

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of July 6, 2020

- **Bike Share Launch Event:** On Thursday, the COG and the City of South El Monte held the official launch GoSGV, the new regional bike share program in the San Gabriel Valley. GoSGV will offer an accessible and affordable transportation option to the San Gabriel Valley through shared-use electric assist bicycles, operated by Gotcha - a national private shared-mobility firm. Starting with an initial outlay of 30 bikes in the City of South El Monte, GoSGV will expand over the next year to 840 bikes stationed at bike share hubs throughout the Region. We're excited to work with cities across the region. Users can unlock bikes using the Gotcha app and will be charged \$2 to unlock and 10 cents per minute to ride or an annual flat fee of \$79.99. GoSGV is supported by a \$4.554 million state greenhouse gas reduction grant awarded by the California Transportation Commission to the SGVCOG in 2017. We're excited to work with cities throughout the San Gabriel Valley to continue to roll-out the program. A huge thank you to COG staff and the City of South El Monte for all of their efforts in making this happen!
- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the Executive Committee held its monthly meeting virtually via Zoom. The SGVCOG Treasurer Renee Graves of CliftonLarsonAllen presented the Quarterly Treasurer Report for the period ending March 31, 2020. Additionally, the Committee received an update on virtual meetings of the SGVCOG's Committees, Technical Advisory Committees and Governing Board. These virtual meetings have been successful and have resulted in increased attendance across the board. As a result, official SGVCOG meetings will be held virtually for the foreseeable future. The Committee also received an update on SGVCOG Board Officer Elections for 20-21. Due to the uncertainties and ever changing restrictions of conducting in-person meetings, staff is currently brainstorming alternatives to holding an in-person election. A report back and recommendation will be given at the August Executive Committee and Governing Board meeting.
- **City Managers Election:** On Wednesday, the City Managers' Steering Committee met virtually via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting was to approve and confirm the FY 20-21 appointments to the Committee. The following members were appointed to serve:
 - Chair: Bob Russi (La Verne)
 - Vice-Chair: Marcella Marlowe (San Marino)
 - Northeast: Adam Raymond (Glendora), Sergio Gonzalez (Azusa)
 - Southeast: Dan Fox (Diamond Bar)
 - Central: Shannon Yauchzee (Baldwin Park), Gloria Molleda (Rosemead)
 - Southwest: Jessica Binnquist (Alhambra), Rene Bobadilla (Montebello)
 - Northwest: Mark Alexander (La Canada Flintridge), Kevin Kearney (Bradbury)

At-Large: Ron Bow (Monterey Park), Alma Martinez (El Monte), Bryan Cook (Temple City)

Please welcome our new and returning members to the Committee!

- **Homeless Policy Deputies Meeting:** On Thursday, the Board of Supervisors' Homeless Policy Deputies met via teleconference. The meeting included a presentation by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) on their Homelessness Prevention Initiative Strategic Plan. As part of the plan, LASD is proposing the Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST), Mental Evaluation Team (MET), and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) programs unite under a new bureau, the Crisis Intervention Bureau. As part of the strategic planning, LASD asked each sheriff's station to create an alternative plan for emergency calls related to those experiencing homelessness and mental health crises and to consider HOST, MET, and local service providers as alternative response teams. LASD will be releasing data, particularly on the volume of emergency and non-emergency calls and the percentage of calls related to homelessness and mental health, by the end of July. The meeting also included a presentation by Homeless Initiative (HI) Director Phil Ansell on the Funding Plan to Support LAHSA's COVID-19 Recovery Plan. The plan is expected to cost \$806 million over the next three fiscal years, of which \$609 million represents new costs. Released on July 6, the Funding Plan outlines four key funding sources: \$80 million from Emergency Solutions Grant (Federal CARES Act), \$110 million from Coronavirus Relief Funds (Federal CARES Act), \$65 million from Measure H Rapid Rehousing funds, and \$52.6 million from Medicaid. The Recovery Plan will house 15,000 of the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness, including residents of Project Roomkey, and will focus on permanent housing, tenant-based solutions, and rental subsidies. The next Homeless Policy Deputies' meeting will take place on July 23, 2020.
- **Metro Goods Movement Strategic Plan:** Metro recently released the draft Los Angeles County Goods Movement Strategic Plan for public comments. The plan provides a strategic framework to guide Metro's goods movement-related planning activities, investments, partnerships, and decision-making over the next five to seven years. Implementation of this plan provides Metro with an opportunity to lead the region in resolving goods movement challenges. Comments will be accepted through August 23, 2020, and the draft plan and comment form can be found [here](#).
- **Rose Institute Conference on Districting:** The Rose Institute of State and Local Government at the Claremont McKenna College will be hosting a conference titled "2021 Redistricting: New Rules for California Local Governments" on Thursday, September 17, 2020, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The conference will take place virtually and include presentations on statutory timelines for redistricting, AB 849 regulations, public outreach, and strategic insights. Cities are highly encouraged to register for the conference [here](#).

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Week of July 13, 2020

- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Committee and Water TAC convened its monthly meeting virtually via Zoom. The meeting featured a presentation by The Energy Coalition on the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Public Agency Programs. The Policy Committee and TAC discussed H.R. 2, the INVEST in America Act or Moving Forward Act, after a lengthy discussion, voted 3-2 to recommend the Governing Board support the Bill. There was a discussion on the need for regional coordination with regard to the 2020 MS4 permit, and City staff provided updates on implementing SB 205 (Hertzberg), legislation that requires business licenses for stormwater discharge compliance.
- **Statewide Park Program (SPP) - Round Four:** The Statewide Park Program (SPP) awards competitive grants with the goal to create new parks and new recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities across California. Eligible applicants include cities, counties, districts, JPAs and non-profits. 395.3 million is available under Round 4. The Office of Grants and Local Services will host various webinars on SPP throughout the month of July and August. Interested applicants can RSVP to these webinars [here](#).
- **ILG Emergency Preparation Webinar Recap:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff attended an Institute for Local Government (ILG) webinar that focuses on assisting vulnerable communities in preparing for emergencies and natural disasters. Madera County Supervisor Tom Wheeler and Listos California Co-Chairs, Karen Baker and Justin Knighten, spoke on the importance of engaging seniors, immigrants, non-English speakers, communities of color, individuals with disabilities, and low-income families and educating these individuals on disaster and emergency preparedness. Elected officials and city staff are encouraged to partner with local community organizations to distribute educational materials to engage and mobilize diverse and vulnerable populations around emergency preparedness. These educational materials, which are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese, and Korean, can be found on the Listos California website [here](#).
- **Statewide Energy Efficiency Forum Series:** The Local Government Commission will be holding the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC) Forum this year through a series of virtual webinars to assist cities with implementing energy efficiency projects. A total of 18 webinars will be held from June 2020 to November 2020 to highlight concrete strategies, case studies, tools, and resources to support cities and agencies in responding to rapidly evolving trends while continuing to meet their communities' energy needs. All SEEC Virtual Forum webinars and activities will be provided at no cost and cities are highly encouraged to register and attend these events. Registration links and additional information are available at the SEEC Forum website [here](#).
- **Upcoming SoCalREN Webinars:** The Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) will be holding webinars to assist cities and agencies to

reduce energy usage in their buildings and facilities. The next installment in the Conversations with SoCalREN webinar series is on 7/22 at 11AM. Public Agency Programs will get the chance to chat with Harry Bergmann, who manages the Building Energy Data project portfolio for the Building Technologies Office at the Department of Energy (DOE). Agencies will also learn how the DOE's latest tools for audits, benchmarking, and retrofit prioritization can help your city plan its next energy project. Learn more and register for the webinar [here](#).



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Week of July 20, 2020

- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Committee and Water TAC convened its monthly meeting virtually via Zoom. The meeting featured a presentation by The Energy Coalition on the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Public Agency Programs. The Policy Committee and TAC discussed H.R. 2, the INVEST in America Act or Moving Forward Act, after a lengthy discussion, voted 3-2 to recommend the Governing Board support the Bill. There was a discussion on the need for regional coordination with regard to the 2020 MS4 permit, and City staff provided updates on implementing SB 205 (Hertzberg), legislation that requires business licenses for stormwater discharge compliance.
- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee convened over Zoom for its July meeting. COG staff provided the first presentation of the meeting on the 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards. The Awards were created to recognize San Gabriel Valley cities' efforts for increasing energy efficiency in municipal facilities and cities that meet certain thresholds in energy efficiency and community outreach will receive awards and recognition towards the end of this year. The cities of South El Monte and South Pasadena recently reached the Silver Tier and the cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pomona, San Dimas, San Gabriel, and Walnut are close to achieving the Bronze Tier. COG staff also presented on the GoSGV Bikeshare Program. GoSGV is a regional bikeshare program created by the COG to decrease drive alone trips and increase the share of bicycling trips within the San Gabriel Valley. Earlier this month, GoSGV was launched in South El Monte with an initial outlay of 30 bikes and 5 bikeshare hubs. The program will expand to 840 bikes at bikeshare hubs in 15 jurisdictions in the near future. Finally, the Committee discussed a recommendation to the Governing Board to approve an advance/loan for MSP funding for the I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Improvement Project. One high-priority project will be ready to begin construction in 2022; however, funding is not available until 2048. To allow this project to begin construction in a timely manner, SGVCOG and Metro staff recommended a loan agreement with Metro for Measure M funding to be repaid for 7 years with future San Gabriel Valley Subregional Measure M MSP fund allocations. After a thorough discussion, the committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to support and approve this request. The item will next be heard by the COG's Transportation Committee. The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 12:00pm.
- **NextGen Bus Working Group Meeting:** On Monday, COG staff participated in Metro's NextGen Bus Working Group meeting. Metro staff announced improvements that will be implemented over the next few years, including minimizing discontinued segments, creating a competitive transit network, improving mid-day, evening, and weekend services, and providing better service in equity-focused areas. Additionally, Metro received widespread support for

improvement frequencies during off-peak hours. Bus lanes are currently being improved in Downtown Los Angeles and seven additional corridors outside of Downtown Los Angeles will be studied next year.

- Infrastructure LA Solid Waste Briefing:** On Tuesday, COG staff participated in a solid waste briefing hosted by Infrastructure LA. Speakers reported on the implementation of current recycling regulations and solid waste legislative updates. Los Angeles County Waste Management Association General Counsel, Kelly Astor, reported that very little progress has been made to meet SB 1383’s ambitious targets given that some processing facilities are not eligible to process materials and that there are substantial increases in residential trash generation with no adjustments to residential rates. County of Los Angeles Legislative Representative, Faith Conley, also reported that the County partnered with stakeholders to introduce AB 2612 to provide funding for projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet SB 1383 targets. This bill is currently stalled as legislators are focused on obtaining funding for economic recovery. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is expected to provide updates to the Legislature regarding the State’s progress in meeting SB 1383 goals in the near future.
- RHT Board of Directors:** On Wednesday, the Regional Housing Trust (RHT) Board of Directors held a special meeting virtually via Zoom. The Board approved loan guidelines, underwriting procedures, and bylaws for the RHT. Most notably, the Board approved a resolution authorizing submission of an application to the State’s Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) grant program. The LHTF program provides matching funds for affordable housing projects. The RHT will include 3 projects as a part of its application package:

Project Name	City	# of units	Funding Request
West Mission Family Apartments	Pomona	56 (includes a mix of extremely-low income, low income and permanent supportive housing units)	\$1,350,000
Claremont Supportive Housing Project	Claremont	15 (includes low-income and permanent supportive housing units for seniors)	\$500,000
Vista del Mar Project	El Monte	53 (includes low-income and permanent supportive housing units for families)	\$500,000
		125 units	\$2,350,000

The RHT LHTF application requests \$2,350,000, with half (\$1,175,000) to be matched with funds already secured by the Trust. If successful, the RHT would

provide 125 units of low-income and permanent supportive housing for the San Gabriel Valley.

- **Planners TAC:** On Thursday, the Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee convened for its July committee meeting. The Committee discussed possible Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) projects, which will provide funding to the region to facilitate the production of housing in the region. The COG submitted a preliminary application to the Southern California Association of Governments that includes completion of regional site inventories to identify potential affordable housing and homeless housing opportunities, planning work to support long-term success of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, development of targeted funding and financing programs to increase and/or maintain the supply of affordable housing in the region, and feasibility studies for tax-increment financing and other tools to provide funding resources for affordable housing. SGVCOG staff also presented on the 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards and presented cities' progress in meeting certain requirements that are necessary to receive awards and recognition. Representatives from the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (DRP) also presented on the Department's FY 2020-2021 priorities. DRP staff strives to assist with supporting transit-oriented communities, safety element updates, climate action plan updates, environmental justice/green zones programs, housing element updates, and housing ordinances in this fiscal year. Finally, Committee members shared procedures and policies that are being implemented to re-open facilities to the public. The committee is expected to reconvene on Thursday, September 24, 2020, at 12:00pm.
- **Homeless Working Group:** On Thursday, the Homeless Working Group met virtually via Zoom. The meeting featured a presentation from the Landlord Outreach, Education, and Incentive Program consultants, SGA Marketing and Union Station Homeless Services. COG staff provided updates on the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Point in Time (PIT) Homeless Count for Service Planning Area (SPA) 3 and the State's Homekey Program. SGVCOG staff also reviewed the City Homeless Programs MOAs and reporting requirements. The next Working Group meeting will take place Thursday, August 27.
- **Upcoming SoCalREN Webinars:** The Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) will be holding webinars to assist cities and agencies to reduce energy usage in their buildings and facilities. The next installment in the Conversations with SoCalREN webinar series is on Wednesday, July 29, at 11:00 am. Cities will be able to hear from representatives from the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank) and California Energy Commission (CEC) about stimulus funds and general program financing opportunities. Agencies will also learn how SoCalREN can provide needed support to ensure public agencies have the financial resources to move projects forward during, and after, the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more and register for the webinar [here](#).

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Week of July 27, 2020

- **Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee approved three items related to the SR 57/60 Interchange project. The project requires approximately ten acres of property from the County-owned Diamond Bar Golf Course that will result in modification of several holes at the golf course. The Committee adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program, which serves as a Betterment Agreement with the County. Members discussed the agreement between the County and the SGVCOG and the need for a review of the methodology in calculating the loss of revenue during closure used in the agreement between the County and the SGVCOG. The agreement was approved subject to modifications after review by Member Mahmud and the legal counsel. Additionally, the Committee approved a contract amendment with Biggs, Cardosa for design support for the Fullerton Road grade separation project and a construction management services contract with Anser Advisory, LLC for the Turnbull Canyon Road grade separation project. The upcoming Capital Projects and Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2020 at 12:00pm.
- **LABC Economic Development Webinar:** On Tuesday, SGVCOG staff participated in an Economic Development Webinar hosted by the Los Angeles Business Council (LABC). Los Angeles County City Councilmembers Paul Krekorian and Curren Price spoke on the creation of the Los Angeles Small Business Commission and the establishments of various programs to boost the local economy. Particularly, they discussed the LA Regional COVID Fund, which includes multiple rounds of grants available at \$5,000 for micro-entrepreneurs and \$15,000 for small businesses and nonprofits operating in Los Angeles County. The next round of funds will be open for application starting Monday, August 3rd and additional information regarding the LA Regional COVID Fund can be found [here](#). Los Angeles City Controller, Ron Galerpin, also expressed that the City of Los Angeles has experienced a 300% increase in unemployment rates since the beginning of the pandemic, with the biggest job losses coming from the accommodation and food services, information, and retail trade industries.
- **Transportation and Mobility Twitterchat:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff held a Transportation and Mobility Twitterchat event with several San Gabriel Valley cities, transit operators, and community-based organizations to discuss the importance of first/last mile connections. Participants shared the importance of collaborating with residents, local businesses, and community organizations to implement first/last mile connections and emphasized the importance of language accessibility in agencies' transit public outreach materials. Discussion posts from the one-hour twitterchat event reached close to 100,000 users and garnered more than 450,000 impressions on Twitter. The SGVCOG sincerely extends gratitude to the Cities of El Monte, Monrovia, and Pomona, ActiveSGV, Alameda Corridor-East

Project, Foothill Transit, Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, Los Angeles County Supervisors Hilda Solis and Kathryn Barger, Metrolink, and Southern California Association of Governments for participating in our Transportation and Mobility Twitterchat. A recap of the Twitterchat's conversations can be found [here](#).

- **Prosper LA Survey:** The County of Los Angeles is soliciting innovative ideas to assist businesses, streamline contracting processes, and identify potential cost-savings. This effort is part of the County's roadmap to economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Actionable ideas will be included in a special report to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors by the Quality and Productivity Commission. Elected officials, city staff, and residents are encouraged to submit responses [here](#).
- **Upcoming SoCalREN/SGVEWP School District Webinar:** SGVCOG staff, representing the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership (SGVEWP) and the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN), will be offering an educational webinar to representatives of school districts and charters on Thursday, August 6th at 11 AM. This webinar will inform how both SoCalREN and the SGVEWP can provide no-cost resources to schools and districts to pursue energy efficiency projects to optimize operations, save energy, save money, and build resilient communities. You can register for the webinar using this [link](#).



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