



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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PLANNERS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, January 22nd, 2009
TIME: **12 noon**
LOCATION: **Monrovia Community Center**

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:15.

1.2 Roll Call / Introductions

Members Present	Representative	Members Absent
Alhambra	Mike Martin	Azusa
Arcadia	Jim Kasama	Diamond Bar
Baldwin Park	Amy Harbin	El Monte
Claremont	Luke Siebert	Glendora
Covina	Shelby Williams	Industry
Duarte	Jason Golding	Irwindale
	Craig Hensley	La Puente
LA County	Mark Herwick	La Verne
	Paul Novak	Montebello
	Veronica Siranosian	Monterey Park
LCF	Patrick Clarke	Pasadena
Monrovia	Craig Jimenez	Rosemead
	Steve Sizemore	San Marino
Pomona	Mark Lazzaretto	South El Monte
San Dimas	Larry Stevens	
San Gabriel	Mark Gallatin	
Sierra Madre	Danny Castro	
South Pasadena	Dave Watkins	
Walnut	Chun-Chien Yang	
	Laura Nash	
West Covina	Jeff Anderson	

Guests:

Frank Wen, SCAG
Simon Choi, SCAG

SGVCOG Staff:

N. Conway, Executive Director
M. Creter, Staff

2.0 Public Comment

3.0 Changes to Agenda Order; Identify Subsequent Need or Emergency Items

4.0 Consent Items

4.1 Minutes from November 20th, 2008 Planners TAC

There was a motion to approve the minutes (M/S/C: A. Harbin/ M. Gallatin/ Unanimous).

5.0 Discussion Items

5.1 SCAG 2012 RTP – 2008 Base Year Socioeconomic Estimates

SCAG staff presented the impact of SB 375 on the development of 2012 RTP Growth estimates.

5.2 Update on Homeless Services Needs Assessment

The Executive Director gave an update on this item. In November, Phase 1 of this study was completed and submitted to the Governing Board for review.

In December, staff and the consultant team held cluster meetings throughout the San Gabriel Valley to review the Phase 1 report findings and begin developing an implementation strategy. There was agreement to consolidate from five clusters into four clusters, which more closely follows the clusters used in the development of the 2004 Growth Visioning exercise. At these meetings there was clear consensus that more education of elected officials is needed to facilitate the decision making process. Cities also expressed interest in having the community and faith-based organizations taking a leadership role in identifying and implementing appropriate intervention strategies.

A second round of Phase 2 meetings has been scheduled for early February. These meetings will focus developing specifics related to implementation included the types and amount of services needed in each cluster. The Executive Director strongly encouraged all member agencies to attend.

5.3 Update on Metro's Congestion Mitigation Fee Pilot Study

The Executive Director stated that in December staff sent out a request to all cities for transportation capital improvement projects that could potentially be included as part of the Metro Congestion Mitigation Fee Pilot Study. To date, thirteen cities have submitted project lists. Staff is continuing to follow up with the remaining cities and anticipates receiving all responses by mid-January. Once the full list has been compiled, it will be submitted to the TACs and the Transportation Committee for review.

5.4 Update on SB 375 Working Group

The Executive Director stated that a working group has been formed to review issues related to the implementation of SB 375 (Steinberg). This working group will be meeting with the Executive Director of SCAG in late January to discuss this legislation in further detail, specifically as it relates to sub regional delegation issues.

5.5 Caltrans Planning Grants

The Executive Director gave a report on this item. He stated that Caltrans recently announced the application cycle for various Transportation Planning Grants programs and these applications are due April 1st. These planning grants are awarded annually by Caltrans and may fund projects for up to three years. For the past several years the COG has applied under the Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant program to fund inter-jurisdictional projects. In 2008, the COG applied for funding for corridor planning efforts along Arrow Highway, Rosemead Boulevard, Valley Boulevard, and the Ramona-Badillo Corridor. Staff is seeking direction from our member agencies regarding potential projects for the 2009-2010 grant cycle.

Committee members recommended that the COG contact the cities along each of the four identified corridors to determine if they are interested in pursuing grant funding again. If so, they recommended that the COG move forward with resubmitting those grant applications.

5.6 South Coast Air Quality Management District's Air Quality Institute

The Executive Director stated COG staff has been contacted by the AQMD about the possibility of conducting an air quality workshop in the San Gabriel Valley. Committee members indicated that they would be interested in such as workshop and requested that the Executive Director move forward with coordinating this event.

6.0 New Business items for Upcoming Meetings

Committee members requested information on Metro's LRTP/Measure R implementation and the current status of the Federal Economic Stimulus package to be presented at the next meeting.

7.0 Announcements

The Executive Director stated that the SGVCOG's next Strategic Planning Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 24th at the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Headquarters in Azusa. This

upcoming Strategic Planning session represents the third anniversary of the SGVCOG's participation in such a strategic planning process. For this reason, in addition to reviewing and developing six-month objectives, this session provides an opportunity to review achievement of major goals over the past three years and develop new long-term goals for the upcoming three years.

7.1 Upcoming Workshops

The Executive Director identified several upcoming workshops that committee members may be interested in attending.

- 7.1.1 Metro's Technology & Innovation Symposium – February 5th
- 7.1.2 League of California Cities SB 375 Briefing – February 13th
- 7.1.3 Metro's Call for Projects Workshop – February 18th

8.0 Next Meeting

9.0 Adjourn