



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Public Works Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Notes

Date: Monday, May 19th, 2008

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Edward's Steak House

9600 Flair Drive

El Monte, California 91731

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

Please note that a quorum was not present at this meeting. Therefore, no official action was taken, and all meeting notes are for information only.

Members Present:

Arcadia
Claremont
Covina
Diamond Bar
Irwindale
Montebello
Pasadena
San Dimas
West Covina
LA County

P. Wray, L. Tomaier
C. Bradshaw
P. Hertz
R. Yee
K. Tam
T. Melendrez
B. Janka
K. Patel, S. Garwick
Shannon Yauchzee
H. Hsing
M. Ariki

Members Absent:

Alhambra
Azusa
Baldwin Park
Duarte
El Monte
Glendora
Industry
La Canada Flintridge
La Puente
La Verne
Monrovia
Monterey Park
Pomona
Pasadena
Rosemead
San Gabriel
San Marino
Sierra Madre
South El Monte
South Pasadena
Walnut

Other Agencies:

M. Smith, Metro
F. Alamolhoda, LAE Associates, Inc.
S. Ahamad, SA Associates
T. Cole, Caltrans

COG Staff:

M. Creter, Staff
D. Kalovsky, Staff

2.0 Public Comment

Caltrans staff announced that the Safe Routes to School grant applications have been released and that all applications are due on July 18th.

3.0 Changes to Agenda Order; Identify Subsequent Need or Emergency Items

4.0 Consent Items

4.1 Notes from April 28th, 2008 meeting

4.2 Correspondence

Because a quorum was not present, no action was taken on these items.

5.0 Discussion Items (*Recommended Action: Discussion with possible action*)

5.1 Metro's Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan

Metro staff gave a presentation on this item. The purpose of this Action plan is to provide a master plan for goods movement in southern California and is intended to be used as a guide in the preparation of state, regional, and local transportation plans. The Action Plan recommends the four following actions:

1. Accelerate regional environmental mitigation
2. Relieve congestion and improve mobility
3. Improve operational efficiency
4. Develop equitable public/private funding strategy

Projects recommended in the San Gabriel Valley include: ACE Phase II, 605/60 interchange, 605/10 interchange, 60/57 interchange, and a dedicated east-west freight guideway system/regional truck lane corridor between 710 freeway and 57 freeway. In total, the regional and county-specific list recommends over \$50 billion in projects, of which \$2.4 billion is committed funding.

Following the presentation, the following issues were discussed

- The impact of other ports, including Mexico
- Inclusion of the I-710 Gap closure

5.2 Metro's Proposed Half-Cent Sales Tax

Staff gave an update on this item. At its April 2008, the Metro Board of Directors directed staff to research the requirements for putting a half percent sales tax measure on the November 2008 ballot. The motion also directed staff to develop a comprehensive package of projects and programs that would include moving up projects' schedules currently in the Constrained Plan of the draft Long Range Transportation Plan, as well as, including the highest performing projects in the Tier I element of the Strategic Plan and Tier II of the TCIF projects. Additionally, Metro staff has requested recommendations from cities for projects to be included on the ballot measure. After review, the Transportation Committee recommended that the following comments be submitted to Metro:

“1. **Clarify Below Wording on Strategic Plan Transit Projects as Follows:**

Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension from Sierra Madre Villa to Azusa;
Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension.

2. **Support inclusion of Strategic Plan Highway Projects:** State Route 710 Gap Closure.

3. **Clarify Trade Corridors Improvement Projects:** Alameda Corridor East's Phase II Unfunded Projects, in the amount of \$400 million.

4. **Add Category-Accelerated funding for congestion chokepoints:** Interchange upgrades at 57/60, 10/605, and 60/605 as referenced in the April Metro Board Report (Item 5)-Multi County Goods Movement Action Plan Short Term Projects by 2014.

5. **Add Ballot Language:** Add language for ballot ensuring project delivery and accountability of use of the Sales Tax funds.”

The Metro Board will take action on this proposed measure at its June meeting.

5.3 Update on Congestion Pricing Application

Staff announced that the MOU for the Congestion Pricing Demonstration Project has been executed. Metro is now awaiting approval of enabling legislation from the State.

5.4 Revised SGVCOG Strategic Plan: May-November 2008

SGVCOG staff stated that this event was a success and distributed the revised copy of the Strategic Plan.

6.0 Update items

6.1 SGV Transportation Corridors

Staff announced that the cities along Arrow Highway are interested in developing a JPA in order to create and implement a joint vision for this arterial.

6.2 MTA Technical Advisory Committee

There was no update from the TAC.

6.3 MTA Streets and Freeways Subcommittee

Caltrans staff announced that there would be a Safe Routes to School Training on May 30th.

6.4 MTA Ad Hoc Congestion Pricing Committee

6.5 SGVCOG Transportation Committee Update

7.0 New Business items for Next Regular Meeting

8.0 Announcements

9.0 Next Meeting

10.0 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.