

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of March 4, 2019

- **INFRA Grant Submittals:** On Monday, applications were due to the United States Department of Transportation for the Second Round of the Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Program. The INFRA Grants program provides dedicated, discretionary funding for projects which address critical issues facing our nation's highways, bridges, and freight corridors. The SGVCOG was part of two collaborative, multi-agency applications for two priority goods movement projects in the San Gabriel Valley region.
 - **Montebello Blvd. Grade Separation:** The first project application was submitted by Caltrans for the “Southern California Multimodal Freight Network Project.” This project is an integrated approach to improve safety, efficiency, reliability, and reduce emissions and community impacts of goods movement in the nation’s leading freight and inland trade corridor. The overall project includes four sub-projects: an interchange improvement at the SR-47 Vincent Thomas Bridge & Harbor Blvd.-Front St. Interchange, two rail projects in the Port of Long Beach, and the ACE Montebello Blvd. Grade Separation project. Caltrans requested a total of \$62.65 million in INFRA Grant funds, including \$20 million for the Montebello Blvd. Grade Separation project.
 - **57/60 Confluence:** Additionally, Metro submitted an application that included the SR 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Program. This project aims to alleviate congestion and improve safety within the confluence area of these two major SRs, especially in the eastbound direction at the Grand Avenue Interchange. The 57/60 Confluence is the 2nd-highest truck accident location in Southern California, and is also the fourth-most congested freight chokepoint in the United States. Confluence improvements that are being proposed include: construction of an additional SR 57 lane, a new SR 60 bypass off-ramp, construction of a wider bridge at the south half of the Grand Ave. Interchange, and new eastbound on-ramps from Grand Avenue. \$25,000,000 in INFRA funds are being requested for this \$420,000,000 project.
- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Executive Committee held its monthly meeting. The SGVCOG Treasurer Renee Graves of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP presented the Quarterly Treasurer Report for the period ending September 30, 2018. The report found no instances of concern regarding the quarterly reports prepared by ACE and COG are inaccurate or inadequate to meet the governance needs standards of the Executive Committee and Governing Board. Additionally, the Committee discussed the proposed legislative agenda for the SGVCOG. The SGVCOG legislative agenda is intended to advance adopted SGVCOG objectives in the core policy areas of water, transportation, homelessness, energy and the environment. This aligns closely with the recently developed 2019 Strategic Plan Update and incorporates by reference the focused legislative policy agendas

adopted by each of the SGVCOG's policy committees. The Governing Board will consider this legislative agenda for adoption at the March 21 meeting.

- **SCAG Sustainable Communities Grant:** On Thursday, the SCAG Regional Council approved the 2018 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Award Recommendations (as recommended by SCAG staff) and also authorized SCAG staff to initiate the recommended projects. The SCP is a multi-year program designed to support and implement the policies and initiatives of the 2016 RTP/SCS. Rather than providing direct grants to jurisdictions, the SCP serves as a resource program and provides in-depth technical assistance to complete recommended projects. The SCP funds the following types of projects:
 - Active Transportation planning and non-infrastructure projects or programs
 - Integrated Land Use projects
 - Green Regional Initiative projects

In November, the COG worked with the cities of San Dimas (lead applicant), Covina, Diamond Bar, La Puente, Monrovia, La Verne, South El Monte, Rosemead, and Walnut to submit an SCP grant application for the multi-jurisdictional "SGV Regional Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Planning" project. The COG is excited to announce that the SCAG Regional Council approved this project for SCP funding to conduct technical assistance for this planning project! **Special thanks and congratulations to Katie Ward, Alex Fung and Peter Duyshart for their hard work on the application!** Additional projects funding in the San Gabriel Valley region include the following:

- Azusa: Pedestrian Master Plan
- Baldwin Park: EV Charging Plan
- El Monte: Gateway to Downtown El Monte Complete Streets Demonstration
- El Monte: Vision Zero Action Plan
- Glendora: EV Charging Plan
- Rosemead: EV Charging Plan

Congratulations to all of our cities!

- **SB 1383 Organic Waste Comment Letter:** On Monday, SGVCOG staff submitted a comment letter on behalf of member agencies to provide feedback and comments to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) regarding the Department's SB 1383 (Lara) proposed regulations. The bill was signed into law in September 2016 and established established targets to achieve a 50% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 levels by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025. CalRecycle recently opened up a 45-day comment period on the proposed SB 1383 regulations. This period ended this past Monday (March 4, 2019) at 5:00pm. The SGVCOG's letter expressed several concerns from our member agencies regarding the proposed regulations, including the lack of capacity to meet the needs for new organic waste processing and the lack of sufficient funds to

implement and comply with the rules set out in the proposed regulations. Additionally, letter indicated that these proposed regulations may place a disproportionate burden on local governments. CalRecycle is scheduled to host a formal hearing on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 9:00am. SGVCOG staff will also be attending the formal hearing to express our member agencies' concerns. Cities can learn more about SB 1383 and the proposed regulations by visiting the CalRecycle website [here](#).

- **Homelessness Committee:** Members of the Measure H Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board attended and participated in this month's meeting. Rabbi Marvin Gross, Supervisor Barger's appointee to the Board, was joined by Dana Vanderford, Supervisor Barger's Homelessness Deputy, and provided insight into the work of the Board. To ensure public accountability regarding the use of Measure H funds, the Advisory Board reviews Measure H expenditure and outcomes reports. The five Board members, appointed by the Supervisors, have a wide range of experience in public service and the nonprofit sector. The Homelessness Committee also developed the following legislative priorities to submit as part of a legislative platform to the Governing Board: 1) Allocating State funding directly to cities to speed the implementation of local projects and reduce administrative layers 2) Supporting the establishment of a regional housing trust fund and 3) Amending the legal definition of gravely ill. The Committee also directed staff to track AB-34, Wiener, formerly entitled, *Homelessness: right to shelter*, and now titled, *Interim housing intervention developments*. Updates were also provided on the 2018 City Implementation RFP Awards and resubmissions, next steps for exploring development of a Regional Housing Trust Fund and the HEAP RFP.
- **Measure H Funding Webinar:** The LA County CEO kicked off the public input period for 2019-2020 Measure H funding allocations with a community Webinar describing the draft funding recommendations. The recommended allocations of \$460,000,000 exceeds the projected funding recommendation of \$430,089,000 by \$29,911,000. Director Ansell explained that the increased funding is available due to increased revenues and reduced expenditures in 2018 as well as savings realized by the Department of Children and Families through family reunification and greater access to Federal housing choice vouchers. As a result, funding for several County programs were increased to fulfill identified areas of need. Additionally, the draft plan includes funding for innovative housing strategies, an employment Taskforce and implementation of recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Committee on Black Homelessness. The public comment period on the recommendations is open now through March 20th. Comments may be submitted at homeless.lacounty.gov/planning. County Department heads and colleagues will review the recommendations and make revisions as deemed appropriate. The final recommendations will be brought to the Homeless Policy Deputies on April 25th and the Board of Supervisors on May 14th.
- **Coyote Management Task Force:** On Tuesday, 24 representatives from 17 member agencies met at the Monrovia Community Center to discuss the next steps in developing a regional coyote management plan. Cities expressed support for the SGVCOG to develop a regional coyote management plan template that

cities can customize and adopt based on their needs. A number of attendees also expressed interest in the SGVCOG or a regional entity to implement the programs that will be listed on the regional coyote management plan. Regionally-scalable activities include public education, outreach support for member agencies with areas of high coyote sightings, and developing a centralized regional coyote reporting system. The task force is scheduled to reconvene in the next month or two to finalize the regional coyote management plan and discuss the regional coyote management implementation programs. Once the document is finalized, it will be presented to the SGVCOG City Managers' Steering Committee and the Governing Board for review and approval. For questions and inquiries regarding the task force, please contact SGVCOG staff Alexander Fung at (626) 457-1800 or afung@sgvcog.org.

- **CNRA Green Infrastructure Public Hearing:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff attended the California Natural Resources Agency's (CNRA) Proposition 68 Green Infrastructure Program Public Hearing. CNRA received \$18.5 million in Proposition 68 dollars to allocate for projects that develop green infrastructure aimed to benefit disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged communities. The Agency has developed the draft grant guidelines and is currently soliciting public comments regarding the proposed grant guidelines until Thursday, March 21, 2019. Cities are encouraged to review the proposed guidelines and submit public comments to BondsandGrants@resources.ca.gov. It is anticipated that CNRA will finalize the draft guidelines and release a call-for-projects by May 2019. The Agency will be hosting another hearing on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 10:00am at the Ontario Museum of History and Art. More information regarding the proposed guidelines and the public hearings can be found on the CNRA website [here](#).
- **AB 755 (Holden):** This week, Assemblymember Holden introduced AB 755, which would increase the existing California tire fee by \$1.50 to \$3.25 per tire with the additional revenues to be directed to the new Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund. These funds would be made available via a competitive grant process administered by the State Water Resources Control Board for projects and programs to prevent or remediate zinc pollutants in stormwater caused by tires. Based on prior Governing Board direction, the SGVCOG is serving as the sponsor of this legislation. At the February 2019 Governing Board meeting, members adopted Resolution 19-03 identifying stormwater legislative priorities for 2019, which provided direction to pursue the development of a tire fee to provide funding to address stormwater pollution. The Governing Board will consider adopting a formal position of support for AB 755 at its March meeting.

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Week of March 11, 2019

- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Policy Committee and Water TAC held their monthly joint meeting. Members were presented with the following three pieces of legislation that were the direct result of the stormwater/water legislative priorities adopted by the Water Committee/TAC in January and subsequently adopted by the Governing Board in February:
 - AB 755 (Holden): would increase the tire recycling fee and the money would be used for stormwater cleanup.
 - AB 1093 (Rubio): would establish FCA guidelines for MS4 permittees that are adequate and consistent when considering the costs to local jurisdictions.
 - AB 1204 (Rubio): would establish reasonable timelines for new regulatory water quality requirements enacted by the State Water Board.

The Water Committee and TAC unanimously approved to recommend these pieces of legislation for Governing Board approval. Additionally, the Committee and TAC received updates on Measure W. Self-selection of all the Watershed Area Steering Committee appointments have been made. The remaining Committee appointment positions are expected to be considered by the LA County Board of Supervisors in early April. Also, the low-income senior exemption form and the feasibility equivalency guidance are still in development. The County will look to the COG, Cities, and other willing parties to help share news/documents once available, in addition to having online and promoting elsewhere. Lastly, the Measure W implementation ordinance is still being drafted based on input from the time of the public hearing and subsequent meetings to date. The timeline for the public review period of the implementing ordinance is still to be determined.

- **Measure H Comment Period:** The Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative developed Measure H funding recommendations, including proposed changes to tentatively approved budget allocations for FY 2019-20 (Year 3). The funding recommendations process was launched with a webinar in October 2018. For a copy of the Webinar PowerPoint, please [click here](#). To submit comments on the proposed Measure H Funding Recommendations FY 2019-20 please use the following link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXU5A5PsdITulkGeo7XCkh_c2775uWRCr7lyWRtGuDqtULqg/viewform. Comments are due March 20 at 5PM.
- **SB 1383 Formal Rulemaking Hearing:** On Tuesday, SGVCOG staff attended CalRecycle's SB 1383 formal rulemaking hearing. SB 1383 (Lara) was signed into law in 2016 to support the State's greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets. CalRecycle recently began the formal rulemaking process as the Department anticipates to adopt the regulations by late 2019. The seven-hour hearing consisted of CalRecycle staff covering key details of the regulations and several

sessions of public comments. SGVCOG took the opportunity to present multiple concerns on behalf of member agencies, including the lack of sufficient funds needed to implement new organic waste diversion programs, the lack of existing infrastructure capacity needed to comply with the organic waste diversion requirements set out in the proposed regulations, and the lack of concrete details in the penalty and enforcement system. Additionally, SGVCOG staff recommended that CalRecycle should work through the programmatic scheme prior to implementing an appropriate set of penalties. SGVCOG, along with many other attending representatives from municipalities across the state, expressed that the proposed regulations place a disproportionate burden on local governments to achieve the desired short-lived climate pollutant emissions reductions. The public hearing's presentation and the SB 1383 proposed regulation text can be found [here](#). Cities are encouraged to submit comments, questions, and inquiries regarding the proposed regulations to SLCP.Organics@Calrecycle.ca.gov.

- **Durfee Groundbreaking Reminder:** The SGVCOG and the City of Pico Rivera invite representatives to attend the upcoming Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Durfee Avenue Grade Separation Project. The Durfee Avenue project is a high-priority grade separation which is located on a Union Pacific mainline of the ACE Trade Corridor; this key corridor is one of the busiest freight rail corridors in the United States, as it carries 16 percent of all oceangoing containers throughout the entire country. This specific grade separation will improve crossing safety, eliminate crossing delays, including for emergency responders, reduce vehicle emissions, and will significantly reduce the need for locomotive horn noise at the crossing. The groundbreaking ceremony will begin at **10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 22nd**, at 4759 Durfee Avenue in the City of Pico Rivera. After the conclusion of the ceremony, there will be a celebratory luncheon just up the road at Pico Park Auditorium, which is located at 9528 Beverly Boulevard. For questions about this event, the project, or to RSVP, please contact Ricky Choi at rchoi@theaceproject.org or at (626) 373-2686.
- **Metro Public Participation Plan:** Earlier this month, LA Metro began its public outreach process for its Public Participation Plan. Every three years, the Federal Transit Administration requires LA Metro to update its Public Participation Plan as part of its Title VI Program Update. The Plan guides all of Metro's outreach efforts to gather important and valuable public input on possible changes to fares, bus and rail service, new project in planning, construction and other programs, pilot projects, and plans and initiatives that Metro wants to ensure the public's voice is heard on. Currently, Metro is circulating the Draft of its Public Participation Plan; the Draft Plan is open for public comment from **March 6th until April 12th**, and the Draft Plan can be viewed [HERE](#). Members of the public are able to submit comments to Metro on this draft plan in one of the four following ways:
 - In-person: attend one of the meeting where the Plan will be presented, and your oral and written comments at the meeting will be recorded. Earlier this week, on Monday, March 11, Metro presented the Draft Plan to the San Gabriel Valley Service Council in El Monte. However, another opportunity to attend an in-person meeting on this matter will be at the Citizens Advisory

Council on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 PM in the Union Station Conference Room inside Metro Headquarters.

- Email: Send comments to: communityrelations@metro.net
- Online Comment Form: Submit a comment online [HERE](#) (scroll down to the bottom of the webpage).
- Mail: You can address your letter to:
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Community Relations
Attn: Michael Cortez
One Gateway Plaza, M/S 99-13-1
Los Angeles, CA 90012



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Week of March 18, 2019

- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the Public Works TAC met for its March meeting. The meeting consisted of a workshop pertaining to energy benchmarking, and this workshop was co-hosted by the SGV Energy Wise Partnership and the SoCalREN. The workshop included a detailed presentation on energy benchmarking, which is the practice of tracking energy usage of a facility, property, or building, and comparing the energy consumption of a particular facility to that of similar facilities in a region. This enables those who benchmark to understand the energy use and demand of their buildings, and can help property owners get an idea of which facilities might require energy efficiency retrofits or upgrades. The presentation included information regarding AB 802 (2015) and its mandates that non-residential building owners benchmark, and how cities must comply with these mandates in some cases. SoCalREN's presentation also included information about how to use the EPA's Energy Star Portfolio Manager tool to benchmark properties. SoCalREN also provided a step by step details about how to work with the utility companies to set up automated benchmarking and data uploading of energy consumption, as well as how to report results to the State of California.
- **Board Deputies Meeting:** On Monday, I, along with Katie Ward and staff from the cities of South El Monte, Pomona, Claremont, San Dimas, and Glendora met with Supervisor Hilda Solis, County staff and policy staff from Supervisors Barger and Hahn's offices, to discuss cities' responses to homelessness and the need to access Measure H funding. Specifically, cities requested a streamlined process to access Measure H funding via local return, block grant or other similar process. Supervisor Hilda Solis acknowledged the collaboration of the SGV cities and offered her support for the needs of the cities, but also asked the cities to be more innovative in using CDBG or other funding and building Access Centers with Rapid Rehousing (shelters) in the central part of the San Gabriel Valley. Phil Ansell, the director of the County's Homeless Initiative, stated that the County had place 1,368 families/individuals in the San Gabriel Valley into Rapid Re-housing and 1,299 families/individuals into Interim housing. He clearly stated that he does not support local return to cities as he views it as duplicative and competing with county-wide systems and services. The SGVCOG will continue to work with the Supervisors and County staff to address the needs of our cities related to homelessness.
- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the EENR Committee met at the Monrovia Community Center for its March meeting. Paolo Perrone, The Trust for Public Land's Los Angeles Project Manager, provided a brief presentation on the Trust's Climate-Smart Cities Initiative. This initiative provides a platform for the Trust to partner with city leaders and residents to design, fund, and build climate-smart parks and green spaces where they are needed the most. Cities are encouraged to participate and learn more by visiting the Trust for Public Land's website [here](#). Additionally, representatives from the Congresswoman Judy Chu's office and Senator Kamala Harris' office presented on the details of the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act. After a brief discussion, the

Committee voted to endorse the Act, including expanding the existing San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, establishing additional wilderness areas, and the classifications of several San Gabriel Mountain rivers as Wild and Scenic Rivers. The Governing Board will be discussing and voting to endorse or oppose this Act at its April meeting.

- **CTF Transportation Award:** Last week, the California Transportation Foundation announced the winners and finalists for its 30th Annual CTF Transportation Awards. The CTF Transportation Awards recognize excellence in California transportation in 2018, across all modes, in both public and private sector and from all regions of the State of California. The SGVCOG is thrilled to learn that the CTF has awarded the San Gabriel Trench Grade Separation Project for its prestigious Project of the Year Award for the entire State of California! This critical grade separation project is an SGVCOG and Alameda Corridor-East project, and we are humbled and honored to receive this award! We want to recognize and extend sincere congratulations to SGVCOG Senior Project Manager Phil Balmeo, who was the lead project manager for this project, as well as to the entire team that worked on this project. Phil and SGVCOG Chief Engineer Mark Christoffels will be presented with the Project of the Year Award at the 30th Annual CTF Transportation Awards on May 28, 2019 in Sacramento!
- **Planners' TAC RHNA Workshop:** On Tuesday afternoon, about 20 planners from a majority of cities in the San Gabriel Valley met at San Dimas City Hall for a workshop related to RHNA Annual Progress Reports. This workshop was planned and held due to the fact Annual Progress reports from each municipality are due to the State of California by April 1, and the State will potentially penalize cities which do not meet reporting and compliance requirements related to RHNA reporting. The purpose of this workshop was to provide cities with guidance about how to properly complete the new RHNA AHR forms, and to give cities an opportunity to share best practices and clear up points of ambiguity. The SGVCOG would like to give a special thank you to Larry Stevens and his team at the City of San Dimas for hosting the workshop at their City Hall, and for also taking the lead on guiding workshop attendees through the RHNA reporting forms!
- **Measure H Input Hearing:** March 20th was the last day to provide public comment to the County for the 2019-2020 Measure H funding allocations. In addition to on-line comments, the County offered an in person option to providing input at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. Many SGVCOG cities and COG staff provided in person input in local input session conducted in October, 2018 and selected not to participate in the in person session on the 20th. However, cities and the COG did provide online comments. In early April 2019 the Homeless Initiative staff, County Departments, and LAHSA will meet to discuss public comments and consider potential revisions to recommendations. On April 25, 2019 the Homeless Initiative will present the Board Letter with final funding recommendations at Homeless Policy Board Deputies Meeting Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 739 2:00pm – 4:00pm. On May 14, 2019 the Board of Supervisors will consider the final FY 2019-20 Measure H Funding Recommendations.

- **Reception for Assemblymember Rubio:** The SGVCOG and the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership are proud to host a reception to honor Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio for her election as the Chair of the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus. The reception will take place on Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Monrovia DoubleTree by Hilton. This is a free event open to the public and member agencies are encouraged to RSVP by visiting www.sgvpartnership.org/events or calling (626) 856-3400.



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Week of March 25, 2019

- **Durfee Groundbreaking:** This past Friday, the SGVCOG and the ACE Project hosted a successful groundbreaking ceremony in the City of Pico Rivera in order to celebrate the official groundbreaking of the Durfee Avenue Grade Separation project. The Durfee Avenue Grade Separation project will consist of a two-lane roadway underpass and a railroad bridge to replace a hazardous at-grade railroad crossing on Durfee Avenue, in between Whittier Boulevard and Beverly Boulevard. This grade separation safety project is vital for both the community and will lower vehicle-hours of delay at the crossing by 15.3 hours each day. The project is expected to enhance and improve safety for pedestrians, motorists, and freight trains at this hazardous railroad crossing, will cost about \$105.5 million, and will create more than 1,370 jobs, both directly and indirectly. The SGVCOG is grateful that the following honorable officials who provided remarks at the even including: Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, CTC Chair Fran Inman, SGVCOG President and Temple City Council Member Cynthia Sternquist, SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee Chair and El Monte Council Member Victoria Martinez MuelaWe are thankful for their support of this project!
- **AB 755 (Holden) Hearing:** AB 755, the tire fee for zinc stormwater remediation bill, was introduced by Assemblyman Holden. The SGVCOG Governing Board adopted a resolution of support for this legislation and is serving as the sponsor. The bill was heard in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on Monday, and passed on a party line vote of 8-3. Assemblyman Holden made a strong case in presenting the bill and Paul Hubler, SGVCOG Director of Government offered testimony on behalf of the SGVCOG as the bill sponsor. While the bill was successful in moving forward, it attracted strong opposition from the tire industry, with two of their lobbyists testifying in opposition at the hearing and additional opposition voiced by representatives of the California Chamber of Commerce and the National Federal of Businesses. The bill will next be heard at the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 9. SGVCOG representatives plan to attend and speak in support of the legislation.
- **Capital Projects & Construction Committee:** On Monday, the Capital Projects and Construction Committee convened its March meeting. The most significant action that the Committee took during the course of its meeting was the Committee recommending that the SGVCOG Governing Board support the National Multimodal and Sustainable Freight Infrastructure Act. The bill would assess a 1% waybill fee on goods moving domestically by train or truck and funds would be placed in a Freight Trust Fund. This fee is expected to generate \$8 billion annually. The Freight Trust Fund could potentially provide Southern California with \$328 million per year through a discretionary grant program. This item will now be considered by the Governing Board at the April Board meeting. Additionally, the

Committee heard a presentation on Quiet Zone Formation along railways, and how quiet zones can eventually be implemented.

- **SCE/SCG All-Partners Meeting:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff attended the Annual All-Partners Meeting that was hosted by Southern California Edison (SCE) and the Southern California Gas Company (SCG) at SCE's Energy Resource Center in Irwindale. Hundreds gathered to discuss and learn about best practices in achieving energy efficiency goals, exploring the future energy outlook for the state, and developing regional energy partnerships. Staff members were able to exchange insightful dialogues with conference attendees and panelists about best practices in helping cities and residents to save on energy bills and lower energy usage. The COG is grateful to both SCE and SCG for hosting this event and we thank the panelists and speakers for sharing their knowledge to help the San Gabriel Valley become a regional leader in energy efficiency.
- **Covina Roundtable:** The City of Covina held its quarterly homelessness Roundtable on Wednesday. Dominic Lopez from the Department of VA gave a short presentation. Dominic is the VA Outreach worker assigned to the San Gabriel Valley. **If cities' encounter a homeless person who is a veteran, call Dominic. His number is (310) 867-1230 and e-mail is dominic.lopez2@va.gov. When contacting Dominic, it is very helpful to provide the person's social security number or DD214, if available.** Sgt. John Zumwalt talked about Covina law enforcement's joint outreach efforts with West Covina, the HALO program and the City of Pomona - County law enforcement program. The Department of Mental Health Homeless Outreach Team discussed outreach to those with mental health challenges, diagnosed as well as undiagnosed. Outreach requests can be made by calling (626) 430-2908.
- **Planning TAC:** On Thursday, the Planning TAC met for its March meeting. First, the TAC voted to elect Brad Johnson, the Community Development Director of the City of Claremont, as the new Vice Chair of the Planning TAC for the remainder of FY 2018-2019. The SGVCOG is grateful for Mr. Johnson's leadership and his willingness to serve. Next, the TAC heard a guest presentation from Mitch Moore of BlueLA Carsharing. BlueLA is the nation's largest electric vehicle carsharing service which benefits disadvantaged communities. The main goal of the BlueLA carsharing program is to transform mobility and travel, and improve connections between disadvantaged communities in order to improve equity and address access issues. The Committee also discussed Governor Newsom's new legislative housing proposals which include accelerating and incentivizing housing goals, jump-starting housing production, taking steps towards long-term housing reform, and expanding middle class housing opportunities. Most of Governor Newsom's proposals will move forward through the budgetary "trailer bills" process. Additionally, COG staff also gave a presentation on how statewide housing legislation relates to the CASA Compact, which is a policy package developed by the Committee to House the Bay Area that includes ten policy recommendations and five calls to action to provide solutions to the housing crisis. Bay Area state legislators have been using the CASA Compact to introduce housing and zoning legislation into the State Legislature. The TAC also discussed AB 377, which has to do with Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKOs). Members of the

TAC expressed concern that the bill doesn't address local autonomy issues and provided COG staff with direction on this bill; the TAC will potentially consider action on this bill in April.

- **SB 751:** Based on a request by the SGVCOG, Senator Rubio has decided to introduce bill language based off this proposal for the creation of a San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust. This bill would be similar to AB 448 which created the Orange County Housing Finance Trust in 2018. The San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust bill number is SB 751. If you are aware of an organization that could bring support to this bill, please contact staff for a letter of support template at jcicco@sgvcoq.org. The template will also be posted on the SGVCOG's Homeless Page at <https://www.sgvcoq.org/homelessness>. The SGVCOG is grateful to Senator Rubio for her legislative work and advocacy on behalf of the San Gabriel Valley. A Housing Trust will bring financial support to cities and their development partners as they work to address a serious housing stock shortfall and meet their RHNA obligation.

