



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Thursday, March, 24th, 2011
Monrovia Community Center
12 noon

MINUTES

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Meeting was called to order at 12:16 P.M.

1.2 Roll Call / Introductions

Present:

Baldwin Park	A. Harbin
Covina	S. Williams
Diamond Bar	G. Lee
Duarte	C. Hensley, J. Golding
Irwindale	P. Kelly
La Canada Flintridge	P. Clarke
Pasadena	B. Trimble
Pomona	M. Lazzaretto
San Dimas	L. Stevens
Sierra Madre	D. Castro
Temple City	S. Masura, J. Lambert
Walnut	L. Nash, T. Weiner
West Covina	J. Anderson

Absent:

Alhambra
Arcadia
Azusa
Bradbury
Claremont
El Monte
Glendora
Industry
La Verne
Monrovia
Montebello
Monterey Park
Rosemead
San Gabriel
San Marino
South El Monte
South Pasadena
LA Co. District 1
LA Co. District 4
LA Co. District 5

Guests:

S. Chamberlain, SGVHHCC

SGVCOG Staff:

N. Conway, Executive Director
D. Martin, COG Staff

2.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

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

There were no changes to the agenda.

4.0 Consent Items

4.1 Minutes from December 2nd, 2010 Meeting
There was a motion to approve the minutes (M/S/C: P. Clarke/ C. Hensley/ Unanimous).

5.0 Discussion Items

5.1 San Gabriel Valley Corridor Planning Efforts
The Executive Director gave an update regarding the SGV Corridors. Arrow Highway has been put on hold temporarily because of the uncertainty about the future of redevelopment funds. The corridors for

Rosemead Blvd, Ramona-Badillo, and Valley Blvd are still active. Rosemead Blvd. is perhaps the farthest along because of work that the County has already started, but it lacks a shared vision. Ramona-Badillo is somewhat in flux because the issues surrounding the El Monte Transit Village, which is still in development. Valley Blvd has elected to begin the process with self funding. Recently the COG was awarded SCAG Compass Blueprint Project funds for all four corridor projects. Because of where the corridors were in their development, the Executive Director recommended that the Planning TAC take a position prioritizing the projects to determine the order in which the projects accept SCAG funds. Rosemead is perhaps the most logical choice to be first because they are farthest along, and ready to move forward to create a common vision, but lack in-place funding. L. Stevens suggested that the order be Rosemead first, Ramona-Badillo second, and Valley third, with Arrow Highway held until redevelopment funding becomes clearer.

There was a motion to adopt a preferred rank order with Rosemead Blvd. first, Ramona-Badillo second, and Valley Blvd. third, with Arrow Highway put on hold until the redevelopment situation resolves itself. (S. Williams/B. Trimble/Unanimous).

5.2 Update Items

5.2.1 San Gabriel Valley Housing and Homeless Coordinating Council

The SGVHHCC Executive Director thanked those who responded to the housing tracking document, and reminded those who had not to turn it in as they can. Partial completions are still valuable. The document can be an important tool to leverage for funding.

The SGVHHCC Executive Director began a discussion about the funding situation for SGVHHCC. SGVHHCC is asking each city for a commitment of \$1,500 to \$2,000 for next fiscal year. He hopes that this will be enough to leverage money from both the County and private sources. L. Stevens noted that it was important to show some commitment for leverage, and that the details didn't have to be set in stone until later funding from other sources was in place.

The SGVHHCC Executive Director responded to a question about the lack of SGV city application for NOFA 16. In general, cities are at different points in their development, and the NOFA 16 provides funding further along in the process, after entitlements and property acquisition are largely in place. In addition, there has been difficulty for cities and housing developers to have all sources of funding lined up at once. The SGVHHCC Executive Director noted that the organization could help matching willing cities and affordable housing developers. He also noted the importance of developing all types of affordable housing, including for special needs populations.

5.2.2 SB 375 (Steinberg) / RTP / RHNA

B. Trimble noted that comments to SCAG regarding General Plan issues needed to be in now before the RHNA process gets going. Similar questions will come along with the AB 58 Survey.

B. Trimble also noted the difference between Census and DOF numbers and how that will impact RHNA numbers. It may not be in time to incorporate into the Regional Transportation Plan. It has been a big difference however, both for population and vacancy rates that can affect RHNA requirements. Because of the short timeline, Census numbers may be able to adjust the SCS somewhat, but not in the fine detail because some numbers not fully available (age and ethnicity data). L. Stevens encourages cities to get their comments in on time as there is a tight deadline, but work with SCAG if your city needs a few more days.

5.3 SCAG SB 375 (Steinberg)/RHNA Planning Session

SCAG presented on various items related to the development of the SCS including: TDM strategies, the role of local input, transportation planning, and CEQA streamlining.

There was extended discussion on the use of the sustainability planning tool, site inventories and implications for RHNA.

6.0 New Business items for Upcoming Meetings

The Executive Director summarized Congestion Mitigation Plan status. The basic inventory and first modeling results has been completed. He announced that a workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd, at 10:00

A.M., at the Arcadia Public Library, during which MTA will present their findings to City Managers, Planning and Public Works Directors from all the cities. He noted that while the final outcome of the study, particularly whether it will be adopted in this economic climate, will ultimately be up to cities for action, but that it is important that this good-faith effort is done and understood.

L. Stevens announced that he would like to bring the San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity and Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity to next months' meeting. They have been very successful in Temple City and Glendale, and offer a unique opportunity for difficult-to-serve populations..

The Executive Director announced that interviews for consultants for the Valley's Climate Action Plans were occurring today. Seven bids were received. Four are being interviewed. Eventually two will be interviewed once more before selecting the consultant.

7.0 Announcements

8.0 Next Meeting

Scheduled for April 28th.

9.0 Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1:24 P.M.