



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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## Transportation Committee Minutes

Date: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: SCE CTAC Center

### 1.0 Call to Order

J. Fasana called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Roll Call / Introductions

#### Members Present

Alhambra	B. Messina
Claremont	S. Pedroza
Covina	A. Gonzales
Duarte	J. Fasana
Glendora	D. Tessitor
Industry	T. Spohn
La Verne	S. Johnson
LA County District 5	M. Cano, G. Sund
Montebello	A. Jackson
South El Monte	J. Gonzales
Walnut	T. King

#### Members Absent

Diamond Bar  
Rosemead  
San Gabriel

#### Guests:

S. Amiri, Metro	H. Ikharta, SCAG
M. Ten, South Pasadena	D. Reyno, Foothill
D. Voss, La Canada Flintridge	D. Failing, Metro
P. Hubler, ACE	A. Saghafi, Caltrans
A. Wilson, La Canada Flintridge	Y. Chandra, CH2MHILL
T. Williams, El Sereno Neighborhood Council	D. Farkas
R. Richmond, ACE	L. Dolley

#### SGVCOG Staff:

N. Conway, Executive Director  
K. Boyd, Staff  
B. Cooke, Staff  
M. Creter, Staff  
M. Echternach, Staff

### 2.0 Public Comment

The following individuals spoke on Agenda Item 4.0:

- D. Voss (La Canada Flintridge) indicated that the City of La Canada Flintridge was opposed to the SGVCOG's proposed action, and stated that it was premature for Metro to move forward with the environmental review process.
- T. Williams (El Sereno) stated that the El Sereno Neighborhood Council was opposed to Zones 1, 2 and 3.
- M. Ten (South Pasadena) indicated that the letter that had been distributed by the Mayor of South Pasadena reflected his personal views and preferences and that in 2003 and 2007 the City of South Pasadena approved resolutions indicating that they did not oppose sound, route neutral research.
- L. Dolley indicated that the 710 gap closure is good for the region as it reduces congestion and improves air quality.

### 3.0 Consent Calendar

3.1 February 18, 2010 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

3.2 Transit Operators

- 3.2.1 Foothill Transit
- 3.2.2 Montebello Bus Lines
- 3.2.3 Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Sector

3.3 Correspondence/Media Publications

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar (M/S/C: A. Gonzales/ S. Pedroza / Unanimous).

**4.0 Presentation on Caltrans/Metro 710 Tunnel Geotechnical Feasibility Study**

D. Failing (Metro) presented on this item. He reviewed the study, which was intended geotechnical study is to determine the geologic, groundwater, and seismic conditions that could affect the geotechnical feasibility of designing and constructing a tunnel. This study determined that it is geotechnically feasible to build a tunnel in the study area. H. Ikharta (SCAG) urged the committee to take action on the staff recommendation, as this project has been sufficiently studied. There was discussion on the next steps and how the EIR and public outreach process would move forward.

There was a motion to recommend to Governing Board authorizing the President to submit a letter to the Metro Board of Directors reaffirming the SGVCOG's support for the 710 Gap Closure project and requesting that Metro begin the EIR/EIS process (M/S/C: B. Messina / S. Pedroza / Unanimous).

**5.0 Partnering Agency Reports**

**5.1 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)**

5.1.1 Discussion on City of Los Angeles 30/10 Plan

M. Cano presented on this item. This plan, developed by the City of Los Angeles, aims to front load Measure R transit projects by leveraging Measure R funds with Federal loans. While the ultimate goal of this plan is to benefit the region, M. Cano identified several potential issues related to the following:

- Subregional Equity
- Implementation and Construction Management
- Operations
- Project Cost Estimates
- Borrowing Terms and Conditions
- New Starts Funding Included, Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2B left out
- Future Federal Appropriations
- Public-Private Partnerships

There was extended discussion on this item and its potential impact on SGV projects.

There was a motion to adopt a position of "support in concept if amended" to reflect the following:

1. **Highways:** Expand the proposal to include needed highway projects that were included in the Measure R ballot proposal.
2. **Public-Private Partnerships (P3):** Expand the proposal to incorporate commitments to all six identified P3 projects, both rail and highway.
3. **Federal Priority Projects:** Expand the proposal to include all four Federal priority rail projects (M/S/C: S. Pedroza/ D. Tessitor /Unanimous).

Additionally, there was discussion on the importance of creating a "firewall" to ensure that any potential funding arrangement did not negatively impact projects not included in the 30/10 plan.

**5.2 Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority**

T. Spohn reported on this item.

**5.3 Gold Line Foothill Extension Status Report**

S. Pedroza reported on this item, including an update on procurement. He also discussed the planned June 26<sup>th</sup> Groundbreaking ceremony.

**6.0 New Business**

New items include the Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2C and the High Desert Corridor.

**7.0 Next Meeting**

**8.0 Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.