



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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

**DATE:** Thursday, November 15th, 2007

**TIME:** **12 noon**

**LOCATION:** **Monrovia Community Center**

### **1.0 Preliminary Business**

#### 1.1 Call to Order

**\*\*\*\*\* 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 Pledge of Allegiance

#### 1.3 Roll Call/Introductions

<b>I.</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	
	Arcadia	Lisa Flores	Alhambra
	Baldwin Park	Amy Harbin	Claremont
	Diamond Bar	Nancy Fong	Covina
	La Canada Flintridge	Patrick Clarke	Duarte
	La Verne	Amy Altomare	El Mote
	Monrovia	Craig Jimenez	Glendora
	Pasadena	Bill Trimble	Industry
	San Dimas	Larry Stevens	Irwindale
	San Marino	Aldo Cervantes	La Puente
	South Pasadena	Dave Watkins	Montebello
	Walnut	Dan Fox	Monterey Park
	West Covina	Jeff Anderson	Pomona
	LA County	Mark Herwick	Rosemead
		Bruce McClendon	San Gabriel
			Sierra Madre
			South El Monte

#### **Other Agencies:**

Lynn Harris, SCAG

Simon Choi, SCAG

Warren Whiteaker, SCAG

#### **SGVCOG Staff**

N. Conway, Executive Director

M. Creter, Staff

D. Kalovsky

## 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 October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Meeting Notes

This item will be carried forward to the December meeting.

### 5.0 Discussion Items

#### 5.1 SCAG Draft 2008 RTP Growth Forecast

SCAG staff gave a presentation on this item. They began by reviewing the collaborative process that was used to develop these numbers. They also reviewed that staff had been given policy direction by the CEHD Committee to develop the 2008 RTP policy growth forecasts using the following principles:

- Identify strategic infill and investment areas
- Focus on transit centers – existing, planned, and potential
- Develop complete communities
- Plan for transit nodes on corridors
- Plan for changing housing demand
- Protect stable neighborhoods
- Plan for more housing and jobs near transit

They also explained that that draft baseline and growth forecasts were identical through 2015, and that the policy impacts were applied to the period of 2015-2035.

In maps of the San Gabriel Valley, it appeared that majority of the change in growth between the baseline and the policy forecasts would be focused along the proposed Gold Line Foothill Extension.

Questions were asked about the following issues:

- **TAZ data:** Committee members asked that the TAZ data which is posted on the SCAG website be grouped by subregion and that TAZ maps be made available online. SCAG staff stated that this information could be made available.
- **RHNA Appeals:** Participants asked whether successful RHNA appeals were incorporated into the growth projections. SCAG staff stated that proportionate reduction had been included in the forecasts.
- **Projections for Local Jurisdictions:** SCAG staff stated that they do not provide projections for local jurisdictions, and that this information is provided by the Department of Finance. SCAG staff noted that historically, SCAG's projections have been higher than those of DOF. Questions were then asked about adjustments that may be necessary as a result of the 2010 census.
- **Environmental constraints:** Committee members asked whether potential environmental constraints, such as available water had been incorporated into the growth forecasting process. SCAG staff stated that these constraints did not impact changes in population (death rate/birth rate).
- **Gold Line East Side Extension Phase II:** Committee members asked whether the proposed Gold Line East Side Extension Phase II (East LA →

Whittier) had been included in the policy growth forecasts. SCAG staff stated that it had not, but they would work with Metro staff to determine if/how this could be appropriately included in the forecast.

## 5.2 SCAG Draft Regional Comprehensive Plan

SCAG staff gave a presentation on this item. The Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) is an advisory document developed by SCAG that is intended to complement the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) by recommending how the region can better accommodate growth, protect the environment, and assure economic competitiveness. The presentation included a brief overview of each of the nine chapters of the RCP as follows: Land Use and Housing; Solid Waste; Energy; Air Quality; Open Space and Habitat; Economy; Water; Transportation; and Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Questions were asked about the congruency of different aspects of the plan, such as TOD and air quality, with one another and with local objectives. Staff stated that this is area that is still being work on.

## 5.3 January- June 2008 Strategic Plan: Planners' TAC Goals and Objectives

The Executive Director reviewed a number of upcoming goals and objectives that will be relevant to the Planners' TAC including the SGV homelessness study, the corridor planning grant applications, and the creation of a SGVCOG Housing Policy Committee. He encouraged members of the Planners' TAC to attend the strategic planning session on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **6.0 Update Items (*Recommended Action: Discussion with Possible Action*)**

- 5.1 SGV Transportation Corridors
- 5.2 SCAG Compass 2% Project (Arrow Highway)
- 5.3 Caltrans Community Based Development Planning Grant

## **7.0 Announcements**

The Executive Director stated that the Governing Board will be voting on a policy at the November Board meeting to lower the quorum requirements for TACs from 50% + 1 encouraged committee members to review the SGVCOG's analysis of Metro's Congestion Mitigation Fee Feasibility Study.

Due to the Christmas Holiday, the next Planning Directors' TAC is tentatively scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **8.0 Adjournment**