



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

City of Arcadia  
Police Conference Center  
5:30 p.m.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

\*\*\***PLEASE NOTE**\*\*\* There was not a quorum present at this meeting. Therefore the following meeting minutes are for information purposes only.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

J. Fasana led committee members in the pledge of allegiance.

### III. ROLL CALL / INTRODUCTIONS

The roll was called and self-introductions were made and so noted as follows:

#### Representatives Present

##### Guests

D. Liu  
J. Fasana  
J. Beccerra  
J. Parriott  
J. Blickenstaff  
B. Bogaard  
H. Baldwin, M. Paules  
E. Joffe  
W. Briesemeister  
M. Cano

##### COG Staff

N. Conway  
M. Creter

P. Hubler  
S. Neely  
N. Eskander  
W. Reij  
E. Nasr  
M. Ruano  
J. Cristales  
S. Afshari  
S. Amiri  
P. Faust  
G. Neely  
R. Charles  
K. Gagnon  
T. Choe

Diamond Bar  
Duarte  
Foothill Transit (*Ex-officio*)  
Industry  
La Verne  
Pasadena  
San Gabriel  
Sierra Madre  
LA County Sup. District 4  
LA County Sup. District 5

COG Executive Director  
COG Staff

ACE  
ACE  
Caltrans District 7  
Caltrans District 7  
Caltrans District 7  
Caltrans District 7  
City of Pasadena  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Metro  
Metro  
Office of Assemblymember Bob Huff  
Office of Assemblymember Ed Hernandez  
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership  
Systems Metrics Group, Inc.

#### Absent

Alhambra  
Baldwin Park  
El Monte  
Glendora  
Metro (*Ex-officio*)  
Montebello  
Monterey Park  
South Pasadena  
Walnut  
LA County District 1

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. SEPTEMBER 13, 2007 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
- b. JULY 23, 2007 ACE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
- c. CORRESPONDENCE/MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

The consent calendar will be moved forward to next month's meeting.

**VI. I-210 CORRIDOR**

- a. CALTRANS I-210 METERING PROJECT
- b. SCAG I-210 CORRIDOR SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN

Caltrans and Systems Metrics staff gave a presentation on both of these items.

The Caltrans' Route 210 Congestion Relief Project is part of the Governor's 2005 "GO California" program, which provided funding for congestion relief programs that could be implemented in relatively short time-frame. This project is comprised of 5 components:

1. The addition of traffic responsive ramp metering at existing non-metered on-ramp and locations.
2. Addition of microwave vehicle detection stations along brief remote sections in the western end of the Route 210 corridor.
3. Freeway-to-freeway connector metering.
4. HOV bypass lane metering.
5. System Wide Adaptive Ramp Metering (SWARM): This system evaluates real-time traffic situations at selected bottleneck areas in order to predict future congestion and properly meter ramps to reduce congestion.

Caltrans staff stated that the construction phase of this project will be completed in January 2008. Early pilot studies suggest that there may be mobility improvements of up to 10-20%

Questions were asked about the following issues:

- **Conversion of HOV Bypass Lanes:** Caltrans staff stated that decision as to whether to convert an HOV bypass lane to an HOV metered lane or a metered mixed flow lane would be dependent upon the volume of the HOV lane.
- **On-Ramp Queuing:** Caltrans staff stated that previously, if the on-ramps approached capacity there was a queue override loop which would speed up the metering. However, as SWARM is an aggressive metering system, this queue override will be less likely to occur. Because of this, there may be issue at some intersections on surrounding arterials.
- **Other Examples of Implementation:** Caltrans staff stated that this is the first time that SWARM will be used in the United States along a full corridor. It is currently used in other countries.
- **Location of Workshops:** Committee members requested that the workshops be held in the San Gabriel Valley, and that update workshops are held at key milestones.

**VII. I-10 CORRIDOR**

- a. I-10/605 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

R. Charles gave an update on this item. He stated that the 10/605 interchange is in the design stage and they do not yet have alternatives selected. It will be at least 3-4 years before constructions. The EIR will begin in January 2008, and will be completed by 2009. It is possible that the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase EIRs will be combined. The first phase of construction is fully funded, and the construction funding for the second phase may be moved.

b. I-10 HOV LANES STATUS UPDATE REPORT

R. Charles gave an update on this item. The design phase of the portion of the project from I-605 → Puente is 95% completed, and will be 100% completed by December 2007. Construction is set to begin in Early Summer 2008. The Puente → 57 portion, which is in two contracts, is 35% designed and there will be 1-2 years of design before construction can begin.

c. STATE BUDGET IMPACTS ON STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS

R. Charles stated the legislature is projected to face an \$8 billion deficit next year.

**VIII. SR-60**

a. SCAG SR-60 TRUCK CORRIDOR ANALYSIS (Page VIIIa-1)

There was discussion that any study focused on SR-60 as a truck corridor would need to include all other parallel corridors in the analysis.

**IX. PROP 1B UPDATE**

S. Neely stated that the Governor signed legislation that would appropriate \$950 of Proposition 1B funding for local street and road repair in FY 2008. However, the \$2 Billion goods movement funding was not included. Currently, there is a proposal by the Governor to make a recommendation list that would go before the California Transportation Committee for review and approval. Eligible projects in the San Gabriel Valley total \$350 million.

**X. ALAMEDA CORRIDOR-EAST CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY**

S. Neely stated that there was a joint-meeting of the ACE and SGVCOG Boards to tour ACE construction sites.

**XI. GOLD LINE PHASE II UPDATE**

J. Blickenstaff stated that on October 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a kickoff event at Ontario Airport to commemorate the start of the Montclair/Ontario feasibility study.

**XII. LAC MTA (METRO) REPORT**

J. Fasana stated that the Call for Projects was approved “given available funds.” He also stated that the LRTP will be discussed at Metro’s November board meeting and then will be released for public comment.

**XIII. TRANSIT OPERATORS**

a. FOOTHILL TRANSIT

J. Becerra stated that the proposed fare increase will go before the Foothill Governing Board at its October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

b. MONTEBELLO BUS LINES

c. METRO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SERVICE SECTOR

P. Faust stated that Metro has dedicated its new building and there has been a significant increase in rapid bus services.

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

N. Conway stated that the issue of quorum levels for SGVCOG Policy Committees will be discussed at the November Governing Board meeting.

**XV. NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 15, 2007**

**XVI. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PHILIP MARCELLIN**