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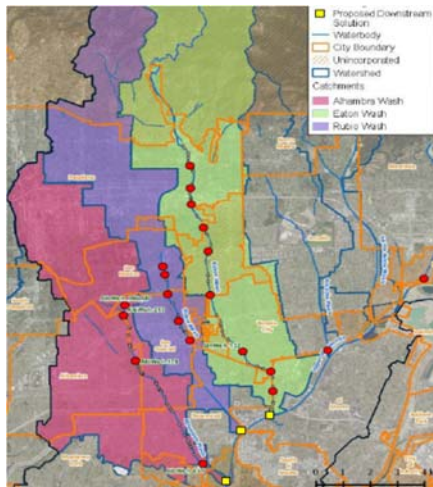
Governing Board Approves First Capital Project to Assist Cities with Stormwater Management

In March, the first project to be undertaken by the integrated ACE/COG was assigned to the newly formed Capital Projects and Construction Committee. This project will help local agencies within the Rio Hondo watershed enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) to solicit proposals, negotiate and enter into agreements with a consultant for the design of project plans for a bacteria load reduction strategy (LRS). MS4 permits require cities to develop plans for protecting waterways by limiting the amount of bacteria entering the waterway: the waste load reduction strategy. On October 25, 2017, the permittees submitted an approach to the Regional Water Board based on constructing three dry weather projects, one each at the confluence of the Rio Hondo River and Alhambra, Rubio, and Eaton Washes.

To implement these projects, the cities of Alhambra, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, South Pasadena, Temple City, and Unincorporated Los Angeles County have requested to enter into an agreement with the SGVCOG. The agencies will fully fund the design on proportional basis based on their total geographic area within the watershed. The COG's

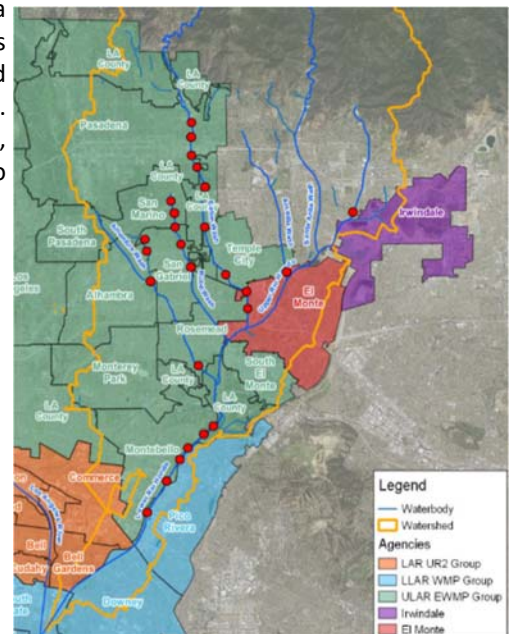
- responsibilities will include:
- Act as lead agency to hire a consultant for project design and preparation of CEQA documentation
 - Collect required permits from participating agencies
 - Identify the rights-of-way needed
 - Invoice participating agencies for their cost share
 - Financially administer the contract
 - SGVCOG Estimates our annual costs at \$60,000

At its Governing Board meeting on March 15th, delegates authorized the Executive Director to enter into the MOA, release a request for proposal, and assign this project to the Capital Projects and Construction Committee for oversight. With the implementation of Measures A, H, and M, the SGVCOG looks forward to serving the cities of San Gabriel Valley.



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Above: Current treatment Sites
Left: Proposed Treatment Sites

Marisa Creter Named Executive Director Of the SGVCOG

In March, the SGVCOG Governing Board formally executed the contract with Marisa Creter to become the permanent SGVCOG Executive Director. Marisa has been serving as interim since October, and we had a chance to catch up with her and get her thoughts.

As Executive Director, what do you see as a priority for the COG to address over the next year?

This is such an exciting time at the COG! There are so many important initiatives occurring across the County, including implementation of Measure H and Measure M. Over the past year, the COG has taken a leadership role in those efforts, and I expect that work will continue next year. Additionally, we have been active participants as the County considers a Safe, Clean Water funding measure and adopting a position on the final measure will be critical for our region. Additionally, full integration of COG and ACE presents a host of new opportunities to serve our member agencies and support the implementation of regionally significant projects. We had accomplished a lot over the past year to support that effort, including adopting an updated JPA and bylaws, but we still have much more to complete. Critical next steps include the approval of the project review and evaluation process, completion of the compensation and classification study and development of a 5-year capital projects workplan. It's wonderful to see how engaged all the staff has been on these efforts, and I look forward to

bringing our projects forward to the Governing Board.

What do you most look forward to as you take on the role of Executive Director?

I've worked at the COG for over 11 years, and I truly love it so much. I've always wanted to work in public service, so this is truly a dream job! The COG is a great place to work for several reasons. First, we have the ability to work in so many different subject areas, including transportation, homelessness, sustainability and stormwater. Getting the opportunity to be involved in so many different areas is challenging, exciting and fun! Second, as a regional agency, we work with a wide range of cities and other public entities. This gives you a unique perspective to learn new approaches to problems and understand the challenges faced by different communities. Last but not least, the COG has the best staff and leadership, which makes it a joy to come to work every day! Being able to work with a group of talented, dedicated and hard-working people makes such a huge difference. It's been incredible to see our progress over the last few years. I think the work of our Homelessness Committee is a great example. That committee was just formed in July 2016. Since then, we've secured approximately \$1 million to support homeless planning in our region, and our COG is by far the most engaged in the County. We've made the same huge strides in transportation and stormwater. As Executive Director, I look forward to implementing the Board's

vision and continuing to support all the great work of the committees and staff.

If you had a chance to sit down and have lunch with any historical figure who would it be and why?

Wow. There are so many people I admire it's hard to pick just one! Generally, I really admire people that display integrity, empathy and are dedicated to public service. One person that comes to mind is Mr. Rogers, because I just saw a preview for documentary that is coming out this summer. Mr. Rogers Neighborhood was one of two shows I was allowed to watch as a child, and his demeanor is truly a model for how to treat other people. I remember a quote of his that says, "There are three ways to ultimate success: the first way is to be kind; the second way is to be kind; the third way to be kind." I don't think it can be said any better than that!



Marisa Creter, Executive Director

Homelessness Update

To date, twenty-eight community input meetings have been conducted across the SGV which will inform the cities' homeless plans. The SGVCOG is also partnering with the San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness to create a map that will overlay locations of homeless populations with the locations of currently available resources. With this map, gaps in services and housing will be identified. When cities homeless plans are finished, an overlay of proposed resources will be added to the map, providing a visual of homeless needs and

solutions across the region, subregions, and by city.

In tandem with the city planning grants, regional homeless coordination efforts continue to move forward and have included discussions with "anchor cities", those cities in the San Gabriel Valley that provide significant homeless housing and resources.

For more information, contact jcicco@sgvcog.org



City of La Verne Community Meeting

News in Brief

LA Metro Approves Open Street Guidelines:

Each year various LA County communities host Open Streets events, for their residents. These events are partially funded by the LA Metro Opens Streets Grant Program. Open Streets events temporarily close streets to automobile traffic and open them to cyclists, pedestrians and other modes of non-motorized transportation.

In March, the Metro Open Streets Grant Program Cycle Three Application and Guidelines Funding Eligibility was approved, as follows:

- \$500,000 funding ceiling per event,
- There will be a funding cap of \$2,000,000, and

It is expected the grant application will be released in the coming weeks.



Above: SGV Open Streets
Left: Gold Line



Earth Day Free Rides :

In March, the Metro Board of Directors approved a motion by L.A. Mayor and Board Chair Eric Garcetti to offer free rides on Earth Day Sunday, April 22nd. This year a variety of events will be taking place across LA Country for Earth Day, and some of the featured events include:

- CicLAvia's Heart of the Foothills open streets event,
- Earth Day L.A. event is happening at Grand Park in downtown L.A.,
- The Earth Focus Environmental Film Festival at Hollywood/Highland, and
- The L.A. Times Festival of Books is taking place at the Expo Line-adjacent USC campus.

Those who plan to celebrate earth day by attending one of the many events in the region are encouraged to try out a free ride and enjoy the sites and sounds.

Upper Water District Announces New GM:

The Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) Board of Directors has announced the appointment of Thomas Love as the General Manager. Mr. Love brings considerable expertise to Upper District with over thirty years of experience in public agency management, engineering, and operations in both the water and wastewater industries.

He recently served as the General Manager for the Crescenta Valley Water District, a position he held for 3 years. Prior to that, Mr. Love worked for the Inland Empire Utility Agency as the Executive Manager of Engineering rising to General Manager of the agency.



Top: New Upper District GM Thomas Love



City of Azusa Hires New City Manager:

The City of Azusa has named Sergio Gonzalez as their new City Manager.

Sergio most recently served as the Hermosa Beach City Manager. He has considerable experience within the SGV, where he held the position of City Manager with the City of South Pasadena.

Sergio replaces Don Penman who served as the Interim City Manager for Azusa, while the City completed a search for a permanent City Manager. Sergio began his duties on April 2nd.

The SGVCOG wishes him great success in his new role with the City of Azusa

Left: New Azusa City Manager Sergio Gonzalez

San Gabriel Valley News In Brief (Cont.)

Foothill Transit Now Accepting Bus Stop Enhancement Program Applications:

Recently, the SGVCOG Public Works TAC received a presentation on Foothill Transit's Bus stop Enhancement Program.

Currently, Foothill Transit provides service to nearly 3,700 stops within 327 square miles. This grant program funds bus stop improvements for member cities to upgrade or enhance bus stops within their jurisdiction. There is a total of \$800,000 available this year, and an eligible city can request up to \$40,000 through the program.

For additional information, please contact Yoko Igawa at yigawa@foothilltransit.org.

Transit to Trails Pilot Project Kicks-off in April:

Starting in April, a Transit bus route will connect the Gold Line in Pasadena to the San Gabriel Mountains north of Altadena. The Pasadena/Altadena Pilot Project will run for 6-months between the Metro Gold Line Memorial Park Station in Pasadena and the Sam Merrill trailhead in the North Lake Avenue area of Altadena.

This pilot project is due to begin on April 7, 2018, and extend through September 30, 2018, operating on Saturdays and Sundays between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. This service will provide residents another transit option for improved regional mobility.

For more information visit <https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/pasadena-transit/>

LABC to Host 12th Annual Sustainability Summit:

On April 20th, the Los Angeles Business Council will host its 12th Annual Sustainability Summit. The summit will focus on the following:

- De-carbonization of the transportation sector,
- How California plans to achieve 100% renewable energy,
- Expanding zero-emission vehicle technology,
- Landfill diversion, and
- Water infrastructure and conservation measures.

This year the summit will be held at the Getty Center in Brentwood from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more information or to rsvp, please visit <http://www.labusinescouncil.org/Events-&-Meetings>



Above: El Monte Foothill Transit Stop
Right: Sam Merrill Trail ANF



SCE 2018 Cool Planet Award Nominations are Open:

Southern California Edison (SCE) and the Climate Registry are pleased to announce the 2018 Cool Planet Award. This annual award recognizes the valuable contribution of SCE customers who demonstrate exemplary leadership in energy and carbon management.

All Cool Planet Award recipients and honorable mentions will be recognized at the SCE Cool Planet Award Ceremony on October 19, 2018, at Sony Pictures Studios in Culver City, California.

In recent years a number of cities have submitted projects to be recognized and have been given a Cool Planet Award. If your city is interested, please contact Nola Hastings at nhastings@theclimateregistry.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

2018 SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT:

SOLUTIONS FOR AN INCLUSIVE, CLEAN ECONOMY

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

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 LOS ANGELES BUSINESS COUNCIL

San Gabriel Valley News In Brief (Cont.)

The SGV To Host First CicLAvia of the year:

On April 22nd, the San Gabriel Valley will be hosting a CicLAvia event through the cities of San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona and Claremont.

CicLAvia temporarily closes streets to car traffic and opens them to bikers, walkers, joggers and everyone in between. Local communities and organizations realized that these types of events can showcase the benefits of active transportation as a safe and healthy form of transportation.

The Heart of the Foothills CicLAvia will close 6 miles of streets and have four destination hubs that will have live music, activity booths, food and much more. We invite everyone to come enjoy this free event, and take in the sights and sounds along the route that are seldom seen.

For more information visit <http://www.ciclavia.org/>

SGVCOG To Host Bus Tour:

On April 12th, the SGVCOG will be hosting a Bus Tour for the participating Homeless Planning Cities. Participants will get to tour two local sites of affordable housing and shelter projects. This tour will provide cities with an opportunity to see how these projects fit within local communities.

The tour is designed for Council members, City Managers, Deputy CM's, Department Directors, Chief of Police, and Asst. Chief of Police. If you are interested in attending this tour please rsvp at <https://sgvcog.eventbrite.com>

When : April 12, 2018

**Where: Cedar Springs Apartments
1319 Palomares Avenue
La Verne, California**

Time: 8:30 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact [Jan Cicco at jicco@sgvcog.org](mailto:Jan.Cicco@sgvcog.org)

Monrovia Completes Restoration of Historic Train depot:

In February, the City of Monrovia celebrated the restoration of its historic Santa Fe Train Depot. Over the past year, the city worked to rehabilitate the train depot, located next to the Metro Gold Line's Monrovia station. This historic station was once visited by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1939 during his tour of California.

It is anticipated the newly restored building will house a restaurant. As part of the renovation, the square will also house a mosaic art piece honoring Bob Bartlett, the city's first African-American council member.



Monrovia Santa Fe Train Depot



The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments will be Hosting an Affordable Housing Bus Tour

About The Bus Tour

The SGVCOG is hosting this Homeless Housing Bus Tour for cities in the San Gabriel Valley. This tour will provide cities with an opportunity to see how these projects fit within local communities.

Participants will get a chance to learn about security, property management, rules, services, and operations at these facilities. This will give a unique opportunity to meet and talk with residents living in the housing, local neighbors, developers, City Managers/Directors/ Councilmembers, and local law enforcement.



ACE And COG Staff Visit Washington D.C.

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Governing Board members this month advocated for the award of federal funds to the region's top priority highway and rail freight projects and for legislation to ease the potentially costly burden of treating seasonal storm water flows to comply with federal clean water standards.

SGVCOG Third Vice President Becky Shevlin joined SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee Chair Juli Costanzo, Vice Chair Victoria Martinez and Member Jack Hadjinian as well as members of the Diamond Bar City Council on an advocacy trip to Washington, DC from March 19 to 21. The group met with members and staff of the San Gabriel Valley's Congressional delegation as well as staff at the U.S. Department of Transportation in support of funding applications submitted for the Alameda Corridor-East Project and the State Route 57-60 Chokepoint Relief Program. The group also urged support for House and Senate bills intended to provide legislative and regulatory relief to cities facing the daunting cost of removing contaminants from storm water.

Additionally, SGVCOG representatives joined Foothill Gold Line, Foothill Transit and the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership in sponsoring a Congressional Appreciation Reception. The group also attended briefings with representatives of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Federal Highway Administration, the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Top Right: SGVCOG & SGVEP representatives visiting with Congressman Adam Schiff
Bottom: SGVCOG representatives visiting with Congressman Ed Royce



The SGVEP Hosted It's 18th Annual Legislative Networking Reception

The 18th Annual San Gabriel Valley Legislative Networking Reception at MillerCoors Brewery was a tremendous success as local lawmakers met and mingled with over 200 members of the Partnership and SGVCOG.

This year's reception was attended by Congresswoman Judy Chu (D-Pasadena), Sen. Josh Newman (D-Fullerton), Sen. Connie Leyva (D-Chino), Asm. Ed Chau (D-Monterey Park), Asm. Blanca Rubio (D-Baldwin Park), and LA County Assessor Jeff Prang.

The San Gabriel Valley Legislative Networking Reception was co-hosted with the Partnership and the SGVCOG. The highlight of the evening was the speaking program where lawmakers answered several critical questions about key policy issues.



Top Left: SGVCOG 3rd Vice President Becky Shevlin and Senator Connie Leyva
Top Right: SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist
Bottom Left: Legislative Reception Attendees

Greenway TAC and Active Transportation Cities Receive Update

In February, the Greenway TAC and AT Plan cities met to discuss their pedestrian plans and greenway studies. As part of the discussion, Ryan Johnson from Alta Planning, highlighted the top ranked Greenway Project corridors. Cities were asked to provide feedback on which projects should receive priority. In addition, Los Angeles County Public Works staff reminded cities to please check in with them once a project is identified within their city. This is so both the city and county can coordinate and create project buy-in.

During the active transportation plan portion of the meeting, Bike SGV staff and Alta Planning staff reviewed the inventory of existing infrastructure within the five participating cities. Staff conveyed the importance of strategically positioned bike lanes, which allow for solid connectivity through main thoroughfares. As part of the AT Plan, Bike SGV in conjunction with Alta Planning have conducted nighttime light distribution/education intercepts. These intercepts

have taken place across the 5 partner cities, which include: Glendora, Irwindale, Montebello, La Puente, and Monrovia.

These intercepts offer a unique opportunity to promote state law and

safe riding techniques, and are conducted along routes frequented by local bicyclists.



Greenway TAC and AT Plan Meeting Participants

ACE Set to Dedicate New Puente Avenue Grade Separation Project

To celebrate the completion of the Puente Ave. Grade Separation Project, a dedication ceremony will be held on April 6th. This Project separated the roadway and the railroad tracks on Puente Avenue at Valley Boulevard in the City of Industry and unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. Plans called for the construction of a roadway underpass on Puente Avenue with bridges for Valley Boulevard and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and included a loop connector road west of Puente Avenue and south of Valley Boulevard.

Major construction activities began in June 2015 with the closure of Puente Avenue. The estimated cost of the project was about \$97.4 million. With the completion of the project, 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.

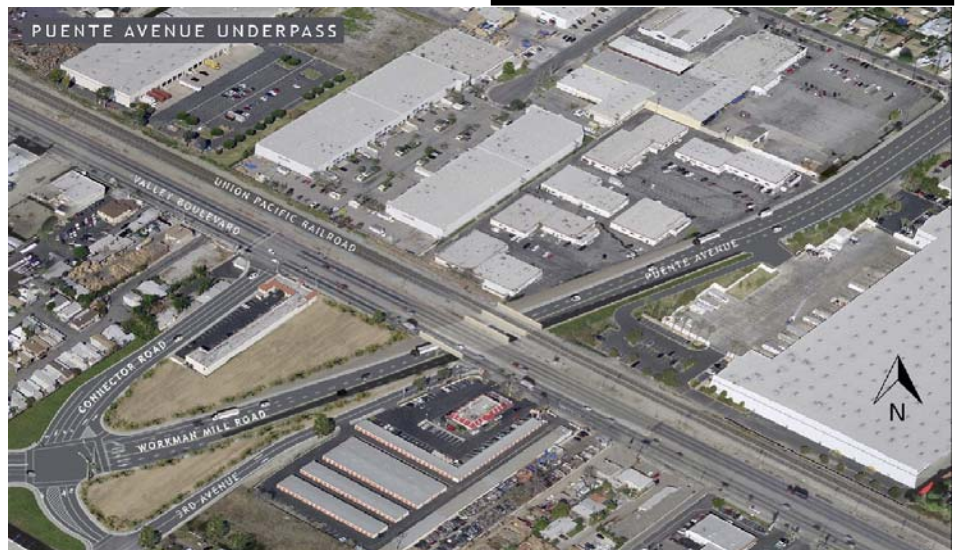


Puente Ave Grade Separation Dedication Ceremony:

When : April 6, 2018

Where: 121 N. Puente Ave.
City of Industry, Ca

Time: 10:30 a.m.— 1:30 p.m.



Meetings

Monday, April 2, 12:00 p.m.
 Executive Committee
 1000 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra

Wednesday, April 4, 12:00 p.m.
 City Managers Steering Committee
 100 S Vincent Ave #200, West Covina

Wednesday, April 10, 10:00 a.m.
 Water Committee
 602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

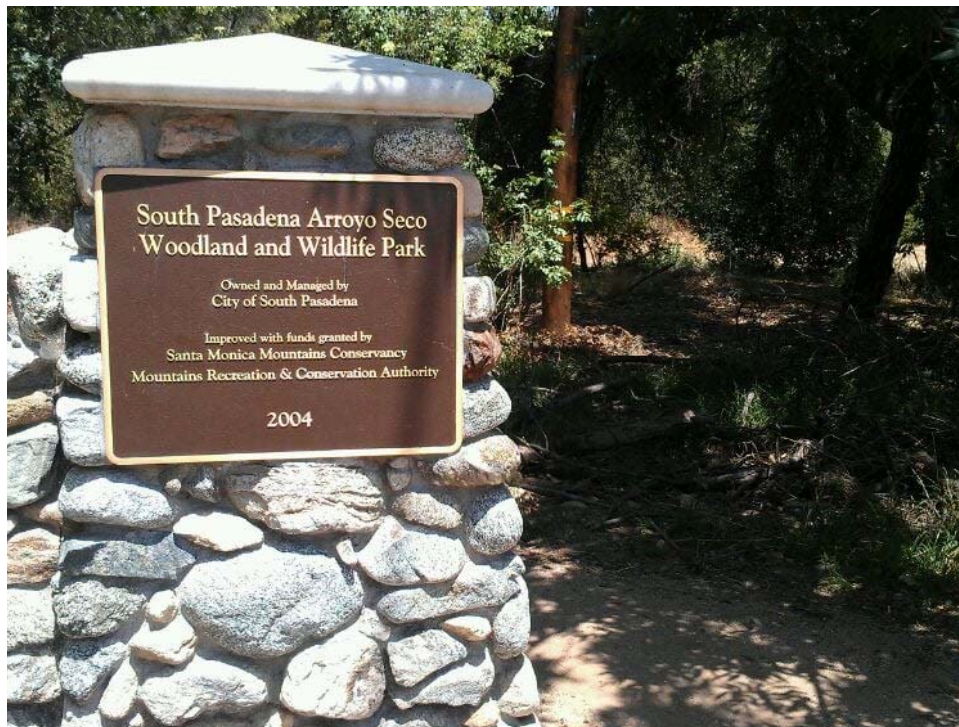
Wednesday, April 18, 12:30 p.m.
 EENR Committee
 602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

Thursday, April 19, 4:30 p.m.
 Transportation Committee
 602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

Thursday, April 19, 6:00 p.m.
 Governing Board
 602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

Thursday, April 26, 12:00 p.m.
 Planners TAC
 321 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia

Thursday, April 26, 12:30 p.m.
 Homelessness Committee
 321 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia



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 1/2 mile scale bar
 CicLAvia Route / Ruta de CicLAvia
 Crossing Points for Cars / Puntos de cruce para carros
 Amtrak/MetroLink Stations / Estaciones de Amtrak/MetroLink

HEART OF THE FOOTHILLS
 APRIL 22, 2018
 9am-4pm

OPEN STREETS MADE POSSIBLE BY Metro