



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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PLANNERS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES (DRAFT)

DATE: Thursday, September 27th
TIME: **12 noon**
LOCATION: **Monrovia Community Center**

I. Preliminary Business

A. Call to Order

B. Trimble called the meeting to order at 12:15.

B. Self-Introductions

I. Present

Absent

Alhambra	Mike Martin	Baldwin Park
Arcadia	Lisa Flores	Claremont
Azusa	Larry Onaga	Duarte
Covina	Jeff Kugel	El Monte
Diamond Bar	Nancy Fong	Glendora
Irwindale	Paula Kelly	Industry
La Canada Flintridge	Robert Stanley	La Puente
La Canada Flintridge	Patrick Clarke	Monrovia
La Verne	Hal Frederickson	Pomona
Montebello	Ariel Socarras	Rosemead
Monterrey Park	Samantha Duong	San Gabriel
Pasadena	Bill Trimble	San Marino
San Dimas	Larry Stevens	Sierra Madre
South Pasadena	Dave Watkins	South El Monte
West Covina	Jeff Anderson	Walnut

SGVCOG Staff:

N. Conway, Executive Director
M. Creter, Staff

Other:

L. Jones, SCAG

II. Public Communications

L. Jones reminded the committee members of the upcoming RTP workshops and distributed a flyer listing the dates and locations for the workshops.

III. Consent Items

A. Approve June 12th, 2007 Meeting Minutes

There was a motion to approve the June 12th minutes (M/S/C: Frederickson/ Fong/ Unanimous)

IV. Discussion Items

A. Los Angeles County Homeless Services Needs Assessment

N. Conway provided background on this item. He stated that the County Board of Supervisors is pursuing opportunities to address the issue of homelessness throughout the County, and has authorized \$52 million in grant funding. After receiving some resistance from cities throughout Los Angeles County towards a top-down approach, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is interested in pursuing a revised approach that is focused on developing partnerships with the local governing agencies as well as community and faith-based organizations. N. Conway stated that he has been meeting with representatives from each of the Valley's supervisorial districts, and they are very supportive of SGVCOG's efforts to take a leadership role on this issue.

To date, Gateway COG has already received \$150,000 to conduct a planning effort in that region, and has released an RFP. N. Conway distributed this RFP and stated that he hopes to work with volunteers from the City Managers' and Planning Directors' TACs to develop a similar proposal for the San Gabriel Valley. He also anticipates that he will present a comprehensive approach to the Governing Board at its November meeting.

L. Stevens stated that this study should include information and be completed in a timeframe so that cities could use that information in the Housing Elements, which are due June 30, 2008.

B. Trimble stated that this information could be used in the housing elements and that it will seek to identify both where homeless are located and where there are service gaps.

B. Affordable Housing

1. SGVCOG and Gateway Cities' COG Housing Workshop (September 12th)

N. Conway stated that this event was a success with over 100 attendees. He stated that as a follow-up, a second workshop is being considered that would provide a "tool box" approach where non-profit agencies have a greater opportunity to discuss program details at length with agencies.

B. Trimble also stated that it would be important to hold a similar workshop to inform elected officials about the variety of programming options that are available.

2. Los Angeles County Community Development Commission City of Industry Set-Aside Funds Workshop (October 17th)

N. Conway stated that this workshop will be targeted at small and medium sized cities. He encouraged any cities that had questions about the City of Industry set-aside program to attend.

3. SGVCOG Ad Hoc Housing Committee

N. Conway stated that this committee is undergoing a transformation from a Housing Trust Fund Committee to a Housing Committee, which will have a larger scope.

C. MTA Long Range Transportation Plan

N. Conway stated that there is some issue with the timeframes of the MTA LRTP and SCAG's RTP. It is important that information in these two documents be coordinated to ensure that SGV projects included in the MTA LRTP are also included SCAG's RTP.

D. SCAG Regional Transportation Plan

N. Conway encouraged committee members to attend the upcoming RTP workshops.

L. Stevens asked when SCAG would be presenting information on the Growth Forecasts. L. Jones stated that SCAG staff would be providing this presentation to the Planning Directors TAC at its October meeting.

E. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Traffic Synchronization Program

N. Conway stated that one of the goals of the COG's Transportation Committee has been to improve mobility on the Valley's arterials. One of the ways to achieve this is through the County's Traffic Synchronization Program. In order to better understand the status of this project, staff from LA DPW has been giving presentations to the COG's Transportation and Public Works Committees.

F. SGV Bridges Rated by FHWA as Structurally Unsafe

N. Conway gave an update 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.

G. Caltrans I-210 Metering Project

N. Conway gave an update on this item. He stated that this is one of the two projects currently underway designed to improve mobility along the I-210 corridor. The Caltrans' Route 210 Congestion Relief Project is part of the Governor's 2005 "GO California" program. This project includes ramp metering at all freeway entrances (including HOV), the addition of microwave vehicle detection stations to monitor traffic flow, and Freeway-to-freeway connector metering. COG staff is working with staff from Caltrans to address the potential impact on arterial corridors in the San Gabriel Valley.

H. I-210 Freeway (I-5 to SR-57) Corridor System Management Plan

N. Conway gave an update on this item. On September 25th, SCAG and Caltrans hosted 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 a microsimulation model. Elements of the proposal include ramp metering and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). This project will build off of the Caltrans project metering project.

I. SCAG OWP Item – SR-60 Truck Corridor Analysis

N. Conway gave an update on this item. SCAG has requested assistance from the SGVCOG in refining the task order for one of its OWP Items, the SR-60 Truck Corridor analysis. The primary purpose of this study is to build upon the findings of the 1999 San Gabriel Valley Truck Study, specifically the truck impacts on the road networks in the SGV, with a particular focus on SR-60 and I-605.

V. Update Items

A. SGV Transportation Corridors

B. SCAG Compass 2% Project (Arrow Highway)

C. Caltrans Community Based Development Planning Grant

D. County of Los Angeles – Annexations and Spheres of Influence Proposed Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Policy Amendment

N. Conway referred committee members to the attachment, which included a response from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors indicating the SGVCOG's recommendations have been included in the policy.

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.