



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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## Public Works Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

### Notes

**Date:** Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**Time:** 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** SCE Customer Technology Application Center (CTAC)  
6090 N. Irwindale Ave.  
Irwindale, CA 91702

#### 1.0 Preliminary Business

##### 1.1 Call to Order

Please note that a quorum was not present at this meeting. Therefore, no official action was taken, and all meeting notes are for information only.

##### 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

##### 1.3 Roll Call / Introductions

###### Members Present:

Arcadia	Phil Wray
Baldwin Park	William Galvez
Claremont	Craig Bradshaw
Diamond Bar	David Liu / Rick Yee
Irwindale	Kwok Tam
La Puente	Olivia Malone
Montebello	Tom Melendez
Pasadena	Bahman Janka
West Covina	Shannon Yauchzee
Los Angeles County DPW	Hank Hsing

###### Members Absent:

Alhambra  
Azusa  
Covina  
Duarte  
El Monte  
Glendora  
Industry  
La Canada/ Flintridge  
La Verne  
Monrovia  
Monterey Park  
Pomona  
Rosemead  
San Gabriel  
San Marino  
Sierra Madre  
South El Monte  
South Pasadena  
Walnut

###### Other Agencies:

D. Lee, SCE

###### COG Staff:

M. Creter, Staff

#### 2.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

#### 3.0 Changes to Agenda Order; Identify Subsequent Need or Emergency Items

#### 4.0 Consent Items

4.1 Notes from October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting

## **5.0 Discussion Items**

### **5.1 Draft Trench Cut Repair Ordinance**

#### **Background**

C. Bradshaw gave a presentation on this item. He began by giving a brief history on this project, which initially began in 2005, following the conclusion of the utility cut lawsuit between Sempra Energy and Long Beach. Sempra Energy won the lawsuit based on engineering studies that it had performed on standard APWA street cuts. These studies demonstrated that the standard APWA trench cut, if properly done with proper compaction, would not decrease the life of the street. This effectively ended the collection of the street cut deterioration fees. The concept of utility cut street deterioration fees had long been a principle supported by the California League of Cities. The development of this model utility ordinance is to help provide uniform trench repair requirements in the San Gabriel Valley. This will help greatly reduce all the difficulties that have been experienced in the past getting utilities to properly repair the city streets. There is also the concern that many cities have poor standards and the trench repairs are hurting the roadway infrastructure.

#### **Requirements**

In order to ensure that proper work is done, the PW TAC created a working group to develop a model ordinance. This ordinance would require that utilities perform a T-Cut Utility trench repair with an overgrind as standard practice.

#### **Exemptions**

The Gas Company and Southern California Edison are exempt from this requirement, within the parking lane or within 10-feet of the curblane, since they provide a lifetime guarantee on all their trench repair work as part of their franchise agreements with the cities. Other utilities can also use this same standard if they include the same language in their franchise agreements.

#### **Moratorium**

Permission to excavate in newly renovated streets will not be granted for three (3) years after completion of a street renovation.

#### **High Profile Areas**

In order to address potential “aesthetic” concerns along high profile areas (i.e. in front of the Civic center or Main Street), this ordinance provides the Public Works Director discretion to require slurry, fog seal, or additional overlay.

#### **Next Steps**

There was extended discussion on next steps, particularly how to incorporate this ordinance into existing ordinances that cities may have. C. Bradshaw stressed that the purpose of this ordinance was to serve a baseline starting point from which cities could add on or modify to their unique needs, such as with concrete streets or more stringent requirements.

The committee requested SGVCOG staff draft a cover memo that explains that purpose and history of this ordinance. This item, along with the cover memo, will be reviewed by the committee again in January. Additionally, the item will be reviewed by the City Managers' Steering Committee. The PW TAC expects to submit this sample ordinance to the Governing Board in early 2008.

#### 5.2 Metro's Congestion Mitigation Fee Feasibility Study Program

The Chair gave an update on this study, which was released in October. Based on current feedback from stakeholder groups (cities, business community, etc.), there is a great deal of concern about this project, specifically the implementation process. The Chair stated that there are still a number of issues that still need to be worked out including

#### 5.3 SGVCOG Strategic Plan January – June 2008: PW TAC Goals and Objectives

SGVCOG staff requested that Committee members contact the SGVCOG offices regarding any potential projects or presentations for the upcoming six months. One committee member suggested a presentation on the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan.

### **6.0 Update items**

#### 6.1 SGV Transportation Corridors

#### 6.2 MTA Technical Advisory Committee

#### 6.3 MTA Streets and Freeways Subcommittee

#### 6.4 MTA Ad Hoc Congestion Pricing Committee

COG staff gave an update on this item stating that the Metro Board will be considering submission of a federal application for funding of a pilot program in Los Angeles County. One of the routes under consideration is 210/10/60 corridor.

#### 6.5 SGVCOG Transportation Committee Update

### **7.0 New Business items for Next Regular Meeting**

### **8.0 Announcements**

COG staff announced that SCAG is currently revising the scope of the SGV Truck Study.

The Chair announced that there will be no meeting in December.

### **9.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in the City of Claremont.

### **10.0 Adjourn**