

# SGVCOG Weekly Recap

## Week of May 3, 2021

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the Executive Committee held its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee discussed the results of the LA County survey sent to SGV city managers in early April on their levels of engagement and contracting relationships with each County department. Additionally, the Committee recommended the Governing Board adopt a resolution to reaffirm the SGVCOG's mission statement acknowledging that achieving a high quality of life is connected to efforts that further inclusion and advance equity and justice for individuals of all races, national origins, ethnicities, religious groups, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other backgrounds. The Committee also directed staff to survey all Governing Board/Policy Committee members for a preference on attending future SGVCOG meetings either in-person or virtually. If you are on any SGVCOG Committee/Board, please email Katie Ward (kward@sgvcog) to complete the survey.
- **Homelessness Committee:** On Wednesday, the Homelessness Committee held its May meeting, which included the following items, presentations, and actions.
  - **Introduction to New HI Director:** Cheri Todoroff, the interim executive director of the Homeless Initiative (HI) attended the meeting to introduce herself to the Committee. Ms. Todoroff noted the importance of HI's partnership with cities and Councils of Governments, and highlighted the level of engagement of the San Gabriel Valley cities in combating homelessness. She noted that HI's priorities include prevention, rapid rehousing, and increasing the supply of affordable housing by advocating for state and federal funding to do so.
  - **LAHSA Updates on Project Roomkey (PRK):** Meredith Berkson, Director of Policy and Systems at LAHSA provided the following updates on PRK:
    - The City of LA's PRK extensions in February extended 900 rooms.
    - The County's PRK extensions in March extended 1,000 rooms.
    - The City of LA has now leased 6 new PRK sites comprising approximately 500 rooms, and have 2 additional sites totaling approximately 100 rooms in the pipeline with opening dates scheduled for mid to late May.
    - More than 8,000 COVID-vulnerable people experiencing homelessness have been served in PRK, including 1,260 participants from Service Planning Area (SPA) 3, which encompasses the San Gabriel Valley.
    - 19 sites have now been demobilized, including 5 in SPA 3.
    - 19 sites are currently operational, including 1 in SPA 3 in Monterey Park.
    - Less than 4% of participants from demobilized sites have exited to an unsheltered destination.
    - 647 participants, including 103 in SPA 3, have been placed into permanent housing.
  - **HI Updates on Project Homekey:** Elizabeth Ben-Ishai, Principal Analyst at the Homeless Initiative (HI) provided the following updates on the County's Project Homekey:
    - The County acquired 10 former motels in 2020 and 9 are currently operating as interim housing and 1 as permanent supportive housing (PSH) in the City of Commerce. All 10 sites will become PSH by January 2022 and will include a total of 850 units.
    - In the San Gabriel Valley, there are two County-owned Homekey sites, one in Baldwin Park and one in Hacienda Heights.

- The City of El Monte acquired its own Homekey site and are in the process of opening.
  - **State/Federal Budget and Legislative Updates:** Staff provided an update on the following legislation and state and federal budget requests:
    - SB 15 (Portantino), which was supported by the Governing Board, is intended to incentivize the conversion of vacant commercial properties into affordable or workforce housing by providing grants to cities. The SGVCOG met with Senator Portantino's staff and bill sponsors to request changes to the bill, particularly on shifting the 7-year window of funding eligibility to allow for better participation. Senator Portantino has also asked for multi-year grants rather than the current structure of being subject to yearly appropriation fluctuations.
    - Senator Rubio has requested a \$15 million State budget earmark for the SGVRHT. We would greatly appreciate letters of support to be submitted to [bacevedo@sgvrht.org](mailto:bacevedo@sgvrht.org) by Wednesday, May 12, and thank those cities that have submitted already. Attached is a template letter of support.
    - SGVRHT has also requested a \$10 million federal budget earmark from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annual appropriations. As a first step, Congresswomen Chu and Napolitano have included this in their budget request. The SGVRHT will now submit a similar request to Senator Diane Feinstein and Senator Alex Padilla. We would also appreciate letters of support for this budget request to be submitted to [bacevedo@sgvrht.org](mailto:bacevedo@sgvrht.org). Attached is a template letter of support.
  - **LA Alliance for Human Rights et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.:** On April 20, Judge Carter granted an injunction ordering the City of Los Angeles and the County to offer housing or shelter to all people experiencing homelessness in Skid Row. The order also called for the City of LA to put \$1 billion into an escrow account. Both the City and County have announced that they will be appealing the order. They also sought a stay of the order, which would delay it from going into effect and would freeze the order until the appeal is decided. On April 25, Judge Carter denied the request for a stay of the order to offer housing or shelter but agreed to stay the order targeting the money and instead gave the City 60 days to develop a plan showing how the \$1 billion would be spent.
- **Pomona Valley Metrolink Study Stakeholder Meeting:** On Wednesday, staff attended the Pomona Valley Metrolink Study Stakeholder meeting. The purpose of the study is to understand how Metrolink can better serve the travel markets along the San Bernardino Line with a special focus on the Pomona Valley as the connection point between the San Gabriel Valley in Los Angeles County and the western portion of San Bernardino County and benefit from anticipated and synergistic economic development. The major findings from the study include:
  - Travel patterns of Metrolink riders,
  - Regional market potential for the Metrolink stations in Pomona Valley, and
  - Summary and assessment of station connectivity
 The study is expected to be finalized over the coming weeks.
- **City Managers' Steering Committee:** On Wednesday, the City Managers' Steering Committee held its monthly meeting. The Committee heard an overview presentation on the survey results of the LA County engagement and contracting relationship with each County department. Several surveyed cities reported that they are pleased with the County's quality of service, with concerns mainly centered around the cost of some contracted County services. Additionally, staff provided an update to the Committee on collaboration efforts with SCAG to advocate for various funding sources to assist member

agencies to expand broadband infrastructure. As a part of this collaboration, SCAG recently released a survey to solicit responses from SGVCOG cities with regards to their broadband interests and needs. The broadband survey can be accessed online via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BXXR52C>.

- **San Gabriel Valley City Managers' Briefing with Dr. Ferrer:** On Wednesday, San Gabriel Valley city managers held a briefing with Dr. Ferrer on COVID-19 and reopening updates from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH). Dr. Ferrer reported that Los Angeles County is the first county in Southern California to reach the yellow tier in the COVID-19 Blueprint for a Safer Economy. While more individuals are being vaccinated, DPH continues to recommend social distancing and mask wearing to protect those who are not fully vaccinated in the community. Dr. Ferrer also reported that vaccination rates have decreased and requested cities to continue publicize messaging to encourage residents to be fully vaccinated.



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## Week of May 10, 2021

- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Policy Committee and Water Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) convened its monthly joint meeting via Zoom teleconference. The meeting featured the following presentation and update items:
  - **Maximizing Impact of Minimum Control Measures (MCM) Scientific Study:** Craftwater Engineering presented a scientific study that would provide a robust, scientific approach to track data on municipal MCM efforts, including street sweeping, removing catch basins, and removing trash. Municipalities use MCM programs to comply with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. However, there is limited data on the quantitative impacts of these programs. The Study would aim to begin to quantify and optimize the impacts of these MCM programs and prepare municipalities to comply with upcoming State and Regional Water Board requirements. Committee members expressed support of the study. The SGVCOG intends to submit the study to the Safe, Clean Water Program's Round 3 call for projects.
  - **AB 377 (Rivas):** SGVCOG staff provided an update on the bill, which was opposed by the Governing Board. The bill passed through the Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials on a 5-3 vote, and was sent to the Committee on Appropriations, where it is likely to be considered by May 21. All fiscal bills must pass the Committee on Appropriations by May 21, or they become two-year bills. There was significant discussion on the bill among Committee members at the meeting.
  - **Senate Budget Plan on Drought, Safe Drinking Water, Water Supply Reliability, and Ratepayer Assistance:** On April 29, the State Senate Budget Subcommittee #2 met to consider the Senate Budget Plan on Drought, Safe Drinking Water, Water Supply Reliability, and Ratepayer Assistance. This package will be included in a soon to be introduced Senate Budget Trailer bill to be voted on by the Senate. The plan includes \$3.41 billion in one-time state and federal funds (Federal "American Rescue Plan"), one-time state General Fund, and appropriation of general obligation bonds (Propositions 1 and 68) for the following allocations:
    - Immediate Community Assistance for Water and Drought Relief: \$500 million
    - Emergency Drought Water-Use Efficiency: \$500 million
    - Sustainable Groundwater Management: \$350 million
    - Resilient Water Infrastructure Projects: \$200 million
    - Recycled Water: \$200 million
    - Stormwater Management: \$200 million
    - Protecting Fish & Wildlife from Drought Impacts: \$285 million
    - Water Quality: \$100 million
    - Water Data and Forecast Improvement: \$75 million
    - Helping Ratepayers, Community Water Systems, Wastewater Treatment Works, and Public Utilities Recover from COVID-19 Economic Impacts: \$1 billion
- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Transportation Committee convened via Zoom for its May meeting. The Committee reviewed the following major items:

- **Arrow Highway Multimodal Regional Corridor Plan:** Alta Planning and Design, Inc. Planning Associate, Ryan Johnson, provided a presentation on this item. Supported by the SGVCOG and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the Arrow Highway Multimodal Regional Corridor Plan developed recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian enhancements along Arrow Highway and surrounding streets to improve east-west mobility, safety, and connectivity within the Cities of Claremont, Glendora, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas. Based on community feedback, the Plan recommends that sidewalks, crosswalks, bikeways, lighting, and other new facilities be developed or enhanced to provide safe places for residents and commuters to walk, bike, and roll.
- **Caltrans District 7 Active Transportation Plan:** Caltrans Senior Transportation Planner, Cuong Phu Trinh, provided a presentation on this item. The Caltrans District 7 is currently developing an Active Transportation Plan that will identify locations for pedestrian and bicycle improvements, on, across, or parallel to the State Highway System across the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura. Results of the Plan will inform and assist the implementation of active transportation projects for Los Angeles County and Ventura County residents and improve accessibility and neighborhood circulation for individuals who walk, bike, and use public transit.
- **Metro FY 2022 Budget:** Metro staff provided updates on the Metro FY 2022 Budget Development Process. As Metro staff prepare to conduct public hearings on the proposed budget, preliminary estimates of the agency's \$8 billion proposed budget were recently released. It is anticipated that Metro's funding sources for FY 2022 include sales tax revenues, grants, bond proceeds, fares, toll fees, advertising revenues, and federal stimulus funding. Details of the proposed budget can be found on the Metro website [here](#). The Metro Board of Directors is scheduled to adopt the final FY 2022 Budget at its upcoming meeting on May 27, 2021.

The Transportation Committee is expected to reconvene on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 4:00pm.

- **Governing Board Preview:** The SGVCOG Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 4PM via Zoom Teleconference. The full agenda packet may be accessed at: <https://www.sgvco.org/governing-board-agenda>. Major Action items are summarized below:
  - **FY 21-22 Budget:** At last month's Governing Board meeting, SGVCOG Staff gave an overview presentation of the FY 21-22 budget. Staff is recommending the Governing Board adopt Resolution 21-25 approving the FY 2021-2022 SGVCOG budget.
  - **Support SB 343 (Allen):** SB 343 would declare that it is the public policy of California that claims related to the recyclability of a plastic product be truthful and require the CalRecycle to update certain regulations to include the types and forms of plastic products and packaging for which a claim of recyclability may be made. The SGVCOG EENR Committee reviewed SB 343 and voted to recommend the Governing Board support SB 343.
  - **Support in Concept SB 619 (Laird):** SB 619 would provide additional flexibility and time for local jurisdictions to comply with existing SB 1383 mandates. Until January 1, 2023, SB 619 would require CalRecycle to only impose a penalty on a local jurisdiction if the local jurisdiction did not make a reasonable effort to comply with SB 1383 regulations. Understanding the need for local jurisdictions to have the additional flexibility and time to comply with SB 1383 mandates and acknowledging that SB 619 may be amended again in the near future, the EENR Committee voted to recommend the Governing Board support SB 619 in concept.

- **Oppose AB 1401 (Friedman):** AB 1401 would prohibit a local government from imposing a minimum automobile parking requirement, or enforcing a minimum automobile parking requirement, on residential, commercial, or other development if the development is located on a parcel that is within ½ mile walking distance of public transit. The SGVCOG Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed AB 1401 and expressed concerns regarding the possibility of this bill providing developers and transit agencies the power to determine parking requirements. The Planning Directors' TAC voted to recommend the Governing Board to oppose AB 1401.
- **Contract Award for San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study:** In February 2020, the Metro Board of Directors authorized the SGVCOG to undertake the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study to examine short-term and long-term transit mobility options for the San Gabriel Valley. In November 2020, SGVCOG staff issued an RFP for the technical analyses associated with the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study. After a competitive evaluation by a Technical Evaluation Committee with representatives of Foothill Transit, Los Angeles County Public Works, Metro, Metrolink, and SGVCOG, Kimley-Horn was unanimously selected based on its project understanding and proposed approaches. Staff is recommending the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Kimley-Horn to conduct technical analyses for the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study in the not-to-exceed amount of \$998,989.69.
- **Addendum No. 3 to Master Funding Agreement with Metro:** In June 2013, the ACE Construction Authority Board authorized the then-Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Master Funding Agreement with Metro to receive up to \$358 million in Measure R Funds for the ACE projects over six fiscal years commencing in FY2013. Addendum No. 1 for \$93 million in FY 2013-2015 was fully executed on August 5, 2013 and Addendum No. 2 for \$159 million was fully executed on March 20, 2018. Addendum No. 3 to the Master Funding Agreement outlines the Metro Board's authorization at its March 2021 meeting to reprogram a portion of the remaining balance of Metro's Measure R contribution towards the ACE Projects and make available an additional \$30.5 million in FY 2021-2024.
- **Resolution to Reaffirm SGVCOG Mission Statement:** At the April Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board adopted Resolution 21-22 condemning racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against individuals of all ethnicities, races, national origins, and backgrounds, including Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. As a follow-up to adopting this resolution, the SGVCOG is committed to efforts that further supports all residents in the San Gabriel Valley. As a result, the SGVCOG Executive Committee reviewed and recommended the Governing Board adopt a resolution that reaffirms the SGVCOG's mission statement to improve the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley by emphasizing that quality of life is connected to efforts that further inclusion and advance equity and justice for individuals of all races, national origins, ethnicities, religious groups, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other backgrounds.
- **Los Angeles County Coordination Survey Results:** At the recommendation of the Governing Board, SGVCOG staff solicited member agencies' input on the engagement and coordination efforts between the County of Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley cities. The survey asked respondents to provide their levels of engagement and contracting relationships with each County department, as well as share specific concerns and comments regarding their relationships with the County. Several surveyed cities reported that they are pleased with the County's

quality of service, with concerns mainly centered around the cost of some contracted County services.

- **FY 21-22 SGVCOG Board Officer Appointments:** In March 2021, notifications to all Governing Board Delegates and Alternates were sent for the opportunity to serve as a SGVCOG Board Officer. The following nominations were received by the nomination deadline:
  - President: Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)
  - 1st Vice President: Tim Hepburn (La Verne)
  - 2nd Vice President: Ed Reece (Claremont)
  - 3rd Vice President: April Verlato (Arcadia)

Given that there was only one nomination received for each of the Officer positions, these candidates are being presented to the Board for appointment to their respective offices with an effective date of office beginning July 1, 2021.

- **SGVCOG FY 2019-2020 Financial Audit:** The SGVCOG's auditors Vasquez & Company LLP will provide a presentation of the annual audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.
- **Upcoming American Rescue Plan and City Improvements Webinar:** The SGVCOG is excited to partner with the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP) to host the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and City Improvements Webinar on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 11:00am. Speakers will be sharing their cities' plans for utilizing ARP funds to support fiscal recovery efforts. Additionally, this webinar will showcase downtown and neighborhood improvement programs, such as the "permanent or not?" outdoor dining districts and the "Slow Streets" efforts to provide outdoor recreation. Speakers will also share their cities' plans to remove such improvements or allow them to remain in place after the pandemic. Interested individuals can RSVP for the webinar [here](#).



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## Week of May 17, 2021

- **Section 190 Awards:** Earlier this week, the SGVCOG's Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project was awarded \$15 million over the next three fiscal years from the Section 190 Grade Separation Program. The SGVCOG's Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project was also awarded \$5 million in this fiscal year. Official announcement from the State will soon be available and award agreements are forthcoming.
  - **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Public Works Technical Advisory Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee reviewed the following major items:
    - **SB 1 Local Streets and Roads Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Requirement:** SB 1 (Beall, 2017) requires cities to maintain their existing commitment of local funds for streets, roads, and highways comparable to FY 2009-2012 in order to receive their annual shares of SB 1 funds. In July 2020, the SGVCOG sent a letter urging Governor Newsom and the San Gabriel Valley State Legislative Delegation to suspend the MOE commitment due to the impact on general fund revenues of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The California Transportation Commission's (CTC) proposed budget trailer bill requires the Controller to suspend MOE for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 in proportion to declines in taxable sales within the city or county. Cities and counties may also petition the Controller to use transient occupancy tax, in lieu of sales tax, to calculate the adjustment.
    - **SCAG Broadband Efforts:** As the State and local jurisdictions work towards rapid broadband development, the SCAG Regional Council recently adopted Resolution 21-629-2 to recognize the need to bridge the digital divide and direct SCAG staff to develop a Broadband Action Plan. Key objectives for SCAG's Broadband Initiative include but are not limited to the following:
      - Conduct mapping analysis to determine opportunity zones for broadband implementation;
      - Pursue grant funding opportunities and seek partnerships to assist local jurisdictions with broadband implementation;
      - Convene a working group (or build upon existing working groups) which would allow SCAG, local jurisdictions, broadband providers, and stakeholders to discuss strategies and solutions for broadband development;
      - Assist in developing a streamlined permit or permit process to expedite deployment, lower fees to a reasonable level, and reduce the cost of entry and operation of broadband systems within underserved communities; and,
      - Incorporate broadband planning, data and research findings, and strategies, as appropriate, into existing SCAG planning programs, as needed.
- The SGVCOG is also currently partnering with SCAG and other stakeholders to advocate for state and federal funding to support broadband expansion efforts.
- **Draft Statewide Sanitary Sewer Systems Order Reissuance:** Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Wastewater Collection Systems Division Engineer, Andre Schmidt, provided a presentation on the draft Statewide Sanitary Sewer Systems Order, which defines waste discharge requirements for sanitary sewer systems. The State Water Board issued an [informal staff draft](#) of the new Order in February 2021. The 2021 staff draft includes several notable changes from the

2006 Order, including expanding the definition of a sewage “spill”, increasing spill reporting requirements, requiring reporting of spills from privately-owned systems or sewer laterals, and dramatically increasing the requirements for agencies’ Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP).

The SGVCOG Public Works Technical Advisory Committee is expected to reconvene on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 12:00pm.

- **San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Special Meeting:** On Monday the SGVRHT held a special meeting to discuss SB 679 (Kamlager). The bill would establish the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSAs), a new countywide agency focused on financing and funding the production and preservation of affordable housing and funding and implementing renter protection programs. The bill would authorize the agency to place funding measures on the ballot in Los Angeles County to fund affordable housing projects, preserve and enhance existing housing, fund renter protection programs, and finance new construction of housing developments. The bill is sponsored by the United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

The SGVRHT Board of Directors adopted a resolution opposing the bill unless amended to include the following:

1. A direct transfer of the funding allocated to the San Gabriel Valley to the SGVRHT to be administered at its sole discretion, in accordance with the priorities of the LACAHSAs.
2. Increased formula funding allocated for direct programs and projects.
3. Reduction in the percentage of funding allowed for administration.
4. Funding caps for consultants and outside travel expenses.
5. Adequate geographic representation, with increased representation for the San Gabriel Valley on the Board of Directors.
6. Increased flexibility in the approach to meet income affordability targets by eliminating specific project-by-project affordability goals.
7. Strengthened accountability and transparency.
8. Authorization of funding sources that do not increase the cost of housing.

On Thursday, the Bill passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The SGVRHT has received verbal commitment from the bill's sponsor to include direct funding for the SGVRHT in an updated version of the bill. We look forward to reviewing the amended bill language next week.

- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee reviewed the following major items:
  - **2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Progress Updates:** Earlier this year, the SGVCOG launched the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards to encourage San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies to implement energy efficiency actions and engage in long-term energy planning activities. Requirements for cities and agencies to receive an award include implementing a combination of activities, such as attending energy efficiency trainings and meetings, benchmarking municipal facilities, and conducting energy efficiency outreach activities. The Energy Champion Awards’ most recent progress report can be found on the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership website [here](#).
  - **AB 1201 (Ting):** Introduced by Assemblymember Phil Ting (D-San Francisco) on February 18, 2021, AB 1201 would prohibit an individual from selling a plastic product that is labeled with the terms “compostable,” “home compostable,” or “soil biodegradable” unless the product meets specified standards and satisfies

specified criteria. The Committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to support AB 1201 (Ting).

- **SB 289 (Newman):** SB 289 was introduced by Senator Josh Newman (D-Fullerton) to establish a proper collection mechanism to reduce incidents of fires and illegal dumping of unwanted batteries, increase recycling, and substantially reduce local government costs for the end-of-life management of discarded batteries and battery-embedded products. After a thorough discussion, the Committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to support SB 289 (Newman).
- **Revised RPOSD Reimbursement Guidelines:** The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) is responsible for implementing and administering the Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure of 2016, commonly known as Measure A. Recently, the District updated the Measure A Grants Administration Manual (GAM), which include specific revisions that will be implemented commencing July 1, 2021. The revised edition of the GAM can be found [here](#).
- **Reopening Procedures and Recommendations from DPH:** Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) representatives provided a presentation on reopening procedures and recommendations. DPH recently updated the Health Office Order on May 14, 2021 as Los Angeles County entered the least restrictive tier of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy Framework. As certain activities are allowed to resume, DPH continues to urge residents to adhere to precautions and receive vaccinations. Vaccinations are widely available to those 12 years and older, but most individuals are still not fully vaccinated and remain susceptible to infections. It is vitally important to vaccinate as many residents as soon as possible given that the virus variants' impacts remain largely unknown. Neighboring states, including Oregon, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona, are experiencing a recent increase in cases and hospitalization rates.

The SGVCOG EENR Committee is expected to reconvene on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 1:00pm.

- **Solid Waste Working Group:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Solid Waste Working Group convened via Zoom to review California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) Model Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction Ordinance and SoCalGas' SB 1383 involvements. Working Group members also discussed the League of California Cities' request for the State to allocate \$225 million from the General Fund to support cities and counties with developing and implementing organic waste recycling programs as required by SB 1383. The Working Group is expected to reconvene in June to discuss the possibility of developing a regional food recovery program in the San Gabriel Valley.
- **Governing Board Recap:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Governing Board convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. Members of the Governing Board reviewed and voted on the following major items:
  - **FY 21-22 Budget:** Members of the Governing Board voted to adopt Resolution 21-25 to approve the FY 2021-2022 SGVCOG budget.
  - **SB 343 (Allen):** As recommended by the EENR Committee, members of the Governing Board voted to adopt Resolution 21-27 to support SB 343 (Allen). SB 343 would declare that it is the public policy of California that claims related to the recyclability of a plastic product be truthful and that consumers deserve accurate and useful information related to properly handling the end of life of a plastic product.
  - **SB 619 (Laird):** At the recommendation of the EENR Committee, the Governing Board voted to adopt Resolution 21-28 to support SB 619 in concept. SB 619 would

- provide additional flexibility and time for local jurisdictions to comply with existing SB 1383 mandates.
- **AB 1401 (Friedman):** As recommended by the SGVCOG Planning Directors' TAC, the Governing Board voted to adopt Resolution 21-29 to oppose AB 1401 (Friedman). AB 1401 would prohibit a local government from imposing a minimum automobile parking requirement, or enforcing a minimum automobile parking requirement, on residential, commercial, or other development if the development is located on a parcel that is within ½ mile walking distance of public transit.
  - **Contract Award for San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study:** The Governing Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Kimley-Horn to conduct technical analyses for the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study in the not-to-exceed amount of \$998,989.69. In February 2020, the Metro Board of Directors authorized the SGVCOG to undertake the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study to examine short-term and long-term transit mobility options for the San Gabriel Valley.
  - **Addendum No. 3 to Master Funding Agreement with Metro:** Members of the Governing Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to execute Addendum No. 3 to the Master Funding Agreement 8002R with Metro to receive \$30.5 million for the ACE projects. In June 2013, the ACE Construction Authority Board authorized the then-Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Master Funding Agreement with Metro to receive up to \$358 million in Measure R Funds for the ACE projects over six fiscal years commencing in FY2013. Addendum No. 3 to the Master Funding Agreement outlines the Metro Board's authorization at its March 2021 meeting to reprogram a portion of the remaining balance of Metro's Measure R contribution towards the ACE Projects and make available an additional \$30.5 million in FY 2021-2024.
  - **Resolution to Reaffirm SGVCOG Mission Statement:** At the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Governing Board voted to approve Resolution 21-30 to reaffirm the SGVCOG's mission statement. The resolution reaffirms the SGVCOG's mission statement to improve the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley by emphasizing that quality of life is connected to efforts that further inclusion and advance equity and justice for individuals of all races, national origins, ethnicities, religious groups, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other backgrounds.
  - **FY 21-22 SGVCOG Board Officer Appointments:** Members of the Governing Board voted to appoint the following SGVCOG Officers for FY 21-22 effective July 1, 2021:
    - President: Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)
    - 1st Vice President: Tim Hepburn (La Verne)
    - 2nd Vice President: Ed Reece (Claremont)
    - 3rd Vice President: April Verlato (Arcadia)
  - **SGVCOG FY 2019-2020 Financial Audit:** The Governing Board received a presentation from the SGVCOG's auditors Vasquez & Company LLP on the annual audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.
  - **LAHSA White Paper on Governance:** In late 2020, the SGVCOG convened a working group of staff from approximately 12 cities to discuss recommendations for improving the governance structure of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The White Paper outlined several issues within the existing governance structure, including a lack of collaborative relationship with smaller cities, a lack of funding for locally-based and supported initiatives and programs, and poor communication and lack of transparency. To address these problems, the white paper proposes potential solutions including increasing

representation for smaller cities within the current system and providing more autonomy within the current system, as well as leaving the door open to pursue independent control of homelessness funds if these strategies are unsuccessful at sufficiently resolving the stated concerns. The Governing Board approved the LAHSA White Paper at its January 2021 meeting. Seven San Gabriel Valley cities have also adopted the white paper (attached), and staff encourages additional cities to adopt the white paper in support of these efforts. In addition, the SGVCOG continues to engage in existing County efforts to improve the coordination in homeless services in the County, including the [Committee for Greater LA's proposal](#) to form a new and independent entity to align the community-wide commitment to addressing homelessness in Los Angeles resulting in greater accountability and the County of Los Angeles' and LAHSA's ongoing discussions about how to improve LAHSA and its governance. SGVCOG staff will keep the its member agencies apprised of these efforts.



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## Week of May 24, 2021

- **Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee approved staff's recommendation to issue Annual Task Orders and Amendments for 13 professional services to support ongoing construction projects. The Task Order approved for Lee Andrews Group includes public outreach services for the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project, Maple Avenue Pedestrian Bridge Project, and Greenwood and Vail Avenues Safety Improvements Projects. The Committee also approved a Task Order for Anser Advisory to provide construction management services for the 57/60 Diamond Bar Golf Course Project. Another Task Order was approved with RailPros for design support during construction services for the Pomona At-Grade Safety Improvement Project. Additionally, staff announced that the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project was recently awarded a total of \$15 million over the next three fiscal years from the Section 190 Grade Separation Program. The Turnbull Canyon Grade Separation Project was awarded \$5 million in this fiscal year. The Committee is scheduled to reconvene on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 12:00pm.
- **Planners TAC:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee reviewed the following major items:
  - **AB 787 (Gabriel):** Existing law requires the planning agency of a city or county to provide an annual report that includes specific information by April 1st of each year to specified entities, including the California Department of Housing and Community Development. This report includes the progress in meeting the city's or county's share of regional housing needs and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing. AB 787, introduced by Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel (D-Calabasas), would authorize a planning agency to include in its annual report the number of units in an existing multifamily building that were converted to deed-restricted rental housing for very low-, low-, or moderate-income households by the imposition of affordability covenants and restrictions for the unit.
  - **Affordable Housing Collaborations with Churches and Religious Institutions:** Representatives from the Arroyo Group provided a presentation on this item. Congregations and religious institutions have a unique opportunity to provide affordable housing services and support for individuals experiencing homelessness, as many congregations already provide meals, services, and outreach ministries to these individuals. Congregations with excess built space can be adapted into various forms of housing units. Examples are educational buildings and social halls that have been leased to external groups in the past, with income used for church operations. Additionally, some congregations own single-family homes or parsonages that can add an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) to provide additional housing units. Congregations can also modify their single-family homes for a shared housing model that can be used for rapid re-housing and transitional housing services. Given that zoning laws in many cities do not allow religious congregations to build housing on their land, such laws would need to be amended to allow churches to build affordable housing.
  - **Caltrans District 7 Active Transportation Plan:** Caltrans Senior Transportation Planner, Cuong Trinh, provided a presentation on this item. Caltrans District 7 is

currently developing an Active Transportation Plan that will identify locations for pedestrian and bicycle improvements on, across, or parallel to the State Highway System across the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura. Results of the Plan will inform and assist the implementation of active transportation projects for Los Angeles County and Ventura County residents and improve accessibility and neighborhood circulation for individuals who walk, bike, and use public transit.

The Committee is scheduled to reconvene on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 12:00pm.

- **CTF Transportation Awards:** On Thursday, the California Transportation Foundation (CTF) held its 32nd Transportation Awards Ceremony to highlight exceptional transportation programs, organizations, projects, and individuals. The Awards recognized the SGVCOG's Regional Vehicle of Miles Travelled (VMT) Analysis Tool as a finalist for the category of "Sustainable/Environmental Enhancement Program of the Year." The Regional VMT Analysis Tool, which can be accessed [here](#), was developed to allow city staff and developers of participating cities to easily and effectively determine if a proposed development project would require a full VMT analysis based on each city's adopted CEQA criteria. Additionally, the Awards honored Former Duarte City Councilmember and Metro Board Member, John Fasana, as the Elected Official of the Year. Additional details of the CTF Transportation Awards can be found [here](#).
- **Homelessness Working Group:** On Thursday, the Homelessness Working Group met via Zoom teleconference. The meeting featured the following presentations and updates:
  - **LeaseUp:** PATH presented on LeaseUp, the County-wide program to engage and incentivize private market landlords to rent to people experiencing homelessness. The program offers landlords reliable rent and protection, including holding fees to minimize loss while finding renters, dependable monthly income, protection against damages of up to \$10,000, and vacancy loss funds if a match doesn't work out or a tenant moves on. The program also provides a support team for landlords and works with case managers who regularly check in on-site with tenants. More information on the program can be found at [leaseupla.org](http://leaseupla.org).
  - **San Gabriel Valley Landlord Incentive Program (SGVLIP):** The SGV Landlord Incentive Program (SGVLIP) also provides holding fees, vacancy loss funds, and other incentives for San Gabriel Valley landlords to encourage them to rent to people experiencing homelessness. While the SGVLIP is a separate program from LeaseUp, the two programs are working together to bring more potential units to the San Gabriel Valley. We've launched a program website, [landlordincentives.org](http://landlordincentives.org), which we encourage cities to post on their websites. SGA will soon complete a communications toolkit for cities to help recruit landlords into the program. Enrolled landlords will work with Union Station to receive these financial incentives.
  - **LAHSA Reform White Paper:** We encourage cities to adopt the white paper to build strong regional support. To date, we have confirmed that 8 cities have adopted the white paper: Arcadia, Baldwin Park, Duarte, La Verne, Monterey Park, Monrovia, South El Monte, and South Pasadena. Please let me know if your city has or is planning to adopt.
  - **FY 21-22 Measure H Funding Recommendations:** The County of Los Angeles is moving forward with the FY 21-22 Measure H Funding Recommendations, and the Board of Supervisors is expected to vote on the recommendations at its July 6, 2021, meeting. The funding recommendations include \$15 million to the County's council of governments to allow COGs and cities to implement programs. We would greatly appreciate letters of support, and will soon distribute a template letter of support to submit as public comment to the meeting. Following approval of the recommendations, the SGVCOG will begin its engagement with cities to

develop funding priorities for COG funds. The funding plan will be presented to the SGVCOG's Homelessness Committee and Governing Board in the fall. In addition, the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative (HI) has allowed cities with existing implementation funds from the County that have a funding gap to request bridge funding until the end of the year. The Board of Supervisors is also expected to consider approval of that bridge funding at its July 6, 2021, meeting.

- **LyftUp Community Grants:** Lyft offers grants to nonprofits in the form of Lyft ride credits between \$1,000 to \$3,000. To be eligible, an organization must be a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit. The application must outline the role transportation plays in the nonprofit's mission/operations and must outline an impactful usage for the Lyft credits. We recommend cities encourage any partner nonprofits to apply, particularly those that could use credits to provide people experiencing homelessness with transportation to services. Application link can be found [here](#).



# SGVCOG Weekly Recap

## Week of May 31, 2021

- **Homelessness Committee:** On Wednesday, the Homelessness Committee met via Zoom teleconference. The meeting featured the following presentations and updates:
  - **We're Not Giving Up: A Plan for Homelessness Governance:** Dr. Raphael Sonenshein, Executive Director of the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at Cal State LA presented on this recently-released report in which he calls for a new, independent entity with greater accountability to address homelessness in LA County. The SGVCOG White Paper on LASHA governance reform is cited in the report, and Dr. Sonenshein noted the importance of the paper in informing his work. The report identifies the primary problem of LA County homelessness governance as the "absence of a center, a magnetic force that can draw our disparate best efforts to a common mission." The report proposes a new entity, referred to as "The Center." The Center would develop a County-wide unified strategy to advance measurable outcomes and regularly communicate the results of those outcomes to stakeholders, people experiencing homelessness, and the public. The Center would include a Governing Board of seven members, including the Mayor of Los Angeles and Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the CEO of The Center, a State representative, designated by the Governor, the chair of Oversight Board, and two representatives for other municipalities in Los Angeles County. The Center would also include a 15-20 member Oversight Board featuring representatives from philanthropy, business, labor, public schools, those with lived experience, university and government researchers, and civic, provider, and faith-based organizations. Next steps include presentations to the LA City Council and the LA County Board of Supervisors, and acquiring funding to launch the organization. The full report can be found here: <https://nogoingback.la/were-not-giving-up/>.
  - **State and County Homeless Funds:** The Homelessness Committee voted to recommend the Governing Board add the Tiny Home Shelter Pilot Program to the SGVCOG Pilot Programs and allocate \$150,000 in excess funding from the Green Path Careers (GPC) Pilot Program to the Tiny Home Shelter Pilot Program, shifting funds within the Pilot Programs category. This funding will ensure that funding gaps do not delay the launch of the tiny home sites in Fall 2021. This re-allocation will have no impact on the GPC Program, as the COG's LA County partners have identified additional funding to continue the program through the end of 2021 and beyond. SGVCOG staff will continue to work with GPC Program participating cities and County partners to recruit San Gabriel Valley participants into the program.
  - **Green Path Careers (GPC) Program:** Staff from the LA County Internal Services Department's Environmental Initiatives Program presented on the GPC Program, which provides transition age youth (TAY) who are exiting the foster care system with training and job-application assistance to enter the high-growth energy efficiency field. GPC launched in December 2020 with an initial cohort of ten participants. Of this cohort, three participants completed the energy audit training with two passing the exam. Those two participants will now receive a paid work experience, on-the-job training, and application, interview, and career planning assistance. A second cohort of 25 students will begin in July 2021. If your City would like to assist in recruiting TAY into the program, please contact Katie Ward at [kward@sgvcog.org](mailto:kward@sgvcog.org).

- **State Budget and Legislative Updates:** Staff provided an update on the Governor's May Revise budget, which would invest \$11.87 billion in combating homelessness. This includes the following:
  - \$7 billion for Project Homekey;
  - \$1 billion for the CalWORKS housing support program;
  - \$560 million to address family homelessness;
  - \$25 million to address veteran homelessness.

The May Revise also makes investments to address housing affordability, including accessory dwelling unit (ADU) financing, regional planning grants, funds to preserve affordable units, and funds to promote homeownership. There was also an update on SB 679 which would create the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency.

- **SGVRHT Board Meeting:** On Wednesday, the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Board held its meeting. The Board approved eight strategic priorities and directed staff to develop an implementation plan and initiate work on near term priorities. The priorities were the result of the strategic planning process which included a San Gabriel Valley housing needs assessment, stakeholder and member feedback, housing trust best practices review, and development of a funding strategy. The strategic priorities are as follows:

Near term strategic priorities

1. Develop a 501c3 entity; hire a consultant to pursue corporate giving
2. Explore co-lending opportunities with existing CDFI
3. Explore bond revenue fee sharing opportunities with LACDA
4. Collaborate with nonprofits as fiscal sponsor to secure donations
5. Increase leveraging for LHTF program including land match and pass-through City funds

Longer term strategic priorities

6. Establish a revolving loan fund for predevelopment loans
7. Establish first time homebuyer program
8. Hire part-time in-house fundraising staff

- **City Managers:** On Wednesday, the City Managers' Steering Committee met virtually via Zoom. The Committee approved the following FY 21-22 appointments to serve on the Committee:
  - Chair: Marcella Marlowe (San Marino)
  - Vice-Chair: Jessica Binnquist (Alhambra)
  - Northeast: Adam Raymond (Glendora), Sergio Gonzalez (Azusa)
  - Southeast: Dan Fox (Diamond Bar)
  - Central: Gloria Molleda (Rosemead), Rachel Barbosa (South El Monte)
  - Southwest: Rene Bobadilla (Montebello), Mark Lazzaretto (San Gabriel)
  - Northwest: Mark Alexander (La Canada Flintridge), Kevin Kearney (Bradbury)
  - At-Large: Ron Bow (Monterey Park), Bryan Cook (Temple City), Dominic Lazzaretto (Arcadia), Chris Constantin (San Dimas)

Welcome to all the new and returning members on the Committee! Additionally, the Committee also received a presentation on the SGVCOG's Regional Food Recovery Program efforts.

- **SGVCOG Fire Study Approved at Safe Clean Water Watershed Area Committees:** For the past few weeks, the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) and Rio Hondo Watershed

Area Steering Committees (WASC) met to confirm their final Stormwater Investment Plans (SIP). The SGVCOG, on behalf of the ULAR Watershed Management Group, submitted a scientific study to examine the water quality impact of fires to the Safe Clean Water (SCW) Program for both the ULAR and Rio Hondo WASCs. The Rio Hondo WASC approved to include the SGVCOG's fire study on May 18 for the final SIP, with the ULAR WASC approving inclusion to the SIP of the SGVCOG's study on June 2. The SIPs will now be considered by the Regional Oversight Committee in mid-June. For more information on the study visit the following link: [Fire Effect Study](#).

- **Brown Act Meeting Updates:** In May, the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties, along with 8 other major regional entities, submitted a letter to Governor Newsom requesting assistance for local governing entities in preparing for the eventual repeal of COVID-related Executive Orders, including those that allow local legislative entities to hold public meetings remotely and virtually. On Wednesday, the Governor's Office responded with a reassurance that the Executive Order Provision will not terminate on June 15th when the Blueprint for a Safer Economy is scheduled to terminate. The letter, which can be found in Attachment A, states that the Governor's Office will work to provide notice to affected stakeholders in advance of rescission of this provision to provide state and local agencies time to meet statutory and logistical requirements. Until a revised order is released, all legislative bodies may continue to rely on Executive Order N-29-20, which authorizes the local legislative bodies 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.
- **Upcoming American Rescue Plan and City Improvements Webinar:** The SGVCOG is excited to partner with the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP) to host the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and City Improvements Webinar next Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 11:00am. Speakers will be sharing their cities' plans for utilizing ARP funds to support fiscal recovery efforts. Additionally, this webinar will showcase downtown and neighborhood improvement programs, such as the "permanent or not?" outdoor dining districts and the "Slow Streets" efforts to provide outdoor recreation. Speakers will also share their cities' plans to remove such improvements or allow them to remain in place after the pandemic. Interested individuals can RSVP for the webinar [here](#).
- **Upcoming Active Transportation Twitterchat:** SGVCOG staff will be hosting a Twitterchat event with several cities and agencies next Monday, June 7th at 12:00pm to discuss active transportation and first/last mile planning efforts. The goal of the event is to help residents and stakeholders understand the importance of active transportation in the San Gabriel Valley. Cities are welcome to join the discussion by following #LinkingSGV during the scheduled Twitterchat. Additionally, cities are recommended to follow us on Twitter at [@SGVCOG](#) to receive updates and event notices around the San Gabriel Valley.



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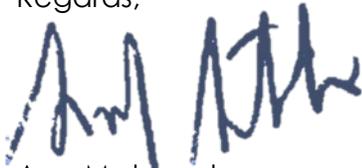
Dear Mr. Knaus, Ms. Miller, Ms. Hurst, Ms. Preston, Ms. Heaton, Ms. King, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Blacet-Hyden, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Anderson, and colleagues,

Thank you for your correspondence of May 18, 2021, inquiring what impact the anticipated June 15 termination of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy will have on Executive Order N-29-20, which provided flexibility to state and local agencies and boards to conduct their business through virtual public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please be assured that this Executive Order Provision will not terminate on June 15 when the Blueprint is scheduled to terminate. While the Governor intends to terminate COVID-19 executive orders at the earliest possible date at which conditions warrant, consistent with the Emergency Services Act, the Governor recognizes the importance of an orderly return to the ordinary conduct of public meetings of state and local agencies and boards. To this end, the Governor's office will work to provide notice to affected stakeholders in advance of rescission of this provision to provide state and local agencies and boards time necessary to meet statutory and logistical requirements. Until a further order issues, all entities may continue to rely on N-29-20.

We appreciate your partnership throughout the pandemic.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ana Matosantos', written in a cursive style.

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