



Annual New Year's Day Pasadena Rose Parade

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Metro Submits FASTLANE Grant Applications

In October the US Department of Transportation issued a notice of funding opportunity for its FASTLANE grant program, which, provides funding for projects of national significance. Metro submitted the following applications for funding:

- Southern California Rail Project:** comprises two rail/highway grade separations (Alameda Corridor-East). The amount of grant funding requested was \$81.3 million
- Interstate 5 Truck and HOV Lanes Project:** A total of \$ 50 million of grant funding was requested to improve a portion of SR 14 in Santa Clarita.
- America's Global Freight Way:** A total \$75 million of grant funding was requested for two projects bundled together.

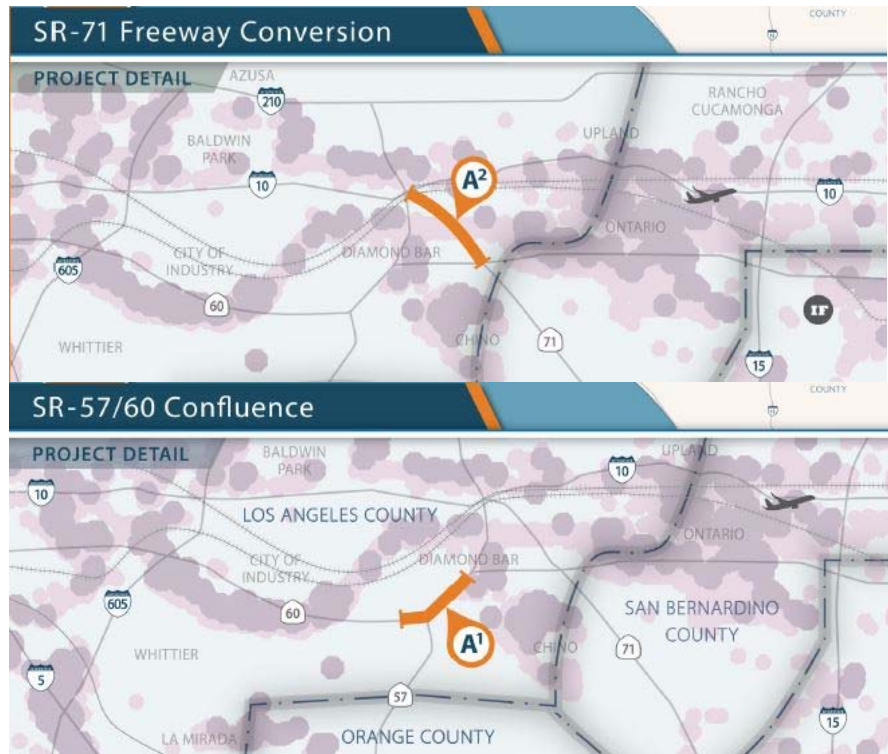
builds improvements to the Eastbound Avenue interchange and the State Route 71 Freeway Conversion Project which would upgrade SR 71 from a 4-lane expressway to an 8-lane freeway with high occupancy lanes.

these projects were identified as the most competitive for this second cycle of the FASTLANE grant program.

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Two of the three applications included projects in the San Gabriel Valley. The Southern California Rail Project application was part of a regional slate of projects that Metro put together in collaboration with the Alameda-Corridor East Construction Authority (ACE) this application includes rail crossing upgrades in the SGV. The America's Global Freight Way application included the 57/60 Confluence Project which



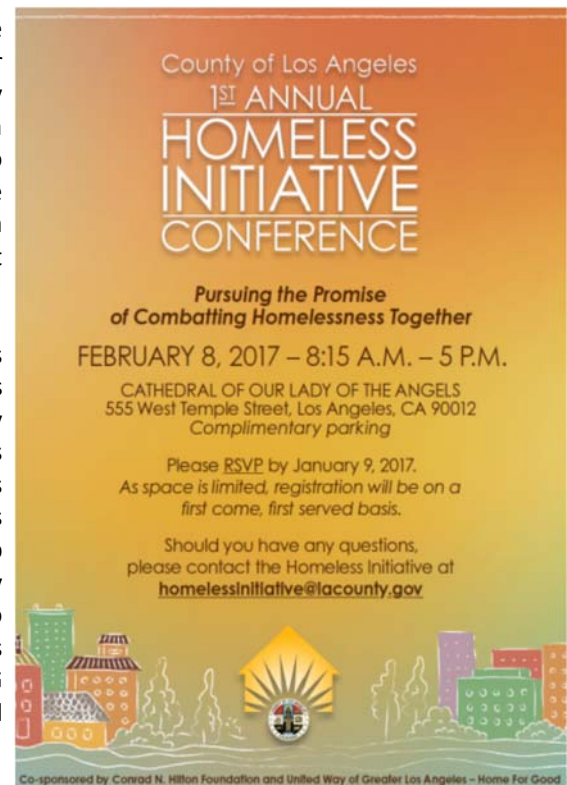
First Annual County of Los Angeles Homeless Initiative Conference

The Homeless Initiative (HI) was learned from year one, and explore challenges and opportunities for year two, including new revenue. Currently the County of Los Angeles is pursuing a potential sales tax measure that will go on the March 7 ballot. This measure would raise approximately \$355 million a year to fund HI strategies to combat homelessness in the region.

- Prevent homelessness
- Subsidize housing
- Increase income
- Provide case management and services
- Create a coordinate system
- Increase affordable/Homeless Housing

The upcoming conference is entitled "Fulfilling the Promise of Combatting Homelessness Together" and will bring together 500 key stakeholders to celebrate achievements, share lessons

The SGVCOG recently adopted its strategic plan update and homelessness was identified as a major priority. A key strategy to combating homelessness identified by the Homelessness Committee was to bring together various groups and stakeholders to help develop regional relationships and identify successful programs and services to coordinate with. This Conference helps support that strategy so SGVCOG members can have the tools and resources to combat homelessness.



The San Gabriel Valley COG Receives \$80,000 for Energy Benchmarking

The SGVCOG received an additional \$80,000 in funding through its Energy Wise Partnership to assist the cities of South Pasadena, Monrovia, West Covina and Pomona in developing and implementing benchmarking policies. Using the Energy Star Portfolio Manager, benchmarking allows cities to inventory their facilities and compare them to similar facilities across the nation to assess energy usage and building performance and to identify opportunities to reduce energy usage.

Benchmarking using the Energy Star Portfolio Manager provides an easy-to-use and cost-effective means for a city to establish a baseline. The Portfolio Manager Tool also allows a city to:

- Identify and prioritize energy-efficient opportunities
- Verify and monitor pre- and post-project energy use
- Track GHG emissions and energy costs
- Identify under-performing facilities

- Assist in planning: set goals, targets, and timelines

For the four (4) cities funded under the grant, COG staff will be developing the policy and input the data for the facilities that fall within the policy and all benchmarking work is expected to be completed by December of 2017. For

those cities not included in the grant, we will be continuing to work with them to develop a database that will help them establish benchmarking policies in the future should they decided to do so.



The San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership 2016 Recap

The San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership (SGVEWP) is a collaboration between the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), Southern California Edison (SCE), and SoCal Gas (SCG). In 2016 the Partnership was able to give out over \$700,000 in incentives and exceeded it's electricity savings goal by twenty six percent (26%) to date 2,076,481 kWh have been saved.

In 2016 the SGVEWP held several events in the SGV such as a benchmarking 101 workshop that provided attendees an overview of the Energy Star Portfolio manager. In partnership with LA County PACE, the SGVEWP hosted a Local Energy Economic Forum (LEEF) to provide information about recent statewide policy and legislative changes that are intended to incentivize energy efficiency and to provide access to the financial and technical tools to implement energy efficiency projects. Additionally, The SGVEWP held one-on-one update meetings with eleven cities throughout the year. These meetings provided information on project opportunities available through the SGVEWP. These update meetings also included assistance

and resources for the Energy Network program, which helps agencies identify and implement energy saving projects.

Throughout the year, the SGVEWP engaged over 2,000 community members by attending an outstanding twenty (20) community events, providing five (5) presentations to community groups, and hosted nine (9) LED Light exchanges. This outreach allowed the SGVEWP a chance to educate community members about regional programs, incentives, and energy saving tips by coming to their communities

These are some of the highlights from 2016 that the SGVEWP hopes to expand on in 2017 to provide the SGV region the resources it needs to be Energy Wise!!



2016 Municipal Projects



4 Mechanical Projects
116,997 kWh Savings
13,521 Therms Savings
\$26,473 Annual Cost Savings

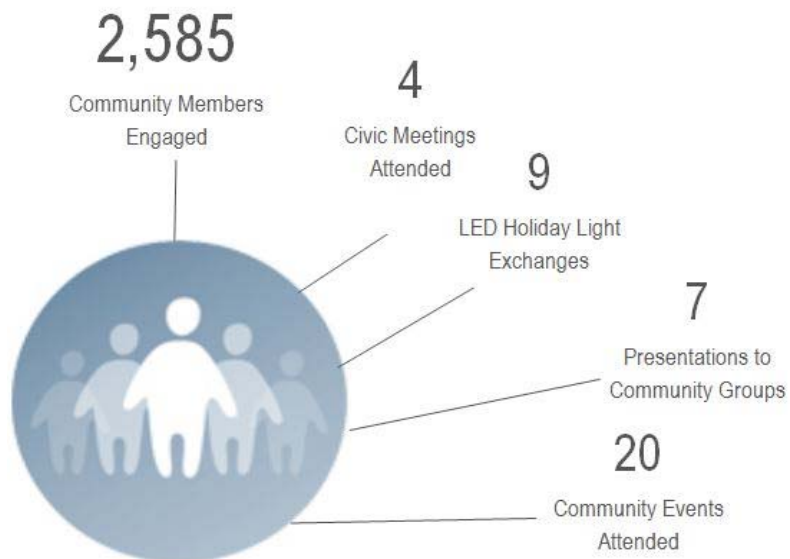


2 Indoor & Outdoor Lighting Projects
1,486,187 kWh Savings
\$222,928 Annual Cost Savings



3 Water & Pumping Projects
473,297 kWh Savings
\$70,995 Annual Cost Savings

City	Incentives	Annual Cost Savings
Monrovia	\$48,000	\$41,868
Montebello	\$12,000	\$17,550
Claremont	\$ 177,710	\$83,920
Pomona	\$ 454,843	\$139,008
Arcadia	\$ 18,899	\$16,012
Total	\$711,452	\$298,358



California Natural Resources Agency Urban Greening Grant Program

The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) will release their grant program application for Urban Greening projects on March 1, 2017. This grant will have approximately \$80 million available for projects that transform the built environment into places that are more sustainable, enjoyable, and effective in creating healthy and vibrant communities by establishing and enhancing parks and open space, using natural solutions to improving air and water quality and reducing energy consumption, and creating more walkable and bike-able trails. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis.

This program emphasizes, and gives priority to, projects that are proposed by and benefit disadvantaged communities. All projects awarded funding under this program will need to be completed no later than May 1st, 2020.

This grant cycle is the first cycle to be funded by cap and trade monies, however, there were three (3) previous grant cycles which were funded by Proposition 84. The final guidelines for the grant are expected to be released in the Spring of 2017. CNRA will also host a minimum of five technical assistance workshops throughout the State.



CNRA Urban Greening Program

Eligibility: Public Agencies, Non-Profits, Special Districts and JPA

Funding: Priority will be given to projects that benefit disadvantaged communities

Requirements: Projects must provide multiple benefits such as reducing air pollution, reducing water pollution, and reducing consumption of natural resources and completed by May 1, 2020

Local Match: None required

Application opens: March 1, 2017

Total Grant Funds: \$ 80 Million

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