

REPORT

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TO: Governing Board Delegates and Alternates

FROM: John Fasana, Chair, Transportation Committee

RE: **MONTHLY REPORT**

OCTOBER MEETING RECAP

On Thursday, October 24, 2019, the SGVCOG Transportation Committee convened at the Foothill Transit Office for its October meeting. The committee received two presentations regarding SB 743 (Steinberg, 2013) implementation and the I-605 Corridor Aesthetics Master Plan.

A representative from Iteris, Inc. provided a presentation on the background of SB 743. The bill was signed by former Governor Brown in 2013 to create a procedure that modifies the analysis of transportation impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). SB 743 changed the focus of transportation impact analysis in CEQA from measuring impacts to drivers to measuring the impact of driving. The change replaced level of service (LOS) with vehicle miles of travel (VMT) and provided an efficient review of land use and transportation projects that aim to reduce future VMT growth. As a result, local jurisdictions must determine their VMT baseline for comparison. After a thorough discussion, the committee directed SGVCOG staff to consult with the SGVCOG Public Works Technical Advisory Committee on the possibility of the SGVCOG leading the efforts to create a regional VMT analysis model.

SGVCOG Chief Engineer, Mark Christoffels, provided the second presentation of the meeting on the I-605 Corridor Aesthetics Master Plan. The plan, which was developed by the Aesthetics Committee formed by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, provides a uniform approach to future highway improvements along the I-605 freeway corridor. Members of the Aesthetics Committee provided background information and community preferences for the overall design and worked in collaboration to develop the plan for the I-605 corridor. Each participating agency, included the SGVCOG, was requested to approve the CAMP with the understanding that these guidelines will be used on any future project constructed along the I-605 corridor from the 405 to the 210 freeways. After reviewing the plan, the Transportation Committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to review and approve the I-605 Corridor Aesthetics Master Plan.