

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of December 18, 2017

- **JPA Update:** At approximately 7:00 PM on December 19th, the City of Diamond Bar became the 19th member to approve the 4th amendment to the SGVCOG's JPA. Given that the majority of the SGVCOG's member agencies have adopted, the JPA is considered official. This amendment was passed in record time, taking approximately 1 month to complete. Thank you to all the City Council Members, City Managers, and staff who have assisted us through this process.
- **Amicus Brief:** Based on direction from the COG President following discussion at the October Governing Board meeting, this week the SGVCOG, in partnership with the Cities of Arcadia, Glendora, South Pasadena and West Covina, filed an amicus brief for the Higginson v. Becerra et al. case in support of the Plaintiff (Higginson). Don Higginson, former Mayor of the City of Poway, filed a lawsuit against the State of California and City of Poway challenging the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). The lawsuit takes aim at a provision in the CVRA that has forced numerous cities to go from at-large voting methods to electing council members and other local officials by geographic districts. The brief outlines the vast implications the outcome of the case could have on the SGVCOG and filling cities, as communities subject to a one-size-fits-all mandate under the CVRA requires the creation of districts in local elections for council members or other legislators, even when creation of such districts serves itself to dilute minority votes. A link to the brief can be find at the following link.
- **SPA 3 Leadership Committee:** Jan Cicco represented the COG at the SPA 3 Leadership Committee meeting this week. The Service Planning Area (SPA) 3 Leadership Committee discussed three primary topics at the December meeting: 1) making a policy recommendation to support the effective partnership between the SPA districts, and faith based service providers by providing funding for motel vouchers for homeless families; 2) potential areas of current and upcoming funding in the homeless arena and adjacent sectors; and, 3) The status of Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's surveying process. The information collected from the surveys will help LAHSA develop capacity-building solutions for service providers.
- **Water Committee:** Members discussed ideas for the SGVCOG's position on the County's Safe, Clean Water program that will form the basis for a potential stormwater funding ballot measure. Those elements included Governance, Project Selection Criteria, and Program Objectives. In addition, the committee received updates on pending stormwater legislation, litigation and regulation, as well as SGV groundwater supply.

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Week of December 11, 2017

- **JPA Update:** Progress continues with adoption of the SGVCOG's updated JPA. As of this week, a total of eighteen member agencies have adopted the updated JPA (Pomona, Bradbury, South Pasadena, Claremont, San Dimas, Duarte, La Verne, Arcadia, El Monte, West Covina, Baldwin Park, Monterey Park, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, Glendora, Rosemead, Montebello, and the SGV Water Agencies). Only one more to go until the 4th Amendment is officially adopted! An additional 6 agencies have scheduled consideration of the JPA as follows:

City	Scheduled Date
Covina	12/19/2017
Diamond Bar	12/19/2017
San Gabriel	12/19/2017
Temple City	12/19/2017
Alhambra	1/8/2018
La Puente	1/9/2018

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- **Merry Mingle: On Wednesday**, the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership hosted the 15th annual Merry Mingle event. SGVCOG President, Cynthia Sternquist, and ACE Director of Government and Community Relations, Paul Hubler, were on hand to provide welcoming remarks. This event was co-sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, the San Gabriel Valley Public Affairs Network, and the San Gabriel Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce. It provided a fantastic opportunity, for regional leaders to discuss mingle and enjoy great holiday festivities.
- **San Gabriel Valley Consortium Meeting:** COG staff attended the San Gabriel Valley Consortium meeting on Wednesday and provided key information to the service providers and governmental departments. Topics included the proactive participation of cities in the homeless solutions and the support that residents and service providers can offer. Staff reiterated the COG's commitment to help connect cities with member service providers as stakeholders in the planning process. Service providers were also encouraged to assist interested cities in conducting surveys of homeless individuals at their project sites and in the cities' homeless "hotspots".
- **County Conference Call on Workshops Supporting Cities Homeless Planning:** Staff participated in a regional call with the County and other COGs to support cities' homeless planning efforts. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the city planning grants and future workshops to assist and inform city staff. Topics for future planned workshops include land use and planning, NIMBYism; engagement and training of first responders; and criminal justice. The County is working on a website specifically for the planning process which will include all templates and related documents as well as a Countywide calendar.

- **Safe, Clean Water Committee:** The second Safe, Clean Water Committee meeting was held this week to continue stakeholder input on the County's potential stormwater funding ballot measure. Three topic areas were discussed including, Project Types, Threshold Criteria, and Project Lists. The county presented a matrix of project types (e.g., park infiltration galleries, low impact development, or wetlands) along with the stormwater benefits derived from each type of project (e.g. water supply, water quality, passive recreation, educational opportunities). County staff also reviewed the threshold criteria, which are directed by the Board of Supervisors' motion and AB 1180 and include prioritizing multibenefit projects, augmenting water supply, and improving water quality. The group also considered whether to include a named list of projects in the ballot measure, similar to Measure M was presented, or alternatively present programs and goals, as was done with Measure A. The committee's next meeting is Jan 10th, at which they will discuss project selection criteria.
- **Energy Wise Community Outreach:** On December 9th, SGVCOG staff participated in the City of Montebello's Snow in the Park event. Staff promoted the program offerings of the Energy Wise Partnership, which includes free in-home energy screenings, information on utility rebates, and income-qualified energy efficiency programs.
- **Bike Friendly Business District Update:** This week, the Bicycle Friendly Business District (BFBD) pilot program is slated to release its calendar of events for the new year. Over the next 3 months, a mix of community bike rides, event tabling and bike valet services will be used to highlight the pilot by promoting to businesses across the participating businesses of South Pasadena and Glendora. Example events include a planned bike ride from APU/Citrus Gold Line Station to a Glendora yarn shop, where riders will break for a knitting class to make a bike seat cover. The BFBD is a partnership of the cities of South Pasadena, Glendora, the SGVCOG, Metro, BikeSGV, and ELP Advisors. To learn more about the project and to keep updated with upcoming events visit bikefriendlysgv.com.

The logo for SGVCOG, consisting of the letters S, G, V, C, O, G in a light blue, sans-serif font. The letters are spaced out and have a slight shadow effect. The logo is positioned at the bottom center of the page, below a large, faint, light blue starburst graphic that is partially obscured by the text.

Governing Board Recap

The SGVCOG Governing Board held its monthly meeting yesterday. Below is a recap of major action items.

- **Salary Resolution:** The Governing Board approved a resolution to incorporate all ACE employees under the COG, while maintaining their current salaries and benefits. Staff is continuing to work to develop a fully integrated personnel system that covers staff from both agencies. The resolution approved last night is an interim step until a more comprehensive integration study can be completed. Next month, staff anticipates submitting a recommendation for award of contract with a firm to undertake a classification and compensation study for all ACE/SGVCOG positions.
- **Homeless Planning MOU:** The Governing Board approved a draft MOU for participating cities seeking assistance with their Homeless Planning grants. In October, 23 cities in the San Gabriel Valley were awarded funding from the County of Los Angeles to develop city-level homelessness plans. There was interest from cities in undertaking a joint procurement effort, managed by the SGVCOG, to secure consultant(s) to assist with the development of the cities' plans. The MOU identifies roles, responsibilities, scope of work, and fee structure.
- **9th Amendment to the Bylaws:** The Governing Board approved the 9th amendment to the bylaws. Paired with the JPA amendment, the updated bylaws reflect the Board's direction to convert the ACE Board into a the Capital Projects and Construction Committee and expand its jurisdiction to undertake projects throughout the San Gabriel Valley.
- **Measure M Subregional Funds Initial 5-Year Programming:** The Governing Board approved reprogramming of certain Measure M program funds during the initial 5-year programming period (FY 2018-2022). This action loans funds from the Highway and Bus Systems programs to the First/Last Mile and Active Transportation programs. This is being done in order to most expeditiously use the limited funding available in the early programming years and to sync with the construction of the Gold Line Phase 2B. As a next step, staff will begin working with member agencies to identify specific projects to fund within each program. The process is expected to be completed by the end of the fiscal year.
- **LA County Mental Health Legislative Proposal:** The Governing Board approved a resolution to support the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' legislative proposal to expand the state law definition of "grave disability." Currently, state law defines grave disability as a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental disorder, is unable to provide for their basic personal needs which includes food, clothing or shelter. The County's legislative proposal seeks to change state law to allow for urgent medical needs of an individual to be considered when determining their need for treatment of a mental disorder.

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Week of December 04, 2017

- **JPA Update:** Progress continues with adoption of the SGVCOG’s updated JPA. As of this week, a total of twelve cities have adopted the updated JPA (Pomona, Bradbury, South Pasadena, Claremont, San Dimas, Duarte, La Verne, Arcadia, El Monte, West Covina, Baldwin Park and Monterey Park). An additional 12 agencies have scheduled consideration of the JPA as follows:

City	Scheduled Date
Sierra Madre	12/12/2017
South El Monte	12/12/2017
Glendora	12/12/2017
Rosemead	12/12/2017
Montebello	12/13/2017
Water Agencies	12/13/2017
Covina	12/19/2017
Diamond Bar	12/19/2017
San Gabriel	12/19/2017
Temple City	12/19/2017
Alhambra	1/8/2018
La Puente	1/9/2018

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- **Gold Line Groundbreaking:** COG staff attended this weekend’s Foothill Gold Line Groundbreaking ceremony. This event kicked-off the phase 2B extension of the Gold Line from its terminus in Azusa. The initial phase of construction will largely revolve around utility relocation, and it will take approximately three years before major construction begins. Congresswoman Judy Chu, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, and Supervisor Kathryn Barger as well as, many dignitaries representing COG member cities, were on hand for this momentous occasion.
- **Bike SGV Awards:** This past Saturday, Bike SGV hosted its annual Noche de La Luminaries Awards. COG staff attended the event in support of Bike SGV, and the honorees. There were ten awards handed out this year, and the honorees included the City of South El Monte and the City of South Pasadena. All those who were recognized have had a significant impact on the expansion of safer walkable, bikeable, transit-friendly communities. Congratulations, to all those who were honored this year!
- **Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee held their monthly meeting on December 4th. Discussion topics included an update on the planning process on developing joint memorandums of understanding with participating cities to develop city-level homelessness plans and Governing Board meeting stipends. Additionally, the Executive Committee approved the December Governing Board agenda.

- **Metro PAC:** Mark Christoffels and I attended the Measure M PAC meeting on Tuesday. Metro staff reviewed the draft Measure M guidelines for the Visionary Seed Funding and the 3% Local Contribution. Metro staff also provided an update on the LRTP development process and Mayor Garcetti's Twenty-Eight by '28 Proposal, which aims to complete construction of key regional projects prior to the 2028 Olympics.
- **City Managers' Steering Committee:** This month, the Committee took action on two items: the homelessness planning memorandum of understanding with participating cities and the salary resolution that will update the SGVCOG salary and classification to add all existing ACE employees. Both items were recommended for Governing Board approval. Additionally, the Executive Director of SCAG, Hasan Ikhmeta, gave a presentation on the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Local Input Process. Members were also briefed on Metro Measure M Subregional Program and Administrative Funds, as well as provided updates on Regional Homelessness Coordination Efforts and the ACE/SGVCOG integration.
- **Community Outreach:** On December 6th, SGVCOG staff conducted an energy efficiency workshop at the South Pasadena Senior Center. With over 15 workshop attendees, the workshop featured an overview of energy efficiency programs, helpful tips and information to become more energy efficient. Workshop attendees were also shown live demonstrations on proper insulation, sealing air gaps, energy efficient light bulbs, and smart power strips. If your city would like to host a similar workshop for seniors or other community groups, please contact Katie Ward (Kward@sgvcog.org).



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