



# Valley Voice

*The official newsletter of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*

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## ***Baldwin Park's Esperanza Villa: San Gabriel Valley's First Tiny Homes Shelter***

The City of Baldwin Park has partnered with the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) and the SGVCOG to develop a 25-unit tiny home site called "Esperanza Villa" to provide temporary housing for individuals experiencing homelessness in Baldwin Park. The project will serve as the first tiny home site in the San Gabriel Valley, and the City is excited to serve as a model for the region.

Each resident will gain the safety and stability that comes with having a roof over their head while being connected to permanent housing. The ability to lock a door at night is instantly life-changing as residents are finally able to sleep without the fear of the dangers faced on the streets.

Additional information and volunteering/involvement opportunities can be found on the SGVRHT website [here](#). The webpage contains information on purchasing needed site supplies via an [Amazon Wishlist](#), find volunteer opportunities, and make a [cash donation](#) via PayPal to the Baldwin Park Charitable Relief Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization (ID: 47-5435073).

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## ***SGVCOG Receives \$1 Million for Regional Workforce Development Programs***

The SGVCOG received \$1 million budget earmark to implement regional workforce development programs. The proposed programs will expand the SGVCOG's existing green jobs workforce development program for transition-aged youth and will serve residents at the tiny-home interim housing sites in Baldwin Park and Montebello.

The programs will provide training, wages, and case management support for a variety of workforce opportunities. In total, the SGVCOG anticipates serving 50 residents throughout 4 cohorts over the next 2 years. The first cohorts are anticipated to begin in Summer 2022. Questions and inquiries can be directed to SGVCOG staff at [csims@sgvcog.org](mailto:csims@sgvcog.org).

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021 •  
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

# SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WILDFIRE ADAPTATION VIRTUAL SUMMIT

## *SGVCOG to Host San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation Virtual Summit*

As California faces serious effects of climate change with increased temperatures and longer droughts, many communities have also witnessed the increased frequency and intensity of wildfires. In partnership with the Southern California American Society of Landscape Architects, the SGVCOG is excited to host the San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation Virtual Summit to invite experts, fire scientists, and landscape architects to discuss fire resilience strategies and provide recommendations for local jurisdictions to protect residents and communities from wildfires.

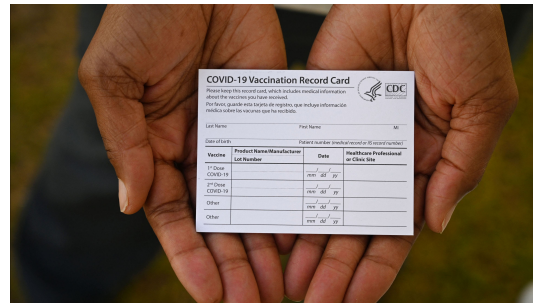
Registration is free and the event is open to all members of the public. Please visit [here](#) for additional information or to register for the event. Questions and inquiries can be directed to SGVCOG staff at [afung@sgvcog.org](mailto:afung@sgvcog.org).

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## *Health Officer Orders from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*

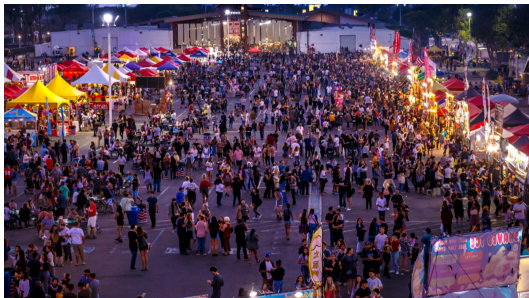
Beginning **October 7th**, the County of Los Angeles requires all attendees (ages 12+) to show proof of full vaccination or

negative COVID-19 test results prior to entering outdoor mega events.



Beginning **October 7th**, the County requires indoor bars, breweries, wineries, distilleries, nightclubs, and lounges to verify COVID-19 vaccination status of patrons and employees.

Beginning **October 7th**, the County strongly recommends that all restaurants reserve and prioritize indoor seating/service for those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.



Beginning **November 1st**, the County requires operators of outdoor mega events are required to cross-check vaccination proof or negative COVID-19 tests for all attendees (ages 18+).

## News-in-Brief



**[New Connect SGV Podcast Episode](#)**



**[Foothill Transit Forward](#)**



**[Metro Youth Council](#)**

The SGVCOG recently

Foothill Transit Forward is a

Metro is creating its first Youth

released a new "Connect SGV" podcast episode that features discussions with Foothill Transit Chairwoman, Cynthia Sternquist, and Foothill Transit Chief Executive Officer, Doran Barnes, on their agency's services for the San Gabriel Valley. The episode also explores the goals that Foothill Transit would like to accomplish over the next few years. All Connect SGV podcast episodes are available in both audio and video formats on the SGVCOG website [here](#).

Comprehensive Operational Analysis that will evaluate the current Foothill Transit system and determine where improvements can be made. The goal is to create a service plan that will make Foothill Transit a more convenient and useful transportation option across the San Gabriel Valley. Given that public input is essential to the success of this project, cities and agencies are encouraged to provide feedback and sign-up for the mailing list [here](#) to receive project updates.

Council to develop the capacity of young individuals to engage with and participate in Metro's plans, projects, programs, and initiatives. Individuals between 14-17 years old who reside in Los Angeles County are eligible to apply to serve on the Council. Selected members must commit to a 1-year term from January 2022 to December 2022 and attend meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month. Interested individuals can apply to serve on the Council [here](#).

## Nov. Committee Meeting Schedule

**Please be advised that all Board and committee meetings that are held this month will be conducted virtually over Zoom Conferencing. Livestreams of the meetings can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#). The livestreams of San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors meetings can be found [here](#).**

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**Executive Committee:** Monday, November 1, 2021 at 10:00 AM

**City Managers' Steering Committee:** Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 1:00 PM

**Transportation Committee:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 4:00 PM

**Water Committee:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM

**Governing Board (Special):** Thursday, November 10, 2021 at 2:00 PM

**Public Works Technical Advisory Committee:** Monday, November 15, 2021 at 12:00 PM

**EENR Committee:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 1:00 PM

**Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 12:00 PM

**Governing Board (Regular):** Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 4:00 PM

**Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** Monday, November 22, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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