



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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## ***PLANNERS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES***

**DATE:** Thursday, January 24th, 2008  
**TIME:** **12 noon**  
**LOCATION:** **Monrovia Community Center**

### **1.0 Preliminary Business**

#### 1.1 Call to Order at 12:10 pm

**\*\*\*\*\* Please note that there was not a quorum present at this meeting, therefore no action was taken and all meeting notes are unofficial.\*\*\*\*\***

#### 1.2 Roll Call/Introductions

| <b>I.</b> | <b>Present</b>       | <b>Absent</b>  |
|-----------|----------------------|----------------|
|           | Alhambra             | Azusa          |
|           | Arcadia              | Baldwin Park   |
|           | Covina               | Claremont      |
|           | Diamond Bar          | Duarte         |
|           | Glendora             | El Mote        |
|           | Irwindale            | Industry       |
|           | La Canada Flintridge | La Puente      |
|           | Monrovia             | La Verne       |
|           | Pasadena             | Montebello     |
|           | San Dimas            | Monterey Park  |
|           | San Gabriel          | Pomona         |
|           | South Pasadena       | Rosemead       |
|           | West Covina          | San Marino     |
|           | LA County            | 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 Approve November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 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 in response to the RFP, two proposals had been received. Both firms were interviewed, however the approach one firm was considered too broad given the budget and timeline.

The Executive Director expects that work will begin on the study on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. The first phase of the study will be to validate the homeless count that was developed by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). In order to do so, the consultants will be contacting each of the cities (most likely the Planning Directors) to get information about issues specific to each city and as a starting point to contact service providers.

The Executive Director asked committee members whether information gathered in this study would be useful to incorporate into the preparation of jurisdictions' housing elements. While there was consensus that the data would likely be prepared too late for cities that are submitting their final housing elements by the June 30, 2008 deadline, the information could be useful to cities that only plan on submitting a draft by that deadline.

**5.2 SCAG's Compass Blueprint 2% - Arrow Highway**

The Executive Director gave a report on this item. He stated that the last March, the Planning Directors' TAC and the Transportation Committee had selected 5 priority corridors in the Valley that were candidates for planning funds, with a particular focus on transit oriented development, mixed used, and transit/transportation improvements. When \$100,000 in planning funds were available under SCAG's Blueprint program, Arrow Highway was selected because of its project readiness.

After reviewing the scope of work proposed by the consultant and SCAG, the Executive Director raised concerns that this did not reflect the original scope of work that had been agreed upon by the stakeholders. Rather than being corridor-wide, this new scope was more site specific and focused on linkages to the Gold Line. After discussion with committee members that are involved with the project, it appeared that there may have been miscommunication among the various stakeholders that needs to be resolved.

The Executive Director stated that SGVCOG has submitted 3 grants under Caltrans' Community Based Transportation Planning Grant Program for the other remaining corridors, and will continue to submit additional grants for planning funds under Proposition 1C when they are available.

### 5.3 Metro's Draft Congestion Mitigation Fee Feasibility Study Report

The Executive Director stated that Metro has released a draft of the Mitigation Fee Feasibility Study Report for review and comment. There continues to be a number of concerns over this program, particularly related to Metro's role in administration of the program. SGVCOG staff is working on developing a letter that reflects the concerns of COG member agencies, and committee members should submit any comments to COG staff.

SGVCOG staff announced that at the January Public Works TAC, staff from LA Department of Public of Works would be giving a presentation on their Bridge and Thoroughfare program in the Santa Clarita area. Committee members were invited to attend if they are interested.

### 5.4 Metro's Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan

The Executive Director stated that Metro has released a draft of the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan and also gave a presentation to the SGVCOG Transportation Committee. The plan recommends two important SGV projects: the ACE project grade crossings and the 710 completion. One challenge of this plan is that it identifies \$50 billion in projects, yet only has \$2 billion worth of secured funding.

### 5.5 SGVCOG January – June 2008 Strategic Plan

The Executive Director reviewed a number of goals and objectives discussed at the strategic planning session on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 that are relevant to the Planners' TAC. The goals and objectives discussed include: the newly formed Housing Committee, the Homeless services needs assessment, and preparation of housing elements.

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

Committee members requested a presentation on AB 32 and its connection to land use planning.

SGVCOG staff also announced that the Vice Chair position is open and that elections would be held next month.

## **7.0 Announcements**

There were no announcements

## **8.0 Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.