



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

A Joint Powers Authority

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA**

Thursday, June 22, 2023 — 6:00 p.m.

San Fernando City Hall
117 N Macneil St.
San Fernando, CA 91340

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair: Councilmember Marsha McLean, City of Santa Clarita
Vice-Chair: Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, 3rd District, City of Los Angeles
Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, 3rd Supervisorial District, County of Los Angeles
Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th Supervisorial District, County of Los Angeles
Councilmember Ara Najarian, City of Glendale
Vice Mayor Nick Schultz, City of Burbank
Councilmember Mary Solorio, City of San Fernando
Councilmember Paul Krekorian, 2nd District, City of Los Angeles
Councilmember Nithya Raman, 4th District, City of Los Angeles
Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, 7th District, City of Los Angeles
Councilmember John Lee, 12th District, City of Los Angeles
Vacant, Council District 6, City of Los Angeles

STAFF

SFVCOG Fiscal Agent: Rachelle Anema, County of Los Angeles
SFVCOG Secretary: Los Angeles County Commission's Office
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 4](#))
 - a. May 26, 2023 Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Recommended Action: *Approve Minutes.*

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.

- 6. CHAIR REPORT**

Councilmember Marsha McLean, Chair of the Board
Updates, remarks and recommendations from the Board Chair.
- 7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Updates, remarks and recommendations from the Executive Director
- 8. CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2023-24 SFVCOG ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM**
([Page 17](#))
Requested Action: *Review & Adopt the SFVCOG FY 2023-24 Annual Program*
- 9. CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2023-24 BUDGET** ([Page 20](#))

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

10. FUTURE OF THE SFVCOG

a. *Meeting Participation, JPA Amendment Subcommittee*

b. **2023-24 MEETING SCHEDULE** ([Page 22](#))

Recommended Action: Determine locations and adopt a regular meeting schedule for FY 23-24, considering key pending issues

11. SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR PRINCIPLES ([Page 23](#))

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

12. SFVCOG ANNUAL APPOINTEE REVIEW ([Page 25](#))

Recommended Action: *Reaffirm current Appointees to external bodies as presented.*

13. SUBREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (SRP) 2.0 FUNDING ([Page 27](#))

Recommended Action: *Approve the Cities of Santa Clarita and San Fernando to use and administer San Fernando Valley COG's \$583,182 funding allocation from SCAG's Subregional Partnership Program (SRP) 2.0 and that the Cities of Glendale and Burbank release any interest in the funding.*

14. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. NEXT MEETINGS

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES **DRAFT**

Friday, May 26, 2023 — 11:00 a.m.

Van Nuys City Hall
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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OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER — Marsha McLean, Chair

Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean called the Special Meeting to order at 11:10 a.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
Justin Orenstein for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz
Sahag Yedalian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Councilmember Mary Solorio

Excused 5: Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Councilmember John Lee
Councilmember Ara Najarian
Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Council District 6, City of Los Angeles

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public Lionel Mares and Abbey King provided public comment.

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.

On motion of Justin Orenstein for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, seconded by Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian, the SFVCOG Approved this item with the following roll call vote:

Ayes 6: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Justin Orenstein for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz
Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Councilmember Mary Solorio

Excused 5: Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Councilmember John Lee
Councilmember Ara Najarian
Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Council District 6, City of Los Angeles

Abstain 1: Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman

This item failed due to lack of a vote.

After discussion, the item was reconsidered.

On motion of Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman, seconded by Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian, 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
Justin Orenstein for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Councilmember Mary Solorio

Excused 5: Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Councilmember John Lee
Councilmember Ara Najarian
Supervisor Kathryn Barger
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- 6. FINANCIAL REPORT** ([Page 28](#))
- a. Review FY 2023-24 Financials January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023. Recommended Action: *Receive and File Financial Report.*

Sahag Yedelian suggested an SFVCOG Outreach to build community bridges and coalitions with Civic Leaders.

After discussion, on motion of Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

REGULAR CALENDAR

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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 highlighted the importance of attending and participating in the SFVCOG meetings and asked for a workshop to discuss attendance issues at the next meeting.

Discussion on dates for a future Special Meeting ensued; tentative date is June 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at San Fernando Valley City Hall

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Updates, remarks and recommendations from the Executive Director

John Bwarie announced that his report was in connection to Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean's stance on SFVCOG meeting attendance and agreed to having a discussion on these issues at the next meeting.

9. CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2023-24 SFVCOG ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM

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

Agenda Item #'s 9 & 10 were taken up jointly.

On motion of Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian, seconded by Vice Mayor Nick Shultz, the SFVCOG continued Agenda Item #'s 9 & 10 to the next meeting by the following roll call vote:

Ayes 7: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean

John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Justin Orenstein for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Sahag Yedalian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Councilmember Mary Solorio

Excused 5: Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Councilmember John Lee
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- 10. CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2023-24 BUDGET** ([Page 32](#))
Requested Action: *Review & Adopt the SFVCOG FY 2023-24 Budget*

This item was discussed and voted under Agenda Item #9.

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.*

Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean expressed her interest in remaining as Board Chair of the SFVCOG and opened the floor for nominations. John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield nominated Councilmember Marsha McLean to remain as Board Chair.

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

On motion of John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, seconded by Sahag Yedalian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian, there being no additional nominations or objection, the SFVCOG approved Councilmember Marsha McLean to remain as Board Chair of the SFVCOG by the following roll call vote:

Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chair of the SFVCOG. Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian nominated Councilmember Bob Blumenfield to remain as Vice Chair.

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

On motion of Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian, seconded by Vice Mayor Nick Shultz, there being no additional nominations or objection, the SFVCOG approved Councilmember Bob Blumenfield to remain as Vice Chair of the SFVCOG by the following roll call vote:

Ayes 7: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Justin Orenstein for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Councilmember Mary Solorio

Excused 5: Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Councilmember John Lee
Councilmember Ara Najarian
Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Council District 6, City of Los Angeles

12. 2023-24 MEETING SCHEDULE ([Page 34](#))

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

On motion of Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman, seconded by Councilmember Mary Solorio, there being no objection, the SFVCOG continued the 2023-24 Meeting Schedule to the next meeting by the following roll call vote:

Ayes 7: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Justin Orenstein for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Sahag Yedalian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Councilmember Mary Solorio

Excused 5: Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Councilmember John Lee
Councilmember Ara Najarian
Supervisor Kathryn Barger
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13. SCAG APPOINTMENT ([Page 35](#))

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

John Bwarie provided a brief overview of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) appointment. Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean expressed her interest to represent the SFVCOG as a SCAG appointee. Sahag Yedalian asked Mr. Bwarie to provide a list of vacancies at the next meeting. Mr. Bwarie confirmed that the list will be provided at the next meeting. Discussion ensued.

After discussion, on motion of Vice Mayor Nick Shultz, seconded by Councilmember Mary Solorio, there being no additional nominations or objection, the SFVCOG approved the appointment of Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean to SCAG by the following vote:

Ayes 7: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Justin Orenstein for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Sahag Yedalian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Councilmember Mary Solorio

Excused 5: Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Councilmember John Lee
Councilmember Ara Najarian
Supervisor Kathryn Barger
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14. SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR PRINCIPLES ([Page 36](#))

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

Mr. Bwarie announced that the adoption of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Principles would need the vote of all members present and asked if any members plan to abstain to make the SFVCOG aware. Justin Orenstein representative for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath indicated that Supervisor Horvath is not in the position to vote in favor of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Principles at this time. Discussion ensued.

After discussion, on motion Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman, seconded by John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, the SFVCOG continued the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Principles to the next meeting by the following vote:

Ayes 7: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Justin Orenstein for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Sahag Yedalian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Councilmember Mary Solorio

Excused 5: Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
Councilmember John Lee
Councilmember Ara Najarian
Supervisor Kathryn Barger

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15. URBAN AERIAL MOBILITY PRINCIPLES (Page 38)

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

Mr. Bwarie provided a brief overview of the Urban Aerial Mobility Principles and opened the floor for discussion. Mehmet Berker representative for Councilmember Nithya Raman indicated that Councilmember Raman is not in position to vote in favor of this item at this time and would like to include additional guidelines. Mr. Berker asked that the following be added to the guidelines:

- Disruption and quality of life;
- Protection of noise;
- Visual Blight; and
- Protection of open spaces.

Sahag Yedelian requested that noise and flight path experts be invited to speak at a future meeting and also asked to for information on grant funding. Betsy Aguilera, staff to the COG stated that they have been part of meetings with experts and others working on aerial mobility such as SCAG, FAA, Caltrans, and the City of Los Angeles. She mentioned that they could try and arrange to have representatives from these agencies at a future meeting. Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean also pointed out a revision, to use SFVCOG Region instead of San Fernando Valley region.

Justin Orenstein asked to also include some analysis and discussion on jurisdictional responsibilities and personal travel. Discussion Ensued.

After discussion, on motion of Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman, seconded by John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, the SFVCOG continued the Urban Aerial Mobility Principles to a future meeting by the following vote:

Ayes 7: Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
John Popoch for Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Justin Orenstein for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath
Vice Mayor Nick Shultz
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
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Excused 5: Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
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16. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sahag Yedalian announced that he is expecting a new baby girl October 2023.

John Popoch announced that the 31st Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 29, 2023 and encouraged all to attend.

Mehmet Berker announced that Council District 4 has a new office located at 13107 Ventura Blvd, Studio City.

17. NEXT MEETINGS

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

A Special meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the San Fernando Valley City Hall.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean adjourned the May 26, 2023 San Fernando Council of Governments Board of Directors Special Meeting at 12:21 p.m.

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San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

DATE: June 22, 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

DATE: June 22, 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 Adopted Budget	2023-2024 Proposed Budget	Difference
REVENUES			
Member Dues	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ -
Grants	30,000.00	30,000.00	\$ -
Sponsorship/Donations	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000	\$ -
EXPENDITURES			
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)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000	\$ (2,190)



San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

DATE: June 22, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director

RE: **FY23-24 Meeting Schedule**

RECOMMENDATION

Determine locations and adopt a regular meeting schedule for FY 23-24, considering key pending issues.

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.



San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

DATE: June 22, 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

DATE: June 22, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director
RE: **2022 SFVCOG Appointees Review**

RECOMMENDATION

Reaffirm current external appointees to external bodies as presented.

BACKGROUND

The SFVCOG Board has the responsibility to appoint members and designees to various external boards and committees to represent the SFVCOG's interest. Each year at its first meeting of the fiscal year, the Board is charged to review and reaffirm (or replace) current external appointees. The following are the current external appointees:

Metro

Metro Technical Advisory Committee Member

Jason Smisko, Senior Transportation Planner, City of Santa Clarita (May 26, 2016)

Qualifications: Must be a technical expert (not an elected official) able to serve on this committee and miss no more than two (2) consecutive meetings. Committee members shall serve until either reappointed or a successor is duly appointed and qualified. All appointments to the Committee shall be made in writing, subject to ratification by LACMTA. Committee members shall be selected on the basis of their technical and professional qualifications in the field of transportation planning, management and engineering.

Metro Streets & Freeways Subcommittee Member

Edward Hitti, Assistant Director of Public Works for the City of Glendale (March 2018)

Qualifications: Must be a technical expert (not an elected official) able to serve on this committee and miss no more than two (2) consecutive meetings. Committee members shall serve until either reappointed or a successor is duly appointed and qualified. All appointments to the Committee shall be made in writing, subject to ratification by LACMTA. Committee members shall be selected on the basis of their technical and professional qualifications in the field of transportation planning, management and engineering.

Metro Policy Council

John Bwarie, SFVCOG Executive Director (March 2017)

David Kriske (Alternate), Assistant Community Development Director, Transportation for the City of Burbank (March 2018)

LA County Homelessness Task Force (via LAHSA):

Jerrid McKenna, Homeless Coordinator, City of Santa Clarita (January 2017)

League of CA Cities Representative

Councilmember Marsha McLean, City of Santa Clarita (October 2020)

Qualifications: Qualifications: They are an elected official (Mayor or City Councilmember) of the Division

SCAG

The SFVCOG gets three appointees to the SCAG policy committees. Current appointees include:

SCAG Transportation Committee:

Mayor Ara Najarian, Glendale (7/19/2018)

SCAG Energy & Environment Committee:

Councilmember Tamala Takahashi, Burbank (1/19/2023)

SCAG Transportation Committee:

Councilmember Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita (05/26/23)

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 10:00 a.m. – noon on the first Thursday of the month. The representative will receive a \$120 stipend and transportation costs for each meeting attended.

All appointees serve at the will of the Board and last until the appointee and/or the Board take action to end the appointment. Preference is given to Board members who wish to serve and meet the qualifications for the appointment.



San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

DATE: June 22, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director

RE: **SUBREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2.0 FUNDING**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Cities of Santa Clarita and San Fernando to use and administer San Fernando Valley COG's \$583,182 funding allocation from SCAG's Subregional Partnership Program (SRP) 2.0 and that the Cities of Glendale and Burbank release any interest in the funding.

BACKGROUND

Over the past year, SFVCOG staff have met with staff from SCAG to learn more about the Subregional Partnership Program (SRP) 2.0.

About the SRP 2.0 from SCAG:

The Southern California region is set to receive approximately \$246 million in grant funds through REAP 2.0, which will be administered by SCAG with suballocations made available to eligible entities through three programmatic funding areas.

SCAG's framework document includes a set of core objectives that are aligned with the REAP 2021 priorities, the Connect SoCal Implementation Strategy and the SCAG Executive Administration Committee (EAC) Strategic Work Plan. The Framework was approved by SCAG's Regional Council in July.

The SFVCOG has been allocated \$583,182 for the SRP 2.0 and has coordinated meetings with SCAG staff, staff from Burbank, Glendale, San Fernando and Santa Clarita to learn about what projects would qualify and ultimately, Glendale and Burbank have decided to withdraw from the joint application leaving San Fernando and Santa Clarita who are still interested in pursuing this joint application for funding.