



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

A Joint Powers Authority

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Monday, June 2, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.

Community Room 104

150 N. Third St Burbank CA 91502

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair: Mayor Mary Mendoza, City of San Fernando

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

Vice-Mayor Tamala Takahashi, City of Burbank

Councilmember Elen Asatryan, City of Glendale

Councilmember Marsha McLean, City of Santa Clarita

Councilmember Adrin Nazarian, 2nd District, City of Los Angeles

Councilmember Nithya Raman, 4th District, City of Los Angeles

Councilmember Imelda Padilla, Council 6th District, City of Los Angeles

Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, 7th District, City of Los Angeles

Councilmember John Lee, 12th District, 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

Elizabeth Pennington & Ayano Wolff, Deputy County Counsels, County of Los Angeles

OPEN SESSION

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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5. MINUTES

April 14, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes ([Page 4](#))

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. CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2025-26 SFVCOG BUDGET ([Page 14](#))

Requested Action: Review and adopt the proposed FY 2025-26 SFVCOG Budget

7. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

A. Election of 2025-2026 Board Vice-Chair

Requested Action: Elect a Vice-Chair to serve July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (Vice-Chair election was tabled from the April 2025 Board Meeting.)

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

9. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting: July 14, 2025 at 10am in Burbank

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Monday, April 14, 2025 — 10:00 a.m.

Valley Municipal Building, Council Chambers
14410 Sylvan Street, 2nd Floor
Van Nuys, California 91401

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair: Mayor Mary Mendoza, City of San Fernando
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OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER — Mary Mendoza, Chair

Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza called the meeting to order at 10:29 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by staff.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED (8 Members):

Present 8: Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza
Councilmember Marsha McLean
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Barri Girvan for Supervisor Lindsay P. Horvath
Alexandra Leard for Councilmember Imelda Padilla
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Doug Mensman for Councilmember Adrin Nazarian
William Dahlin for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez

Absent 4: Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield,
Mayor Elen Asatryan for Glendale, Councilmember John Lee, and
Vice Mayor Tamala Takahashi for Burbank

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public addressed the SFVCOG.

CONSENT CALENDAR

San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda - Monday, April 14, 2025

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5. MINUTES

January 13, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes ([Page 5](#))

Recommended Action: *Approve Minutes.*

On motion of Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger, seconded by Councilmember Marsha McLean, the SFVCOG approved the minutes with the following roll call vote:

AYES 8: Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza
Councilmember Marsha McLean
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Barri Girvan for Supervisor Lindsay P. Horvath
Alexandra Leard for Councilmember Imelda Padilla
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Doug Mensman for Councilmember Adrin Nazarian
William Dahlin for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez

Absent 4: Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield,
Mayor Elen Asatryan for Glendale, Councilmember John Lee, and
Vice Mayor Tamala Takahashi for Burbank

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Review FY 2024-25 Financials January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025 ([Page 14](#))

Recommended Action: *Receive and File Financial Report*

On motion of Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger, seconded by Councilmember Marsha McLean, the SFVCOG approved agenda item 6 with the following roll call vote:

Ayes 8: Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza
Councilmember Marsha McLean
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Barri Girvan for Supervisor Lindsay P. Horvath
Alexandra Leard for Councilmember Imelda Padilla
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Doug Mensman for Councilmember Adrin Nazarian
William Dahlin for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez

Absent 4: Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield,
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7. **APPOINTMENT: METRO STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE** ([Page 15](#))
Recommended Action: *Appoint Wendell Johnson to the Metro Streets and Highways Subcommittee*

On motion of Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger, seconded by Councilmember Marsha McLean, the SFVCOG approved agenda item 7 with the following roll call vote:

AYES 8: Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza
Councilmember Marsha McLean
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Barri Girvan for Supervisor Lindsay P. Horvath
Alexandra Leard for Councilmember Imelda Padilla
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Doug Mensman for Councilmember Adrin Nazarian
William Dahlin for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez

Absent 4: Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield,
Mayor Elen Asatryan for Glendale, Councilmember John Lee, and
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8. **SUPPORT LETTER TO METRO** ([Page 16](#))
Recommended Action: *Send a letter to support for the MAT (Metro Active Transport) Program, Cycle 2 for gap funding for the LA RiverWay in the San Fernando Valley*

On motion of Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger, seconded by Councilmember Marsha McLean, the SFVCOG approved agenda item 8 with the following roll call vote:

AYES 8: Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza
Councilmember Marsha McLean
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Barri Girvan for Supervisor Lindsay P. Horvath
Alexandra Leard for Councilmember Imelda Padilla
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Doug Mensman for Councilmember Adrin Nazarian
William Dahlin for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez

Absent 4: Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield,
Mayor Elen Asatryan for Glendale, Councilmember John Lee, and
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REGULAR CALENDAR

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9. CHAIR REPORT

Mayor Mary Mendoza, Chair of the Board

Updates, remarks and recommendations from the Board Chair.

No updates were made at this time.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Updates, remarks and recommendations from the Executive Director.

John Bwarie, the Executive Director began by stating he had two updates for the SFVCOG Board on the homelessness funding, and the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) deadline extension.

The first update, John Bwarie reminded the SFVCOB Board of the requirement of filing a Regional Form 700 for the Fair Political Practices Commission deadline has been extended to June 2025 and advised the SFVCOG to complete the Regional Form 700 filing if they have not done so already.

The second update John Bwarie provided was on the recommendation of funding in response to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) around homeless services. At the last SFVCOG Board meeting an ad-hoc Committee was appointed which worked with County Counsel and the City Attorney to draft and promote a Notice of Funding Opportunity to allow non-profits and, academic institutions, and others to provide solutions that could be scaled. Due to receiving one response which was not sufficient to go with, the ad-hoc Committee will be re-grouping and hopes to come to the July SFVCOG Board meeting with a recommendation of what to do next with the funds. John Bwarie expressed the urgency since Measure A passed and went into effect on April 1, 2025. The top five cities got direct allocations that left San Fernando and Burbank the two cities in the SFVCOG region without a direct allocation. The region is requesting and has been approved that the County of Los Angeles directly contract and fund San Fernando and Burbank the way that they would the other members of the SFVCOG. The SFVCOG will be removing itself as a bureaucratic layer, and letting the funds flow directly to the membered jurisdictions for homeless services in Measure A.

11. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON ANTELOPE VALLEY LINE CORRIDOR ([Page 18](#))

Recommended Action: *Adopt the recommendations from the SFVCOG Transportation Committee related to the Metrolink Antelope Valley Line corridor*

John Bwarie introduced the item and reported an update on the recommendation the Transportation Committee made at their last meeting on April 7, 2025, regarding the gap section on the Antelope Valley Line that limits service between north of Burbank into Santa Clarita in this gap section there is a single track instead of a double track. Having double tracks would allow bidirectional frequent service. As Metro and Metrolink are collaborating to identify funds there is a \$200 million gap that the Transportation Committee would advocate for those funds specifically to go towards the congestion mitigation and air quality applications that are coming forth are from Metro to SCAG. The other suggestion was around safety improvements, especially at grade crossings.

Representatives from LA Metro, Alondra Lopez Principal Community Relations Officer, Mark Yamarone Executive Officer, Brian Balderrama Deputy Executive Officer, Project Management – Program Management / Regional Rail, Karen Swift, Deputy Executive Officer, Community Relations (Local Government Relations) were present to discuss and answer questions about the project. Metro representatives reported that Metro and Metrolink are working collaboratively to draft and submit a grant application. The exact scope and details are currently being currently being developed.

The discussion was centered around the importance of getting the Antelope Valley line improved and the how the SFVCOG region has not receiving updates on the status of the Light Rail Project, Antelope Valley Line, and safety enhancements to the Antelope Valley Line.

On motion of Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman, seconded by, Doug Mensman for Councilmember Adrin Nazarian the SFVCOG approved agenda item 11 with the following roll call vote:

AYES 8: Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza
Councilmember Marsha McLean
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Barri Girvan for Supervisor Lindsay P. Horvath
Alexandra Leard for Councilmember Imelda Padilla
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
Doug Mensman for Councilmember Adrin Nazarian
William Dahlin for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez

Absent 4: Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield,
Mayor Elen Asatryan for Glendale, Councilmember John Lee, and
Vice Mayor Tamala Takahashi for Burbank

12. CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2025-26 SFVCOG BUDGET [\(Page 20\)](#)

Requested Action: Review and adopt the proposed FY 2025-26 SFVCOG Budget

This item was continued and will be held in a Special Meeting with a date and time to be determined.

13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Election of 2025-2026 Board Chair

On motion of Councilmember Marsha McLean, seconded by, Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger, the SFVCOG approved agenda item 13 to nominate Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza for a second term as SFVCOG Chair with the following roll call vote:

AYES 8: Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza
Councilmember Marsha McLean
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Barri Girvan for Supervisor Lindsay P. Horvath
Alexandra Leard for Councilmember Imelda Padilla
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
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Absent 4: Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield,
Mayor Elen Asatryan for Glendale, Councilmember John Lee, and
Vice Mayor Tamala Takahashi for Burbank

B. Election of 2025-2026 Board Vice-Chair

Requested Action: *Elect a Board Chair and Vice-Chair to serve July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.*

This item was continued to the next SFVCOG Board Meeting.

14. 2024-26 MEETING SCHEDULE ([Page 22](#))

Recommended Action: *Determine Locations and Adopt Regular Meeting Schedule for FY25-26*

On motion of Councilmember Marsha McLean, seconded by, Doug Mensman for Councilmember Adrin Nazarian, the SFVCOG approved agenda item 14 with the following roll call vote:

AYES 8: Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza
Councilmember Marsha McLean
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Barri Girvan for Supervisor Lindsay P. Horvath
Alexandra Leard for Councilmember Imelda Padilla
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
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Absent 4: Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield,
Mayor Elen Asatryan for Glendale, Councilmember John Lee, and
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15. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

On motion of Councilmember Marsha McLean, seconded by, Doug Mensman for Councilmember Adrin Nazarian, the SFVCOG approved agenda item 15 with the following roll call vote:

AYES 8: Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza
Councilmember Marsha McLean
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Barri Girvan for Supervisor Lindsay P. Horvath
Alexandra Leard for Councilmember Imelda Padilla
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman
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Absent 4: Vice Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield,
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16. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Announcement:

There were none.

B. Opportunity Details

There were none.

C. Announcements from the Board

Doug Mensman for Councilmember Adrin Nazarian announced that he is moving onto another opportunity, and this will be his last SFVCOG meeting. He thanked the SFVCOG Board Member and said he enjoyed serving on the board.

17. NEXT MEETING

Proposed: Board Meeting: July 14, 2025, at 10am in Burbank.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean adjourned the February 3, 2025, meeting at 11:22 AM.

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ATTACHMENT

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS				
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026				
		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Adopted	Proposed	
		Budget	Budget	Difference
REVENUES				
	Member Dues	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ -
	Grants	30,000.00		\$ -30,000
	Sponsorship/Donations	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 155,000	\$ 125,000	\$ -
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	-	-	\$ -
	Office & Meeting S			\$ -
	Parking fees	250	250	\$ -
	Postage	100	100	\$ -
	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	2,190	\$ -
	Homeless Services (Contract with LA County)	30,000	0	\$ -30,000
	Miscellaneous (Contingency Reserve)	1,510	1,510	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 155,000	\$ 125,000	\$ -30,000