



Valley Voice

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Pasadena City Council Votes to Rejoin the SGVCOG

On December 14, 2020, the Pasadena City Council voted to rejoin the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) by authorizing Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo to sign the SGVCOG's Fourth Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement. According to the City's staff report, the City of Pasadena recognizes the benefits of collaborating with San Gabriel Valley cities through the SGVCOG's regional transportation, stormwater, legislative advocacy, capital projects, and homelessness efforts. With the City rejoining the agency, SGVCOG member agencies and staff look forward to welcoming the City's representatives on the SGVCOG's Governing Board and various committees and partnering with the City to better serve the residents of the San Gabriel Valley.



SGVCOG Partners with Metro to Launch San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study

The SGVCOG will soon begin developing a study to plan alternative transit solutions to solve the mobility needs within the San Gabriel Valley. The San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study stemmed from the Metro Board of Directors' decision to not pursue a proposed State Route 60 light rail alignment for the **Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project**. As a result, the Metro Board directed Metro staff to collaborate with the SGVCOG and prepare a feasibility study to evaluate high quality transit service options to serve the San Gabriel Valley. As part of the motion, Metro approved a transfer of \$1.5 million to the SGVCOG to fund the study.

The study will identify and analyze the mobility needs for the San Gabriel Valley that are not currently, nor will be served in the future, by the Gold Line and Metrolink rail systems. The study will also identify all existing modes of travel and travel demand, determine where gaps currently exist, and develop transit solutions both near term and long term. Transit alternatives to be evaluated may include Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Light Rail Transit (LRT), Diesel/Electric Motorized Units, or monorail, as well as the identification of opportunities to connect the transit alternatives to existing/planned transit networks of Metro, Metrolink, and/or Foothill Transit and other local transit agencies.

It is anticipated that the study will take approximately 18 months to complete. The study will also implement an extensive outreach program that will include all impacted cities and

affected agencies within the study area.



SGVCOG Congratulates Recipients of the 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards

On December 8, 2020, the SGVCOG Energy Work Group celebrated San Gabriel Valley agencies' achievements in the 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards. According to the Awards' structure, agencies that complete specific energy efficiency actions and initiatives can be recognized in the Bronze, Silver, or Gold tiers. Assemblymember Chris Holden, who chairs the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy, provided keynote remarks to congratulate the cities and agencies that have reached recognizable tiers. A total of 15 cities and agencies were highlighted for their accomplishments, including:

- **Silver:** San Dimas
- **Gold:** Alhambra, Arcadia, Claremont, Duarte, El Monte, Irwindale, La Verne, Monrovia, Pomona, San Gabriel, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Walnut, and El Monte Union High School District

The SGVCOG sincerely congratulates the agencies that have achieved recognizable tiers in the 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards and looks forward to continuing

working with cities, agencies, and external partners to create a more energy-efficient San Gabriel Valley.



Arcadia Launches Homeless Resource Hub to Support Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

The City of Arcadia recently launched a Homeless Resource Hub Pilot Program to support individuals experiencing homelessness. Earlier last year, the SGVCOG received more than \$7.1 million to support homeless programs in the San Gabriel Valley. Of the total allocation, \$610,000 were awarded to various pilot programs throughout the region. The City of Arcadia submitted a pilot program application and was awarded \$150,000 to implement a planned pop-up Homeless Resource Hub to provide various services to individuals experiencing homelessness. Services include mobile showers, a laundry facility, restrooms, case managers/housing navigators from Union Station Homeless Services, and medical support from the Arcadia Fire Department.

The program commences on a weekly basis starting November 5, 2020. The City plans on holding a total of 27 events throughout the course of the pilot program.

***COVID-19 Advisories from the
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health***



Stay Home

Residents should stay home as much as possible to stop the spread of COVID-19. Be sure to mask up and distance from others when conducting essential activities.

Businesses and Employers

Businesses should follow all safety protocols, enforce infection control and distancing measures, and allow employees to work from home if possible.



Report Violations

The County of Los Angeles encourages individuals to report complaints and violations using [this form](#) or call (888) 700-9995 on Mondays to Fridays 8am to 5pm.

News-in-Brief



[Metro Implements Service Changes](#)

Service changes for the Metro Bus System began on



[Public Sector Efficiency Success Recording](#)

Earlier last month, SGVCOG staff served as speakers in a



[New Connect SGV Podcast Episode](#)

The SGVCOG recently released a new "Connect

December 13, 2020 as part of the Metro [NextGen Bus Plan](#), which aims to improve bus frequencies and restructures Metro's system to increase bus trips and better serve transit users. The NextGen Bus Plan was recently approved by the Metro Board of Directors in October 2020 and the remainder of the Plan's route changes are anticipated to be implemented between June 2021 and December 2021. To check changes to local bus routes, please use this [online tool](#). The new timetables can also be accessed [here](#).

video recording with the Statewide Local Government Energy Efficiency Best Practices Coordinator to discuss councils of governments' (COGs) efforts in contributing to the public sector's energy goals. The recording, titled "COGs as a Key Conduit to Public Sector Efficiency Success," highlights the SGVCOG's energy efficiency programs and the importance of implementing energy efficiency projects in public sector facilities. The 28-minute video recording can be found [here](#).

SGV" podcast episode that features discussions with Everyone In Organizers, Allison Henry and Teresa Eilers, on homelessness issues, solutions to end homelessness in Los Angeles County, supportive housing, and rapid re-housing projects. The episode also explores how local jurisdictions can involve residents and community organizations to end homelessness in their communities. The podcast episode is now available in both audio and video formats on the SGVCOG website [here](#).

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Please be advised that all committee meetings that are held this month will be conducted virtually over Zoom Conferencing. Livestream of each committee meeting will be available through the [SGVCOG website](#). Livestream of the Regional Housing Trust (RHT) Board Meeting can be accessed through the [RHT website](#).

Executive Committee: Monday, January 4, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Homelessness Committee: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 8:30 AM

Regional Housing Trust Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 10:30 AM

City Managers' Steering Committee: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Public Works Technical Advisory Committee: Monday, January 11, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Transportation Committee: Monday, January 11, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Water Committee: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 10:00 AM

EENR Committee: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 1:00 PM

Governing Board: Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Capital Projects and Construction Committee: Monday, January 25, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee: Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 12:00
PM

