



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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PLANNERS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, March 26th, 2009
TIME: 12 noon
LOCATION: City of Hope Visitors' Center, Duarte, CA

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:21 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call / Introductions

Members Present	Attendee	Members Absent
Alhambra	Mike Martin	Azusa
Arcadia	Tom Li	Diamond Bar
Baldwin Park	Amy Harbin	Duarte
Claremont	Luke Seibert	Industry
Covina	Shelby Williams	La Puente
El Monte	Alex Chan	Monrovia
Glendora	David Chantarangsu	Montebello
Irwindale	Paula Kelly	Monterey Park
La Canada Flintridge	Patrick Clarke	San Marino
La Puente	Guillermo Arreolo	Sierra Madre
La Verne	Amy Altomare	South El Monte
Pasadena	Bill Trimble	South Pasadena
Rosemead	Sheri M. Bermejo	Walnut
San Dimas	Larry Stevens	West Covina
San Gabriel	Mark Gallatin	LA County District 1
Walnut	Dan Fox	LA County District 4
West Covina	Ron Garcia	LA County District 5

Guests:

D. Howden
J. McDermott

SGVCOG Staff:

N. Conway, Executive Director
B. Cooke, Staff
M. Creter, Staff

2.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

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

4.0 Consent Items

4.1 Minutes from February 26th Planners TAC

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar (M/S/C: A. Harbin/ L. Stevens/ Unanimous).

5.0 Discussion Items

5.1 Presentation on Homeless Services Needs Assessment Draft Final Report

D. Howden gave a presentation on this item. This phase of the homeless study focuses on developing implementation strategies for meeting the needs and service gaps identified in Phase 1 of the report. These strategies were developed through a consensus building process that engaged all relevant stakeholders including non-profit and community-based organizations, cities, and the County of Los Angeles. The implementation strategies were focused on three main areas: building capacity, increasing resources and strengthening political will. One of the primary recommendations in the report was the development of an umbrella organization (possibly a 501.c.3) that would be responsible for coordinating the non-profit and faith-based homeless service providers throughout the San Gabriel Valley. This organization would provide linkages to resources for these organizations as well as serve as a central point of contact for cities seeking homeless services for their residents.

There was extended discussion regarding the target goals that were identified in the report, specifically the creation of 200 units of supportive housing. This report identifies a funding gap, presumably to be addressed with local funds, of \$28 million. Committee members asked how the target was developed as well as the calculation of the local match. The consultants clarified that in order to develop this target, they conducted both a resource and a needs-based analysis. Ultimately, a resource based approach was selected as this resulted in a more realistic goal that could be achieved in the five-year time frame. Additionally, the consultants explained that the \$28 million funding gap/local match was identified as the minimum amount of funding needed to maximize all other funds (i.e. Federal, State and County) that can be leveraged by the region.

5.2 Los Angeles County Community Development Commission Affordable Housing Development Technical Assistance Proposal

The Executive Director gave a report on this item. He stated that Los Angeles County Community Development Commission has developed a proposal, including a draft scope of work, to provide free consultant services to our member agencies in the development of applications for City of Industry affordable housing funds. The availability of these consulting services has been a long-term objective of the COG's Housing Committee, and it is expected that it will increase our member agencies' ability to access these funds.

Currently, the proposed scope of work identifies that this assistance will be available to five cities within the San Gabriel Valley. However, this number is somewhat flexible, and is anticipated that between 5 – 7 cities would be able to participate. As a first step, the COG is requesting that any cities interested in participating in this program notify the COG as soon as possible. Once staff has compiled a list of interested cities, it will be presented to the Planning Director's TAC for review at the April TAC meeting. Depending on the number of interested cities, the TAC may need to develop a selection process and recommend selected cities to the Governing Board.

5.3 Update on SB 375

B. Trimble gave an update on this item. He stated that SCAG staff anticipates releasing the "strawman" growth forecasts associated with the Sustainable Communities Strategy in May 2009. In order to create a model that would meet the emission reduction targets for the region, SCAG staff anticipates releasing a growth forecast that pivots off the Compass 2% forecast that was developed as a part of the 2008 RTP. However, there would be two important changes: 1) there will be no shift in population across County lines and 2) no jurisdiction will have their population changed by more than +/- 10%. Once SCAG releases these draft growth forecast numbers, the SB 375 working group will review and develop a presentation for the Governing Board. While the growth forecast is still being developed, SCAG staff currently anticipates that this forecast will demonstrate approximately 2/3 of the GHG reductions that are expected for the region. Additionally, SCAG staff will be releasing the draft baseline growth forecasts for all cities in the summer.

5.4 Update on Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grants

The Executive Director stated that as per the direction of the TAC, the COG will be submitting three separate applications under this program for corridor-wide planning along Arrow Highway, Ramona-Badillo, and Rosemead Blvd.

6.0 New Business items for Upcoming Meetings

7.0 Announcements

7.1 Homelessness Solutions Learning Day - April 10th

Staff announced that the COG is planning a workshop on the federal economic stimulus funding available for energy efficiency projects for Thursday, April 16th.

8.0 Next Meeting

9.0 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.