



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 15th, 2008

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: SCE CTAC

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Roll Call / Introductions

Members Present

Alhambra
Baldwin Park
Diamond Bar
Duarte
Montebello
San Gabriel
Walnut
LA County District 5

B. Messina
A. Bejarano
J. Tanaka, D. Liu
J. Fasana
L. Conejo
H. Baldwin
T. King
M. Cano

Members Absent

El Monte
Glendora
Industry
La Verne
Monterey Park

Ex-Officio Members

Foothill Transit, D. Reyno
SGVCOG Metro TAC Representative, L. Stevens

SGVCOG Staff

N. Conway, Executive Director
K. Boyd, Staff
M. Creter, Staff

Guests

S. Afshari, LAC DPW
P. Doudar, LAC DPW
P. Hernandez, Office of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano
P. Hubler, ACE Project
B. McAllester, Metro
G. Neely, Office of Assemblymember Bob Huff
S. Neely, Ace Project
B. Sedlik, Titan Group
A. Wilson, La Canada Flintridge

2.0 Public Comment

3.0 Consent Calendar

- 3.1 March 20th, 2008 Transportation Committee Meeting Notes
- 3.2 March 24th, 2008 ACE Construction Authority Meeting Minutes
- 3.3 Transit Operators
 - 3.3.1 Foothill Transit
 - 3.3.2 Montebello Bus Lines
 - 3.3.3 Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Sector
- 3.4 Correspondence/Media Publications

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar (M/S/C: Messina/Tanaka/Unanimous; Abstain: Bejarano, Tanaka).

4.0 Metro: 2008 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

Metro staff gave an update on this item stating that at the close of the public comment period, Metro had received a record number of comments, which are still being reviewed. Additionally, staff had held a number of public meetings, including one in the San Gabriel Valley, which was very well attended. Metro staff stated that because of costs increases and decreases in available funding, there would be no new funding available for capacity expansion over the next 30 years. The LRTP is expected to be reviewed and adopted at the June meeting of the Metro Board.

Committee members asked a number of question related to the inclusion of public-private partnership projects in the constrained plan, the investment of funding for environmental studies, and the distinction between the LRTP being a plan or a budget.

5.0 Metro Board of Directors Action to Consider Sales Tax Ballot Measure

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.”

(M/S/C: A. Bejarano/T. King/ Unanimous).

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

6.0 Metro: Congestion Pricing Update

Metro staff gave an update on this item. Staff stated that an initial MOU between Metro and the federal government to implement this pilot program had been signed. There was discussion regarding possible opposition from local State and Federal Legislators. Staff also stated that the deadline for the Governor to pass legislation to allow for implementation of this program is October 15th/

7.0 State Legislation

Staff gave a report on the transportation legislative matrix. Assemblyman Feuer's financing bills were discussed along with the importance Three bills were reviewed and the Committee adopted the following positions:

- AB 2009 (Hernandez/Huff) – This bill would eliminate the utility tax imposed on CNG buses. The Committee adopted a position of support (M/S/C: T. King/ M. Cano/ Unanimous).
- AB 660 (Galgiani)– This bill was revised to allow funding of grade separation projects up to \$20 million within five years without legislative authority if the project is on the PUC priority list and it meets other conditions. The Committee changed its position from “Oppose unless amended” to support (M/S/C: M. Cano/ B. Messina/ Unanimous).
- AB 2650 (Carter) – This bill streamlines the environmental review process for transportation projects. Caltans assumes the Federal government's review responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). All CEQA/NEPA protections would remain in place. This legislation is expected to decrease review approval time by significantly. The Committee adopted a position of support (M/S/C: B. Messina/ J. Fasana/ Unanimous).

Staff also reviewed other bills relating to financing and land use planning.

8.0 Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

The Chair referred Committee members to the written report that was included in the packet.

9.0 Gold Line Foothill Extension Report

The Chair referred Committee members to the written report that was included in the packet.

10.0 Metro Report (LACMTA)

11.0 New Business

12.0 Next Meeting – June 12th, 2008

13.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.