



SGVCOG Planning Directors' TAC Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: February 25, 2021
Time: 12:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
C. Hensley called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.
2. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Azusa	M. Munoz
Baldwin Park	R. Garcia
Claremont	B. Johnson
Covina	B. Lee
Duarte	C. Hensley, J. Golding
El Monte	J. Mikaelian
Irwindale	M. Simpson
La Verne	E. Scherer
Monrovia	J. Mayer, S. Bermejo
Pasadena	D. Sanchez
Pomona	A. Gutierrez, V. Tam
Rosemead	L. Valenzuela
San Dimas	A. Garcia
San Gabriel	M. Chang, S. Tewasart, A. Alvarado
Sierra Madre	V. Gonzalez
South El Monte	I. McAleese
South Pasadena	J. Hankamer
L.A. County DRP	J. Drevno, M. Kim

Absent

Alhambra
Arcadia
Diamond Bar
Glendora
Temple City

Guests

None

SGVCOG Staff

E. Shen, Staff
A. Fung, Staff

3. Public Comment
There were no public comments at this meeting.
4. Changes to Agenda Order
There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Review Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes: 01/28/2021
Action: Review and approve.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5. (M/S: S. Tewasart/E. Scherer)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Baldwin Park, Claremont, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Irwindale, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, L.A. County DRP
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Azusa, South Pasadena
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Temple City

UPDATE ITEM

6. Metro Active Transportation (MAT) Program Cycle 1 Award Recommendation Updates
 SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided an update on this item. Through this program, Metro awarded \$6,366,225 for the City of Monterey Park to implement a bikeway project that will connect the existing Riggin Street bike lane to the future bike lanes on First Street in East Los Angeles. The 5.3-mile bikeway will cross through Rosemead, South San Gabriel, Montebello, and Monterey Park. The program also awarded \$6,056,160 for the City of South Pasadena to eliminate existing and potential conflict areas on North Fremont Avenue between Alhambra Road and Columbia Street and on Huntington Drive between Alhambra Road and Atlantic Boulevard.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A. Garcia inquired about the MAT Program’s upcoming call-for-projects timeline. Mr. Fung responded that it is anticipated that Metro will release the second round of call-for-projects for the MAT Program in the next few years given that the MAT Cycle 1 grants will be distributed from FY 2021 to FY 2025.

PRESENTATION

7. 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Structure
 SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item. Last year, the SGVCOG launched the Energy Champion Awards to encourage cities and agencies to implement energy efficiency actions and engage in long-term strategic energy planning activities. With the success of the 2020 award structure, the SGVCOG revamped the recognition model and introduced the 2021 Energy Champion Awards. Cities and agencies will be awarded if they implement activities such as attending energy trainings and meetings, benchmarking municipal facilities, and conducting outreach activities. Cities and agencies can track their progress in the 2021 Energy Champion Awards on the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership website at sgvenergywise.org.

DISCUSSION ITEM

8. Recommendation of Committee Representatives on the Regional Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) Mitigation Fee Structure Technical Evaluation Committee
 SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item. At

the recommendation of member agencies, SGVCOG staff is preparing to solicit professional services and develop a Regional VMT Mitigation Fee Structure Program to support participating cities with assessing future proposed developments to supplement the funding transportation improvements with localized and regional benefits. The project's request-for-proposals (RFP) is expected to be released within the next few weeks. Based on existing SGVCOG procurement policies, a Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) will be convened to evaluate the proposals that will be received by the SGVCOG. To ensure that the TEC will include representatives from various backgrounds, the SGVCOG plans on including two representatives from the committee in the TEC.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- SGVCOG staff indicated that the City of Temple City previously expressed interest in serving as one of the committee's representatives on the TEC.
- B. Lee indicated interest in serving as the committee's other representatives on the TEC.

There was a motion to nominate Scott Reimers from the City of Temple City and Brian Lee from the City of Covina to serve as the committee's representatives on the Regional VMT Mitigation Fee Structure Technical Evaluation Committee. (M/S: C. Hensley/S. Tewasart)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Azusa, Baldwin Park, Claremont, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Irwindale, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, South El Monte, South Pasadena, L.A. County DRP
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Sierra Madre
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Temple City

9. Legislative Updates: AB 115 (Bloom) and SB 6 (Caballero)
 SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided an update on this item. AB 115 would, notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of a city's or county's general plan, specific plan, zoning ordinance, or regulation, would require that a housing development be an authorized use on a site designated in any local agency's zoning code or maps for commercial uses if certain conditions apply. Among these conditions, the bill would require that the housing development be subject to a recorded deed restriction requiring that at least 20% of the units have an affordable housing cost or affordable rent for lower income households and located on a site that satisfies specified criteria. Additionally, SB 6, known as the Neighborhood Homes Act, would deem a housing development project an allowable use on a neighborhood lot, which is defined as a parcel within an office or retail commercial zone that is not adjacent to an industrial use. The bill would also require the density for a housing development under these provisions to meet or exceed the density deemed appropriate to accommodate housing for lower income households according to the type of local jurisdiction, including a density of at least 20

units per acre for a suburban jurisdiction. Currently, AB 115 has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development and the Assembly Local Government Committee and SB 6 has been referred to the Senate Governance and Finance Committee and the Senate Housing Committee.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- C. Hensley expressed that both AB 115 and SB 6 can lead to undesirable planning outcomes, especially in communities that are in the process of conducting important planning activities. Mr. Hensley recommended staff to continue tracking these bills and suggested committee members to review SB 9 (Atkins, Caballero, Rubio, and Wiener), which plans on eliminating single-family zoning in California. Mr. Fung responded that the SGVCOG Executive Committee voted to oppose SB 9 unless the bill is amended. Staff plans on bringing the bill to the committee at the next meeting as an informational item.
- D. Sanchez inquired about the committee's role in legislative advocacy. Mr. Fung responded that the committee plays a role in recommending the Governing Board to take specific positions on relevant legislation. Once the positions are taken, staff will be directed to track and submit comment letters as necessary.
- D. Sanchez also inquired whether the committee could recommend improvements on bills. Mr. Fung responded that the committee can direct staff to collaborate with legislators to include or eliminate specific language in bills.

CHAIR'S REPORT

10. Solicitation of Presentation Topics

Committee Chair, Craig Hensley, provided a report on this item.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. Next Committee Meeting

The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 12:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

C. Hensley adjourned the Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee meeting at 12:42pm.