



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, January 19, 2023 — 1:30 p.m.

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Council District 6, City of Los Angeles

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SFVCOG Secretary: Los Angeles County Commission's Office
John Bwarie, Executive Director, San Fernando Valley COG
Shante Sylvester, Senior 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 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.*
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.*

REGULAR CALENDAR

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

Updates, remarks and recommendations from the Executive Director

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.*

10. BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS UPDATE

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

11. GOVERNOR'S LOCAL TRANSIT PROJECTS BUDGET CUT ([Page 41](#))

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

12. FUTURE MEETING FORMAT

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

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.*

14. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. NEXT MEETINGS

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

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OPEN SESSION

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

Vice Chair Bob Blumenfield called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted by Staff.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED (9 Members):

Present: Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Madeleine Moore for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Councilmember Ara Najarian
Mayor Mary Mendoza
Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Anissa Raja for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee

Excused: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
Mayor Jess Talamantes

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Ara Najarian.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following member of the public provided public comment: Masis Hagobian

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5. **MINUTES** ([Page 6](#))

- a. July 21, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- b. August 18, 2022 Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- c. September 15, 2022 Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Recommended Action: *Approve Minutes.*

On motion of Vice Chair Bob Blumenfield and by Common Consent there being no objection, this item was approved.

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT** ([Page 25](#))

- a. Review FY 2022-23 Financials July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022. Recommended Action: *Receive and File Financial Report.*

Mr. Bwarie announced that there is a cash balance of \$276,957.22 and most of the members have paid their SFVCOG membership dues; identified funds are in line with the budget as adopted in July 2022.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

REGULAR CALENDAR

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7. **CHAIR REPORT**

Marsha McLean, Chairperson of the Board

Updates, remarks and recommendations from the Board Chair.

There was no report.

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Updates, remarks and recommendations from the Executive Director

Mr. Bwarie announced that the Aerial Mobility Workshop that took place on July 28, 2022 was a successful event, with many San Fernando Valley area participants. Further information will be provided later on during the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

9. PERSONNEL MATTER

Performance Evaluation of Executive Director Services, provided by Stratiscope, through John Bwarie.

(The Board may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 54957(b)(1)(2)).

Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield announced the above Notice of Closed Session. The SFVCOG recessed to closed session at 1:49 p.m. with the quorum of members present.

Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield reconvened the SFVCOG to open session at 1:57p.m. with the quorum of members present.

Alexandra Zuiderweg County Counsel announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED (9 Members): Members present during closed and open session

Present: Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Madeleine Moore for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Councilmember Ara Najarian
Mayor Mary Mendoza
Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Anissa Raja for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee

Excused: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
Mayor Jess Talamantes

OPEN SESSION

10. METRO UPDATES NORTH SAN FERNANDO VALLEY TRANSIT CORRIDOR

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Referred from the SFVCOG Transportation Committee for full Board Consideration.

Board requested at the July Board Meeting that the team come back and share the results of the traffic analysis.

Requested Action: *Consider and provide comments on the presented corridor plan*

The Metro team presented on the Next Stop: A new way to travel in the North Valley. Fulgene Asuncion, Metro Senior Manager indicated that this project will improve access to jobs, education and other essential services along the east-west transit service area and it is fully funded by Project M. Joe Forgianni went over the Proposed BRT Network Improvements Project Elements such as transit signals, bus shelters, electric buses, frequency improvements including boarding equipment. James Shahamiri, provided an overview of the proposed Roscoe Blvd Peak Hour Bus Only Lanes including Traffic Analysis Criteria and Results. The proposed improvements would save bus riders up to 22 minutes per direction. Metro is actively engaged with Schools located along the Roscoe Blvd Bus Lanes to ensure that these lanes are not interfering with school pick up and drop off efforts. Mr. Forgianni provided an overview on the Benefits of BRT Network Improvements and indicated that these benefits will provide faster, frequent and reliable bus service, improved connections to the regional transit network, better access and enhanced bus stops. The project is currently operating on schedule and it is on track to be completed by 2025.

Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield asked how this program aligns with the LA City Program regarding bus shelter improvements and digital advertising.

Mr. Forgianni indicated that Metro and the city of LA are working together regarding funding the building of bus shelters. In response to questions posed by Vice Chair Blumenfield, Mr. Forgianni indicated that the improvements will be spread across several transit corridors.

11. **SFVCOG 2022 MOBILITY WORKSHOP REPORT** ([Page 38](#))

Requested Action: *Consider and provide direction to staff on next steps.*

Mr. Bwarie provided an overview of the SFVCOG 2022 Mobility Workshop and expressed the importance of engaging a variety of leaders, departments and the community regarding aerial mobility. Mr. Bwarie suggested that this item be brought forth to the Transportation Committee.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was referred to the Transportation Committee.

12. **REAP VMT TOOL HOSTING RESPONSIBILITIES** ([Page 44](#))

Recommended Action: *Consider and provide direction to staff.*

Mr. Bwarie reported on the SFV COG VMT Housing Analysis Tool Hosting Implementation Pathway and Fee estimate. Mr. Bwarie suggested the SFV COG do the following:

- *Host, use and support the VMT Housing Analysis Tool; and*
- *Pay the Standard License Agreement associated with the use and maintenance of the tool for the amount of \$5,000 per year.*

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was approved.

13. **PERSONNEL AGREEMENT** ([Page 47](#))

Discussion and consideration of action to amend Executive Director Services Agreement or take any other action as decided by SFVCOG.

Recommended Action: *Exercise option to extend one year from January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2023 or take any other requested action thereto as directed by the SFVCOG.*

On motion of Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, Seconded by Sahag Yedelian, the SFVCOG approved this item with the following roll call vote:

Ayes 9: Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Anissa Raja for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
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Excused 2: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
Mayor Jess Talamantes

**14. MAKING NECESSARY FINDINGS FOR CONTINUED
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On motion of Madeline Moore for Third District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, seconded by Mayor Mary Mendoza the SFVCOG approved to continue teleconferencing with the following roll call vote:

Ayes 9: Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Anissa Raja for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee
Madeleine Moore for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Councilmember Ara Najarian
Mayor Mary Mendoza
Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian

Excused 2: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
Mayor Jess Talamantes

15. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield announced that today is Mayor Jess Talamantes's last meeting.

Madeleine Moore for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl announced that today is also her last meeting and expressed her gratitude with working with the SFVCOG

16. NEXT MEETINGS

- a. Set a meeting before November 20, 2022 for compliance with AB361.
The next SFVCOG meeting is November 17, 2022, at 1:30 pm.
- b. Regular Board Meeting: January 19, 2023 at 1:30pm

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield adjourned the October 20, 2022, San Fernando Valley Council of Governments Board of Directors Meeting at 2:40 p.m.

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OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER — Marsha McLean, Chair

Chair Marsha McLean called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by Staff.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED (8 Members):

Present: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
Anissa Raja for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Madeleine Moore for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Councilmember Ara Najarian
Mayor Jess Talamantes
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Excused: Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Ara Najarian.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Mr. Joseph DLR provided public comment on behalf of [SCAG](#).

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5. CHAIR REPORT

Marsha McLean, Chairperson of the Board

Updates, remarks, and recommendations from the Board Chair.

Chair Mclean indicated that letters in regard to expenses for the Metrolink and Antelope Valley line were sent.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Updates, remarks, and recommendations from the Executive Director

Mr. John Bwarie, Executive Director announced that the next official meeting will take place in January 2023 and there will be new members. Mr. Bwarie acknowledged and thanked Mayor Jess Talamantes for his service. Mayor Jess Talamantes expressed his gratitude and thanked everyone for their well wishes. John Popoch also expressed his gratitude to Mayor Jess Talamantes.

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), that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

On motion of Madeleine Moore, seconded by Mayor Jess Talamantes the SFVCOG approved to continue teleconferencing with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
Anissa Raja for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Madeleine Moore for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Councilmember Ara Najarian

Mayor Jess Talamantes
Mayor Mary Mendoza
Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee

Excused: Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman

Laura Quinones, County Counsel, indicated a change in the **California Government Code section 54953(e)(3)** and asked for the item to be reconsidered.

On motion of Madeleine Moore, seconded by John Popoch the SFVCOG reconsidered the motion to continue teleconferencing with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
Anissa Raja for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Madeleine Moore for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Councilmember Ara Najarian
Mayor Jess Talamantes
Mayor Mary Mendoza
Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee

Excused: Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
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On motion of Mayor Jess Talamantes, seconded by John Popoch the SFVCOG approved as amended the motion to continue teleconferencing with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
Anissa Raja for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Madeleine Moore for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Councilmember Ara Najarian
Mayor Jess Talamantes
Mayor Mary Mendoza
Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee

Excused: Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian

Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman

HOMELESSNESS CONTRACT AMENDMENT

8. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SFVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT AND AMENDMENT ONE TO CONTRACT BETWEEN LA COUNTY AND SFVCOG FOR HOMELESS SERVICES AND TO EXECUTE SUB-AGREEMENTS WITH LESAR DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS FOR HOMELESS COORDINATION SERVICES FOR THE SFVCOG MEMBER CITIES. (Page 5)

Recommended Action: Delegate authority to the SFVCOG Executive Director to execute contract and Amendment One to contract with LA County for Measure H coordination funds and with LeSar Development Consultants for homeless coordination for the SFVCOG member cities.

John Bwarie, Executive Director provided a brief overview of the Homeless Contract and indicated that it will be both a new and amended contract. Chair Marsha McClean indicated that the Blue Ribbon Task Force recommended an increase in funding. Mr. Bwarie indicated that it is unrelated to the Homeless Contract currently before the SFVCOG.

On motion of Madeleine Moore, seconded by Josh Yeager the SFVCOG approved the Homeless Contract Agreement with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
Anissa Raja for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Madeleine Moore for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Councilmember Ara Najarian
Mayor Jess Talamantes
Mayor Mary Mendoza
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Excused: Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman

9. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Mary Mendoza expressed her gratitude to the work and service of Mayor Jess Talamantes. Madeleine Moore indicated that this may be her last meeting and thanked everyone on SFVCOG.

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Mayor Jess Talamantes expressed his gratitude and thanked everyone on SFVCOG.

10. NEXT MEETINGS:

- a. Transportation Committee Meeting: December 08, 2022 at 1:30PM
- b. Special Meeting: December 15, 2022 at 1:30PM
- c. Special Meeting: January 12, 2023 at 1:30PM
- d.

e. January Board Meeting: January 19, 2023 at 1:30PM

John Bwarie asked for clarification on when changes in office for Los Angeles County Third District and City of Burbank will take place. Madeleine Moore confirmed that changes to the County Third District Office will take place on December 5, 2022 and Mayor Jess Talamantes indicated that changes in office for the city of Burbank will take place on December 19, 2022.

Oscar Portillo Jr, resident of Sun Valley addressed the SFVCOG.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean adjourned the November 17, 2022, San Fernando Valley Council of Governments Board of Directors Special Meeting at 1:57 p.m.

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

A Joint Powers Authority

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES **DRAFT****

Thursday, December 15, 2022 — 1:30 p.m.

**DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF CITY BUILDINGS,
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY CALL IN TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING**

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Or call by telephone:

Dial 669-900-6833 and enter Webinar ID: **871 4176 8615**
Passcode: **411639**

1) **Pre-register to speak:** For those wishing to speak on an agenda item, please email john@sfcog.org no later than **11:00 a.m. on the day of the scheduled meeting** with the item number you wish to speak on and the phone number you will use when calling or the name you will use when logging into the meeting. You should then call or log into the meeting at least 10 minutes prior to its start time. Staff will unmute you and announce you when it is your time to speak. You will have two (2) minutes to speak, unless that time is adjusted by the Chair. If you do not have access to a computer, please call 818-570-3408 to request public comment.

2) **“Raise your hand”:** For those members of the public that wish to speak but did not make a request via email as described above, such members of the public may speak by using the “Raise Hand” function during the public comments portion, if on Zoom. Staff will unmute you and announce you when it is your time to speak. If participating via telephone, the Chair will ask anyone participating by telephone if they would like to speak after asking those on Zoom. Staff will unmute telephone callers and you may state you wish to speak.

3) **Emailed comments to be read into the record:** You can email your comments to the COG Executive Director at john@sfcog.org no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting to ensure that Staff has time to organize the emails prior to the beginning of the meeting. Comments will then

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be provided to the members when the item is presented. Please include the Agenda Item in your correspondence.

You may also submit public comment by mail to:

**SFVCOG
10945 Burbank Blvd
North Hollywood, CA 91601**

Written public comment or requests to speak must be received no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day of the scheduled meeting. Please include the Agenda Item in your correspondence.

All correspondence received shall become part of the official record.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Councilmember John Lee, 12th District, City of Los Angeles
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Council District 6, City of Los Angeles

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John Bwarie, Executive Director, San Fernando Valley COG
Laura Quiñonez, Senior Deputy County Counsel, County of Los Angeles

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING: [Meeting Link](#)

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER — Marsha McLean, Chair

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

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by Staff.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED (8 Members):

Present: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Anissa Raja for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Councilmember Ara Najarian
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee
Mayor Jess Talamantes
Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza

Excused: Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Madeleine Moore for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There were none.

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 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 there was no report.

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 Council Member Ara Najarian, seconded by Mayor Jess Talamantes the SFVCOG approved to continue teleconferencing with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Anissa Raja for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Councilmember Ara Najarian
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Josh Yeager for Councilmember John Lee
Mayor Jess Talamantes
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Excused: Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Meg Healy for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Madeleine Moore for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath

8. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Board Member announcements.

9. NEXT MEETINGS:

- a. Special Meeting: January 12, 2023 at 1:30PM
- b. January Board Meeting: January 19, 2023 at 1:30PM

Lionel Mares, John and Michele Hales addressed the SFVCOG.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean adjourned the December 15, 2022, San Fernando Valley Council of Governments Board of Directors Special Meeting at 1:43 p.m.

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**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FUND V54
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022**

		Fund V54/Org 55665
Cash Balance, October 1, 2022		\$ 276,957.22
Receipts:		
Interest Earnings	10/1/2022	\$ 259.33
Interest Earnings	11/1/2022	408.92
Interest Earnings	12/1/2022	474.52
DP AC 23000001306 - Donation-LA County Metropolitan	10/11/2022	1,000.00
DP AC 23000001306 - Donation-WSP USA Administration Inc.	10/11/2022	500.00
DP AC 23000001306 - Donation-Evenbrite, Inc.	10/11/2022	1,500.00
DP AC 23000001555 - Membership - City of Los Angeles	10/28/2022	35,000.00
JVCT CB 23AU1200006 SFVCOG-Homeless Grants April to June 2022	12/28/2022	13,671.25
JVCT CB 23AU1200006 SFVCOG-Homeless Grants July to September 2022	12/28/2022	6,823.75
Total Beginning Cash Balance and Receipts		<u>\$ 336,594.99</u>
Disbursements:		
AD AU A2300640889 Stratiscope - October 2022	11/7/2022	8,333.33
AD AU A2300716951 Lesar Development Company - April to June 2022	11/21/2022	13,671.25
AD AU A2300716951 Lesar Development Company - July to September 2022	11/21/2022	6,823.75
AD AU A2300757186 Stratiscope - November 2022	12/1/2022	8,333.33
JVCT AC CMSF2300127 Auditor-Controller 10% Admin Fee for FY21-22 Audit	12/6/2022	449.50
Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 37,611.16</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022		<u>\$ 298,983.83</u>

Prepared by
Los Angeles County
Department of Auditor-Controller
Accounting Division
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San Fernando Valley Council of Governments



Quarterly Report

January 2023



Overview

The San Fernando Valley Council of Governments Homeless Working Group met three times between 10/1/22-12/31/22 to provide updates and share homeless resources. Cities within the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments have worked to increase services available to individuals and families at-risk of or currently experiencing homelessness by implementing innovative new programs and increasing internal capacity. To continue to adequately leverage new funding opportunities, many of the cities within the SFVCOG have recently completed or are actively engaged in homelessness strategic planning.

Point-In-Time Count (PIT)

The 2022 Point-in-Time Count (PIT) occurred on February 22-24, 2022. LAHSA partnered with Akido Labs to develop a mobile app that streamlines the process, improves data gathering and quality assurance processes, and limits the number of in-person contact to minimize the spread of COVID-19. In addition to the mobile app, LAHSA made several additional changes to limit COVID-19 transmission, including:

- Moving most deployment sites outdoors
- Moving training sessions online to minimize the time volunteers spend at the deployment sites; COVID safety instructions were included in the training
- Encouraging all volunteers to sign up as a "safety bubble" of two to three people and arrive at the deployment sites together to minimize cross-group interactions
- Requiring all volunteers to use masks
- Encouraging all volunteers to be vaccinated

LAHSA and USC worked together to analyze the data for the annual Point-in-Time Count. LAHSA then submits its data to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for validation. After receiving approval from HUD, LAHSA releases the data to the public.

According to the 2022 Point in Time Count, there are an estimated 69,144 people experiencing homelessness in LA County, a 4.1% rise from 2020. Through federal and state investments in innovative non-congregate shelter programs like Project Roomkey and Project Homekey, LA County saw a 12% increase in its sheltered population (20,596 people) over 2020¹. In SPA 2, there was a total of 9,604 people experiencing homelessness, a 5% increase from 2020.

2022 Point in Time Count: Service Planning Area 2 (San Fernando Valley) ²				
Population	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total	Percent Change
All Persons	2,679	6,925	9,604	+5%

¹

<https://www.lahsa.org/news?article=895-lahsa-releases-2022-great-los-angeles-homeless-count-results-released#:~:text=The%20results%20of%20the%20point,%2C%20up%201.7%25%20from%202020.>

² <https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=6507-spa-2-hc2022-data-summary>

All Households	1,654	6,763	8,417	+13%
Household Composition				
Individuals (those not in family units)	1,242	6,701	7,943	+16%
Family Households	412	62	474	-25%
Veterans				
Veterans	41	310	351	-26%
Chronic Homelessness				
Chronic Homelessness	701	3,509	4,210	+36%
Gender				
Male	1,353	5,156	6,509	+10%
Female	1,316	1,716	3,032	-4%
Transgender	8	99	107	-18%
Race/Ethnicity				
Hispanic/Latino	1,141	2,965	4,106	+5%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	9	100	109	-11%
Asian	21	79	100	-8%
Black/African American	949	729	1,678	-18%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	9	1	10	-57%
White (Non-Hispanic/L atino)	499	2,771	3,270	+21%
Mixed or Multiple Races	51	280	331	+62%
Age				
Under 18	853	124	977	-24%
18-24	200	209	409	-63%
25-29	237	669	906	-1%
30-39	474	2,016	2,490	+33%
40-49	349	1,565	1,914	+35%
50-54	174	782	956	+20%
55-59	151	631	782	-17%
60-61	56	198	254	0%
62-64	70	197	267	-7%
65-69	65	321	386	+236%
70-79	43	180	223	+117%

80 and Over	7	33	40	+60%
Health & Disability				
Substance Use Disorder	182	2,184	2,366	+13%
HIV/AIDS	26	104	130	+20%
Serious Mental Illness	448	1,510	1,958	+28%
Developmental Disability	332	530	862	+81%
Physical Disability	350	1,315	1,665	+29%

Homeless Response and Coordination

Federal

Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness released a new Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness³. The new plan is broad in its scope and scale because it covers actions for 19 federal agencies. The plan highlights the following items as summarized by the National Alliance to End Homelessness⁴.

- It stresses the importance of racial equity and equity for marginalized people to resolve underlying structural causes of homelessness. An essential aspect will be ensuring implementation of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rules.
- It focuses on the kinds of help that have had the most positive impact on homelessness since the early 2000s: following the proven Housing First strategy of paying for people's housing, providing health care (including behavioral health care), and helping people to obtain work and benefits.
- It addresses all homelessness, not limiting itself to homelessness among a single subpopulation.
- It calls for a specific, ambitious outcome in the short term: a 25 percent reduction in the number of people on the streets and in shelters at a given time. Over three years from early 2022 to early 2025, this would mean a reduction of 145,616 people experiencing homeless. This is aggressive, perhaps aspirational, and at a level of impact not seen before. We believe that such an approach is necessary to drive momentum at the federal, state, and local levels.

³ https://www.usich.gov/All_In_The_Federal_Strategic_Plan_to_Prevent_and_End_Homelessness.pdf

⁴ <https://endhomelessness.org/blog/how-the-federal-strategic-plan-can-prevent-and-end-homelessness/#:~:text=It%20calls%20for%20a%20specific,of%20145%2C616%20people%20experiencing%20homeless>

- It draws directly from data showing the ways homelessness has improved and how it has become worse.
- Besides addressing the work of local homelessness systems, it calls for collaboration with federal “mainstream” efforts to help lower-income Americans more generally, calling on administering agencies to address the needs of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This will require more work at the state level, since that is where many of these programs (TANF, Medicaid) are located.
- It recognizes the importance of prevention of homelessness through better access to housing and other supports for people at greatest risk of homelessness.
- It ensures increased focus on people who haven’t been prioritized in the past decade, including older adults and people with mental illness, substance use disorders, and other kinds of disabilities. The plan also seeks continued progress for others – like veterans, families with children, and youth – who have been specifically addressed in other federal efforts. This prioritization aligns with the conclusions from the Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress: that populations for whom the ability to afford housing has been prioritized over the past ten years have seen substantial decreases in homelessness, while those who have not been prioritized have not.

State

Homekey Round 3

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is expected to release its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Homekey Round 3 in March 2023.⁵ Building on the success of Homekey Rounds 1 and 2, which have enabled the County of Los Angeles to develop more than 1,500 units of permanent and interim housing, the County is now preparing for Homekey Round 3. The County has invited qualified entities interested in being co-applicants with the County to respond to the [Request for Statement of Qualifications \(RFSQ\)](#).

Regional

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve a proposal by Board Chair Janice Hahn and Supervisor Kathryn Barger to support the City of Los Angeles’ Emergency Declaration on homelessness signed by Mayor Karen Bass and partner in the emergency response to the homelessness crisis.⁶ The goal behind this declaration is to be able to approach the homelessness crisis similar to how they might respond to a natural disaster. Chair Hahn and Supervisor Barger’s motion proclaims the County’s support for the City of Los Angeles’ emergency declaration and takes the following concrete steps to establish a new city-county partnership:

⁵ <https://homeless.lacounty.gov/uncategorized/homekey-round-3/>

⁶ <https://homeless.lacounty.gov/news/la-county-city/>

- Ensures representatives from the Los Angeles County Departments of Health Services, Public Social Services, Public Health, and Mental Health will join Mayor Bass and her leadership team at regular meetings to implement the state of emergency.
- Identifies County staff who will work with City homeless outreach teams and at new interim housing sites to connect individuals with County services such as mental health counseling, substance use counseling, housing navigation, Medi-Cal enrollment, and domestic violence services.
- Embeds the CEO of the County, Fesia Davenport, or a designee, as the second Deputy Incident Commander in the City of Los Angeles Incident Command at the City Emergency Operations Center. (Added to the motion by Hahn through a read-in revision during the meeting)

Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative

Updated FY23-24 Funding Recommendations

The Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative shared its \$595.5 million draft funding recommendations for fiscal year 2023-24, the first set of funding recommendations to reflect the County's New Framework to End Homelessness, approved by the Board of Supervisors earlier this year.⁷ This approach focuses on:

- Increasing permanent housing placements
- Improving flow through the rehousing system, moving people from street to housing more effectively
- Serving people with complex challenges who face barriers exiting homelessness
- Expanding collaborative partnerships with cities and Councils of Government
- The Draft FY 2023-24 Homeless Initiative Funding Recommendations do not encompass all of the County's investments to address and prevent homelessness but represent a significant portion.

Homeless Initiative staff showed an updated version to the Board of Supervisors' homeless policy deputies that provided a detailed briefing about the County's proposed spending plan for homeless prevention, outreach, interim housing, permanent housing, and supportive services that receive funding through Measure H, a 1/4-cent sales tax approved by County voters in March 2017, as well as through the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant program, which requires approval from the State of California.

The Homeless Initiative received feedback through a series of 18 virtual Community Listening Sessions and nine Stakeholder Planning meetings that were conducted in September and October. During this extensive engagement process, the Homeless Initiative solicited input from County residents as well as County departments and agencies, service providers, Cities and Councils of Government (COGs), and people with lived expertise.

A New Framework to End Homelessness

⁷ <https://homeless.lacounty.gov/news/2022-23-budget/>

The County of Los Angeles Homeless Initiative held a series of community listening sessions to strengthen strategies for addressing and preventing homelessness. During these listening sessions, Homeless Initiative presented on the New Framework to End Homelessness in Los Angeles County and solicited feedback from stakeholders to ensure implementation of this framework is responsive to the needs and priorities of the community.

The [New Framework](#) calls for:

- Maximizing the capacity of mainstream government systems, such as the health care and social services systems, to serve as the first and largest safety net for people who are vulnerable, especially those with housing insecurity.
- Ensuring that the County's rehousing system remains a system of last resort, focused primarily, but not exclusively, on helping people who have been persistently underserved, those with the most complex challenges who require ongoing, focused, and resource-heavy intervention to help them get off the streets and into housing.
- Forging stronger partnerships with cities, using approaches like pooling resources to develop more permanent housing and coordinating with them when encampments are being decommissioned to provide pathways to housing and services.

SFVCOG City Updates

City of Glendale

October 2022-December 2022: The City is preparing to participate in the January 25th Sheltered and Unsheltered PIT Count. The City is also working with DGS to bring in intensive case management and is working on how they can pair clinicians with PD. Additionally, the City is working on an ESG RFP and Cares Act RFP. Lastly, the City is completing an Action Plan for the CoC, but mentioned challenges with participation. They have solicited feedback from other cities on how to increase engagement.

City of Los Angeles

October 2022-December 2022: No Updates.

City of San Fernando

October 2022-December 2022: The City is trying to increase outreach through collaboration with LA Family Housing, working with LAHSA to obtain HMIS access. Additionally, the City has brought on a new full-time Housing Coordinator. The City is also preparing to participate in the January Sheltered and Unsheltered PIT Count. They have also submitted budget modifications for remaining funding. Lastly, they purchased hygiene kits that were used in conjunction with holiday outreach.

City of Santa Clarita

October 2022-December 2022: The City is preparing to participate in the January Sheltered and Unsheltered PIT Count and are trying to find ways to get more volunteers. Additionally, they are working closely with the homeless taskforce.

City of Burbank

October 2022-December 2022: The City took their revised homeless plan to council in November. A few items are proposed in the homeless plan, including safe parking and a request for more support from the Department of Mental Health and DGS for wraparound case management. Looking to pair PD with mental health clinician. The City is solidifying a consultant to do design work for interim housing project. The city has received two proposals. Additionally, the City is looking at layering Measure H funds to assist, along with ARPA funds and general fund dollars.

Ongoing Activities

LDC continued to facilitate the Monthly Homelessness Working Group on the second Monday of the month via Microsoft Teams video conference, where updates were provided by member cities, alongside conversations related to partnership, funding, and collaboration opportunities. Meetings were regularly attended by representatives from COG cities (Los Angeles, Santa Clarita, Burbank, Glendale, San Fernando), as well as representatives from LAHSA, the LA County Homeless Initiative, LA Family Housing, Village Family Services, CalTrans, among others. Notes from meetings were sent to the group within one week.

LDC also participated in San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valley Regional Coalition Meetings, alongside other meetings held by LAHSA or the LA County Homeless Initiatives. Regular email updates, notes, and communication around key initiatives were sent out to SFVCOG Homelessness Working Group members. These included sharing information on relevant topics such as PIT Count, Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered Homelessness, Homekey 3 NOFA, LAHSA and Homeless Initiative updates, and local, regional, state, and federal funding opportunities. LDC continued to foster peer-to-peer exchange between cities, county partners, homeless service providers, and regional partners.

During the December meeting, LDC coordinated with LAHSA to provide a presentation on HMIS. This meeting will preface a future training LAHSA is developing on HMIS Access for Cities.

Regional Goals to Combat and Prevent Homelessness

During the previous reporting period, LDC worked with the member cities to revise the "Regional Values, Goals, and Strategies to Combat and Prevent Homelessness". The document serves as a foundation and guide for coordinated work around combating and preventing homelessness in the SFVCOG region.

The plan has evolved to include the following 6 regional values.

1. Homelessness can be ended in LA County and in SFVCOG cities. Doing so requires collaboration between cities, the County, homelessness governing bodies, non-profits, the

business community, faith-based organizations, other sectors intersecting with homelessness (such as health, criminal justice, and workforce development, etc.), landlords and property owners, community members, and those currently or formerly experiencing homelessness.

2. Each city in the SFVCOG needs to be actively engaged in addressing and preventing homelessness, commit to best-practices including Housing First, promote innovative strategies to address interim housing and shelter needs, and do its “fair share” as part of a larger regional solution.
3. Homelessness is the result of the housing crisis in the Los Angeles region, mental illness, substance abuse/addiction, rent/mortgage affordability, and other factors. Addressing homelessness should first and foremost include strategies to create suitable and affordable housing options and expand the supply of affordable housing.
4. Families and individuals do not choose to be homeless. When people have appropriate resources, opportunities, and support from trusted individuals and partners, they can successfully exit homelessness.
5. All people experiencing homelessness can be successful in housing with the appropriate level of stabilization supports (such as case management, employment, healthcare, mental health, etc.).
6. Being homeless is not a crime. Recognizing that homelessness has no borders, each city in the SFVCOG understands that individuals and families experiencing homelessness should be afforded the same rights and responsibilities as all people in the community

The plan has evolved to include the following regional goals for the SFVCOG member cities to combat and prevent homelessness:

1. Increase partnership, funding, and flexibility for Measure H funded cities/agencies.
2. Pro-actively collaborate with cities, the County, and nonprofit agencies to address individuals and families living unsheltered and in encampments.
3. Support the creation of interim housing opportunities, emergency shelter, and other short-term interventions to quickly move people off the streets.
4. Increase rental assistance resources and stabilization services to prevent homelessness and exit homeless households rapidly.
5. Support the development of affordable and permanent supportive housing.

The Regional Values, Goals, and Strategies document has been the guiding source for the SFVCOG Board, staff, and members to continue working together to combat and prevent homelessness. It has been consistently referenced in the work to end homelessness in the region and can be updated periodically as the interventions, strategies, and goals evolve.



San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

DATE: January 19, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director

RE: SFVCOG Appointment to the SCAG Energy & Environment Committee

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint a new member to represent the SFVCOG on the SCAG Energy & Environment Committee.

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 Councilman Bill Miranda of Santa Clarita and Councilman Ara Najarian of Glendale. There is a vacancy for one seat previously held by Burbank Councilmember Springer.

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

DATE: January 19, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director

RE: Governor's Local Transit Projects Budget Cut

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

On January 10, 2023, Governor Newsom presented his January Budget Proposal. The 2023-24 State Budget Proposal includes the goals and objectives of the Governor for this year and also aims to highlight initiatives, policies, and important issues. In the Budget Summary under General Government and Statewide Issues, one of the topics discussed is transportation. The budget summary acknowledges that the state has been preparing to secure billions in federal funding in order to match the state's investments. As it stands, the State of California is set to award \$5 billion in order to support port infrastructure projects, transit, and supply chain. The budget proposal discusses the need to reduce funding in some areas such as housing and transit due to the \$22.5 billion estimated budget gap for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

The budget gap resulting in funding reduction for various sectors will potentially affect transportation funding in order to balance the state budget. The proposal is a net reduction of \$2 billion over the course of three years for future transit infrastructure funding. [The Full Budget Summary](#) (p.105) includes a summary around transportation as it pertains to this budget proposal. The potential impact this may have could lead to extended delays on projects or even cuts in service/hours of operation. One of the other concerns is that this will affect transportation agencies who have not fully recovered from the pandemic and in which ridership is still not at pre pandemic numbers.