings and consider moving operations outdoors, where feasible, to prevent transmission. SGVCOG staff finds it has been unable to find a suitable outdoor space with the requisite audio/visual capabilities at which the monthly committee meetings can be held safely. Similarly, an indoor space with sufficient capacity to accommodate safe social distance practices among members, staff, and the public could not be identified.

In order to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to prevent unnecessary COVID-19 exposure to members, staff and the public, staff is recommending that Transportation Committee adopt Resolution 21-04-TC making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

Prepared by: 
Alexander P. Fung
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – Resolution 21-04-TC](#)



SGVCOG Transportation Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Date: November 4, 2021
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chairperson, Jason Pu, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
SGVCOG Transportation Committee Member, Steven Mateer, led the Transportation Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Alhambra	Adele Andrade-Stadler
Claremont	Ed Reece
Diamond Bar	David Liu
Duarte	Tzeitel Paras-Caracci
Glendora	Steven Mateer
Industry	Cory Moss
La Cañada Flintridge	Keith Eich
Pasadena	Laura Cornejo
Pomona	Tim Sandoval
San Gabriel	Jason Pu
South El Monte	Colby Cataldi
South Pasadena	Diana Mahmud
L.A. County District #1	Martin Reyes
L.A. County District #4	Luke Klipp
L.A. County District #5	Dave Perry

Absent

Monterey Park
Temple City
Walnut

Guests

City of South El Monte	Rodrigo Pelayo
Foothill Transit	Josh Landis
Foothill Transit	Matthew Nakano
Foothill Transit	Yoko Igawa
Foothill Gold Line	Lisa Levy Buch
Metro	Tito Corona
Member of Public	Alexa Sanchez
Member of Public	Hendy Satya

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Executive Director
P. Hubler, Staff
A. Fung, Staff

4. Public Comment
There were no public comments at this meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Adoption of Resolution 21-02-TC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Transportation Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings via Teleconferencing
Action: Adopt Resolution 21-02-TC making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconference.
6. Review Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes: 10/14/2021
Action: Review and approve.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 6-7. (M/S: E. Reece/T. Sandoval)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Claremont, Duarte, Glendora, Industry, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, Pomona, San Gabriel, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #4, L.A. County District #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Diamond Bar, South El Monte, South Pasadena
ABSENT:	Monterey Park, Temple City, Walnut

ACTION ITEM

7. 2022 SGVCOG Transportation Legislative Priorities
SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item.

There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board to adopt the 2022 SGVCOG Transportation Legislative Priorities intended to inform and guide the legislative, policy, and programmatic actions and positions taken by the SGVCOG over the course of the 2022 calendar year. (M/S: T. Sandoval/A. Andrade-Stadler)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Claremont, Duarte, Glendora, Industry, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, Pomona, San Gabriel, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #4, L.A. County District #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Diamond Bar, South El Monte, South Pasadena
ABSENT:	Monterey Park, Temple City, Walnut

PRESENTATION

8. Foothill Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program
Foothill Transit Planning Manager, Josh Landis, provided a presentation on this item.

UPDATE ITEMS

9. San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study Updates
SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided updates on this item.
10. San Gabriel Valley Regional Vehicle of Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Program Study Updates
SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided updates on this item.
11. Executive Director's Report
SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, provided updates on this item.

LIAISON REPORTS

12. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Report
Pomona Mayor/Metro Board Member, Tim Sandoval, provided a report.
13. Foothill Transit Report
Foothill Transit Government Relations Coordinator, Matthew Nakano, provided a report.
14. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Report
SGVCOG Transportation Committee Vice Chair and Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board Member, Ed Reece, provided a report.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. Committee Meeting Schedule
SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided announcements on this item.

ADJOURN

SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chairperson, Jason Pu, adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 5:14pm.



SGVCOG Transportation Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Date: November 16, 2021
Time: 12:30 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chairperson, Jason Pu, called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
SGVCOG Transportation Committee Member, Peter Chan, led the Transportation Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Claremont	Ed Reece
Diamond Bar	David Liu
Glendora	Steven Mateer
Industry	Josh Nelson
Monterey Park	Peter Chan
Pomona	Tim Sandoval
San Gabriel	Jason Pu
South El Monte	Gloria Olmos
South Pasadena	Diana Mahmud
Temple City	Ashley Avery
L.A. County District #4	Luke Klipp
L.A. County District #5	Dave Perry

Absent

Alhambra
Duarte
La Cañada Flintridge
Pasadena
Walnut
L.A. County District #1

Guests

City of Glendora	Vanessa Mikhail
City of South El Monte	Rodrigo Pelayo
David Bohnett Ftn.	Alexander Sarno
Foothill Transit	Doran Barnes
Foothill Transit	John Curley
Foothill Transit	Matthew Nakano
Foothill Transit	Yoko Igawa
Gold Line	Lisa Levy Buch
L.A. County District #5	Sandra Croxton
Metro	Carlos Rico
Metro	Judy Gerhardt
Metro	Nicole Englund
Metro	Tito Corona
Office of Asm. Rubio	Cameron Griffin

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Executive Director
P. Hubler, Staff
E. Shen, Staff
A. Fung, Staff
C. Serrato, Staff

Office of Sen. Rubio Sandra Armenta Lopez
Member of Public Jeff Mendez
Member of Public Mark Reyes

4. Public Comment

Jeff Mendez, resident of Monterey Park, provided a written public comment (Attachment A) to urge the Committee to support sending a positional letter to the Metro Board of Directors supporting the Metro staff recommendation to fund law enforcement services on Metro's transit system.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Adoption of Resolution 21-03-TC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Transportation Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings via Teleconferencing

Action: Adopt Resolution 21-03-TC making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconference.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5. (M/S: G. Olmos/P. Chan)
[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, L.A. County District #4, L.A. County District #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Industry, Pomona
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Duarte, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, Walnut, L.A. County District #1

DISCUSSION ITEM

6. Metro Public Safety Advisory Committee's Recommendation on Metro Law Enforcement Funding

Metro Chief System Security and Law Enforcement Officer, Judy Gerhardt, provided a presentation on this item.

There was a motion to recommend the recommend the Governing Board to authorize the SGVCOG President to submit a letter to the Supervisor Hilda Solis, Chair of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors, supporting the Metro staff recommendation requesting authorization at the December 2, 2021 Board meeting for \$75.2 million needed to fund law enforcement services on Metro's transit system over calendar year 2022. The funding authorization is opposed by the Metro Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), which instead proposes to direct the funding amount to alternatives to traditional law enforcement services. (M/S: D. Mahmud/P. Chan)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Industry, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	Pomona, L.A. County District #4, L.A. County District #5
NO VOTE RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Duarte, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, Walnut, L.A. County District #1

ANNOUNCEMENTS**7. Committee Meeting Schedule**

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided announcements on this item.

ADJOURN

SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chairperson, Jason Pu, adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 1:13pm.

Attachment A

**SGVCOG Transportation Committee Special Meeting
November 16, 2021**

Received Public Comment via E-mail:

I'm Jeff Mendez. Resident of Monterey Park. I'm a registered nurse who uses metro everyday to travel to work. I take the Silver and Red lines everyday.

Getting rid of police like Metro PSAC is suggesting is insane. My co workers and I face harassment and dangerous conditions everyday for the last 2+ Years on metro. There is no police presence and no enforcement of any laws. If I had money for a car I would rather drive. But I have no choice at the moment.

The city of Los Angeles tried to defund police and you see the consequences of crime and murder and mentally unstable people. Don't make Metro worse.

The PSAC IS only a group of millennials with no experience. On this issue. Please listen to the riders. Thank you. Don't defund. We don't need to re imagine public safety. That is a gimmick.

REPORT

DATE: December 9, 2021

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **FY 2022-2025 MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM (MSP) ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION, BUS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, AND FIRST/LAST MILE PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- 1) Recommend the Governing Board to program \$15,000,000.00 from FY 2022-2025 MSP Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funds for the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project¹.
- 2) Direct staff to work with cities and agencies that submitted applications for Category 2 to refine project scopes that can lead to improvements that would provide regional benefits to the San Gabriel Valley's active transportation, bus system, and first/last mile networks.

SUMMARY

Funding application for the FY 2022-2025 MSP active transportation, bus system improvements, and first/last mile projects was recently released to provide eligible cities and agencies an opportunity to apply for funding to support regional transportation projects. This cycle of MSP funds prioritizes multi-jurisdictional corridor projects that can maximize regional transportation benefits. Cities and agencies were able to submit funding applications between September 20, 2021 and October 18, 2021.

Based on the Funding Guidelines (Attachment A) adopted by the Governing Board, the \$22 million in available funding will be divided in two categories of awards, with Category 1 awarding projects for design and construction activities and Category 2 awarding projects for design activities. After reviewing the submitted applications, SGVCOG staff suggested proceeding with the following recommendations:

- Awarding \$15,000,000.00 for the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project in Category 1; and
- Working with cities and agencies that submitted applications for Category 2 to refine project scopes that can lead to improvements that would provide regional benefits to the San Gabriel Valley's active transportation, bus system, and first/last mile networks.

¹ The Governing Board recently made the recommendation to program \$1,000,000.00 from the FY 2022-2025 MSP Highway Efficiency Funds for the Diamond Bar Blvd. SR-60 Eastbound On-ramp Improvement Project.

EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SUSTAINABLE MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS

The East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project includes various active transportation, bus system, and first/last mile improvements in the Cities of Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Glendora, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas near Arrow Highway and the existing and future Gold Line stations in East San Gabriel Valley. Based on the proposed timeline, improvements funded by the \$15 million will be completed by August 2025. Specifically, the proposed \$15 million award would provide funding to support the following:

- Design Activities:
 - Azusa – San Gabriel/Azusa Avenues Complete Streets and First/Last Mile Improvements
 - Claremont – Arrow Highway and First/Last Mile Improvements
 - Covina – Grand Avenue Conceptual Plan and Improvements
 - Glendora – Glendora People Movement Project (First/Last Mile and Urban Trails), Little Dalton, Big Dalton, and San Dimas Washes first/last mile projects
 - La Verne – Pedestrian Bridge and first/last mile projects
 - Pomona – Arrow Highway and first/last mile improvements
 - San Dimas – Conceptual plans for 3 east/west connections
- Construction Activities:
 - Claremont – Arrow Highway and First/Last Mile Improvements
 - Covina – Wayfinding Signages along Grand and Glendora Avenues
 - Glendora – San Dimas and Little Dalton Wash Urban Trail, Glendora Avenue, Foothill Blvd.
 - La Verne – Pedestrian Bridge and first/last mile improvements
 - Pomona – First/last mile improvements

The project scope of East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project also includes elements of other individual MSP funding applications submitted by Pomona, Covina, and Azusa. Additionally, this project has met all of the stated requirements for Category 1 projects, which include demonstrating 20% local funding matches and achieving a minimum of 25% design completion. The Project also was identifiable in at least one participating agency's five-year Capital Improvements Plan and has demonstrated strong evidence of a community-based public participation process and community support. Aside from meeting all of the stated requirements, this project strongly demonstrates a multi-jurisdictional project scope that can achieve regional transportation benefits across the San Gabriel Valley as intended by the funding guidelines. As a result, the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project scored very highly and is recommended for award.

JOINT PROJECT SCOPE DEVELOPMENT

Aside from receiving a funding application for the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project, SGVCOG staff also received funding applications for several competitive single-jurisdictional or subregional projects; however, these projects would not be able to achieve the regional transportation benefits that are as intended by the funding guidelines approved by the Governing Board on their own.


As a result, SGVCOG staff are currently working with these selected applicants to facilitate discussions and support the applicants to develop joint project scopes that can lead to improvements that provide regional benefits to San Gabriel Valley's active transportation, bus system, and first/last mile networks.

Once the selected applicants develop their respective regional project scopes and re-submit their applications, the SGVCOG will review the re-submitted applications and decide whether the joint project scopes should be recommended to receive MSP funding. If recommended for funding, the joint project scopes will also follow the adopted SGVCOG MSP Public Outreach Plan (Attachment B) to allow members of the public and relevant SGVCOG committees to comment prior to being presented to the Governing Board for approval.

Last month, the SGVCOG City Managers' Steering Committee, the SGVCOG Public Works Technical Advisory Committee, and the SGVCOG Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee reviewed this item and voted to recommend the Governing Board to approve the proposed staff recommendations.

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, will provide a presentation at this meeting.

Prepared by: 
Alexander P. Fung
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – FY 2022-2025 MSP Funding Distribution Guidelines](#)

[Attachment B – SGVCOG Measure M MSP Public Outreach Plan \(Resolution 18-11\)](#)

DATE: December 9, 2021

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discuss and provide direction on transportation-related items in the proposed update to the SGVCOG Strategic Plan.

BACKGROUND

The previous comprehensive update to the SGVCOG Strategic Plan was adopted in March 2019. The Strategic Plan serves as a roadmap for the agency and identifies the priorities and actions that the agency undertakes. Since 2019, the SGVCOG has achieved numerous major milestones, including the establishment of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, the securing of additional funds to implement regional homelessness, water, energy, and transportation projects, and the creation of a regional coyote management framework.

As this year concludes, staff proposes to update the Strategic Plan to identify priorities and actions that are more relevant for the agency to undertake to support member agencies. This report provides an overview of the proposed process and various topics for the Governing Board to consider. This report is intended to serve as a briefing document, as there will be a robust input process for all member agencies to guide the SGVCOG Strategic Plan Update.

It is anticipated that a draft of the Strategic Plan Update will be presented at the January 2022 Governing Board meeting for member agencies' feedback.

CURRENT STRATEGIC GOALS

The current strategic plan identifies goals across five different areas as follows:

- **Transportation**
Goal: Secure funding for and ensure the timely implementation of regional priority transportation projects and support regional transportation planning efforts.
- **Homelessness**
Goal: Support member agencies' efforts to implement programs and projects related to homelessness and advocate for resources to address homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley.
- **Water**
Goal: Support regional water resiliency and assist cities in addressing stormwater MS-4 permit requirements, with an emphasis on Measure W implementation and identification of regional solutions.

- **Environment**

Goal: Support environmental efforts in the region, specifically related to energy, open space, and air quality.

- **Member Support & Communications**

Goal: Strengthen Board and partner agency commitment to the SGVCOG and provide leadership on emerging issues.

Over the past two and half years, enormous progress has occurred on all of these goals. Key highlights related to transportation/capital projects are as follows:

- Developed unanimous consensus on the Governing Board to allocate \$126 million in Measure M subregional equity program funds to the Gold Line Foothill Extension to allow the project to be built to Pomona.
- Supported efforts by San Gabriel Valley representatives on the Metro Board of Directors to secure unanimous support for a motion that protects \$635.3M of Measure R funds for transportation projects along the SR-60 corridor.
- Established the San Gabriel Valley Regional Vehicles Miles Travelled (VMT) Model to assist member agencies to comply with SB 743 mandates.
- Approved and supported the I-605 Corridor Aesthetics Master Plan to provide a uniform approach to future highway improvements along the I-605 freeway.
- Initiated the San Gabriel Valley Transit Study to plan for mobility improvement alternatives in lieu of the Eastside Gold Line extension along the SR-60 corridor.
- Developed planning guidelines to distribute and allocate Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) funds.
- Advocated for the award of \$118 million in SB 1 funds for the SR 57/60 Project.
- Secured \$20 million (2021) and \$15 million (2019) in Section 190 state funds for the ACE projects.
- Secured the programming of \$18.851 million in state Prop 1B funds for the Montebello project.
- Secured Metro Board approval of the programming of \$15 million in Prop C funds for the Montebello project
- Testified about the importance of the ACE Project and grade separation funding before the House Rail Subcommittee.
- Secured amendments to a state bill that would otherwise have diverted ACE project funding to short-line railroads.
- Organized the Durfee Avenue project broke ground in May 2019.
- Restarted the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project in fall 2021
- Completed the Diamond Bar Golf Course replacement land acquisition and initiated the improvements on the Golf Course for the SR57/60 Project.

Completed ACE Projects Since 2015 (\$ in Millions)	
Baldwin Ave. (2015)	\$70.400
Nogales St. (Los Angeles County) (2016)	\$120.772
Puente Ave. (2018)	\$95.704
San Gabriel Trench (2018)	\$293.670
SR60 at Lemon Avenue (2019)	*Added to the Fairway Grade Separation Project

Active ACE Projects (\$ in Millions as of Sept. 2021)	
Durfee Ave Grade Sep (in construction)	\$107.8
Fairway Dr Grade Sep (in construction)	\$240.5
Fullerton Rd Grade Sep (in construction)	\$241.0
Pomona AGSI (construction to start in spring 2022)	\$31.5
Montebello Blvd. Grade Sep (in design)	\$189.9
Turnbull Canyon (in design)	\$89.6
Maple Ave Ped Bridge (in design)	\$24.1
Montebello At-Grade Improvements (in design)	\$3.6

PROPOSED UPDATED STRATEGIC GOALS

Staff is recommending some minor modifications to the existing goals (changes are underlined). Specifically, changes to the transportation-related goals are as follows:

- **Transportation**
 - *Goal:* Secure funding for and ensure the timely implementation of regional and local priority transportation projects and support regional transportation planning efforts.
 - *Explanation:* While the SGVCOG historically supports regional priority transportation projects, the Transportation Committee and Capital Projects and Construction Committee have recently emphasized the importance of local priority transportation projects that are crucial in supporting San Gabriel Valley’s regional transportation network.
- **Collaboration**
 - *Goal:* Strengthen Board and partner agency commitment to the SGVCOG and foster leadership on emerging issues.
 - *Explanation:* Originally named as “Member Support and Communication,” staff proposes to rename this Strategic Goal to “Collaboration” to reflect the SGVCOG’s desire to foster innovative regional collaboration efforts and launch projects, programs, and initiatives to address emerging issues.

PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

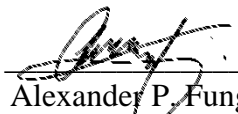
Staff recommends gathering initial input on the proposed revised goals and proposed areas of focus via policy committee presentations and an online survey. This survey was recently shared with all Governing Board members and San Gabriel Valley city managers after the November Governing Board meeting.

Based on the results of the survey, staff will prepare and present a draft revised Strategic Plan at the January Governing Board meeting for a final review. The 2022 Strategic Plan Update is anticipated to be adopted in February 2022. The following timeline provides a summary of the timeline for the proposed Strategic Plan update:

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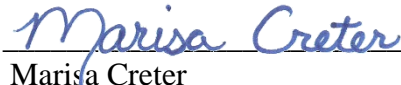
Date	Activity
November 2021	Distribute survey to Governing Board members and San Gabriel Valley city managers to gather input on revised strategic goals.
November 2021 – December 2021	Obtain feedback and recommendations from SGVCOG policy committees.
January 2022	Draft Strategic Plan Update presented at the January Governing Board meeting. Incorporate feedback and develop the final Strategic Plan Update.
February 2022	Present the final Strategic Plan Update for adoption at the February Governing Board meeting.
May 2022	Adopt FY 2022-2023 budget that includes elements and strategic goals outlined in 2022 Strategic Plan Update.

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ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – 2019 SGVCOG Strategic Plan](#)

REPORT

DATE: December 9, 2021

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **METRO TRANSIT FARE COLLECTION RESUMPTION**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

For information only.

BACKGROUND


To keep riders and employees safe, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) suspended front door boarding on buses in March 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Metro also relaxed rules and policies requiring riders to use the farebox and TAP validator.

With vaccinations well underway and mask-wearing policies instilled in Metro's transit system, Metro will resume front-door boarding and restart fare collection beginning January 10, 2022. Bus riders will be required to board at the front of the bus and pay their fares. Additionally, train riders will be required to tap the electronic card reader at turnstiles or down at the station platforms.

To ease riders into paying, the Metro Board of Directors approved several temporary discounts, including a 50% discount on fare charges via passes through July 20, 2022. Metro Low Income Fare is Easy (LIFE) Program members will also receive additional discounts through July 20, 2022. Under a 23-month Fareless Systems Initiative (FSI) Pilot Program that was previously approved by the Metro Board, K-12 and community college students from participating schools and college districts can ride free. Students must activate their new TAP cards to receive free rides under the FSI.

Cities and agencies are encouraged to assist Metro to promote the LIFE Program by sharing information with residents and stakeholders. The LIFE Program's marketing materials can be found on <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ib8to2sjp4yntnv/AACuV29xCLQw14fpfIOWZy0ea?dl=0>.

Metro representatives will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

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