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SGVCOG Develops Project Prioritization for Proposed Sales Tax Measure

Under the direction of the Metro Board, Metro staff has been working on a potential 2016 LA County transportation ballot measure. Senate Bill 767 has been introduced to allow LA County to place a ½ cent sales tax on the November 2016 ballot. In addition, Metro staff has developed preliminary revenue figures by subregion if such a tax were to be approved by the voters. Metro staff is assuming that 50% of the revenue generated would be used for local return, transit operations and facility repairs. Metro staff is seeking subregional input on the remaining 50%. Using the population and

employment based formula and assuming a 40 year sales tax measure is approved as well as an extension of the current Measure R sales tax, the San Gabriel Valley subregion would have up to \$3.325 billion in current dollars available for transportation capital projects.

The legislation that would allow LA County to place a ½ cent sales tax on the November 2016 ballot requires that the Metro Board adopt an expenditure plan that would list the projects and programs to be funded from the net revenues from this tax. (Continued on Page 2)



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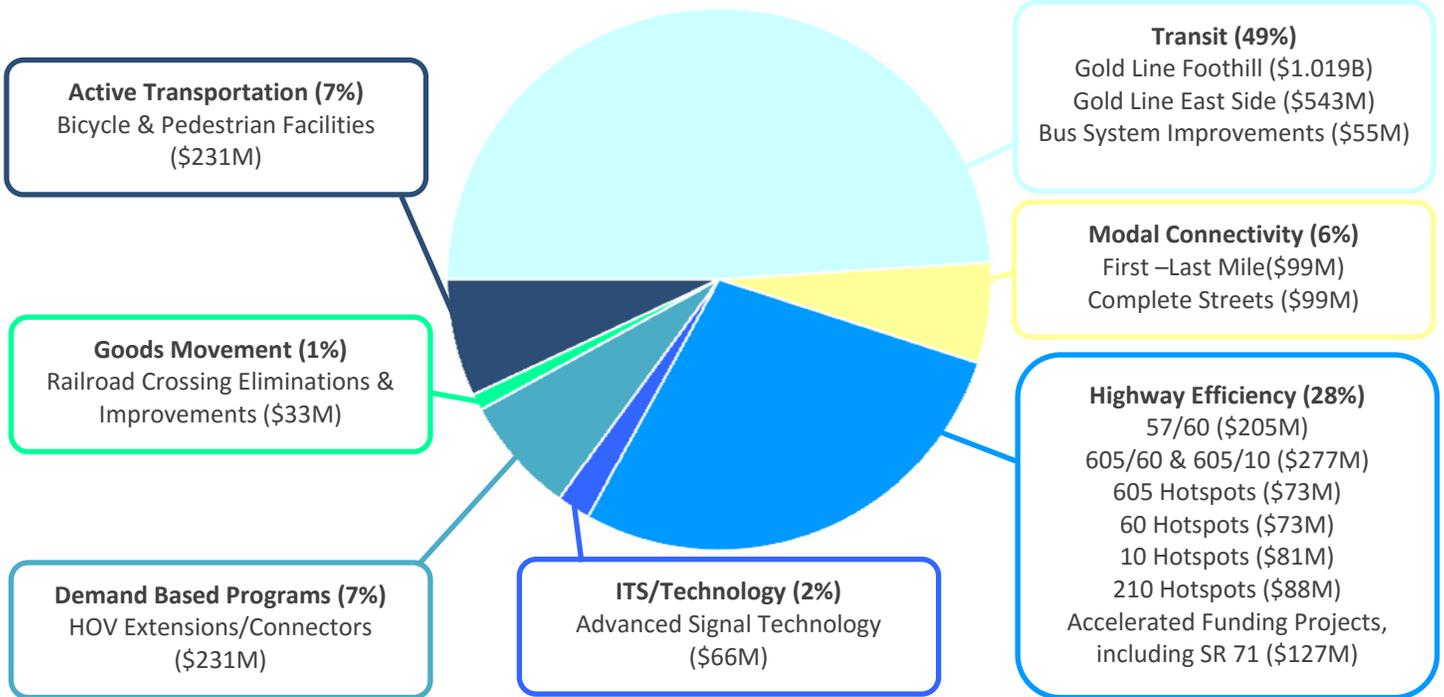
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SGVCOG Priority Transportation Projects (Continued)

To create this expenditure plan, Metro is asking that each subregion establish a list of projects and programs to be funded using each subregion’s share of anticipated revenue. The SGVCOG’s

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was initially tasked with establishing a list using the recently adopted Mobility Matrix. This was later reviewed by the

Transportation Committee, with a revised version adopted at the August 2015 meeting. The figure below lists the project funding recommendations by category.



Metro Ballot Measure Key Dates

- ⇒ **June 19, 2015**
Formally notify stakeholders of priority due dates and schedule
- ⇒ **June—August 2015**
Stakeholder outreach on future framework considerations and priorities
- ⇒ **September 1, 2015**
Stakeholder initial input due on future framework and priorities
- ⇒ **September/October 2015**
Approval of legislation by Senate/Assembly/Governor
- ⇒ **November 2015-May 2016**
Project sequencing discussion and input
Outreach to subregions
- ⇒ **February/May 2016**
Metro hosted community workshops
- ⇒ **March 2016**
Preliminary expenditure plan submitted to Metro Board
Outreach to subregions
- ⇒ **November 2015-May 2016**
Project sequencing discussion and input
Outreach to subregions
- ⇒ **May/June 2015**
Metro Board considers final ordinance and expenditure plan
- ⇒ **November 2016**
Election

August 2015 Governing Board Meeting Summary

Below please find an overview of the actions at the August 20, 2015, Governing Board meeting.

⇒ **Board Approves Programming of Revenues for the 2016 LA County Transportation Ballot Measure**

The Governing Board adopted Resolution 15-24, establishing a list of priority projects and programs to be funded under the 2016 Sales Tax Measure. The resolution allocates \$3.325 billion in current dollars for transportation capital projects. The resolution was signed and sent to Metro.

⇒ **Bylaws Will Not Be Revised**

The Board discussed a proposed change to the bylaws that would eliminate the position of 3rd Vice President, due to the lengthy amount of time an officer needs to move up the chain of succession to President. After considering the proposal, the Board voted to keep the position of 3rd Vice President and not to change the bylaws.

⇒ **FY2014-15 4th Quarter Financial Report**

The year end net revenue was \$163,042. This is \$149,589 higher than projected and helps the COG reach its goal of having one year of operating revenues in reserve. The majority of this increased revenue is due to increased reimbursements from the COG's grant programs for staff labor.

	Actual Through June 30, 2015	Adopted Revised Budget FY14/15
Total Income	\$1,142,297	\$1,465,787
Total Expenditures	\$979,255	\$1,452,334
Net Income (Loss)	\$163,042	\$13,453

⇒ **Board Authorizes One-Year Contract Extension for Financial Auditing Services**

A one-year contract extension with Vasquez & Company LLP in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for financial auditing services for FY2014-15 was approved by the Board.

⇒ **Changes to Transportation Consultant Contract Approved**

The Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to execute a proposed transportation consultant contract with two amendments. The contract would be for \$100,000 annually, plus any cost of living increase provided by Metro.



COG Welcomes New Staff Member!

On August 17th, the COG welcomed new Senior Management Analyst Allison Maginot to the team. Allison returns to the COG full-time after previously serving as an intern from 2009-2010.

Prior to rejoining the COG staff, Allison spent three years as the Government and Community Affairs Manager for The New York Public Library. She also has previous experience working in government affairs for the Associated General Contractors, Oregon-Columbia Chapter.

Allison holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Vassar College and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California's Price School of Public Policy.

Originally from Huntington Beach, Allison is thrilled to be back in Southern California with her former COG colleagues and peers.

Please join us in welcoming Allison!



Transportation Update

Below please find updates about the COG’s transportation activities, as well as other relevant regional and statewide updates.

M Metro Bikeshare Demonstration Sites Launched

In June, 2015, the Metro Board awarded a \$11 million contract to Bicycle Transit Systems, Inc. to launch a pilot bikesharing program. The pilot launch in downtown Los Angeles in 2016 and expand to Pasadena in 2017. The bikeshare program will include nearly 1,100 bikes at 65 stations throughout Downtown L.A. Once fully launched, the program will include 4,000 bicycles in ten communities across the County.

Bikesharing uses a for-rent fleet of bicycles strategically located at docking stations in close proximity to one another and to transit. It is a key transportation and first-mile-last-mile strategy that has already proved popular and successful in other major U.S. and international cities, including New York, Chicago, Washington, D.C.,

San Francisco, Montreal, London and Paris. The new L.A. system will fill gaps in the transit network with durable bikes at self-service stations located every few blocks in Downtown. Residents and visitors can pick up a bike at any station, ride to their destination, and drop off the bike at any open dock. The system will allow unlimited, short-term access to bikes 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Smartphone apps will give users real-time information about bike and dock availability.

Metro’s Bikeshare Implementation Plan establishes a business plan needed to bring bikesharing to more cities within L.A. County. Under the plan, Metro will pay 50 percent of capital costs and 35 percent of net operations and maintenance costs. The agency will manage a master operations contract

with its selected bikeshare vendor to provide operations and maintenance for the entire regional system while BTS/BCycle is already working on integrating transit fare cards similar to Metro’s TAP card, bringing a convenient, unified payment system to the county’s rail, bus and bikeshare systems. Building on this board-approved funding mechanism, Metro is also seeking potential system sponsors interested in high-visibility advertising on the stations, bikes and related materials.

Throughout the months of July and August, Metro hosted three bikeshare demonstration kiosks in downtown Los Angeles and at the Culver City CicLAvia event. These events provided attendees an opportunity to test prototype bicycles and checkout kiosks.



Caltrans I-605/SR-60 Study Advances

Since 2013, the SGVCOG and the Gateway Council of Governments have been working with Metro to develop a Project Study Report for potential improvements on the I-605 leading into to both the I-10 and SR- 60 interchanges as well as at the interchanges themselves. These two interchanges were identified for

improvements in the I-605 hotspots study done by the Gateway COG. These projects may ultimately be funded under a proposed Los Angeles County Transportation ballot measure in 2016.

Completion of the project requires Caltrans review and approval. However, that had been significant

delays in receiving feedback from Caltrans as they were completing the funding agreement with Metro.

In July 2015, SGVCOG staff outreached to Caltrans District 7 offices to facilitate this process and recently received confirmation that Caltrans has initiated the review process.



ACE Hosts Briefing for Asian Media

On August 3, ACE hosted a progress update briefing for members of the Asian media. The update focused on six projects in construction or final design and located in the Cities of San Gabriel, Industry and Pico Rivera and unincorporated Los Angeles County, including Rowland Heights.

The briefing included an update regarding the San Gabriel Trench project under construction in the City of San Gabriel. The 2.2-mile project will be spanned by bridges at Ramona Street, Mission Road, Del Mar Avenue and San Gabriel Boulevard.

Attending the briefing, are from left, Duarte Councilman and LA Metro Board Vice Chair John Fasana, State Senator Bob Huff, San Gabriel Mayor Jason Pu, Montebello Mayor and ACE Board Chair Jack Hadjinian, U.S. Rep. Judy Chu, U.S. Rep. Ed Royce, Assemblyman Ed Chau and Assemblywoman Ling Ling Chang.



Gold Line Station Dedications

During the month of August, the Gold Line Foothill Construction Authority held three station dedication ceremonies to commemorate the substantial completion of the Foothill Gold Line from Pasadena to Azusa.

Beginning with the Arcadia station dedication on August 22nd, nearly 500 community members and local elected officials were in attendance (below left). During the Arcadia station dedication, Metro CEO Phillip Washington

reiterated that passenger service should begin in Spring 2016 and would be announcing an official date within 30 days of project turn-over next month.

Another 400 members of the public attended the Duarte/City of Hope station dedication on August 27th (below center) and on August 28th, nearly 300 people attended the Irwindale Station dedication (below right), including elected officials, community members and stakeholders.

The next station dedications will take place as follows:

Azusa Downtown Station and APU/Citrus College Station
780 N. Alameda Avenue
Saturday, September 19
9:30 AM

Monrovia Station
Saturday, September 12
10:00 AM



Environment & Water Update

Below please find updates about the COG's activities, as well as other energy, environment, natural resources and water updates.

Statewide Mattress Recycling Launching in 2016

It is estimated that millions of mattresses and box springs reach the end of their lives in California every year. The bulky nature of mattresses and the limited recycling of used mattresses results in significant illegal dumping costs to many local jurisdictions throughout the state. Fortunately, used mattresses are highly recyclable (between 80-90 percent of each mattress), and certain components such as steel and polyurethane have positive market value. The California Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act (SB 254 and SB 1274), passed in 2013 and amended in 2014, requires mattress manufacturers to create a statewide recycling program for mattresses discarded in the State.

This program is being managed by a mattress recycling organization that is established by a qualified industry association to implement the program. The program is intended to reduce illegal dumping, increase recycling, and

substantially reduce public agency costs for the end-of-use management of used mattresses. This structure is known as extended producer responsibility (EPR). EPR uses financial incentives to encourage manufacturers to design environmentally friendly products by holding producers responsible for the costs of managing their products at end of life.

The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) is the non-profit that was established by the mattress industry to manage the program. The mattress recycling program is funded by a fee that is charged on each mattress unit sold in the State. This fee is remitted to the MRC, and the MRC will use it to contract with service providers to collect and recycle mattresses.

The Program is expected to launch in early 2016. On July 1, 2015, the MRC submitted a proposed program plan to CalRecycle. The plan proposes a charge

of \$11 per unit (mattress or box spring) for a total charge of \$22 for the set. Under the proposed plan, MRC intends to contract with third parties that will provide all necessary handling, storage, transportation and recycling services. Consumers will continue to dispose of mattresses through traditional methods (i.e. retailer take-back with new purchase, transfer station drop-off, curbside pick-up, etc.). More information is available on the program website: (www.mattressrecyclingcouncil.org/).



Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

On April 1, 2015, Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-29-15, which updated California's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO). The revised ordinance was approved by the California Water Commission on July 15, 2015.

The revised ordinance applies to any new development projects – residential,

commercial, industrial and institutional – that include landscaped areas of 500 sq. ft. or more and require a permit, plan check or design review. Prior to the issuance of the revised ordinance the 2009 ordinance threshold for projects ranged from 2,500 – 5,000 sq. ft. The threshold for existing landscapes remains the same at 2,500 sq. ft.

Additional revisions relating to more efficient irrigation systems, incentives for graywater use, improvements in onsite stormwater capture, limiting the portion of landscapes that can be planted with high water use plants, reporting requirements, and a prescriptive checklist option for landscapes under 2,500 sq. ft. are also included in the revised ordinance.

For additional information, please visit <http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/landscapeordinance/>.



Covina Goes Gold



The City of Covina is the latest city in the Partnership to reach Gold in the Energy Leader Model!

The Energy Leader Model recognizes cities that achieve significant energy savings in municipal facilities, complete community events, participate in Southern California Edison (SCE) Demand Response (DR) programs, and engage in energy efficiency planning for the future. These cities are then eligible for higher incentive amounts per kilowatt-hour when they complete incentivized projects in the Partnership.

In order to move to Gold Level, cities must complete the following tasks:

- ◆ Achieve 15% energy savings through completed projects at municipal facilities.
- ◆ Complete 2 designated community outreach activities

- ◆ Enroll at least 25% of facilities in DR programs and promote DR community-wide

- ◆ Complete an Energy Action Plan

Covina is now the sixth city in the San Gabriel Valley to advance to Gold!

The City completed a variety of municipal projects listed below, which produced an energy savings of 753,368 kilowatt-hours. This is equivalent to an annual energy savings of \$113,000 and

Completed Projects:

- ◆ Plug Load Occupancy Sensors
- ◆ Smart Pool Pump Control
- ◆ Virtual Server
- ◆ Lighting Upgrade at the City's Downtown Parking Structure
- ◆ Zone 4 Booster Pump Upgrade
- ◆ Lighting Upgrade at City Library
- ◆ Hollenbeck



a combined one-time incentive of more than \$100,000.

In addition to the completed projects, Covina has hosted a number of community events around energy efficiency, including an annual green fair, outreach at Concert in the Park, LED light exchanges, and community workshops. As a result of their hard work, the City has been awarded the 2011 Green Leadership Award and the 2012 Engagement Award.

Bicycle Friendly Business Districts

A Bicycle Friendly Business District (BFBD) is a partnership between a city, neighborhood and business organizations, and local businesses, aimed at improving a business district's bicycle friendliness through enhancing bicycle infrastructure and increasing promotion and outreach.

There are many benefits associated with BFBDs. First and foremost, BFBDs create safe and attractive streets. Streets that prioritize bicycling, walking, and public transit can increase economic, social, and cultural vitality. Additionally, bicycle infrastructure creates a buffer for pedestrians on the sidewalk and can reduce roadway travel speeds, making streets safer for all users. BFBDs also are known to increase business visibility and access. Through the implementation of bicycling facilities (i.e. bike lanes, bicycle corrals), bicycle and foot traffic are increased.

Various cities have implemented BDBDs, including the City of Long Beach and the City of Los Angeles. Here in the San Gabriel Valley we are launching a pilot program in early 2016 funded through Metro. Pilot locations have been identified in South Pasadena and Glendora. The project boundaries are as follows:

- ⇒ South Pasadena: Mission Street (Grand Ave. – Fair Oaks); Fair Oaks (Monterey Road – Grevelia St.
- ⇒ Glendora: Business Improvement District (Bennett Ave. (N); Vista Bonita (E); Vermont Ave. (W); Foothill Blvd. (S); Extensions along Glendora Ave.; Foothill Ave; and Route 66)

The San Gabriel Valley Pilot Project's proposed scope of work includes the following components:

- ⇒ Development of a program implementation manual

- ⇒ Outreach to local businesses to gain participation
- ⇒ Development of incentive program
- ⇒ 20 cargo bikes for participating businesses
- ⇒ Installation of eight bike racks/corrals
- ⇒ Program marketing
- ⇒ Targeted enforcements
- ⇒ Evaluation



Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, October 7

City Managers' Steering Committee
11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte, CA

Monday, October 5

Executive Committee
1000 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra, CA

Wednesday, October 21, 10:00 a.m.

Water Committee/TAC
602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA

Thursday, October 15, 6:00 p.m.

Governing Board
602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA

Monday, October 19, 12:00 noon

Public Works TAC
211 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia, CA

Wednesday, October 28, 3:30 p.m.

EENR Committee
600 S. Mountain Ave., Monrovia, CA

Thursday, October 22 12:00 noon

Planners TAC
119 W. Palm Ave., Monrovia, CA

We encourage you to attend any of these meetings to find out more about what's going on at the COG!



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