

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of July 9, 2018

- **Safe, Clean Waters Update:** On Wednesday, the County released a packet of information including 1) draft Board of Supervisors' Resolution, 2) the "Final" Program Elements, and 3) a draft Ordinance. COG staff and our Stakeholder delegates are reviewing this material and preparing comments for next week's BOS public hearing. Between the last draft and this one, the program has continued to move more favorably toward municipal interests.
- **Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs Funding Reminder:** As part of the Measure M Subregional Programmatic Funds for the fiscal years in between FY 2017-18 and FY 2021-22, the SGVCOG is able to program funds for Active Transportation and First-Last Mile projects throughout the San Gabriel Valley. For the next five years, the SGVCOG has \$14.5 million in Active Transportation funds and \$17.3 million in First-Last Mile funds to program. Over the past month and a half, Chief Engineer Mark Christoffels has issued a call for project proposals, through which SGVCOG member-cities have the opportunity to submit projects which are to be implemented within the next five years to the SGVCOG for funding consideration. Cities must submit a very brief project description, a cost estimate broken out for design and construction, and the year of initiation, by phase. Thus far, the COG has received 18 submissions for First-Last Mile Program funding and seven submission for Active Transportation Program funding. The deadline for cities to submit these project proposals is July 31st.
- **City Managers' Steering Committee:** On Wednesday, the City Managers' Steering Committee held their monthly meeting. The Committee received a presentation from the Independent Cities Finance Authority (ICFA) on the Measure M Local Express program, which is a turnkey solution for financing street and community improvements backed by Measure M sales tax revenues. Additionally, the Committee took action to recommend the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to release a RFP to conduct a municipal service delivery and cost comparison study. The purpose of the study is to explore and compare how individual cities in the San Gabriel Valley are performing across multiple municipal service areas. This item will be on next week's Governing Board agenda with a recommendation for approval.
- **Update on Homelessness Efforts:** Several meetings this week provided valuable information that addresses homelessness.
 - **CEO meetings:** Thirty nine plans by 41 cities have been submitted to the County. Cities' plans called for the following strategies; Prevention, flexible funding requirements, RRH and Landlord Training, Everyone In campaigns, Safe parking and storage, addressing land use policies and ordinances, and conducting a housing inventory. The CEO is developing the framework through which funding allocations may be addressed. Priority #1 will be focused upon increasing supportive and interim housing. Priority # 2 would cover most other activities in the pursuit of expanding services. Because the framework and funding recommendations are being developed, now is the best time to influence the process and the County is inviting input. The COG will continue to keep member cities informed on the process. To that end, the COG is offering four Funding Advocacy Training and Coordination Meetings on Monday and Tuesday.

The content is the same for all four meeting, which are being held at various times to accommodate everyone that may wish to attend. The one-hour meetings will be held at the COG office on Monday, July 16 at 9:30 AM and 3:30 and Tuesday, July 17th at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. If you would like to send staff to a meeting, please confirm your selected date and time to jcicco@sgvcog.org.

- **SGV Consortium:** Senator Portantino announced several new measures to address educational needs. 13,000 new child care slots have been created. Funding has been allocated for new campus safety programs, STEM pathways, Community College positions, \$5.2 M allocated for foster youth education, and deferred maintenance will be complete. Senatore Hernandez staff announced the new discharge requirements for homeless persons exiting a nursing homes or hospitals and requirements for expanded coverage for Covered California and Associated Health plans. LAHSA answered question about the 2018 homeless count data. Azusa PD announced joint outreach efforts that will be made next week.
- **LA COC Board Meeting:** The LA COC Board approved a recommendation that LAHSA enter into an MOU with the County and City of Los Angeles Housing Authorities to participate in applications to apply for 200 additional Section 8 vouchers for DCFS's Family Unification Program. The Board also approved a performance evaluation methodology and appeals process for the 2018 review of currently funded Rapid Rehousing programs to determine if the programs perform at a level justifying renewal funding. The process for project reallocation of lower performing programs was reviewed. The 2018-19 State budget provides for \$500M statewide for Emergency Assistance Program Funding. Anticipated funding for LA County is approximately \$81M. Some of these funds, amount undetermined, will be made available to cities. Eligible uses include emergency aid, prevention and shelter diversion. 5% is set aside for youth programs. The State requires that the jurisdiction make a "Shelter Declaration". The County encourages the Board of Supervisors to make a Countywide declaration. The first round of applications will be submitted by December 31, 2018.
- **GoMonrovia Meeting:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG and the City of Monrovia co-hosted a meeting which centered around Monrovia's innovative mobility program, GoMonrovia, which incorporates public-private partnerships between the City and Lyft and the City and Lime Bike. Approximately 60 City and County staff members from across the San Gabriel Valley attended this meeting to hear and learn more about the details, logistics, and public policy implications of implementing a multi-modal transportation program with private companies. Attendees listened to three presentations from Monrovia City Manager Oliver Chi, the Lyft Transportation Partnerships Manager, the Lime Bike General Manager. Attendees were able to ask substantive questions about how to put a program like GoMonrovia into practice, and how to find solutions to some issues that arise when enacting a public-private mobility program. This meeting was important and germane as the San Gabriel Valley sees an increasing population and our cities are experiencing a greater demand from its residents to have a wider range of mutli-modal transportation and transit options. Plus, the SGVCOG is about to move forward with a region-wide RFP to implement a regional bike share system, so this meeting gave our local agencies an idea about what to look for and expect in a bike share partnership.

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- **Capital Projects Committee:** The newly restructured Capital Projects & Construction Committee held its first meeting on July 23 at West Covina Community Center. The Committee approved the plans, specifications and estimates for the Durfee Avenue grade separation project located in the City of Pico Rivera. This allows staff to advertise for bids of this project, which is estimated to cost \$35-39 million with construction starting in early 2019. The Committee also approved the project definition report for the Maple Avenue Overhead structure. This project has an estimated cost of \$24.5 million and is expected to begin construction in late 2020. Additionally, the Committee declared property that was acquired for the Puente Avenue grade separation project as surplus since the project is now complete. This will allow staff to market the property, first to public entities for such purposes as open space, then if no interest is shown, to the general public. Quarterly progress and mitigation reports were also presented.
- **AV Conference Announcement:** TranspoGroup will be hosting an all-day Autonomous Vehicle (AV) Policy Conference on September 12 at the Center at Cathedral Plaza in Los Angeles (555 W Temple St). The conference will bring together local and regional governments and stakeholders to address policy issues around advent of AV technology. More information and conference registration can be found at the following link:
<http://www.transpogroup.com/avconference.html>
- **NextGen Bus Study Meeting:** On Tuesday, LA Metro hosted its third NextGen Bus Study External Working Group Meeting. The SGV region was represented at the meeting by SGVCOG staff. Since Metro has not redesigned its bus system in over 25 years, Metro is currently conducting a comprehensive analysis of its bus system. Metro plans to prepare and implement a new bus service plan and structure in Fall 2019. The purpose of this external working group is to provide Metro with a cross-section of countywide stakeholders who will provide different perspectives of diverse groups, coalitions, and communities. The focus of this week's meeting was "Metro's existing bus service evaluation and how the market analysis can help redesign our bus system." During this meeting, Metro and their consultants on this significant project shared a plethora of data and quantitative information which revealed travel patterns and tendencies throughout different areas and routes in LA County. Included in this information was a breakdown of ridership for short-distance bus strips and long-distance bus trips, both in urban settings and suburban settings. Additionally, Metro had attendees answer questions regarding tradeoffs in services and which types of trips and routes should be prioritized in various demographic and urban/suburban settings. The focus of the next meeting will be on developing service concepts to address the changing needs of the public and assessing potential trade-offs.
- **Planning TAC:** On Thursday, the Planning TAC met for its July meeting. The keynote presentation was given by an AT&T Director of External Affairs for the SGV region on AT&T's emerging 5G network and "small cell" technologies. As the demand for faster cellular service increases, cellular providers such as AT&T need to deploy new technologies in order to deliver more reliable service and increase the capability of the cellular data network. This means that cellular providers need to work with local jurisdictions and cities to get design approval for the "small cell" equipment, which can be attached to street lights, utility poles, and buildings, and must receive permits to install new network

equipment on city-owned right-of-way. This meeting provided City and county Planning staff the chance to engage with AT&T in substantive dialogue to address pertinent issues and receive thorough answers to their questions. Additionally, the TAC also received updates from COG staff regarding Measure M Subregional Fund Programming (for which Active Transportation and First-Last Mile project submissions are due July 31), the SGVCOG/ACE Capital Project Review and Selection Process (for which project submission are due August 31), and code compliance issues for contracting cities with LA County Fire Department.

- **SGVCOG Port Tour:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff participated in a tour of the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. These ports have a significant impact on rail traffic along the Alameda Corridor to the East. These two ports combined handle nearly 40% of the nation's imports and 25% of the nation's exports. Staff also got to see up close a pilot project that utilized automated vehicles and cranes to load on/off freight containers. This these kinds of technologies will help the in efficiency while also helping the region meet its sustainability goals in the future.
- **Homeless Twitter Chat:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG hosted a Twitter Chat to discuss solutions to homelessness. This was a lead up to our upcoming Homeless Summit on August 1st. We had a diverse group of participants including cities, service providers, and LA County. The discussion provided information on funding sources beyond Measure H, best practices to developing Permanent Supportive Housing, and the role of law enforcement. You can view the full discussion by searching #SolutionstoHomelessness on Twitter.
- **Homelessness Committee:** The Committee received a presentation from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority on the Point-in-Time Homeless Count. While the region as a whole saw a 3% decrease, the San Gabriel Valley saw an increase of 3%. There was also a significant rise in senior citizen homelessness of nearly 60% from last year. The city specific data is also expected to be available next month. Additionally, the committee was provided a brief overview of the Governor's housing package. This includes the Prop 63 Validation November Ballot Measure, which seeks to use a portion of Prop 63 to back housing bonds.

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Week of July 30, 2018

- **Homeless Board Deputies Meeting:** On July 26th, Phil Ansell, LA County Homeless Initiative Director, presented a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors' Homeless Deputies for Measure H funding to be made available to cities to implement their homeless plans. The recommendation was for \$9M total; \$6M for Priority 1 – Increase the Supply of supportive and Interim Housing, and \$3M for Priority 2 – Enhance Effectiveness of County Services Systems for those Experiencing and/or At-Risk of Homelessness. However, staff from Supervisor Kuehl's office moved to reduce the award to \$6M for Priority 1 and to move the \$3M, or amount to be determined, from Measure H funds to instead be funded with State Homeless Emergency Aid funds. The HI Director will bring this recommendation to the Homeless Deputies at their August meeting and to the Supervisors at their September 4 meeting. State HEA funds are one-time excess funds. Cities will not be able to fund ongoing programs and staff. Cities wishing to access the HEA funds must formally declare a shelter emergency in their city.

Cities need far more than \$9M to implement the homeless plans and they need assurance that there will be on-going funds. Staff from Supervisorial districts 2 and 3 have stated that the only role cities have in homelessness is addressing zoning and ordinances and developing crisis and supportive housing. This is inconsistent with the comprehensive planning efforts that were undertaken by cities and funded by the County. The SGVCOG is strongly urging cities to call, write, e-mail their Supervisor and provide information about how their homeless plan would support the overall County effort and provide detailed information on implementation costs. Please contact me or Jan Cicco (jccicco@sgvcog.org) if you need assistance.

- **Homeless Summit:** The Cities' Homeless Plans Summit capped off five months of intense work that resulted in 19 San Gabriel Valley cities successfully completing and submitting their homeless plans. The Summit celebrated the plan completions and also provided a platform for launching forward to implementation. Key presentations included the following:
 - Phil Ansell, the County Homeless Initiative Director praised the success of the efforts and the outstanding commitment of the San Gabriel Valley participating cities. He discussed the CEO's recommendation of \$6M in Measure H funds for implementation of housing measures identified in the plan.
 - Joe Lyons and Jan Cicco introduced the San Gabriel Valley Position on Homeless Services document. The Position Paper, which was adopted by the SGVCOG Governing Board in July, addresses four key concepts: 1) cities' commitment to be part of the solution, 2) local preference, 3) reciprocal agreements and 4) expectations in collaboration with the County.
 - The cities' of Duarte and Pomona provided snapshots of their cities' plans. To inform its plan, Pomona held a well-attended Live-experience Summit at which approximately 100 persons experiencing homelessness gave their input into the design and features that will go into the shelter Pomona is constructing to house its homeless population. Many of the insights were surprising, like the need for WIFI. Duarte and Irwindale produced a joint plan. Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera, noted that by combining efforts, two cities with \$30,000 grant awards

were able to obtain a \$60,000 plan. Duarte and Irwindale exemplified a collaborative model that is forward thinking.

- Frank Romero-Crockett presented on United Way's Everyone In! Campaign, providing cities with ways to link in and develop support for supportive housing and other homeless activities.
- Lt. Geff Deedrick, Supervising Lieutenant of the LA Sheriff Department's HOST program discussed the role of law enforcement in helping those experiencing homelessness to access services. He gave direct guidance on how cities' law enforcement can link into the HOST program and obtain funding to support their efforts.
- Keynote speaker, Supervisor Hilda Solis asked for cities in the San Gabriel Valley to support her as she continues to dialog with her colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to advocate for more funding for cities and the SGV.

The capstone of the Summit was a Meet the Funders Panel and Reception. Panelists included representatives of: Wells Fargo Bank, Enterprise Community Partners, the City of Pasadena, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, LA County CEO, United Way Home for Good Funders Collaborative, Corporation for Supportive Housing, and the LA County Community Development Commission. Wells Fargo also introduced representatives from the Government Relations Department and their Foundation who were also available to take questions.

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments is grateful to the city of San Dimas for hosting this event! The COG was pleased to feature breakfast, dessert and staff support from Dave and Maggie's Cafe, a Workforce Development project of the David and Margaret Home in La Verne.

- **City Managers' Steering Committee:** On Thursday, the City Managers' Steering Committee held their monthly meeting. The Committee took action to recommend the Governing Board support Los Angeles County's Safe Clean Water program, as well recommended the Governing Board approve a contract with Urban Futures, Inc to conduct a review of retirement benefit options for the SGVCOG. Both these items are slated to be on the August 16 Governing Board agenda.
- **CEC/CPUC Disadvantaged Communities Quarterly Meeting:** On Monday, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission announced the date for the next quarterly meeting of the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group. The meeting will take place on August 21, 10 AM to 4 PM at the CPUC Auditorium (505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco). Interested Participants may also join via listen-only phone line at 866-811-6884, passcode 8742156# and via webcast at www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc. The topics for the meeting include discussion on the Advisory Group's priorities for 2018-2019 and the Group's environmental and social justice plan.