



## **SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

*A Joint Powers Authority*

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Monday, July 14, 2025 — 10:00 a.m.  
Community Room 104  
150 N. Third St Burbank CA 91502

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Chair: Mayor Mary Mendoza, City of San Fernando  
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### **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

### 2. ROLL CALL

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

### 5. MINUTES

June 2, 2025 Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes ([Page 4](#))

Recommended Action: *Approve minutes.*

Public Comment/Correspondence

### 6. FINANCIAL REPORT ([Page 10](#))

Review FY 2025-26 Financials April 1, 2025 through July 14, 2025

Recommended Action: *Receive and file financial report.*

Public Comment/Correspondence

### 7. CITY OF SAN FERNANDO RIGHT OF WAY STUDY

Update from Metro on the status of the project

Requested Action: *Presentation*

Public Comment/Correspondence

### 8. SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR ([Page 11](#))

Requested Action: *Review Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and recommend alternative(s) to support.*

Public Comment/Correspondence

### 9. OLYMPIC AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ([Page 15](#))

Requested Action: *Review and adopt the proposed recommendations from the SFVCOG Olympic ad hoc committee.*

Public Comment/Correspondence

### 10. HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUND CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Requested Action: *Discuss and delegate authority to the Executive Director to negotiate with the County of Los Angeles and execute an amendment to the HI-23-007 Contract to (1) update the statement of work to reflect the regional coordination project led by College of the Canyons addressing student homelessness across five San Fernando Valley community colleges; and (2) increase the contract amount by \$30,000 for the outstanding fiscal year (FY 2024) to ensure full receipt of allocated funds and proper accounting.*

Public Comment/Correspondence

**11. HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUND REGIONAL COORDINATION ([Page 19](#))**

Requested Action: *Receive, discuss and take appropriate action to delegate authority to Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with College of the Canyons, subject to Counsel's approval as to form, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for the general purpose of serving as fiscal agent and regional coordinator to implement collaborative student homelessness initiatives, including staffing, resource development, data collection, and cross-campus coordination, consistent with County grant requirements.*

Public Comment/Correspondence

**12. REVIEW AND AMEND JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT FOR BUDGET VOTING ([Page 21](#))**

Requested Action: *Amend the SFVCOG Joint Powers Authority Agreement ("JPA Agreement") to allow for majority vote of the Board for budget matters. Proposed Change to JPA Agreement, Section 8. Board Actions- Meetings, C. Voting, 3: Delete the following: "A super majority vote of the Board is required for matters affecting the budget of the SFVCOG; membership, suspension or removal from the SFVCOG"*

Public Comment/Correspondence

**13. APPOINTEE REVIEW ([Page 22](#))**

Requested Action: *Review and affirm SFVCOG appointees to external organizations.*

Public Comment/Correspondence

**14. RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SERVICES SOLICITATION ([Page 24](#))**

Requested Action: *Receive and file the [City of Los Angeles, Administrative Officer's report](#) regarding the results of the SFVCOG Request for Proposals for Executive Director Services.*

Public Comment/Correspondence

**15. SFVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SERVICES CONTRACT**

Requested Action: *Discuss and take appropriate action to execute a contract for Executive Director Services as follows:*

*a. Find the proposed actions are exempt from or are not projects under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and*

*b. Delegate authority to the SFVCOG Chair to negotiate, including making any technical corrections and changes to the contract, and execute a contract with Stratiscope, Inc. for executive director services, for an initial term of two years, with one two-year extension option, and two one-year extension options, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the initial two year term, and \$150,000 for each extension year, subject to the availability of funds and review as to form by SFVCOG counsel.*

Public Comment/Correspondence

**13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

**14. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**15. NEXT MEETING**

Board Meeting: October 6, 2025 at 10am in Santa Clarita

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

Board of Directors Meeting  
Agenda - Monday, June 2, 2025

## **OPEN SESSION**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER - Mary Mendoza, Chair**

Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza called the meeting to order at 11:29 a.m.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted by staff.

#### **QUORUM ESTABLISHED (10 Members):**

**Present 10:** Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza  
Daniel Lopez for Councilmember Adrin Nazarian  
Vice-Mayor Tamala Takahashi  
Councilmember Marsha McLean  
Myrka Martinez for Councilmember John Lee  
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman  
Alexandra Leard for Councilmember Imelda Padilla  
William Dahlin for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez  
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger  
Barri Girvan for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath

**Absent 2:** Vice-Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield  
Mayor Elen Asatryan

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

Barri Girvan for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Paul Dyson addressed the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (SFVCOG). Stephanie Molen, LA Metro, provided an update on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project Environmental Impact Report, which is currently open for public comment, to the SFVCOG.

## 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

On motion of Councilmember Marsha McLean, seconded by Vice-Mayor Tamala Takahashi, the SFVCOG approved agenda item 6 with the following roll call vote:

#### **Ayes 10:** Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza

Daniel Lopez for Councilmember Adrin Nazarian  
Vice-Mayor Tamala Takahashi  
Councilmember Marsha McLean  
Myrka Martinez for Councilmember John Lee  
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman  
Alexandra Leard for Councilmember Imelda Padilla  
William Dahlin for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez  
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger  
Barri Girvan for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath

**Absent 2:** Vice-Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield  
Mayor Elen Asatryan

There was no public comment on this item.

### 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.)

Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Alexandra Leard for Councilmember Imelda Padilla nominated Councilmember Nithya Raman. Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman accepted the nomination.

There being no additional nominations for Board Vice-Chair, nominations were closed.



On motion of Alexandra Leard for Councilmember Imelda Padilla, seconded by William Dahlin for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, there being no additional nominations or objections, the SFVCOG approved Councilmember Nithya Raman as the Board Vice-Chair with the following roll call vote:

**Ayes 10:** Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza  
Daniel Lopez for Councilmember Adrin Nazarian  
Vice-Mayor Tamala Takahashi  
Councilmember Marsha McLean  
Myrka Martinez for Councilmember John Lee  
Mehmet Berker for Councilmember Nithya Raman  
Alexandra Leard for Councilmember Imelda Padilla  
William Dahlin for Councilmember Monica Rodriguez  
Dave Perry for Supervisor Kathryn Barger  
Barri Girvan for Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath

**Absent 2:** Vice-Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfield  
Mayor Elen Asatryan

There was no public comment on this item.

**8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

There were none.

**9. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

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

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mayor Mary Mendoza adjourned the June 2, 2025, meeting at 11:42 a.m.



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**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FUND V54  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025**

		<b>Fund V54/Org 55665</b>
<b>Cash Balance, April 1, 2025</b>		<b>\$ 289,351.28</b>
Receipts:		
Interest Earnings	4/1/2025	904.68
Interest Earnings	5/1/2025	928.35
Interest Earnings	6/1/2025	991.69
DP AC 25000003445 - Membership - City of Los Angeles	5/7/2025	35,000.00
Total Beginning Cash Balance and Receipts		<u>\$ 327,176.00</u>
Disbursements:		
AD AU A2501342144 Stratiscope - March 2025	4/1/2025	8,333.33
AD AU A2501478266 Stratiscope - Transport Committee Lunch & Mobility Academy Apr 2025	4/29/2025	246.78
AD AU A2501525145 Stratiscope - April 2025	5/8/2025	8,333.33
AD AU A2501631193 Stratiscope - Service Expenses for SFVCOG May 2025	5/28/2025	74.45
AD AU A2501645754 Stratiscope - Lunch Meeting Jun 2025	6/1/2025	186.88
AD AU A2501654696 Stratiscope - May 2025	6/3/2025	8,333.33
JVCT AC CMSF2500514 SFVCOG - AC 10% Admin Fee for FY23-24 Audit	6/30/2025	460.70
Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 25,968.80</u>
<b>Cash Balance, June 30, 2025</b>		<b><u>\$ 301,207.20</u></b>

Prepared by May Lam  
Los Angeles County  
Department of Auditor-Controller  
Accounting Division  
ML 7/1/2025

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## San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

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DATE: July 7, 2025  
TO: SFVCOG Board  
FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director  
RE: **Sepulveda Transit Corridor Update & Continued Support for Project Advancement**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Reaffirm SFVCOG's support for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project and continue advocacy for the advancement of a high-quality, high-capacity transit solution that aligns with adopted *Principles for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor*

Support Metro's ongoing efforts to engage community stakeholders during the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), and emphasize the need for equity, accessibility, and connectivity in the selection of a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA).

### **BACKGROUND**

At the June 2025 SFVCOG Transportation Committee meeting, the committee members discussed the recently released Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project has been officially released.

The Sepulveda Transit Corridor is a generational infrastructure project that will deliver a high-speed, high-capacity rail connection between the San Fernando Valley and West Los Angeles, and eventually LAX. Currently, over 400,000 daily vehicle trips occur through the Sepulveda Pass, a significant source of congestion, emissions, and lost productivity.

For the SFVCOG, this project represents a great opportunity to shape mobility not just in the southern San Fernando Valley but throughout the SFVCOG region. The project can interface with key Valley transportation assets including the East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Project, the G Line (Orange), and the Metrolink Ventura County Line. This means it will form the backbone of an interconnected SFV regional rail network, enabling residents to move across the region without relying on a car.

Most alternatives in the DEIR propose a direct connection from Van Nuys Metrolink Station or the G Line in Sherman Oaks south through the Sepulveda Pass, reducing one-hour car commutes to 20–30 minute transit rides. Metro's analysis projects daily ridership as high as 180,000 by 2045, much of it driven by SFV regional-based commuters.

### **SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR DEIR ALTERNATIVES – VALLEY IMPACTS**

#### **Alternative 1: Aerial Monorail**

A fully aerial monorail running mostly within the I-405 from Van Nuys through the Sepulveda Pass.

- Valley impact: There is direct connection from the Valley to West LA via the I-405 corridor, reducing Valley commute times to less than 20 minutes.
- Community feedback: Low estimated disruptions to local traffic, but lacks direct Westside connectivity.

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#### Alternative 3 – Hybrid Monorail

Begins aerial in the Valley then tunnels underground after the Getty Center to enable direct service to UCLA and the D Line.

- Valley impact: Retains aerial build through Valley communities, potentially faster and more integrated than Alt 1; minor tunneling site construction near the Pass.

#### Alternatives 4 & 5 – Automated Heavy Rail (HRT)

Both use heavy-rail technology with stations in the Valley and through the pass;

- Alt 4: Partial aerial between Van Nuys and Sherman Oaks;
- Alt 5: Fully underground in this Valley segment.
- Valley impact: Offers regional rail connections, faster from 18 to 30 min end-to-end travel leading to higher ridership, but possible construction disruption, Alt 4's aerial format could impact local neighborhoods and displace more businesses or homes in the Valley.

#### Alternative 6 – Driver Operated Heavy Rail

A shorter heavy-rail line entirely tunneled beneath Van Nuys Boulevard, connecting them west toward Sawtelle and Expo line.

- Valley impact: Deep tunneling minimizes surface disturbance but offers limited southern connectivity, terminating before reaching key Westside transit hubs

#### Why This Matters for the San Fernando Valley

- Speed & performance: Heavy rail alternatives (Alt 4,5,6) deliver the fastest service (between 20 and 30 minutes), while monorail (Alt 1,3) is slower and sometimes requires bus transfers.
- Connectivity: Heavy rail provides direct transfers to the G, D, E lines and Metrolink which are important for local commuters. Monorail options risk requiring additional transit connections.
- Community impact: Aerial options (Alt 1, 4) may disrupt neighborhoods with elevated structures, while tunneling options reduce surface impacts but come with higher upfront costs.
- Ridership potential: Heavy rail is projected to attract significantly more daily boardings ( approx 124k) than monorail options.

Since 2014, the SFVCOG has made the Sepulveda Transit Corridor a top priority. In 2016, the Board supported Measure M, which dedicated \$1.4 billion in local funds to the project. SFVCOG has engaged Metro throughout the planning process and in June 2023 adopted its *Principles for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor*, a framework to ensure the final design aligns with SFVCOG mobility, equity, and environmental priorities.

With the DEIR now available, the SFVCOG is entering a pivotal stage of advocacy to shape the project's Locally Preferred Alternative. The SFVCOG believes the final alignment must:

- Provide fast, frequent, and affordable service for SFV regional commuters;
- Integrate with regional SFV stations and transit lines;
- Minimize environmental and construction disruption especially in transit-dependent areas;
- Create station areas that enable future housing and mixed-use development opportunities without displacement.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION:**

On a motion by Chair Councilmember Marsha McLean, the Transportation Committee unanimously recommended that the SFVCOG Board:

1. Reaffirm SFVCOG's support for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor as a top regional transit priority.
2. Advocate for a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) that:
  - Reflects the *Principles for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor* adopted by the Board in June 2023;

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- Ensures Valley communities are treated equitably during design and construction;
  - Delivers strong regional connectivity, particularly at major transit transfer points;
  - Minimizes adverse impacts, especially to the East San Fernando Valley Light Rail.
3. Direct staff to submit formal comments on the DEIR consistent with these principles and coordinate with member jurisdictions on collective advocacy.

**CURRENT POSITIONS**

In June 2023, the Board adopted *Principles for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor* ([attached below](#)) to guide the SFVCOG's position on the development of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor.

Board Report - Sepulveda Transit Corridor Update 2025



## San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

### **Principles for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor**

*Adopted by the Board on June 22, 2023*

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 \$1.4 billion of the SFVCOG regional funding allocated to the project. While the SFVCOG continues to receive regular updates from the Metro project team regarding the status of the project, the SFVCOG also adopted the following key principles for decision makers to use as the project continues to be developed and 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, seamless transfers to other transit lines, and first/last mile connections via walking and biking.
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. **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.

Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project Principles

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## San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

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DATE: July 14, 2025  
TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director  
RE: SFVCOG 2028 Olympic Games Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*Adopt the recommendations of the 2028 Olympic Games ad hoc committee and direct staff to execute an action plan to implement the recommendations*

As part of the SFVCOG's ongoing regional planning efforts, its Ad Hoc Olympic Committee has been meeting to discuss the unique opportunities and considerations related to the upcoming 2028 Olympic Games. While the Games are global in scale, they present an opportunity for the SFVCOG to elevate regional assets, address mobility challenges, and strengthen community engagement through strategic coordination. These discussions are rooted in ensuring equitable representation and long-term value for the SFVCOG's diverse communities. The Ad Hoc Committee's work has centered on identifying areas of importance and tracking key issues where regional alignment and collaboration will be critical.

This memo provides an overview of the Committee's initial priority areas and recommended actions for Board consideration and subsequent direction to the Staff to implement. These focus areas are intended to help shape the SFVCOG's engagement and positioning as the 2028 Games draw nearer and reflect initial direction as adopted through the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan.

Further, Los Angeles will host eight FIFA World Cup matches in 2026, presenting an early opportunity to pilot and implement key initiatives ahead of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the 2026 FIFA World Cup, present a great opportunity for the San Fernando Valley region to highlight its regional assets, attract strategic investment, and generate meaningful, long-term community benefits. The SFVCOG Ad Hoc Olympic Committee's initial priorities reflect a commitment to advancing equitable access, mobility, economic development, and legacy planning across its diverse jurisdictions. With coordinated action, sustained advocacy, and early implementation, the region is well-positioned to ensure that the benefits of these global events are both tangible and lasting for all communities in the SFVCOG region.

### **Key Principles for the SFVCOG 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games:**

1. Coordination across jurisdictions is vital, and flexibility is needed to account for the SFVCOG's diverse communities.
2. Public viewing experiences and open street activations can serve as inclusive ways for residents to participate without high costs.
3. There is an opportunity to align transit projects already in progress with Olympic timelines and venues.
4. SFVCOG region communities in outlying areas may require targeted attention to address geographic and financial access barriers.



5. The Olympics can serve as a catalyst for lasting investment across mobility, arts, workforce, and civic infrastructure.

**Key Focus Areas for the SFVCOG 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games:**

**1. Community Engagement and Affordable and Accessible Local Experiences**

Committee discussions have emphasized the importance of making Olympic programming accessible to all SFVCOG residents, including those who may be unable to attend events directly. Identifying and supporting public viewing opportunities and family-friendly activities in accessible locations such as Burbank and Santa Clarita remain ongoing areas of interest. Ensuring affordability and outreach to underrepresented communities is a shared concern.

***Recommended SFVCOG Actions:***

- a. Explore the support of “Festival Sites” during the period of the games that could create community gathering spaces to celebrate and engage with the Games.
- b. Convene and coordinate those working to create “Festival Sites” during the games in the SFVCOG region, both public and private venues
- c. Explore festival or activation partners across the SFVCOG region.
- d. Coordinate and implement best practices and procedures for hosting community events including implementing a kit of parts, graphic templates, etc.
- e. Seek funding for regional efforts to benefit all SFVCOG members
- f. Create a unified information hub (calendar, map, etc.) for what’s going on in the SFVCOG region leading up to and during the Games

**2. Regional Access & Ticketing –**

The Ad Hoc Committee seeks to make sure ticketing to events locally and around the region is equitable. Models used in past Olympic Games, such as Paris 2024’s unified transit and event ticketing system, were held up as examples as ways to reduce access barriers. There is also interest in exploring ways the private and philanthropic sectors might support efforts to improve access for residents, especially those without financial means to purchase tickets.

***Recommended SFVCOG Actions:***

- a. Inquire as to the status of single payer systems and unified ticketing at Metro and local agencies and advocate for systems that are compatible across agencies, or at minimum, can work together seamlessly to support easier access for riders.
- b. Advocate for ticket buying programs for local governments in LA County to allow bulk buys for residents of specific jurisdictions to specific events.

**3. Mobility – Regional access via key transit lines, shuttles, and bike/pedestrian connections.**

Mobility was a central focus of the Ad Hoc Committee, and given the SFVCOG’s geographic expanse and traffic conditions, the need for multi-modal access and seamless connections to venues and viewing sites was flagged as critical. Projects such as the G (Orange) Line Improvements, LA Riverway, and NoHo-Pasadena BRT were identified as critical assets. The Committee has also discussed potential shuttle hubs solutions to support Olympic mobility needs.

*Recommended SFVCOG Actions:*

- a. Advocate for the completion of key Metro Measure M projects in the San Fernando Valley by 2028, including G Line improvements and the NoHo to Pasadena BRT.
- b. Support advancement of the SFVCOG's prioritized MCP Project List and Metro's 28x28 initiative projects in the region.
- c. Promote major regional mobility assets such as the Antelope Valley Line (Metrolink) improvements and the LA RiverWay, including the bike path and Mobility Hub in the SFV.
- d. Advocate for mobility services and service hour enhancements for transit services from SFVCOG members to LA28 Mobility Hubs and key network hubs, such as the North Hollywood Mobility Hub, the Chatsworth Mobility Hub, and Union Station.
- e. Advocate for and support active transportation projects that will connect to regional networks and mobility hubs to access the Games.
- f. Support for the use of local volunteers along transit lines and stations throughout the SFVCOG region.
- g. Advocate for free transit for Olympic volunteers serving within the SFVCOG region, which could serve as a cost incentive, reduce local traffic impacts, and ensure Valley-based volunteers are equitably supported.

**4. Economic Development –Leveraging Olympic planning to boost local businesses, nonprofits, and community organizations.**

Since Olympic-related planning presents a unique opportunity to support economic development across the SFVCOG region, there is particular interest in evaluating how viewing sites and mobility investments could generate local business activity and benefit nonprofits, small businesses, and community organizations.

*Recommended SFVCOG Actions:*

- a. Creating guides for visitors to explore regional assets, working with local chambers of commerce, tourism boards, and economic development offices of Member cities
- b. Promoting private viewing sites as well as the areas to visit around them
- c. Explore establishing "Hospitality Houses" in the SFVCOG region
- d. Promote local training facilities to visiting teams and promote local visitation to those activities

**5. Legacy planning ensures local benefit and long-term impact from the Games.**

The Ad Hoc Committee underscored the importance of ensuring that Olympic-related investments lead to long-term benefits for the San Fernando Valley region. The Committee identified a lack of a formalized legacy investment document and recommended future work to define goals around cultural infrastructure, workforce development, and transportation equity beyond 2028.

*Recommended SFVCOG Actions:*

- a. Create a legacy document for the SFVCOG outlining the goals for LA28 Legacy for the SFVCOG region
- b. Partner with member governments, Metro, the City of Los Angeles, other LA28 partners, and LA28 to advance these legacy goals

**Key Approaches for the SFVCOG 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games**

1. Establish a standing working group of member jurisdictions staff to meet on a regular basis to address these key issues areas and recommendations above.
2. Convene topic- and region-specific working groups for the above areas to best achieve success for the region
3. Host information sessions for the public to offer opportunities to engage
4. Convene elected officials from member jurisdictions to share ideas/approaches based on issues that arise requiring coordination



## San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

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DATE: July 14, 2025

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director

**RE: Homeless Initiative Regional Coordination and Public Institution Partnership Strategy**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. *Authorize staff to proceed with the development of a funding agreement and scope of work with the College of the Canyons to coordinate with the five San Fernando Valley community colleges to implement a coordinated regional approach to address homelessness among college students, in accordance with County guidelines for Contract No. HI-23-007.*
2. *Delegate authority to the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the College of the Canyons, subject to approval as to form by Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for the general purpose of serving as fiscal agent and regional coordinator for this student homelessness regional coordination initiative. The contract will cover activities including resource development, data collection, and cross-campus collaboration, consistent with the County's contract terms and regional project objectives.*

### **BACKGROUND**

Following direction from the SFVCOG Ad Hoc Homeless Committee, staff has engaged with the five community colleges within the SFVCOG region: College of the Canyons, Los Angeles Mission College, Los Angeles Pierce College, Los Angeles Valley College, and Glendale Community College to form a collaborative consortium. This partnership will focus on regional homeless coordination efforts specifically targeted at college student populations, with allowable uses of funds under the current County contract.

College of the Canyons has offered to serve as the lead agency and fiscal sponsor for the project, coordinating with the other colleges to distribute funds and implement activities. Per County guidance, funds may not be used for direct services (e.g., food pantries or housing vouchers) unless implemented as part of a replicable demonstration project. However, funds may be used to support housing navigators, facilitate inter-campus coordination, and create tools and systems for sustainable regional collaboration that could potentially be replicated in other regions.

Initial concepts under review include:

- Hiring a regional housing coordinator to support all five campuses.
- Developing a homelessness resource toolkit, to centralize and update local service options.

- Hosting monthly coordination meetings to share best practices and streamline access to services across campuses.
- Creating a data dashboard to collect metrics on student homelessness and identify service gaps.
- Building partnerships with local cities (e.g., Burbank, Santa Clarita, San Fernando, and Los Angeles) to ensure cross-sector alignment.

The goal is to finalize a grant contract with its scope of work by fall and present an updated report to the Board by October 6, 2025. This project will serve as a regional model of innovation and collaboration for addressing student homelessness.

#### **CURRENT POSITIONS**

The SFVCOG has a contract (Contract No. HI-23-007) with the County of Los Angeles to do this work.



## San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

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DATE: July 7, 2025

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director

### **RE: BYLAW REVIEW FOR BUDGET VOTING**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*Amend the SFVCOG Joint Powers Authority Agreement ("JPA Agreement") to allow for a majority vote of the Board for budget matters.*

#### **BACKGROUND**

The SFVCOG is governed by its Joint Powers Authority Agreement that was first adopted in 2010 and subsequently amended in 2014 and then in 2024. While the last update in 2024 was lengthy in discussion regarding the establishment of quorum, ultimately the board decided to leave quorum requirements as set forth in the 2014 update.

This last year, it came to light that in order to pass the annual budget – which requires a supermajority – we could only have two absences and then a unanimous vote. With the dynamic nature of the SFVCOG members and alternates, this has proven to be a problem, and this year required a special meeting in order to pass the budget.

Recognizing this, and that for the near future it appears that the budget will remain less than \$150,000, it is recommended that the JPA Agreement be amended to require a simple majority for budget matters.

Proposed Change to JPA Agreement:

*Section 8. Board Actions- Meetings, C. Voting, 3:*

*Delete the following: "A super majority vote of the Board is required for matters affecting ~~the budget of the SFVCOG~~; Membership, suspension or removal from the SFVCOG"*

#### **CURRENT POSITIONS**

Currently, the JPA Agreement requires a supermajority of the board to amend the Agreement. A supermajority is comprised of a majority of the Board (as defined as "at least: three Representatives of the City of Los Angeles; one Representative of the County of Los Angeles; and two Representatives of cities other than the City of Los Angeles") and a total of at least 10 (ten) votes.





## San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

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DATE: July 8, 2025  
TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director  
RE: **2025 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 Streets and Highways Subcommittee**

*Appointee:* Wendell Johnson, Public Works Director, City of San Fernando (April 2025)

*Alternate:* [vacant]

*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, City of Burbank (March 2017)

#### **League of CA Cities Representative**

Mayor Mary Mendoza, City of San Fernando (October 2024)

*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:**

Vice Mayor Mary Solorio, San Fernando (06/22/23)



*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.

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DATE: June 24, 2025  
TO: San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (SFVCOG)  
FROM: Matthew Szabo, City Administrative Officer *Matthew Szabo*  
SUBJECT: Results of the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments  
Request for Proposals for Executive Director Services

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Select Stratiscope, Inc. for the provision of executive director services, including directing and managing the business affairs of the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (SFVCOG) for a term of two years with one two-year extension option, and two one-year extension options, not to exceed \$150,000 per year; and,
2. Request the Counsel to begin negotiations with Stratiscope, Inc. for the services outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) (Attachment 1).

SUMMARY

The SFVCOG is a Joint Powers Authority composed of the cities of Burbank, Glendale, Los Angeles, San Fernando, and Santa Clarita, and the County of Los Angeles. The SFVCOG serves as an agency to represent and advocate on behalf of the San Fernando Valley subregion with regional, state, and federal agencies. Pursuant to Section 4(C) of the SFVCOG's bylaws, all RFPs must adhere to the City of Los Angeles' procurement requirements and guidelines. The SFVCOG requested that the City of Los Angeles administer the procurement process for the Executive Director Services RFP. On March 26, 2025, the Office of the City Administrative Officer's Office of Procurement (CAO) released the RFP (Attachment 1).

The RFP solicited proposals from qualified individuals or firms to provide executive director services for the SFVCOG. The Executive Director will manage the SFVCOG's business operations, support the Board of Directors, facilitate regional cooperation among member jurisdictions, and carry out administrative and strategic duties aligned with the SFVCOG's mission. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

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