



SGVCOG Transportation Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Date: February 18, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
E. Reece called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
C. Moss led the Transportation Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Claremont	Ed Reece
Diamond Bar	David Liu
Glendora	Vanessa Mikhail
Industry	Cory Moss
La Cañada Flintridge	Keith Eich
Monterey Park	Peter Chan
South El Monte	Gloria Olmos
Walnut	Allen Wu
L.A. County District #1	Martin Reyes
L.A. County District #5	David Perry

Absent

Duarte
Pomona
San Gabriel
South Pasadena
Temple City

Guests

City of Alhambra	Adele Andrade-Stadler
City of Pasadena	Laura Rubio-Cornejo
Foothill Transit	Doran Barnes
Foothill Transit	Yoko Igawa
L.A. County District #4	Jamie Hwang
Metro	Ben Wong
Metro	Lilian De Loza Gutierrez
Metro	Mary Lou Echternach

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Executive Director
E. Shen, Staff
P. Hubler, Staff
A. Fung, Staff

4. Public Comment
Los Angeles County Supervisor Hahn's Transportation Deputy, Jamie Hwang, provided a verbal public comment to introduce herself to committee members.
5. Changes to Agenda Order
There was a request to move Item 9, San Gabriel Valley Metro Service Council Updates, to be reviewed before Item 7.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes – 01/11/2021
Action: Review and approve.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 6. (M/S: C. Moss/P. Chan)
[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Industry, Monterey Park, South El Monte, Walnut, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge
ABSENT:	Duarte, Pomona, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, Temple City

PRESENTATION

7. Regional Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) Mitigation Fee Structure
SGVCOG Director of Capital Projects, Eric Shen, provided a presentation on this item.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A. Andrade-Stadler inquired about whether VMT is replacing Level of Service (LOS) and whether VMT measures the number of trips taken instead of the number of cars counted in a specific location. Mr. Shen responded that SB 743 did not require cities to remove the intersectional analysis methodology. Instead, the legislation requires cities to analyze VMT in addition to the methodology. Many cities choose to retain the dual analyses to require developers to mitigate their proposals' impact at the intersectional level. If a proposed development produces regional traffic impacts, then the VMT methodology can be used as a measurement to identify appropriate strategies that can reduce overall VMT in the impacted areas.
- A. Andrade-Stadler also inquired about triggers of regional VMT impacts. Mr. Shen responded that the Regional VMT Analysis Model that was previously led by the SGVCOG last year allowed cities to establish their individual threshold. While SB 743 did not dictate a statewide threshold, cities must develop a systematic analysis to establish their own thresholds.
- A. Wu inquired about whether the Regional VMT Mitigation Fee Structure Program is similar to the water districts' water supply assessments (WSA), in which cities can determine the amount of fees charged towards development projects. Mr. Shen responded that the VMT strategy allows developers and cities to mitigate traffic impacts using various methods aside from widening streets.
- A. Wu also inquired about the timeline of the Regional VMT Mitigation Fee Structure Program. Mr. Shen responded that the request-for-proposal (RFP) will likely be issued in April 2021, with an anticipated project start date of June 2021. The project will last for 12 to 18 months.
- A. Wu inquired whether commuters' traffic patterns would change as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mr. Shen responded that the Pandemic certainly

changed commuters' driving habits; however, traffic congestions are bound to return once the Pandemic subsides. As the region slowly recovers from the Pandemic, it is crucial to begin developing a Regional VMT Mitigation Fee Structure, test and refine the program's components, and ensure that the program can accommodate the increased number of development proposals once the economy returns to normal.

DISCUSSION ITEM

8. Appointment of SGVCOG Representatives to the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Community Noise Roundtable

SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item. The LAX Community Noise Roundtable was created in 2000 to reduce and mitigate the adverse noise impacts on the surrounding communities that result from airport operations. Given that San Gabriel Valley cities have previously expressed concerns over aircraft noises caused by LAX operations, LAWA staff expressed that the SGVCOG may submit a letter of petition, which would include a delegate and an alternate, to request the Chair of the Roundtable to appoint the SGVCOG as a voting At-Large Member. Mr. Fung indicated that La Cañada Flintridge City Councilmember, Keith Eich, expressed interest to serve as the SGVCOG Alternate to the Roundtable.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- E. Reece inquired whether the appointment opportunity is a recurring appointment for SGVCOG members. Mr. Fung responded that the SGVCOG has never been a voting member on the Roundtable; therefore, this serves as a new appointment opportunity for the SGVCOG.
- A. Wu indicated interest to serve as the SGVCOG Delegate to the Roundtable.

There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board to appoint Walnut City Councilmember Allen Wu as the SGVCOG Delegate and La Cañada Flintridge City Councilmember Keith Eich as the SGVCOG Alternate to the LAX Community Noise Roundtable. (M/S:C. Moss/G. Olmos)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Industry, La Cañada Flintridge, South El Monte, Walnut, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Monterey Park
ABSENT:	Duarte, Pomona, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, Temple City

UPDATE ITEM

9. San Gabriel Valley Metro Service Council Updates

Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Councilmember, Ben Wong, provided a presentation on this item. Mr. Wong provided a brief presentation on Metro's 2020 project accomplishments and shared updates on transit ridership and current Metro studies.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- P. Chan commented that Metro recently held a Traffic Reduction Study public meeting on February 16th and another public meeting on the Study is scheduled for February 27th at 1:30pm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

10. Oral Report

SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, acknowledged staff for their work on the Regional VMT Mitigation Fee Structure and congratulated cities for joining a regional endeavor that serves as a statewide model for SB 743 implementation.

LIAISON REPORTS

11. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Report

Metro Board Deputy, Mary Lou Echternach, provided a report.

12. Metrolink Report

No reports were given,

13. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Report

Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board Member, Ed Reece, provided a report.

14. Foothill Transit Report

Foothill Transit Chief Executive Officer, Doran Barnes, provided a report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Vice Chair, Ed Reece, led the discussion on the possibility of changing the committee meeting date and time. Members expressed a preference to schedule the committee monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month.

ADJOURN

E. Reece adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 3:30pm.