



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Public Works Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Notes

DATE: Monday, September 24th, 2007
TIME: 11:45 a.m. – Social, 12:00p.m. – Lunch
PLACE: Azusa Woman’s Club
1003 N. Azusa Ave.
Azusa, CA

I. Members Present

Arcadia
Azusa
Claremont
Diamond Bar
Diamond Bar
Irwindale
Monrovia
Montebello
Pasadena
Pomona
San Dimas
West Covina
West Covina
Los Angeles County

Phil Wray
James Makshanoff
Craig Bradshaw
David Liu
Rick Yee
Kwok Tam
Jed Rizk
AAE
Bahman Janka
Tim Dzmura
Krishna Patel
Oscar Caplin
Shannon Yauchzee
Hank Hsing

II. Members Absent

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

Other Agencies:

M. Ariki, LA DPW
F. Alamolhoda, LAE Associates
B. Huddy, SCAG
L. Jones, SCAG
B. Jong, Metro
R. Kuo, SCAG
D. Lee, SCE
A. Razavi, Caltrans
M. Rauno, Caltrans
H. Suetsu, Transtech Engineering
L. Todd, SCE
J. Trief, Caltrans
J. White, LA DPW

COG Staff:

M. Creter, Staff

I. Preliminary Business

A. *Call to Order*

P. Wray called the meeting to order at 12:06. There was not a quorum present.

B. *Self Introductions*

C. *Announcements*

P. Wray announced the following tentative schedule for the PW TAC:

- October 22nd: SCE Catalina Desalinization Tour
- October 29th: Public Works TAC meeting @ LA DPW Traffic Management Center

Cities interested in hosting a PW TAC should contact P. Wray or the COG Offices.

D. *Notes from June 25th Meeting*

The committee did not vote to approve the notes given that there was not a quorum at the June 25th meeting or at the current meeting. However, meeting notes will continue to be distributed.

II. Program (Discussion with possible action)

A. *SCAG Regional Transportation Plan*

SCAG staff gave a presentation on this item. Included in the presentation were the following key issues:

- *Key Challenges*: The presentation reviewed the increasing congestion in the region as a function of increased growth of the LA / Long Beach ports, air cargo, and growth in population. In the next 30 years, the number of vehicle miles traveled in the region is expected to increase by 36% while the number of freeway lanes is expected to increase by only 2%. This will have a significant impact on the number of hours in delay due to congestion.
- *Compass Growth Vision Principles*: SCAG is working with the counties in the region to focus growth (both residential and employment centers) into transit station areas and major transit centers.
- *Funding*: While SCAG predicts \$38 billion in funding for projects, \$39 billion is already committed to existing projects. Therefore, there is no funding available for new projects. The RTP is under stringent federal requirements to contain only those projects that have reasonable funding plans.
- *Air Quality*: If PM 2.5 requirements are not met by 2014, the region is at risk to lose federal funding. The region's poor air quality is responsible for 5,400 premature deaths annually, and 980,000 lost work days.

- *Revenue Sources:* SCAG is reviewing several possible strategies for increasing revenues including: user tolls, sales tax hikes, gas tax hike, container fees, mitigation fees, and private sector financing.
- *Schedule:* SCAG will be hosting RTP workshops throughout the month of October. Draft RTP release is scheduled for November 2007, the draft RCP release is scheduled for December 2007, and the final release of both plans is scheduled for Early 2008.

B. *Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan Update*

SCAG staff gave a brief update on this item, explaining that there may be some potential conflict between the draft release of Metro's LRTP and SCAG's RTP. Currently, Metro staff does not expect to release the draft LRTP until October 25th, while the draft RTP will be released in November. This will allow for limited coordination of these two documents. While it is possible to make amendments to the RTP, these amendments cannot be too extensive or it will require revision of the EIR. SCAG and Metro staff will be working together closely to resolve this issue.

C. *Caltrans I-210 Metering Project*

Caltrans staff gave a presentation on this item. This project is part of the Governor's 2005 "GO California" program, which provided funding for congestion relief programs that could be implemented in relatively short time-frame. The 210 metering project is comprised of 5 components:

1. The addition of traffic responsive ramp metering at existing non-metered on-ramp and locations.
2. Addition of microwave vehicle detection stations along brief remote sections in the western end of the Route 210 corridor.
3. **Freeway-to-freeway connector metering.**
4. **HOV bypass lane metering.**
5. **System Wide Adaptive Ramp Metering (SWARM).** This system evaluates real-time traffic situations at selected bottleneck areas in order to predict future congestion and properly meter ramps to reduce congestion.

The project is currently in its construction phase. The deadline for completion of this phase is January 2008. Once this is completed, Caltrans staff will be working on the evaluation process.

Committee members requested information on Caltrans' plans to coordinate the ramp signals with the local streets and roads that are parallel to the freeway. Caltrans staff stated that this work has not yet been completed, but expect that it will be a part of the SCAG/Caltrans study.

- D. *I-210 Freeway (I-5 to SR-57) Corridor System Management Plan*
Caltrans staff gave a brief update on this item, stating that it provides an important extension of the work already being done.

On September 25th, SCAG and Caltrans will be hosting a Stakeholder Kickoff Meeting for the I-210 Freeway (I-5 to SR-57) Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP). The purpose of the CSMP is to implement a holistic approach to improving traffic flow along the corridor by using micro and macro-simulation models. Elements of the proposal include ramp metering and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Representatives from all local jurisdictions along the corridor, Metro, the City of Los Angeles, Foothill Transit, Arroyo Verdugo COG, and Los Angeles County Department of Public Works have been invited to attend. This meeting will be held at SCAG's offices in downtown Los Angeles (818 W. 7th St.) from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

- E. *SGV Bridges Rated by FHWA as Structurally Unsafe*
SGVCOG staff gave a report on this item. This information was reviewed by the SGVCOG Transportation Committee and the committee voted to recommend to the Governing Board approval of the letters to Will Kempton and Chairman Oberstar. This item will be voted on at the October meeting of the Governing Board. SGVCOG staff will also send out an electronic copy of a map plotting the 45 unsafe bridges in the San Gabriel Valley.

III. Update Items

- A. *SGV Transportation Corridors*
SGVCOG staff stated that the SGV Transportation Committee voted to add the Ramona-Badillo corridor to its list of priority corridors. Corridors on this list are given priority consideration for planning funding.
- B. *Street Cut Subcommittee*
C. Bradshaw gave an update on this item. This subcommittee has been meeting and has developed a draft model ordinance. The purpose of this model ordinance is to provide some guidance and uniformity as the utility companies work with the various cities in the San Gabriel Valley. A draft of this ordinance was distributed. The PW Committee would like to review this item in further detail and consider recommending to the SGVCOG Governing Board meeting support of this ordinance at an upcoming meeting (most likely in November).
- C. *MTA Technical Advisory Committee Meeting*
There were no updates on this item.

- D. *MTA Streets and Freeways Subcommittee*
B. Janka gave an update on this item. He will distribute a file displaying the Proposition 1a & 1b funding that will be made distributed to cities in the coming fiscal year.
- E. *MTA Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee*
There were no updates on this item.
- F. *MTA Ad Hoc Congestion Pricing Committee*
SGVCOG staff has stated that this committee has just begun meeting, and a presentation was given to the SGVCOG Transportation Committee this month. PW TAC members requested that this presentation be agendaized for a future meeting of the TAC.
- G. *SGVCOG Transportation Committee Update*
SGVCOG staff stated that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for October 11th in Arcadia.

IV. Adjournment

P. Wray adjourned the meeting at 1:30.