



**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

*A Joint Powers Authority*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, April 20, 2023 — 1:30 p.m.  
Valley Municipal Building, Council Chambers  
14410 Sylvan Street, 2nd Floor  
Van Nuys, California 91401

AND

City of Santa Clarita City Hall  
23920 Valencia Boulevard  
First Floor, Orchard Room  
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

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Vacant, Council District 6, City of Los Angeles

**STAFF**

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John Bwarie, Executive Director, San Fernando Valley COG  
Adrienne Patterson, Deputy County Counsel, County of Los Angeles

## **OPEN SESSION**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** — Marsha McLean, Chair
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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- 5. MINUTES** ([Page 6](#))
  - a. January 12, 2023 Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
  - b. January 19, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
  - c. February 9, 2023 Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: *Approve Minutes.*
- 6. FINANCIAL REPORT** ([Page 27](#))
  - a. Review FY 2023-24 Financials January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023.

Recommended Action: *Receive and File Financial Report.*

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- 7. CHAIR REPORT**

Councilmember Marsha McLean, Chair of the Board

*Updates, remarks and recommendations from the Board Chair.*
- 8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

*Updates, remarks and recommendations from the Executive Director*

**9. CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2023-24 SFVCOG ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM**  
([Page 28](#))

Requested Action: *Review & Adopt the SFVCOG FY 2023-24 Annual Program*

**10. CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2023-24 BUDGET** ([Page 31](#))

Requested Action: *Review & Adopt the SFVCOG FY 2023-24 Budget*

**11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**a. Election of 2023-24 Board Chair**

**b. Election of 2023-24 Vice Chair**

Requested Action: *Elect a Board Chair and Vice-Chair to serve July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.*

**12. 2023-24 MEETING SCHEDULE** ([Page 33](#))

Recommended Action: *Determine locations and adopt a regular meeting schedule for FY 23-24.*

**13. SCAG APPOINTMENT** ([Page 34](#))

Recommended Action: *Appoint a new SFVCOG member to one of the SCAG Committees.*

**14. SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR PRINCIPLES** ([Page 35](#))

Recommended Action: *Adopt principles for Metro's proposed Sepulveda Transit Corridor project*

**15. URBAN AERIAL MOBILITY PRINCIPLES** ([Page 37](#))

Recommended Action: *Adopt principles on urban aerial mobility for the SFVCOG region*

**16. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**17. NEXT MEETINGS**

- a.** Board Meeting: July 20, 2023 at 1:30pm at Van Nuys City Hall

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

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**OPEN SESSION**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** — Marsha McLean, Chair

Chair Councilmember Marsha Mclean called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted by Staff.

**QUORUM ESTABLISHED (9 Members):**

**Present:** Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean  
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield  
Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee  
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger  
Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman  
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz  
Councilmember Mary Solorio  
Barri Worth Girvan for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath joined after  
roll call and approval of minutes  
Sahag Yedalian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian joined after roll  
call and approval of minutes

**Excused:** Councilmember Monica Rodriguez  
Councilmember Ara Najarian  
Council District 6, City of Los Angeles

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Mary Solorio

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rainbow Yeung, AQMD provided public comment on the [Carl Moyer Program](#)  
and [Electric Lawn and Garden Programs](#).

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### 5. MINUTES ([Page 5](#))

- a. October 20, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- b. November 17, 2022 Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- c. December 15, 2022 Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes.

On motion of Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee,  
seconded by Vice Mayor Nick Shultz, the SFVCOG Approved  
this item with the following roll call vote:

**Ayes 7:** Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean  
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield  
Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee  
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger  
Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman  
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz  
Councilmember Mary Solorio

**Excused 3:** Councilmember Monica Rodriguez  
Councilmember Ara Najarian  
Councilmember Paul Krekorian  
Council District 6, City of Los Angeles

**Abstain 1:** Barri Worth Girvan for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvarth



6. **FINANCIAL REPORT** ([Page 30](#))

- a. Review FY 2022-23 Financials October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Recommended Action: *Receive and File Financial Report.*

On motion of Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee,  
seconded by Vice Mayor Nick Shultz, the SFVCOG received  
and filed this item with the following roll call vote:

**Ayes 7:** Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean  
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield  
Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee  
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger  
Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman  
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz  
Councilmember Mary Solorio

**Excused 3:** Councilmember Monica Rodriguez  
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Councilmember Paul Krekorian  
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7. **CHAIR REPORT**

Councilmember Marsha McLean, Chair of the Board

*Updates, remarks and recommendations from the Board Chair.*

Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean introduced herself to the SFVCOG's newest members and asked that all members present provide an introduction of themselves.

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

- a. SFVCOG Quarterly Report on Homelessness Coordination ([Page 31](#))

*Updates, remarks and recommendations from the Executive Director*

John Bwarie announced directions on filing and submitting Form 700. Mr. Bwarie also provided a brief overview on the Homelessness Coordination Report and indicated that this is a Los Angeles County funded effort that operates in collaboration with cities located in the San Fernando Valley to provide updates and share resources on homelessness .

**9. SFVCOG SCAG APPOINTEE ([Page 40](#))**

Recommended Action: *Appoint a qualified representative to fill the vacancy to serve as the SFVCOG's appointee to SCAG's Energy & Environment Committee.*

This Agenda Item was discussed after Agenda Item No. 11.

Mr. Bwarie provided a brief overview of the SCAG's Energy & Environment Committee and indicated the need of filling a vacancy.

Chair Councilmember Marsha Mclean opened the floor for nominations to the SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee. Vice Mayor Shultz nominated Councilmember Tamala Takahashi.

There being no additional nominations, the floor for nominations was closed.

After discussion, on motion of Vice Mayor Shultz, seconded by Dave Perry, there being no additional nominations or objections, the SFVCOG approved the appointment of Tamala Takahashi to the SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee by the following vote:

**Ayes 9:** Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean  
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield  
Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee  
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger  
Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman  
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz

Councilmember Mary Solorio  
Barri Worth Girvan for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvarth  
Sahag Yedalian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian

**Excused 2:** Councilmember Monica Rodriguez  
Councilmember Ara Najarian

**10. BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS UPDATE**

*Updates provided by Onnie Williams III from County of Los Angeles Homeless Initiative*

This Agenda Item was discussed before Agenda Item No. 9.

Onnie Williams III, provided a brief update on the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative Team and indicated that Los Angeles County declared a State of Emergency for Homelessness, this will allow the county to obtain better tools, improve resources, accelerate and expand responses and utilize funds from state and federal agencies to better serve those affected by homelessness.

Chair Councilmember Marsha Mclean indicated that the city of Santa Clarita Task Force on Homelessness provided a presentation. The presentation identified that approximately 1000 students are currently experiencing homelessness. However, the count provided by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority indicates 200 homeless for the city of Santa Clarita and expressed concern with the Homeless Count not being accurate and as a result funding and resources are inadequate. Mr. Williams clarified that the definition on homelessness may differ among individuals and may not always reflect accurately. Mr. Williams encouraged the SFVCOG to attend the upcoming Homeless Count.

**11. GOVERNOR'S LOCAL TRANSIT PROJECTS BUDGET CUT**

*Recommended Action:* Discussion and possible action to respond to Governor Newsom's proposed budget regarding cuts in funding for local transit projects.

Chair Councilmember Marsha Mclean expressed concern with the proposed budget cuts to the Governor's Local Transit Projects and indicated that all these projects are important to the impacted communities. Mr. Bwarie confirmed that the next Transportation Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2023 and indicated that now is the time for the SFVCOG Board of Directors to direct staff on formulating a response. Mr. Bwarie also added that SFVCOG has adopted a platform of Transportation Mobility Priorities in

the past and can be utilized to present these concerns.

Dave Perry asked if there is a standing legislative priority in support of funding for all transportation priorities in the San Fernando Valley. Mr. Bwarie confirmed that there is a standing policy for full funding.

On Motion of Vice Mayor Nick Shultz, seconded by Councilmember Mary Solorio, the SFVCOG approved to direct staff to draft and send correspondence on behalf of the SFVCOG in response to the proposed Local Transit Budget Cuts to the Governor's Office with the following roll call vote:

John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield suggested that the correspondence be also provided to the Assembly Budget Chair.

On Motion of Vice Mayor Nick Shultz, seconded by John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, the SFVCOG approved as amended to direct staff to draft and send correspondence on behalf of the SFVCOG in response to the proposed Local Transit Budget Cuts to the Governor's Office including the Assembly Budget Chair with the following roll call vote:

**Ayes 8:** Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean  
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield  
Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee  
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger  
Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman  
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz  
Councilmember Mary Solorio  
Barri Worth Girvan for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvarth

**Excused 3:** Councilmember Monica Rodriguez  
Councilmember Ara Najarian  
Councilmember Paul Krekorian



**12. FUTURE MEETING FORMAT**

Recommended Action: *Discuss whether the Board will continue with virtual meetings or move towards in-person meetings.*

Mr. Bwarie provided an overview of the current meeting format under the purview of Assembly Bill 361(AB361) and asked the SFVCOG Board of Directors to provide direction on the format of future meetings.

Chair Councilmember Marsha Mclean asked County Counsel for clarification on conducting virtual meetings under AB 2449. Shante Sylvester, Senior Deputy County Counsel, County of Los Angeles, will conduct research and provide information at the next meeting.

John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield added that Councilmembers Bob Blumenfield and Paul Krekorian have authored a Resolution asking the State of California to amend the Brown Act to continue virtual meetings once AB 361 expires.

**13. MAKING NECESSARY FINDINGS FOR CONTINUED TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS**

Recommended Action: *Find, in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), California Government Code section 54953(e)(3), that the Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that the State of Emergency remains active; and find in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), California Government Code section 54953(e)(3), the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.*

On motion of Dave Perry for Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger, seconded by Vice Mayor Nick Shultz the SFVCOG approved to continue teleconferencing with the following roll call vote:

**Ayes 9:** Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean  
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield  
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Sahag Yedalian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian

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Sahag Yedalian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian provided an excerpt from a Memo pertaining to Assembly Bill 2449 regarding Open Meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

**14. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dave Perry for Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger announced that the Antelope Valley Lines Improvements regarding delays are currently in progress. Mr. Perry also provided an update the Board motion that was authored by Supervisors' Hahn and Barger authored to work in collaboration with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to provide help for unhoused individuals and indicated that it will be going forth to the Board of Supervisors in the next month.

The following member of the public provided public comment: Coby King, Chairman of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association Transportation Committee.

Sahag Yedalian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian announced that LADOT has launched a new DASH Line in North Hollywood.

**15. NEXT MEETINGS**

- a. Special Meeting: February 9, 2023 at 1:30PM
- b. Transportation Committee Meeting: February 16, 2023 at 1:30pm

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Councilmember Marsha Mclean adjourned the January 19, 2023 San Fernando Council of Governments Board of Directors Meeting at 2:47 p.m.

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**2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted by Staff.

**QUORUM ESTABLISHED (8 Members):**

**Present:** Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean  
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger  
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John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield  
Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee  
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**Excused:** Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath  
Councilmember Monica Rodriguez  
Councilmember Ara Najarian

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was not conducted.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following member(s) of the public provided comment:

There were none.

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Marsha McLean, Chairperson of the Board

*Updates, remarks, and recommendations from the Board Chair.*

Chair McLean indicated that there was no report.

### 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

*Updates, remarks, and recommendations from the Executive Director*

Mr. John Bwarie, Executive Director indicated that the next meeting scheduled for January 19, 2023 will be held virtually and in-person meetings will be coming soon.

### 7. MAKING NECESSARY FINDINGS FOR CONTINUED TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS

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On motion of Sahag Yedelian, seconded by Dave Perry the SFVCOG approved to continue teleconferencing with the following roll call vote:

#### Ayes:

Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean  
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Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian  
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John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield  
Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee  
Councilmember Mary Solorio  
Vice Mayor Nick Schultz

#### Excused:

Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath  
Councilmember Monica Rodriguez

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Councilmember Ara Najarian

**8. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The SFVCOG welcomed the newest members Vice Mayor Nick Shultz and Councilmember Mary Solorio

**9. NEXT MEETINGS:**

January Regular Board Meeting: January 19, 2023 at 1:30PM via Zoom

Mike Benedetto addressed the SFVCOG.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean adjourned the January 12, 2023, San Fernando Valley Council of Governments Board of Directors Special Meeting at 1:47 p.m.

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## **OPEN SESSION**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER** — Marsha McLean, Chair

Chair Councilmember Marsha Mclean called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted by Staff.

### **QUORUM ESTABLISHED (7 Members):**

■ **Present 7:** Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean  
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield  
Councilmember Ara Najarian  
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger  
Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman  
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz joined after roll call  
Sahag Yedalian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian joined after roll call

■ **Excused 5:** Councilmember Monica Rodriguez  
Council District 6, City of Los Angeles  
Councilmember John Lee  
Councilmember Mary Solorio  
Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited at the meeting.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lionel Mares provided public comment on advocating for transit improvements in the East San Fernando Valley Community.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

*All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Board, any public comments on any of the Consent Calendar items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Board request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar.*

## REGULAR CALENDAR

*At the discretion of the SFVCOG, all items appearing on this Agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated and may be subject to action by the SFVCOG.*

### 5. CHAIR REPORT

Marsha McLean, Chairperson of the Board

*Updates, remarks, and recommendations from the Board Chair.*

Chair Councilmember Marsha Mclean announced that the Coalition Letter has gained interest and support from organizations such as L.A. County League of California Cities, Santa Clarita Valley, North County Transportation Coalition, and the Southern California Association of Governments.

### 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

*Updates, remarks, and recommendations from the Executive Director*

John Bwarie, Executive Director announced that the Statements of Economic Interest - Form 700 annual filing deadline is April 3, 2023 and encouraged everyone to file soon.

### 7. MAKING NECESSARY FINDINGS FOR CONTINUED TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS

Recommended Action: Find, in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), California Government Code section 54953(e)(3), that the Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that the State of Emergency remains active; and find in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), California Government Code section 54953(e)(3), the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

On motion of John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, seconded by Dave Perry for Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger the SFVCOG approved to continue teleconferencing with the following roll call vote:

**Ayes 7:** Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean  
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield  
Councilmember Ara Najarian  
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger

Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman  
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz  
Sahag Yedalian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian

**Excused 5:** Councilmember Monica Rodriguez  
Council District 6, City of Los Angeles  
Councilmember John Lee  
Councilmember Mary Solorio  
Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath

#### **8. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield announced that Lionel Mares provided information regarding the upcoming [CicLAvia](#) The Valley event on February 26, 2023. Mr. Popoch and Chair Councilmember Marsha Mclean also thanked Mr. Mares for providing this information.

#### **9. NEXT MEETINGS:**

- a. Special Meeting: March 9, 2023 at 1:30PM

John Bwarie indicated that there will not be a Special Meeting on March 9, 2023.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean adjourned the February 9, 2023, San Fernando Valley Council of Governments Board of Directors Special Meeting at 2:06 p.m.

#### **Notices:**

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**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FUND V54  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023**

|                                                                          |           |          | Fund V54/Org 55665   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------------------|
| Cash Balance, January 1, 2023                                            |           |          | \$ 298,983.83        |
| Receipts:                                                                |           |          |                      |
| Interest Earnings                                                        | 1/1/2023  | 521.80   |                      |
| Interest Earnings                                                        | 2/1/2023  | 696.46   |                      |
| Interest Earnings                                                        | 3/1/2023  | 576.37   |                      |
| JVCT CB 23AU0300012 - Measure H Reimbursed for Homeless Svs Oct-Dec 2022 | 3/3/2023  | 7,156.25 |                      |
| Total Beginning Cash Balance and Receipts                                |           |          | <u>\$ 307,934.71</u> |
| Disbursements:                                                           |           |          |                      |
| AD AU A2300931796 - Stratiscope December 2022                            | 1/9/2023  | 8,333.33 |                      |
| AD AU A2301000976 - Lesar Development Company Oct-Dec 2022               | 1/22/2023 | 7,156.25 |                      |
| AD AU A2301063927 - Stratiscope January 2023                             | 2/5/2023  | 8,333.33 |                      |
| AD AU A2301194196 - Stratiscope February 2023                            | 3/1/2023  | 8,333.33 |                      |
| Total Disbursements                                                      |           |          | <u>\$ 32,156.24</u>  |
| Cash Balance, March 31, 2023                                             |           |          | <u>\$ 275,778.47</u> |

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## San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

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DATE: April 20, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director

RE: **FY 2023-2024 Annual Work Program**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the SFVCOG FY2023-24 Annual Work Program

### **BACKGROUND**

Each year, SFVCOG staff develops a work program in consultation with the Board to set the course for the year. This year's work program continues to bring back key projects and programs that were paused during the pandemic shutdowns. This work program reflects the priorities of the Board from the past year, integrating support of policy positions adopted, especially around the Sepulveda Corridor and Urban Aerial Mobility.

### **Attachment:**

Proposed FY 2023-2024 Annual Work Program



### **2023-2024 Work Program: July 2023 to June 2024**

This document identifies the work to be initiated or continued by the SFVCOG for fiscal year 2023-24. This Work Program aligns with the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2024 and will address the goals adopted in the SFVCOG's Strategic Framework and other identified priorities.

#### **1. Effective Management of the Organization**

The SFVCOG is a unique COG in LA County because of its member jurisdictions and board makeup. From supporting regular meetings to serving as the filing officer for ethics forms, staff will continue to effectively maintain the organization in compliance with local and state requirements, as well as those directed by the Board. Communication with key stakeholders, partners, and internal members remains a key component to staff work.

- A. Facilitate Quarterly Board Meetings, including producing board agenda packets and providing agenda briefings to member cities' key staff
- B. Facilitate Quarterly Transportation Committee Meetings, including producing board agenda packets and providing agenda briefings to member cities' key staff
- C. Serve as the filing officer for the California Fair Political Practices Commission Statement of Economic Interests Form 700
- D. Develop the draft annual work program and budget
- E. Serve as principal liaison with key federal, state, regional, and local agency entities and officials
- F. Monitor upcoming appointments for SFVCOG representatives for the SCAG Policy Committees, League of California Cities (Los Angeles County Division), and other committees
- G. Create and maintain a policy book with adopted policies of the SFVCOG
- H. Update and maintain the content on the SFVCOG website, such as board agendas, news updates, upcoming events, etc.

#### **2. Advocate for SFVCOG mobility priorities**

Transportation and mobility will remain the priority for the SFVCOG. We will continue to build on the work of past years, continuing successful programs and initiatives, as well as enhancing them:

- A. Communicate the SFVCOG's transportation priorities and build support for them, in particular focusing on the Sepulveda Pass Corridor Project development
- B. Coordinate and host a *Mobility Workshop* in late Q4 2024 to engage transportation advocates and create a unified voice to advance SFVCOG mobility priorities
- C. Develop the capacity of regional leaders and staff through training to support regional mobility through the interactive, in-person *SFVCOG Mobility Academy*
- D. Continue to convene and staff the SFVCOG Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for general guidance, as well as to specifically respond to technical requests from the board or partner agencies.
- E. Work to engage on new technologies to engage key stakeholders in bringing more options to the SFVCOG Region
- F. Plan to bring members to Sacramento for meetings with key policy makers to advocate for SFVCOG mobility priorities

#### **3. Work to support member jurisdictions to develop a stronger regional economy.**

#### Homelessness

The SFVCOG will work with its cities to coordinate their work to serve those experiencing homelessness and coordinate approaches to engage the region to support these efforts.

#### Housing

Through SCAG REAP funding, staff will coordinate with the SCAG contractor and the cities of Burbank, Glendale, San Fernando and Santa Clarita to develop the VMT model for use in identifying and selecting priority sites for housing development based on transportation needs and opportunities. We will manage an online portal and support the use of the VMT model to determine housing locations by COG members.

#### **4. Represent the SFVCOG Regionally**

SFVCOG staff will facilitate the coordination between the SFVCOG and regional agencies, such as Metro, SCAG, subregional COGs, and other related agencies on transportation/mobility issues of regional importance. Tasks may include the following:

- A. Participate in SCAG Executive Director meetings
- B. Continue to serve as the SFVCOG representative in Metro's Policy Advisory Council
- C. Attend LA County and SoCal COG coordination meetings

#### **6. Provide community support resources to member jurisdictions**

The SFVCOG will provide member jurisdictions support to advance regionally significant projects in local jurisdictions. The support would come in the form of facilitation, community engagement, resolving conflicts, and finding consensus as requested by the member jurisdiction.



## San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

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DATE: April 20, 2023  
TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director  
**RE: FY 2023-2024 Budget**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024

### **BACKGROUND**

Section 21 of the SFVCOG JPA Agreement states:

*The Board shall adopt a budget annually prior to July 1st of each calendar year by a super majority vote. The Board may at any time amend the budget, by a super majority vote, to incorporate additional income and disbursements that might become available to the SFVCOG for its purposes during a fiscal year.*

The proposed budget reflects a sustained revenue stream of \$120,000 based on current dues structure, plus \$5000 in sponsorship anticipated from events and activities, and a \$30,000 County grant for Homelessness coordination for the fourth year. A new line item is included for the cost of the SFVCOG VMT Model License from ESRI, which would amount to \$2,190 annually. This still allows for a reduced reserve from last year to \$1510. Another change was the removal of the Mobility Academy 2.0 budget (\$1000) and the increase in meeting expenses, as the Board will begin meeting in person once again.

This is a budget consistent with previously adopted budgets, with the above noted exceptions.

### **Attachment:**

Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget

## ATTACHMENT

### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

|                                             | 2022-2023<br>Adopted<br>Budget | 2023-2024<br>Proposed<br>Budget | Difference        |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>                             |                                |                                 |                   |
| Member Dues                                 | \$ 120,000                     | \$ 120,000                      | \$ -              |
| Grants                                      | 30,000.00                      | 30,000.00                       | \$ -              |
| Sponsorship/Donations                       | \$ 5,000.00                    | \$ 5,000.00                     | \$ -              |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                        | <b>\$ 155,000</b>              | <b>\$ 155,000</b>               | <b>\$ -</b>       |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                         |                                |                                 |                   |
| Audit                                       | \$ 6,000                       | \$ 6,000                        | \$ -              |
| Incidental Expenses                         | 500                            | 500                             | \$ -              |
| Management Services Contract                | 100,000                        | 100,000                         | \$ -              |
| Mobility Workshop                           | 5,000                          | 5,000                           | \$ -              |
| Mobility Academy                            | 1,000                          | 1,000                           | \$ -              |
| Mobility Academy 2.0                        | 1,000                          | -                               | \$ (1,000)        |
| Office & Meeting Supplies                   | 250                            | 1,000                           | \$ 750            |
| Parking fees                                | 250                            | 250                             | \$ -              |
| Postage                                     | 50                             | 100                             | \$ 50             |
| Printing                                    | 1,900                          | 1,900                           | \$ -              |
| Travel (incl. taking members to Sacramento) | 5,000                          | 5,000                           | \$ -              |
| Website Hosting                             | 300                            | 300                             | \$ -              |
| Meeting Fees/Registrations                  | 250                            | 250                             | \$ -              |
| VMT Model License with ESRI + AWS           | -                              | 2,190                           |                   |
| Homeless Services (Contract with LA County) | 30,000                         | 30,000                          | \$ -              |
| Miscellaneous (Contingency Reserve)         | 3,500                          | 1,510                           | \$ (1,990)        |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                   | <b>\$ 155,000</b>              | <b>\$ 155,000</b>               | <b>\$ (2,190)</b> |





## San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

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DATE: April 20, 2023  
TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director  
RE: **FY23-24 Meeting Schedule**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the following regular meeting schedule for FY 23-24.

### **BACKGROUND**

The SFVCOG Board meeting is quarterly on the third Thursday at 2pm, as a time that avoids conflicts with members' other standing board and committee meetings including Metro, Metrolink, city council meetings, and SCAG Region Council, to name a few. This ensures a quorum for SFVCOG Board actions and an anticipated schedule to plan for.

Also, as meetings return in person, the Board will once again rotate around the region to host every other meeting in one of the member cities that is not Los Angeles, with alternating meetings being held at Van Nuys City Hall Council Chambers.

The following is the proposed regular SFVCOG Board Meeting Schedule for FY 2023-24:

Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 1:30pm at Van Nuys City Hall Council Chambers  
Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 1:30pm in City of Glendale  
Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 1:30pm at Van Nuys City Hall Council Chambers  
Thursday, April 16, 2024 in City of San Fernando



## San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

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DATE: April 20, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director

**RE: SFVCOG Appointment to SCAG Committee**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*Appoint a Santa Clarita Councilmember Marsha McLean to represent the SFVCOG on a SCAG Committee replacing outgoing Santa Clarita Councilmember Bill Miranda.*

### **BACKGROUND**

The SFVCOG Board has the responsibility to appoint members and designees to various committees within the SFVCOG and as well as to external boards and committees to represent the SFVCOG's interest. As an official subregion of SCAG, we receive three appointees to SCAG's policy committees. Currently serving in those roles are Councilmember Bill Miranda of Santa Clarita and Councilmember Ara Najarian of Glendale, and Councilmember Tamala Takahashi of Burbank. Councilmember Miranda is no longer interested in serving on the Community, Economic, & Human Development (CEHD) Committee, therefore leaving a vacancy.

To be considered for this position, the appointee must be an elected official from a member jurisdiction and not hold another seat on the committee. This means no current RC members from our jurisdiction are eligible nor are LA City Councilmembers or Supervisors, as they hold seats on the RC by nature of their position. The basic commitment is attendance at their respective policy committee from 9:30 a.m. – noon on the first Thursday of the month. The representative will receive a \$120 stipend and transportation costs for each meeting attended.

Appointees serve at the will of the Board and last until the appointee and/or the Board take action to end the appointment. All appointees are reviewed annually in July. The Board adopted a policy in 2018 that SFVCOG Board members should be given priority for appointments, when they are eligible and interested in serving.





## San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

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DATE: April 20, 2023  
TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director  
RE: **Principles for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*Adopt principles for Metro's proposed Sepulveda Transit Corridor project*

### **BACKGROUND**

Since 2014, The San Fernando Valley Council of Governments has been implementing mobility priorities every year, and as part of our mobility priorities, the SFVCOG is committed to increasing mobility options for the purpose of increasing safety, convenience, and reducing roadway congestion. We support an increase in transit options and operations throughout the region to improve connectivity and the quality of life of the residents. We are also in support of smarter transportation systems, with the increase in transportation technology, we are seeing emerging future transit options such as air transport systems.

Over the past few years, the SFVCOG has received regular updates from Metro regarding the Sepulveda Transit Corridor. Most recently, the Transportation Committee brought this item up for discussion at the December 8, 2022 meeting and directed staff to work with the Technical Advisory Committee to further discuss the position of the SFVCOG on this project and outline principles it could consider adopting in relation to the project that take into account the needs of the entire SFVCOG region.

Since then, the SFVCOG Technical Advisory Committee has met to review and recommend principles regarding the transit project for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor and presented those to the Transportation Committee at their February 16, 2023 meeting, where they provided additional feedback and direction for the full Board's consideration.

Attached: Principles for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor

### Principles for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor

The San Fernando Valley Council of Governments supports Metro's Sepulveda Transit Corridor project. Since 2014, the SFVCOG has prioritized the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project as essential to the region. In September of 2016, the SFVCOG Board voted to support Measure M, the LA County ballot measure whose focus was to raise funds to support transportation investment across the County, with \$1.4billion of the SFVCOG regional funding allocated to the project. While the SFVCOG has received regular updates from the Metro project team regarding the status of the project, the SFVCOG designates following key metrics for the project is continues to be refined:

1. Performance: The project should realize a high performing, high capacity transit line that moves a large number of people (passenger capacity), quickly, between the San Fernando Valley and West Los Angeles.
2. Quality: The project should utilize high quality equipment, materials, and technology so that it doesn't have to be retrofitted or replaced within the first decades.
3. Accessibility: Both the alignment of the corridor and the siting of stations should take into account connectivity to key regional attractors (including the Sepulveda Basin and UCLA), seamless transfers to other transit lines (including buses, Metrolink Ventura County Line, East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor, G Line, etc.), and first/last mile connections via walking and biking. Station platforms should be pleasant, shaded, have accessible park space, include basic amenities such as restrooms, be well maintained, and be reasonably quiet.
4. Engagement: As the project is developed and goes through a community engagement process, efforts should be made to be inclusive and transparent, focusing beyond just communities immediately surrounding the line and its stations since the project will be regionally significant infrastructure that serves people all across the region.
5. Impact: Maximize positive impacts of the project by decreasing traffic and construction impacts along busy corridors and increasing ridership and modeshift to reduce negative impacts like sound and air pollution and visual blight. The project should further ensure that there is little to no disruption to other projects in the area (e.g. the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor project).
6. Fairness: Regardless of whichever alternative is selected, ensure that communities in the San Fernando Valley are not disproportionately disadvantaged by forcing these communities to bear the brunt of above ground facilities while other communities do not.
7. Environmental: Ensure that potential environmental impacts to the area be mitigated and provide funding initiatives and grant programs to help alleviate concerns.
8. Collaboration: Metro should work with the City of Los Angeles to pursue funding and address and advance equitable land use planning around stations through affordable housing production, mixed use development, and joint development opportunities.



## San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

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DATE: April 20, 2023  
TO: Transportation Committee  
FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director  
RE: **Principles on Urban Aerial Mobility**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*Adopt principles on urban aerial mobility for the SFVCOG region*

### **BACKGROUND**

In July 2022, the SFVCOG hosted its annual San Fernando Valley Mobility Workshop in person at Van Nuys Airport. This workshop focused on the topic of aerial mobility in the SFVCOG region. A variety of elected officials, transportation leaders, community leaders, and mobility experts from across the SFVCOG region came together to discuss and provide their input on this emerging transportation mode. The workshop presented the latest information from leading experts on regional air mobility in SoCal while giving attendees the insights to prepare the SFVCOG region for what might be coming with regard to localized aerial transport.

Since that time and at the direction of the Board, staff worked with SFVCOG Technical Advisory Committee to draft principles for consideration that were presented to the SFVCOG Transportation Committee at their February 2023 meeting. The SFVCOG Transportation Committee reviewed the proposed principles regarding urban aerial mobility, recommended changes, and suggested we reach out to agencies and jurisdictions who are already doing work in this space (including the Federal Aviation Administration, Caltrans Division of Aeronautics, City of Los Angeles Planning, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and SCAG). The Committee asked that staff incorporate their changes, as well as the input of agencies into an updated set of principles to be reviewed and considered by the full Board. Below are these updated principles.

Attachment: Principles on Urban Aerial Mobility

## **Principles for Urban Aerial Mobility**

The San Fernando Valley Council of Governments is working with its member jurisdictions to envision what urban aerial mobility will be for the region. Our goal is to gain an understanding of this new and emerging technology and be active participants in its development and implementation. As a group, our vision is that aerial technology integrates and complements existing public transportation, benefits the residents of the San Fernando Valley region equitably, and brings economic benefits to the region. The following are the principles related to urban aerial mobility in the region, as adopted by the SFVCOG Board:

### **1. Community Engagement & Education**

As UAM is implemented, community leaders and other stakeholders should be engaged to address concerns that may arise from the usage of urban aerial technologies such as noise complaints, land use, and potential impacts on the health of individuals and the environment (air pollution, greenhouse gasses, visual blight, etc.). Stakeholders should be able to engage with this emerging technology early to learn about what this new technology means for the region and how it will help benefit the San Fernando Valley region.

### **2. Collaboration:**

The SFVCOG will work to establish open lines of communication with entities and departments doing research on urban aerial mobility and work with key SFVCOG stakeholders to be informed on the issue. By actively working with other entities focusing on UAM, we can apply what other regions are doing and work with others seeking to provide this technology. The SFVCOG will seek and create opportunities for member jurisdictions to be able to work together as they learn and implement cohesive policies that reflect the needs of the entire San Fernando Valley region.

### **3. Operational Safety:**

New UAM operations should prioritize the safety of the region and its residents, focusing on technologies and policies that ensure safety performance and mitigate safety concerns that may arise.

### **4. Career Preparation**

Ensure that the promotion of career technical education(CTE) is integrated into private operations of this technology. Description: Engage with companies and organizations developing UAM tools to encourage them to invest in providing and/or championing CTE so those interested in entering the workforce are equipped with the knowledge and tools to succeed in this career pathway.

### **5. Equity**

Ensure that aerial mobility technologies are accessible to all community members to serve the needs of the region, especially residents living in disadvantaged communities who have a higher need for differing modes of transportation.

6. Funding:

Leverage state and federal funding that has been allocated to support and develop this technology and member jurisdictions should be ready to participate. The SFVCOG will work to identify funding opportunities for the San Fernando Valley region that will help with developing the framework needed for member jurisdictions to implement UAM.

7. Public Safety & Emergency Response:

Work to access the emerging technology in ways that could serve the region to move resources, gain situational awareness, and provide other support in the case of an emergency or natural disaster like an earthquake or wildfire.

8. Connectivity:

The emerging UAM technologies and operations should be integrated into the existing public transport system to provide first/last mile solutions and enhance existing public transit options (and not compete with it).

9. Environmental Justice:

With UAM planning, the lessons of unintended consequences from past aviation, transportation, and land use planning decisions should be considered to prevent inequitable impacts to communities that traditionally bear the brunt of negative environmental impacts.