



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
A Joint Powers Authority

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, February 16, 2023 — 1:30 p.m.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th Supervisorial District, County of Los Angeles
Councilmember Paul Krekorian, 2nd District, City of Los Angeles
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STAFF

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SFVCOG Secretary: Los Angeles County Commission's Office
SFVCOG Executive Director: John Bwarie
Shante Sylvester, Senior Deputy County Counsel, County of Los Angeles

OPEN SESSION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER — Bob Blumenfield, Chair**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

REGULAR CALENDAR

At the discretion of the SFVCOG Committee Chair, 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 Transportation Committee.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. CONSIDERATION OF DECEMBER 8, 2022 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES ([Page 5](#))

Recommended Action: *Approve Transportation Committee Meeting minutes*

6. URBAN AERIAL MOBILITY PRINCIPLES ([Page 12](#))

Recommended Action: *Consider and recommend that the SFVCOG Board adopt principles on urban aerial mobility for the SFVCOG region.*

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

Recommended Action: *Consider and recommend that the SFVCOG Board adopt principles for Metro's proposed Sepulveda Transit Corridor project.*

8. COALITION LETTER ON GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED TRANSIT BUDGET CUT ([Page 16](#))

Recommended Action: *Provide input on coalition letter and provide staff direction on next steps.*

9. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE ([Page 17](#))

Recommended Action: *Approve and discuss dates that may need to be rearranged.*

10. FUTURE MEETINGS: AGENDA ITEMS

Recommended Action: *Discuss potential agenda dates and items.*

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

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OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER — Bob Blumenfield, Chair

Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by Staff.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED (4 Members):

Present: Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Mayor Jess Talamantes
Vice Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean

Excused: Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jess Talamantes.

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4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the public provided public comment: Lionel Mares, Bob Anderson and Sal Ramirez.

5. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MAY 19, 2022 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES** ([Page 4](#))

Recommended Action: *Approve Minutes.*

On motion of Mayor Jess Talamantes, Seconded by Dave Perry, there being no objection, the SFVCOG Transportation Committee approved the May 19, 2022 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Vice Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Mayor Jess Talamantes
Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian

Excused: Chair Council Member Bob Blumenfield

6. **SFVCOG 2022 MOBILITY WORKSHOP REPORT** ([Page 13](#)) Staff will present the details of the Mobility Workshop recommendations, including representatives from Urban Movement Labs

Recommended Action: *Consider and provide direction to staff on next step.*

This item was discussed after Agenda Item No. 7.

John Bwarie, Executive Director, provided a brief overview of the SFVCOG 2022 Mobility Workshop and asked the SFVCOG Committee Members to provide direction on any of the six recommendations identified on page 5 of the report.

Mr. Bwarie introduced Clint Harper, Urban Air Mobility Fellow with Urban Movement Labs. Mr. Harper provided a presentation on the State of the Advanced Air Mobility Industry and highlighted the Advanced Air Mobility Ecosystem:

- Airspace
 - Primary Decision Maker The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
 - Influencers: Operators and Local Cities
 - The FAA has partnered with NASA on creating policies to shape Advanced Air Mobility

- Aircraft
 - Primary Decision Maker the FAA
 - Influencers: OEM's and Operators
 - Air Craft Types:
 - Electric Conventional Take-Off and Landing (eCTOL)
 - Electric Vertical Take-off and Landing (eVTOL)
 - Electric Short Take-off and Landing (eSTOL)
 - Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS)
- Operations
 - Primary Decision Maker the FAA
 - Influencers: Operators and Local Cities
 - Operation types
 - Use Cases: *such as Last-mile package delivery, mid-mile cargo movement, emergency services etc.*
 - Piloted Commercial Operations: *The FAA will certify the Pilots and Operation of the system.*
 - UAS Commercial Operations
- Infrastructure
 - Primary Decision Maker Cities
 - Influencers: State/Fed and Operators
 - Vertiports
- Community
 - Primary Decision Maker Local
 - Influencers: The FAA and Operators
 - Open houses held by the FAA to provide open dialogue and obtain feedback from the community.

Mayor Jess Talamantes recommended that this presentation be provided to the members of the Airport Authority.

Mr. Bwarie asked Mr. Talamantes if the SFVCOG should take a leadership role and establish a working group on Advanced Air

Mobility. Mr. Yedelian suggested to include County and local representatives to the work group. Mr. Bwarie agreed and will provide a report back on the work group at the next SFVCOG Transportation Committee Meeting.

7. SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT

Recommended Action: Discussion and direction to staff to prepare statements for the board to reaffirm the position of the Board on the project.

This item was discussed before Agenda Item Number 6.

John Bwarie, Executive Director, introduced Jody F. Litvak, Metro Representative. Ms. Litvak indicated that Metro is currently conducting Environmental Impact Study/Analysis; the draft report is forthcoming and will allow opportunities for comments.

Sahag Yedelian asked Ms. Litvak for a timeline of the next decision. Ms. Litvak indicated that there is no exact timeline for the next formal decision at this time but the next step will be when the Board selects a locally preferred alternative, further information will be released to the public as the Study provides it. Mr. Bwarie indicated to SFVCOG Transportation Committee members to provide direction on framing out guiding principles on this project.

Dave Perry asked Ms. Litvak if Metro is continuously collecting public comments and when will a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) report be available. Ms. Litvak confirmed that public comments are being collected during the study and at this time there is no draft EIR release date. Mr. Perry also asked what other community-based organizations are engaged in the project. Ms. Litvak indicated that Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA), Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA) as well as other organizations are actively engaged in the project. Mr. Perry expressed the importance of the project to all parties involved and thanked everyone for their engagement but asked for the project to be elevated to a higher priority. Mr. Bwarie agreed to conduct a landscape analysis and provide a report back at the next Transportation Committee meeting. Mr. Yedelian asked that the report back also be provided to the SFVCOG Board. Mr. Talamantes expressed that he is in support of the project and is looking forward to the report back. Mr. Perry asked metro staff to provide the costs associated with the project at a future meeting. Mr. Talamantes asked if Federal Monies will be utilized for the project. Mr. Bwarie confirmed that federal monies will be used for the project.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS: AGENDA ITEMS

Recommended Action: Discuss potential agenda dates and items.

Mr. Bwarie indicated that he will work with the Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield on establishing a date for the next Transportation Committee meeting.

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9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jess Talamantes announced his retirement indicated that this is his last meeting and expressed his gratitude with working with the members and staff of the SFVCOG. Mr. Bewarie thanked Mayor Talamantes well and thanked him for his service and commitment to the SFVCOG and community.

Masis Hagobian, on behalf of the city of Santa Clarita wished Mayor Talamantes well and thanked him for his service.

Mr. Yedelian also wished Mayor Talamantes well and thanked him for his service.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Sahag Yedelian for Councilmember Paul Krekorian adjourned the December 8, 2022, San Fernando Valley Council of Governments Transportation Committee Meeting at 2:48 p.m.

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DATE: February 16, 2023
TO: Transportation Committee
FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director
RE: **Principles on Urban Aerial Mobility**

RECOMMENDATION

Consider and recommend that the SFVCOG Board adopt principles on urban aerial mobility for the SFVCOG region

BACKGROUND

The San Fernando Valley Council of Governments has been implementing mobility priorities every year. 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.

Last year, the SFVCOG hosted its annual San Fernando Valley Mobility Workshop in person at Van Nuys Airport in a hangar at Signature Flight Support. This workshop focused on the topic of aerial mobility in the SFVCOG region. A variety of elected officials, transportation leaders, community leaders, and mobility experts from across the SFVCOG region came together to discuss and provide their input on this emerging transportation mode. The workshop presented the latest information from leading experts on regional air mobility in SoCal while giving attendees the insights to prepare the SFVCOG region for what might be coming with regard to localized aerial transport. Attendees got to hear from Adam Cohen, Senior Research Manager, Innovative Mobility Research, at UC Berkeley, Adrienne Lingdren, Head of Cities - Global Partnerships and Business Development, at Supernal, and Clint Harper, Advanced Air Mobility Program Manager, at Urban Movement Labs.

The SFVCOG Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the proposed principles regarding urban aerial mobility, and below are the recommended principles:

Principles for Urban Aerial Mobility

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

1. **Collaboration**: Establish open lines of communication with entities and departments doing research on urban aerial mobility and work with key SFVCOG stakeholders to be informed on the issue.



2. Safety: Prioritize the safety of the region and its residents, focusing on technologies and policies that prioritize safety performance and mitigate safety concerns that may arise.
3. Address Concerns: Adequately address concerns from the residents that may arise from the usage of urban aerial technologies such as noise complaints.
4. Regional Collaboration: Create an environment with regional collaboration to promote the SFVCOG region as a primary test area for this emerging technology.
5. Career Preparation: Ensure that the promotion of career technical education is integrated into private operations of this technology.
6. Connectivity: Ensure that aerial mobility technologies are accessible to all residents and serve the needs of the region, especially residents living in disadvantaged communities who have a higher need for differing modes of transportation.
7. Funding: State and federal funding has been allocated to this and member jurisdictions should be ready to participate
8. Emergency Preparedness: Ensure that emerging technology also looks at ways in which it could serve the region such as through emergency preparedness.
9. Education: Prioritize education on aerial mobility so residents can be exposed to this new emerging technology



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DATE: February 16, 2023
TO: Transportation Committee
FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director
RE: **Principles on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor**

RECOMMENDATION

Consider and recommend that the SFVCOG Board adopt principles for Metro's proposed Sepulveda Transit Corridor project.

BACKGROUND

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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 8th 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. Below are the recommended principles for the committee's consideration:

Principles for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor

The San Fernando Valley Council of Governments supports Metro's Sepulveda Transit Corridor project. Since 2016, the SFVCOG has affirmed and reaffirmed the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project as a priority. In September of 2016, the Board voted to support Measure M, the LA County ballot measure whose focus was to raise funds to support transportation investment across the County. The SFVCOG has received regular updates from the Metro project team regarding the status of the project and has worked with Metro Board and staff over the past few years to develop priorities to address the needs of the region. As the project progresses, the following key metrics should be considered as the project is developed:

1. **Performance:** The project should realize a high performing, high capacity transit line that moves a large number of people, quickly, between West Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley.



2. Quality: The project should utilize high quality equipment, materials, and technology to future-proof the line, so that it doesn't have to be retrofitted or replaced within the first 30 years of operation.
3. Accessibility: Both the alignment of the corridor and the siting of stations should take into account connectivity to key regional attractors, seamless transfers to other transit lines including buses, and first/last mile connections via walking and biking. Station platforms should be pleasant, shaded, and reasonably quiet.
4. Engagement: As the project is developed and goes through a community engagement process, efforts should be made to be inclusive beyond focusing just on communities surrounding the line and its stations. The project will be regionally significant infrastructure that serves people all across the region.



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February 16, 2023

Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California

Dear Governor Newsom,

The San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (SFVCOG), is a Joint Powers Authority dedicated to advancing the regional priorities of the six-member regions, including Los Angeles City and County, Burbank, Glendale, Santa Clarita, and San Fernando. Each year, the SFVCOG has adopted mobility priorities as we're committed towards increasing mobility options to ensure safety and accessibility to the millions of Californians that call the San Fernando Valley region their home. We are writing today to express our concern over the proposed transit budget cuts as discussed in the Governor's Proposed 2023-24 Budget.

Many people live, work, attend school, and conduct their business in the region. Residents and commuters rely on bus transit, commuter rail, and our bicycle and pedestrian network to get to where they need to go. Currently there are public transit projects underway in the San Fernando Valley region that seek to provide more transit options for residents and commuters. They will address connectivity issues and create access to key sites while also expanding the transit network that exists in the region. During the pandemic, many transit agencies saw a decrease in ridership and a delay in capital improvement projects but as we've slowly worked our way through the pandemic, ridership and projects have picked up once again.

Given the need in our region for an increase in affordable, accessible, and equitable transportation, we believe that the proposed \$2 billion cut from public transit projects could affect not only transit agencies and the projects already underway but ultimately, it could negatively impact the quality of life of our residents. Although the proposed budget suggests that some of these reductions are trigger reductions in which funding could be restored if it's determined that there is sufficient funding available to cover the cost, it still begs the question: What if sufficient funding is not available to cover the cost, what happens then? We understand that as the state faces a \$22.5 billion budget deficit, there are certain items that must undergo cuts but we urge you to reconsider the cuts for public transportation.

Thank you for your time and consideration, we appreciate your continued support for accessible public transit all across the state of California.

Sincerely,

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DATE: February 16, 2023
TO: Transportation Committee
FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director
RE: **2023 Transportation Meeting Schedule**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the following regular meeting schedule for 2023.

BACKGROUND

The SFVCOG Transportation Committee meeting is bimonthly on the third Thursday at 1:30 pm 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.

The following is the proposed SFVCOG Board Meeting Schedule for 2023:

*Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 1:30PM
Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 1:30PM
Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 1:30PM
*Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 1:30PM
Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 1:30PM

* Dates that have an asterisk next to them are dates in which the quarterly SFVCOG Board Meeting will be held therefore these dates should be reassigned.