



City of Pomona

May 2018

## The SGV Hosts Another Successful Ciclavia Event

On April 22nd, the cities of San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona and Claremont hosted the Ciclavia Heart of the Foothills! the largest open streets event in the County this year. Spanning four cities in the San Gabriel Valley, nearly 6 miles of roadways were closed off from automobiles to allow residents to walk, bike, jog, skate and more. It was estimated that nearly 50,000 people from across the LA region participated in this event! The event kicked off in San Dimas and stretched to Claremont, with activity hubs in each city along the way. Funding for this event was provided through Metro’s Open Streets grant program.

This kind of event finds its origins from similar events hosted in Bogota, Colombia. The first CicLAvia event in LA County was hosted in 2008 in Downtown Los Angeles as a grass-roots initiative to highlight active transportation, urban land use and public health. Physical activity is beneficial for health, however there are limited opportunities for residents to safely access public streets for traffic-free cycling, skating or walking. This event allowed a safe alternative to enjoy local community shops and restaurants, while also highlighting the importance of active transportation as a viable alternative to automobiles.

During this event, SGVCOG staff hosted an information booth with a mini color run

obstacle course at the Pomona Hub, with great fanfare. Along the route, participants had a chance to see and explore three historic downtown villages in a different way, and from a different perspective. In between the hubs, the route included several streets with wide boulevards, which were completely free to cyclists, pedestrians, and those enjoying the outdoors on a picture-perfect Earth Day 2018! (Continued)

For more information on Ciclavia, please visit <http://www.ciclavia.org/>



Above: Claremont Hub, Photo Courtesy of Zack the York Shire Terrier

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Above: Pomona Hub, Photo Courtesy of Deanna Stanley

### San Dimas Hub



Above: SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist

Above: Metro Board Member John Fasana

### La Verne Hub



### Pomona Hub



### Claremont Hub



# San Gabriel Valley News In Brief

## MSRC to Host Clean Transportation Funding Workshops:

The Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) is holding a series of workshops in Southern California to receive input on its two-year work program, which distributes more than \$16 million each year to projects designed to reduce emission from motor vehicles. On May 10th, they will have a workshop in Los Angeles, for anyone interested in attending.

**What:** Clean Transportation Funding Workshop

**When:** May 10th, 10:00am -12:00pm

**Where:** SCAG  
900 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1700  
Conference room CR-Policy-Committee.

To RSVP, or for more information, please contact Sam Emmersen at [sam@betterworldgroup.com](mailto:sam@betterworldgroup.com)

## Metro Opens Comment Period on it's FY 19 Budget:

Have your say in Metro's financial planning! Metro's annual budget sets transportation priorities across LA County for the coming year. As Metro begins to put together its budget for 2019 fiscal year, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, the agency seeks input.

Those interested in commenting can do so online through Metro's budget tool. Metro's budget tool includes a short survey to guide the budget, set priorities, allocate dollars and provide feedback. The deadline for comments is Friday, May 11th.

For more information or to make a comment, please visits <https://www.metro.net/about/financebudget/>

## SGVCOG Staff Attends LABC 12th Annual Sustainability Summit:

On April 20th, SGVCOG staff attended the Los Angeles Business Council Sustainability summit. This summit has become a forum for promoting valuable partnerships between public policy makers, clean technology innovators and businesses. A key theme of the summit, was the demand for robust private-sector investment in clean energy solutions.

This year Senate President Pro Tem, Kevin De Leon provided a key note address that focused on a commitment to sustainability. Additionally, Oregon Governor Kate Brown, Washington Governor Jay Inslee and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti sat on a panel the discussed how regional partnerships can help grow local economies, while continuing to maintain environmentally sustainable policies.

*The Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) is holding a series of workshops to receive input on its two-year work program, which distributes more than \$16 million each year to projects designed to reduce emissions from motor vehicles in the South Coast Air District.*

**The workshop agenda will include:**

- A discussion about how the MSRC can help improve air quality in the South Coast region and assist the SCAQMD in meeting its clean air requirements
- A dialog among stakeholders about their clean air priorities and how the MSRC can help by considering funding for programs to meet these goals



LABC Sustainability Summit Panels



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### Upcoming SGVCOG Elections

As a reminder, elections and appointments for the following positions will be held at the May 31st Governing Board meeting:

#### SGVCOG Officer Positions

- President
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- 3rd Vice President

#### SGVCOG Policy Committees

- Capital Projects & Construction
- Transportation
- Homelessness
- Energy, Environment and Natural Resources
- Water

#### External Agency appointments

- Southern California Association of Governments Policy Committees
- Foothill Gold Line
- Leagues of California Cities – Los Angeles Division
- San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board
- Metro Service Council

Nominations were due on April 26th. A list of nominees for each position will be included in the Governing Board agenda packet.

### SGVCOG Submits 2nd Homelessness Quarterly Report:

On April 2nd, the SGVCOG submitted its 2nd quarterly report for Homeless Coordination. This report must be submitted to LA County, as part of the COG regional coordination contract.

Key Highlights in the report include:

- The implementation of the homeless planning process,
- Hosting a training on Data Mining for City Level Homeless Data, and
- COG supporting and advocating for regional homeless needs by presenting to various groups.

Looking ahead, as City Homeless Plans are completed, the COG will work with cities to develop and prioritize a comprehensive list of San Gabriel Valley projects and programs that will fit with the County's Homeless Initiative strategies.

### SGVCOG Staff Attends LA County Sustainability Plan Meeting:

On April 23rd, SGVCOG staff attended the LA County Sustainability Plan meeting. Nearly 30 cities throughout the County were in attendance, including numerous SGV cities. The meeting outlined outreach for the coming months, with an anticipated completion date for Summer 2019.

This event provided an opportunity to learn more about sustainability initiatives happening at the County, along with outlining the path forward, and ways to stay involved in the Countywide Sustainability Plan.

This plan will set the course for a cleaner environment and a stronger economy, with a commitment to equity as its foundation. The plan will establish short term and longer term targets that will advance policies that will benefit the environment and economy. Additionally, this plan will embrace clear milestones and metrics to measure progress.

For more information, please visit <http://sustainabilityplan.lacounty.gov/>

*LA County Sustainability Plan Meeting*



## SGVCOG Hosts Successful Affordable Housing Bus Tour

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, the San Gabriel Valley Homeless Housing Solutions Bus Tour rolled into town. Two supportive apartment buildings were toured: Cedar Springs Apartments in La Verne and El Monte Veterans Village (EMVV). These two apartments provided tour guests an opportunity to observe two distinctly different types of supportive apartments. They were each developed to provide appropriate housing for three different populations, veterans and their families, transition-aged youth (TAY) who were exiting the foster care system, and those who simply need affordable housing.

Cedar Springs and EMVV suit the cultural and development styles of two disparate San Gabriel Valley cities.

A total of 99 people participated in the tour. The tours provided a survey of the apartment buildings and grounds. Guests observed service provision spaces and engaged with providers, discussing of the types of services provided to the residents. The unique characteristics of each development were highlighted. In the operations areas, guests observed and discussed apartment operations with the property managers. La Verne Police

Lieutenant Tom Frayeh provided statistics and insight on the impact of the apartments on the local community and law enforcement. Features of property management included rules, safety and security. Service provision spaces highlighted the services offered at each site specific to the subpopulation in residence.

The tour was capped off with a luncheon at the Greater El Monte VFW.



## SGVCOG Board Members And Staff Visit Sacramento To Provide Comments In Support of AB 2538 (Rubio)

On April 24th, SGVCOG staff and Councilmember Diana Mahmud (South Pasadena), Chair of the Water Policy Committee, testified before the Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, in support of AB 2538. The bill, authored by Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, is intended to afford flexibility to extend the timeline for compliance with stormwater permits based upon a city's demonstrated financial need. AB 2538 requires the State Water Board to develop Financial Capability Assessment (FCA) guidelines and use these guidelines in a pilot project in the Los Angeles area. The EPA has described the FCA process as providing regulators with the flexibility to consider a municipality's ability to pay for and deliver water services.

especially burdensome for disadvantaged communities. FCA considers various residential and community measures, such as a household's ability to pay for the totality of water-related costs and a municipality's financial strength, based upon several factors such as its debt burden, demographics, and other characteristics. As Assemblywoman Rubio described the intent of the bill, committee members asked relevant questions and were unanimously in favor of the bill. AB 2538 was advance to Assembly Committee on Appropriations with no opposition.



*SGVCOG Board Member Diana Mahmud, Assemblymember Blanca Rubio, and COG Staff Member Eric Wolf*

As we know, San Gabriel Valley cities face enormous unfunded liabilities regarding stormwater permit costs. This is

## ACE Dedicates New Puente Avenue Grade Separation Project

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, the SGVCOG and the ACE Project celebrated the completion of the Puente Ave. Grade Separation Project, with a dedication ceremony. Many local and state-wide officials attended this momentous occasion. This project took nearly 3 years to complete at a cost of \$97.4 million. It is expected that traffic congestion will be reduced by an estimated 13 vehicle-hours each day. This will also help eliminate delays for emergency responders, reduce emissions and eliminate locomotive noise.



*San Gabriel Mayor Juli Costanzo*

## Meetings

**Wednesday, May 2, 12:00 p.m.**  
City Managers Steering Committee  
602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

**Monday, May 7, 12:00 p.m.**  
Executive Committee  
1000 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra

**Tuesday, May 8, 10:00 a.m.**  
Water Committee  
602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

**Thursday, May 10, 4:30 p.m.**  
Transportation Committee  
602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

**Wednesday, May 16, 12:30 p.m.**  
EENR Committee  
602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

**Thursday, May 24, 12:00 p.m.**  
Planners TAC  
321 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia

**Thursday, May 24, 12:30 p.m.**  
Homelessness Committee  
321 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia

**Thursday, May 31, 6:00 p.m.**  
Governing Board  
602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia



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**San Gabriel Valley**  
**HOMELESS PLAN SUMMIT**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**08.01.18**

**Stanley Plummer Community Building**  
**245 E. Bonita Ave.**  
**San Dimas**

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