Union Station Leads SGV Coordinated Entry System

The award winning programs offered by the Union Station Homeless Services are being expanded to communities throughout the San Gabriel Valley through partnerships with the United Way and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Union Station will serve as the lead agency for the region’s Coordinated Entry System (CES) and the Homeless Family Solutions System (HFSS), a regional collaborative effort to match homeless individuals and families to the correct services and housing. More than 50 social services agencies operating in the region are supporting this effort to end chronic, veteran and family homelessness.

Founded in 1973 by a group of community volunteers, Union Station was opened as a hospitality center to serve poor and homeless men in downtown Pasadena. Since then, Union Station has grown and is now recognized as part of a premier group of human services agencies in Los Angeles County that are leading the way to ending homelessness in our community. Union Station is the San Gabriel Valley’s largest social service agency assisting homeless and very low-income adults and families. Union Station has helped rebuild the lives of thousands of people who were once homeless and without hope.

Union Station will work with its 52 partner agencies to offer a continuum of programs and services, including street outreach, intake and assessment, care coordination and navigation, housing, and referrals to medical and mental health services, among other services, in seven locations in the San Gabriel Valley. These services will now be available to the cities in the San Gabriel Valley.

Over the next several months, the SGVCOG staff will be working with Union Station representatives to coordinate a series of workshops and training programs for local elected and appointed officials, as well as employees from law enforcement, fire, human services and recreation departments to educate them on the various programs and services available and how to access services. Workshops will also be scheduled for representatives of religious organizations, schools and other community based groups to engage these groups in referring individuals and families in need of service.

For more information on the programs and services offered by the Union Station Homeless Services, please visit www.unionstationhs.org.
Executive Director’s Report

Over the last two years, significant strides have been made to restore the credibility and reputation of the SGVCOG and rebuild the trust of the member agencies.

The SGVCOG is increasingly viewed as a leader in this region in transportation, sustainability, and economic development. The best practices and strategies implemented over the last two years have established a firm foundation and positioned the SGVCOG to sustain this positive momentum.

I appreciate the opportunity to have served the San Gabriel Valley, and look forward to continuing to work with and support the efforts of the SGVCOG in my new role with the City of Covina. Thank you for the support, encouragement, and commitment to moving the SGVCOG forward. I wish each of you, the cities and agencies in the San Gabriel Valley, and the SGVCOG continued success.

Cap-and-Trade Funding Still Available

More than $800 million of revenues from California’s Cap-and-Trade program was allocated in fiscal year 2014-15 for transportation, clean energy, sustainable communities, and waste diversion programs that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has established a cap on the overall GHG emissions power plants, oil refineries, and large factories can emit and issues allowances equal to this cap, which is reduced each year. One allowance equals one metric ton of GHGs. Each regulated entity receives a designated number of allowances, equal to its allowed emissions. If a regulated entity requires more allowances to meet its emissions, it can reduce its emissions, trade with other regulated entities, or purchase emissions at these State-run auctions. These auctions are held quarterly, and the funding from these revenues is used to fund GHG-reducing programs.

Cap and-Trade is just one of the programs underway to help the state meet the goal reduce his GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, in accordance with the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32).

Congratulations to all cities that participated in the 2015 Rose Parade! Two cities were recognized as Award Winners:

Founders’ Most Beautiful Float Decorated by Volunteers from a Community or Organization:
City of La Canada-Flintridge

Mayors’ Most Outstanding City Entry:
City of Sierra Madre

Remaining 2014-15 Cap-and-Trade Opportunities

Transport & Intercity Rail Program
Total FY 2014-15 Funding: $25 million
Eligible Applicants: Public Agencies or JPs that operate transit.
Funding for: Improving connectivity between existing and future rail systems
Expected Schedule: Call for Projects release expected in February 2015

Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities
Total FY 2014-15 Funding: $130 million
Eligible Applicants: Local governments, developers, transit agencies
Funding for: Transit-oriented developments and planning that incorporate affordable housing.
Expected Schedule: Application Workshop on February 6, 2015
More information: http://sgc.ca.gov/s_ahscprogram.php

Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings
Total FY 2014-15 Funding: $20 million
Eligible Applicants: Local agencies
Funding for: 0% and 1% loans for energy audits and energy retrofits.
Expected Schedule: Now open.
More information: http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/financing/

Low-Income Weatherization Program
Total FY 2014-15 Funding: $75 million
Eligible Applicants: Low-income residents
Funding for: Installing energy efficiency and solar energy projects
Expected Schedule: Now open.
More information: http://www.csd.ca.gov/Services/FindServicesinYourArea.aspx
San Gabriel Valley Mobility Matrix Moves Forward

The San Gabriel Valley has undertaken a groundbreaking effort to utilize its transportation guiding principles to identify a list of regional transportation priorities. Over the last 6 months, the consultant team and Project Development Team, chaired by ACE CEO Mark Christoffels and made up of representatives from SGV cities and staff from Metro, Metrolink, Caltrans, and the LA County Supervisors’ Offices, has reached out to all cities in the region to collect information about all regional transportation projects in their cities. Through this process, 269 projects and programs were identified in 10 categories:

The effort also included the development of a Baseline Conditions Report that established baseline transportation conditions, including projects recently completed, under construction, or funded and an overview of the study area’s demographics and transportation facilities. An analysis of interregional traffic patterns and projected future traffic patterns, right, was also completed.

The impact of each of the proposed projects is being evaluated based on the following 6 categories:

◊ Mobility
◊ Safety
◊ Sustainability
◊ Economy
◊ State of Good Repair
◊ Accessibility

Once the mobility matrix is completed, it will be presented to the SGV Transportation Committee and Governing Board in March 2015. The San Gabriel Valley Mobility Matrix will provide the SGVCOG with a comprehensive of regionally-significant projects as well as a high level assessment of their benefits. This is the first time that the SGV will have this information collated into a single document.

Important Dates

The Mobility Matrix will be discussed at the following meetings:

February 19, 2015; 8:30 a.m.: Project Development Team Meeting
March 4, 2015, 3:00 p.m.: Transportation Meeting
March 19, 2015; 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting

San Gabriel Valley Mobility Matrix and the Potential Ballot Measure

The core process being used to develop the San Gabriel Valley Mobility Matrix supports Metro’s exploration of a potential ballot measure and supports the development of the next Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Potential Ballot Measure Core Process:
◊ Determine geographic equity
◊ Develop polling and project/program prioritizations
◊ Develop companion revenue assumptions

LRTP Core Process:
◊ Undertake post-ballot measure consensus planning

Over the next six months, all of these processes will continue to move forward. Metro will begin polling, an Expenditure Plan analysis, and explore a potential ballot measure. Metro will also initiate travel demand modeling, financial modeling, and develop system performance analyses to prepare for the plan development.
SGV Cities Succeed in the ATP

Congratulations to the five cities and school districts in the San Gabriel Valley that were successful in their grant applications for the State’s Active Transportation Program, for projects that increase non-motorized trips and provide for active transportation. The following San Gabriel Valley projects were funded in the ATP:

**El Monte City School District**
*Project:* Durfee-Thompson Elementary Emerald Necklace Walking School Bus
*Funding:* $604,000
*Description:* Expand the existing Walking School Bus program.

**City of Baldwin Park**
*Project:* Maine Avenue Complete Streets Improvement
*Funding:* $2.2 million
*Description:* Create a complete street on Maine Avenue, removing two vehicle travel lanes to add Class II bike lanes and adding pedestrian improvements.

**City of Covina**
*Project:* Covina Bicycle Network
*Funding:* $839,000
*Description:* Construct a variety of bicycle network improvements, including additional Class II bike lanes.

**City of Duarte**
*Project:* Duarte Gold Line Station Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements
*Funding:* $1.3 million
*Description:* Install bike lanes and provide signage to increase connections to the new Gold Line station.

**City of Pomona**
*Project:* Priority Implementation for Downtown Bike & Pedestrian Improvements
*Funding:* $2.0 million
*Description:* Design and construct new bikeways and improve pedestrian safety at major intersections.

SGVCOG Updates its Strategic Plan

The SGVCOG held its Strategic Planning Session on January 12, 2015. Governing Board Delegates and Alternates from 20 cities and City Managers from 15 cities attended the workshop, participating in large and small group discussions about the SGVCOG’s future goals and objectives in the Environment, Water, Economic Development, Housing, and Transportation areas. The SGVCOG’s consultants from McIntyre-St. Clair are currently compiling the information collected.

The draft update will be presented at committees in the next few months and will then be presented to the Governing Board for review and approval, which is expected in March or April 2015.
ACE Update

Baldwin Avenue Underpass Completed

Officials gathered on January 23, 2015, to mark the completion of major construction on roadway underpass and a two-track railroad bridge carrying freight trains over Baldwin Avenue in the City of El Monte.

The highway-rail grade separation is used daily by 18 freight trains, projected to increase to 40 trains by 2025 and to 59 trains if the route is double-tracked by the railroad. The Federal Railroad Administration has logged two train-vehicle collisions at the crossing over the last 10 years.

The $76.7 million project was funded in partnership by Federal and state agencies, Los Angeles County Metro and Union Pacific Railroad.

"Goods movement is crucial to our regional economy, and projects like the Baldwin Avenue grade separation increase reliability and safety for freight trains and road users alike," said Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti. "This project is another example of how we put our sales tax funds to work for the benefit of the entire region."

SGVEWP Status Update

3 projects completed
146,657 kWh saved
$22,180 in incentives for cities

SGVEWP Featured Project

City of Pomona Reaches Gold

The City of Pomona is the eighth city in the San Gabriel Valley to reach Gold in the SGVEWP’s Energy Leader Model.

Since 2006, the City of Pomona has reduced its municipal energy usage by more than 2.2 million kilowatt-hours (kWh), a reduction of ten percent. The City has completed a number of significant municipal projects, including converting more than 4,000 of its city-owned streetlights from high-pressure sodium to induction lighting, completing water pumping projects, and installing variable speed drives on the pool pumps at two of its two municipal pools.

The City has encouraged its residents to undertake energy efficiency projects in their homes as well, which has resulted in a community energy savings reduction of more than five percent. The City is also planning for the future, with its adoption of an Energy Action Plan as a part of the City’s Green Plan.

Congratulations to the City of Pomona for reaching Gold Level!
Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, February 4, 12:00 noon
City Managers’ Steering Committee
11333 Valley Blvd; El Monte, CA

Thursday, February 12, 3:30 p.m.
Water Committee/TAC
725 N. Azusa Ave; Azusa, CA

Thursday, February 19, 4:00 p.m.
Transportation
602 E. Huntington Dr; Monrovia, CA

Thursday, February 19, 6:00 p.m.
Governing Board
602 E. Huntington Dr; Monrovia, CA

Monday, February 23, 12:00 noon
Public Works TAC
211 E. Huntington Dr; Arcadia, CA

Monday, February 23, 12:00 noon
HCED Committee
119 W. Palm Ave; Monrovia, CA

Monday, February 23, 12:00 noon
HCED Committee
119 W. Palm Ave; Monrovia, CA

Wednesday, February 25, 3:30 p.m.
EENR Committee
600 S. Mountain Ave; Monrovia, CA

Thursday, February 26, 11:30 a.m.
Pomona Gold Level Celebration
499 E. Arrow Highway; Pomona, CA

Thursday, February 26, 12:00 noon
Planners TAC
119 W. Palm Ave; Monrovia, CA

These meetings are open to the public, and you are encouraged to attend to find out more about what’s going on at the COG. More information about the current issues being discussed by the committees can be found on page 4. Current agendas can also be found at http://www.sgvcog.org/#!meeting-agendas/c5sa.