



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Transportation Committee Meeting Notes

Date: November 15th, 2007

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: SCE CTAC

1.0 Call to Order

There was not a quorum present at this meeting. Therefore, no action was taken.

1.1 Roll Call / Introductions

Members Present

Diamond Bar

Duarte

La Verne

Monterey Park

South Pasadena

LACBOS District 1

LACBOS District 4

LACBOS District 5

D. Liu

J. Fasana

J. Blickenstaff

S. Martinez

T. Catenacci

B. Johnson

W. Briesemeister

M. Cano

Members Absent

Alhambra

Baldwin Park

El Monte

Glendora

Industry

Montebello

Pasadena

San Gabriel

Sierra Madre

Walnut

SGVCOG Staff

N. Conway, Executive Director

M. Creter, Staff

M. Echternach, Staff

Guests

D. Barnes, Foothill Transit

P. Doudar, LA DPW

R. Hernandez, Councilmember, West Covina

B. McAllester, Metro

S. Neely, ACE Construction Authority

L. Stevens, SGVCOG Metro TAC Representative

2.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3.0 Consent Calendar

Because there was not a quorum present at this meeting, no action was taken on the consent calendar.

4.0 San Gabriel Valley Trucking Study

The Executive Director stated that SCAG staff is reworking the scope of this project, and therefore will be discussed at a later meeting of the Transportation Committee.

5.0 Metro Draft Congestion Mitigation Fee Feasibility Study

Metro staff gave a presentation on this item and distributed a summary of the process for the next steps. This presentation included an overview of the project to date, a justification of the need for an alternative program such as a nexus fee, and the current proposed program structure for such a fee.

Questions were raised on the following issues:

- **Fee vs. Tax:** Committee members stated that there must be a more clear explanation of how this would serve as a “nexus fee” rather than a tax, as a tax has a different adoption process.
- **Alternatives Analysis:** Committee members requested Metro staff to develop an alternatives analysis, including modifications of the current credit/debit program that could be considered in addition to the nexus fee.
- **Administration:** Committee members stated that Western Riverside COG has adopted a similar fee and is having extensive issues with tracking the imposition of fees and the application of exemptions.
- **¼ mile Exemption around Fixed-Rail:** Committee members stated that as this funding may be used to fund rail projects, the TOD exemption does not seem appropriate.
- **Inter-County Projects:** Committee members asked if money collected from the nexus fee could be used to fund inter-county projects in the same way that inter-jurisdictional projects are allowed.

6.0 Discussion of December 2007-June 2008 Strategic Plan: Transportation Goals and Objectives

The Chair encouraged committee members to attend the December 8th Strategic Planning Session.

7.0 Prop 1B Update

Sharon Neely distributed an update memo on Prop 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Funds (TCIF) allocation process and draft guidelines. This program allocates the \$2 billion in goods movement funding that was approved as part of Proposition 1B. Based on impacts, the Southern California counties believe that 75-80% of this funding should be allocated to our region. Currently, the Southern California Consensus project list contains \$1.7 Billion in projects. This includes \$350 million for ACE projects in San Gabriel Valley.

There are two major concerns for SGVCOG/ACE in relation to this funding. First, the California Transportation Commission has indicated that they will be requiring new hard cash one-for-one match for any TCIF funding. It would be preferable for the ACE project that funds spent to date on construction of ACE projects count as a match. Additionally, there has been discussion that the Secretary of Transportation does not want to include grade separations as an eligible TCIF funding project type.

8.0 Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (monthly report included in agenda)

9.0 Metro Report (LACMTA) (update memo distributed at meeting)

10.0 New Business

Staff from Foothill Transit stated that the Foothill Board approved a 20% fare increase.

11.0 Next Meeting – January 17, 2008

12.0 Adjourn