



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions

J. Fasana, called the meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Police Conference Center in the City of Arcadia.

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

Representatives Present

S. Placido
J. Fasana
E. Gutierrez
D. Reyno
D. Tessitor
P. Marcellin
M. Thomas
S. Martinez
H. Baldwin
L. Meyers
J. Moore, W. Briesemeister
M. Cano

Alhambra
Duarte
El Monte
Foothill Transit (*Ex-officio*)
Glendora
Industry
Montebello
Monterey Park
San Gabriel
South Pasadena
LA County Sup. District 4
LA County Sup. District 5

Absent

Baldwin Park
Diamond Bar
La Verne
Metro (*Ex-officio*)
Pasadena
Sierra Madre
Walnut
LA County District 1

COG Staff

N. Conway
M. Creter
M. Echternach

COG Executive Director
COG Staff
COG/Metro Staff

Guests

S. Neely
R. Richmond
T. Schultz
A. Wilson
P. Doudar
J. White

ACE
ACE
City of Alhambra
City of La Canada Flintridge
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

S. Amiri	Metro
L. Bybee	Metro
P. Faust	Metro
A. Hamideh	Metro
B. McAllester	Metro
G. Neely	Office of Assemblymember Bob Huff
J. Hines	Office of Assemblymember Anthony Portantino
T. Jenkins	PB
R. Huddy	SCAG
H. Ikhata	SCAG
M. Jones	SCAG
B. Doyle	

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Consent Items

A motion was made to approve the consent items (M/S/C: H. Baldwin/ D. Tessitor/ Unanimous).

IV. Action Items

A. State Legislative Update

S. Neely gave an update on this item. She stated that the approved budget cut the State's transportation budget by approximately \$1.3 billion statewide (\$336M in LA County), and that half of this cut could affect capital projects such as the I-10 carpool lanes project. There is speculation that some of the cuts to transit may be permanent. Based on the Legislature's actions, the California Transit Association has filed a suit seeking an injunction to stop the shifting of these funds. Under Proposition 116, which was passed in 1990, the funding in the Public Transportation Account is only to be used for transportation planning and mass transportation projects.

More positively, AB 196, a budget trailer bill, increased the amount of funding appropriated in FY 08 for local street and road repair under Prop. 1B from \$350 million to \$950 million. The total amount allocated under Prop. 1B is \$2 billion. In the San Gabriel Valley, the total allocation is \$52 million. AB 196 allocates \$24.8 million to San Gabriel Valley cities in FY 2008.

B. SGV Bridges – Rated by FHWA as Structurally Unsafe

S. Neely gave a report on this item. This report identified the 45 bridges in the San Gabriel Valley rated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as structurally deficient. In total, 73,000 bridges nationwide have received this rating. In order to address this problem, SGVCOG staff recommended that the Governing Board support legislation from Chairman Oberstar that would implement a temporary 5 cent gas tax increase in order to generate the \$32 billion needed for bridge repairs. SGVCOG staff recommended that a second letter be

sent to Caltrans requesting planned actions and schedule to address the unsafe bridges in the SGV.

A motion was made to approve both letters for transmittal to the SGV Governing Board (M/S/C: E. Gutierrez/ S. Martinez/ Unanimous).

This item was sent to the Governing Board for action. SGVCOG staff will also send out an electronic copy of a map plotting the 45 unsafe bridges in the San Gabriel Valley.

V. Information and Project Status Reports

A. SGV Traffic Signal Synchronization and Intelligent Transportation Systems

J. White (LADPW) gave a presentation on this item. The LADPW's Regional Traffic Forum Program is comprised of two components: the Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (TSSP) and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). This program is being implemented in three regions of Los Angeles County (Gateway Cities, San Gabriel Valley and South Bay) and has received \$164.6 million in funding from Metro's Call for Projects from 1995-2001. A total of 23 routes that received funding under the 1995 Call for Projects have been completed. However, while these routes were synchronized several years ago, jurisdictions may have adjusted the timing of specific signals along these routes. These changes may require correction in order re-synchronize the routes.

J. White also announced that LADPW will be hosting an open house of the Los Angeles County Traffic Management Center on September 17th. This will provide attendees a more detailed understanding of the IEN and its scenario management capabilities.

B. I-210 Freeway (I-5 to SR-57) Corridor System Management Plan

N. Conway and H. Ikhata gave a brief update on this item. On September 25th, SCAG and Caltrans will be hosting a Stakeholder Kickoff Meeting for the I-210 Freeway (I-5 to SR-57) Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP). The purpose of the CSMP is to implement a holistic approach to improving traffic flow along the corridor by using micro and macro-simulation models. Elements of the proposal include ramp metering and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Representatives from all local jurisdictions along the corridor, Metro, the City of Los Angeles, Foothill Transit, Arroyo Verdugo COG, and Los Angeles County Department of Public Works have been invited to attend.

C. I-710 Tunnel Project Update

J. Fasana gave an update on this item. He stated that Caltrans is the lead on this project and that they are in the process of refining the scope of work. There are two primary components: public outreach and additional technical studies. While

a meeting was held on August 22nd, it was apparent that there was not sufficient public outreach. To address this problem, representatives from all impacted cities will be invited to participate on an advisory committee.

D. Multi-County Goods Movement Study Update

S. Amiri gave an update on this item. She stated that this has been a two-year long project, and she expects that the Executive Summary will be posted within the next month. There will also be a number of workshops to review the findings. She explained to attendees that this report will focus on macro level findings and recommendations.

E. Metro Congestion Pricing Study

Metro staff gave a presentation on this item. In June 2007, Director Fasana motioned that the Metro CEO develop a detailed operating plan with at least three options for implementing congestion pricing in Los Angeles County by 2010. Metro staff gave a presentation of the various congestion pricing systems that have been implemented in London, Singapore, San Diego and Orange County.

F. Metro Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Metro staff gave a presentation on this item.

Metro is in the process of updating their 2007 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The last Long Range Transportation Plan was adopted by the Metro Board in 2001. Staff has updated the financial assumptions for the LRTP to reflect cost increases in baseline highway and transit projects (projects that were already approved in the 2001 LRTP), as well as revenues assumed from the State Bonds and Metro fare increase. While the entire LRTP is \$109 billion between now and 2030, approximately \$4 billion will be available for new projects. Most of this new funding becomes available after 2020. It is anticipated that the final LRTP will be presented to the Metro Board for action in the Spring of 2008.

G. SCAG Regional Transportation Plan Presentation

SCAG staff gave a presentation on this item.

There was discussion over the potential conflict between the draft release of Metro's LRTP and SCAG's RTP. Currently, Metro staff does not expect to release the draft LRTP until October 25th, while the draft RTP will be released in November. This will allow for limited coordination of these two documents. While it is possible to make amendments to the RTP, these amendments cannot be too extensive or it will require revision of the EIR. SCAG and Metro staff will be working together closely to resolve this issue.

H. Mid Valley Transportation Corridor Plan

E. Gutierrez and B. Doyle gave a presentation on this item. The cities of Baldwin Park, Covina, West Covina and El Monte have asked the SGVCOG Governing Board and Transportation Committee to consider supporting the initiation of a joint study by these cities to develop a corridor mobility plan for the Ramona-Badillo corridor. The cities have already adopted resolutions in support of these study efforts, and they intend to seek funding for improvements from Metro and State and Federal Sources. It is expected that this planning effort will take 18 to 24 months.

A motion was made to add the Ramona-Badillo Corridor to the SGVCOG's list of priority corridors and refer it to the Planning Director's TAC for further discussion (M/S/C: S. Martinez, E. Gutierrez / Unanimous).

I. Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority

S. Neely reminded committee members that there will be a tour of an ACE Construction Site on September 20th.

J. Gold Line Phase II Update

Committee members were referred to the written report in the agenda packet.

VI. Metro Report

J. Fasana stated that the Metro Board would be voting on the Call for Project allocations at the September Board meeting.

VII. Transit Operators Report

A. Foothill Transit

D. Reyno informed attendees that there will be an open house of the new Foothill Transit Facility in West Covina on September 27th.

B. Montebello Bus Lines

C. Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Sector

VIII. New Business

IX. Adjournment