



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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## ***PLANNERS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES***

**DATE:** Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**TIME:** 12 noon

**LOCATION:** Monrovia Community Center

### **1.0 Preliminary Business**

#### **1.1 Call to Order at 12:15 pm**

Meeting Notes were received and filed for January, 2008.

#### **1.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

Bill Trimble led the Pledge

#### **1.3 Roll Call/Introductions**

##### **Present**

Alhambra	Michael Martin
Claremont	Mark Carnahan
Covina	Shelby Williams
Diamond Bar	Nancy Fuong
Duarte	Jason Golding
El Monte	Minh Tran
Irwindale	Paula Kelly
La Canada Flintridge	Patrick Clarke
Monrovia	Craig Jimenez
Pasadena	Bill Trimble
San Dimas	Larry Stevens
San Gabriel	Mark Gallatin
San Marino	Aldo Cervantes
South Pasadena	Dave Watkins
West Covina	Jeff Anderson
LA County	Paul Novak
	Travis Seawards

##### **Absent**

Arcadia
Azusa
Baldwin Park
Glendora
Industry
La Puente
La Verne
Montebello
Monterey Park
Pomona
Rosemead
San Dimas
Sierra Madre
South El Monte
Walnut

##### **SGVCOG Staff**

N. Conway, Executive Director

M. Creter, Staff

D. Kalovsky, Staff

### **2.0 Public Communications**

There were no public communications.

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

#### **4.0 Consent Items**

##### **4.1 2008 Meeting Notes**

### **5.0 Discussion Items**

#### **5.1 SGV Homeless Services Needs Assessment**

The Executive Director gave an update on the Homeless Services Needs Assessment program. He stated that the County Board of Supervisors approved the funds needed for the program. Now, LA County

needs to approve the vendor contract. He expects schedule delays of 4 weeks and the work to begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Executive Director clarified the scope, emphasizing that the consultant will be contacting each city once the contract is established to gather information, identify individuals and groups that currently provide homeless services, and gaps within those services. In other words, the deficits within the program must be identified (i.e. Are there enough beds? How should the problems be dealt with?). In addition, it was mentioned that the consultants should contact the appropriate individuals specified by each city.

A special thanks was given to Supervisor Michael Antonovich for his aid in pursuing the funding issues. Interested individuals may still participate on the Homeless Services Steering Committee.

## **5.2 Update on SGVCOG Arrow Highway Study**

The Executive Director gave a report on the current status of this study. He stated that Arrow Highway was one of 5 priority corridors that were candidates for planning funds identified by the Planning Directors' TAC and the Transportation Committee, and was selected for SCAG funding available at the time. Three other corridors have been submitted for grant approval from CalTrans. Since the original submission, SCAG has modified the scope of work for the Arrow Highway study. The new scope is set to focus on a specific area of Arrow Highway and creating a toolbox around it, rather than getting input from all member agencies involved.

The Executive Director stated that he suggested that SCAG halt the study until all the involved cities have a chance to meet and recreate the plan. It was also mentioned that the County is currently in litigation with Glendora, primarily about Arrow Highway. This may present additional problems for the Arrow Highway study.

## **5.3 EPA's Smart Growth Implementation Assistance**

COG staff briefly described EPA's Smart Growth Implementation Assistance Program, stating that it is an annual, competitive solicitation for consultant assistance in incorporating smart growth techniques in future development. The Executive Director recommended that this program be related to the cities so that they may apply for assistance.

## **5.4 Housing Policy Committee**

The Executive Director stated that the Housing Policy Committee has been established and is a standing committee that will meet monthly. The Homeless Services Needs Assessment study will be fall under this committee. The committee is also responsible for a possible Valley-wide housing trust fund and establishing and expanding low-income housing.

It was mentioned that interested individuals may still participate on the committee and there is a need for a chair.

## **5.5 SGVCOG Website and Bulletin Boards**

The Executive Director discussed the importance of the website for media outreach effort improvements. The website will be multi-lingual, contain videos, and have a section for current issues, among other things. In addition, the most helpful portion of the website is the bulletin board. This will serve as a point of contact and discussion for the member agencies and specific committees. They will be able to ask questions, obtain answers, and discuss relevant issues on the bulletin board, allowing for all members to view and provide input.

## **5.6 EENR Working Groups and Collection of Model Ordinances**

The Executive Director stated that although the EENR Committee is a small group, there are numerous issues that the committee is responsible for. Therefore, five working groups were established – Air Quality, Open Space, Water Quality, Solid Waste, and Energy. These groups will discuss the issues in greater detail prior to them reaching the EENR Committee. The Solid Waste Group has met for the first time, with approximately 20 individuals in attendance. Individuals are still needed for the groups.

The committee is currently in the process of collecting ordinances from the member agencies. After the collection is complete, the committee will compile the ordinances so as to serve as reference point for all members. In addition, it will aid in creating model ordinances that all member agencies will be encouraged to adopt.

The Los Angeles County Plastic Bag Policy was brought up and it was mentioned that a speaker will be available to speak with and clarify the issues with the Governing Board.

## **5.7 Legislative Receptions – Washington D.C. and Sacramento**

The Executive Director stated that there will be meetings in both Washington D.C. and Sacramento coming up shortly. All are welcome to attend if they are in the area, specifically staff members from the different committees, so as to bring a wide range of information.

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

Comments for the Metro Congestion Mitigation Fee Feasibility Study are due April 25<sup>th</sup>. A presentation is scheduled for the March Planning Directors' TAC meeting.

## **7.0 Announcements**

CalTrans is beginning to meter on and off ramps along the 210 corridor. The light will continuously stay green for the first 2 weeks after a meter has been installed.

## **8.0 Next Meeting**

Due to conflicts for many of the members, the March Planning Directors' TAC meeting will be move up one week, corresponding to March 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **9.0 Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.