



AGENDA/NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
CAPITAL PROJECTS AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE  
**SPECIAL MEETING**



**Thursday, June 20, 2024 – 3:00PM**

**1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016**

**CHAIR**

**Tim Hepburn**

Mayor, City of La Verne  
SGVCOG President

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**Ed Reece**

Mayor, City of Claremont  
SGVCOG 1st Vice  
President

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**Hon. Hilda Solis**

LA County Supervisor  
District 1

**Cory Moss**

Mayor, City of Industry  
ACE City  
SGVCOG 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice  
President

**Ruth Low**

Councilmember, City of  
Diamond Bar

**Sean Dang**

Councilmember, City of  
Rosemead

**David Torres**

Councilmember, City of  
Montebello  
ACE City

**Tim Sandoval**

Mayor, City of Pomona  
ACE City

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**MEETINGS:** *Regular Meetings of the Committee are held on the first Monday of each month at 11:00 AM at the SGVCOG board room, 1333 S. Mayflower Ave., Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016.* The agenda packet is available at the SGVCOG's Office, 1333 S. Mayflower Ave., Suite 360, Monrovia CA, and on the website, [www.sgvkog.org](http://www.sgvkog.org). Copies of the agenda are available via email upon request ([sgv@sgvcog.org](mailto:sgv@sgvcog.org)). A copy of the agenda is also posted for public viewing at the entrance of the SGVCOG office. Any additional agenda documents that are distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting of the agenda will be available for review in the SGVCOG office during normal business hours and on the SGVCOG website noted above.

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**AGENDA ITEMS:** The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar.



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City of Pomona Chuck Bader Conference Room 505 S. Garey Ave. Pomona, CA 91767	County of Los Angeles 500 W Temple St Suite 856 Los Angeles, CA 90012	City of Industry 15625 Mayor Dave Way City of Industry, CA 91744
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## **PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

4. Capital Projects and Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2024 (*Pages 4-5*)  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Capital Projects and Construction Committee meeting minutes from April 1, 2024.*
5. Adoption of Plans, Specifications and Estimate for the Montebello Corridor Improvements Project (*Pages 6-7*)  
*Recommended Action: Authorize the Executive Director to adopt the plans, specifications, and estimate for the Montebello At-Grade Railroad Safety Crossing Improvements Project (Vail Ave., Maple Ave., and Greenwood Ave.) and authorize staff to solicit bids for the project.*
6. Approval of Southern California Edison Facility Relocation Agreement for the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project (*Pages 8-9*)  
*Recommended Action: Authorize the Executive Director to execute the Southern California Edison (SCE) Facility Relocation Agreement (FRA) and future amendments to the FRA for the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project.*
7. Approval of Montebello Corridor Improvements Project Construction and Maintenance Agreement (*Pages 10-11*)  
*Recommended Action: Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Construction and Maintenance Agreement and future amendments with Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Montebello for the Montebello At-Grade Railroad Safety Crossing Improvements Project (Vail Ave., Maple Ave., and Greenwood Ave.).*
8. Approval of Election of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair (*Page 12*)  
*Recommend Action: Elect the following CPCC Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2024-2025 (effective July 1, 2024):* Chair: Tim Hepburn, City of La Verne  
Vice-Chair: Ed Reece, City of Claremont
9. I-605/ Valley Project (*Pages 13-16*)  
*Recommend Action: Receive and file.*
10. Approval to Execute Measure M MSP Funding Agreement with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) for the Pomona At-Grade Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvement Project (*Pages 17-18*)  
*Recommendation Action: Authorize the Executive Director to execute the Measure M MSP Funding agreement with LA Metro in the not-to-exceed amount of \$10,683,000 and to execute subsequent amendments to the Measure M MSP Funding agreement with LA Metro for the Pomona At-Grade Pedestrian Crossings Safety Improvement Project*

## **UPDATE ITEMS**

11. Director of Capital Projects Monthly Report (*Pages 19-23*)
12. Announcements/ Member Comments

## **CLOSED SESSION**

13. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).  
San Gabriel Council of Governments vs. Cruz, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No.: 19STCV35138

## **ADJOURNMENT**

SGVCOG Capital Projects & Construction Committee Unapproved Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2024

11:00 AM



**Capital Projects & Construction Committee Unapproved Meeting Minutes**

Date: April 1, 2024

Time: 11:00am

Location: 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Pledge of Allegiance  
Tim Sandoval led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Roll Call

**Members Present:**

Tim Hepburn, Chair, La Verne  
Ed Reece, Vice Chair, Claremont  
Ruth Low, Diamond Bar  
Cory Moss, Industry  
Becky Shevlin, Monrovia  
Tim Sandoval, Pomona  
Margaret Clark, Rosemead  
David Torres, Montebello  
Hilda Solis, LA County

**Members Absent:**

Sean Dang, Rosemead

**Staff/Guests:**

Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
David DeBerry, General Counsel  
Kevin Lai, Director of Capital Projects  
John Beshay, Senior Project Manager  
Carrie Inciong, Senior Project Manager  
Rene Coronel, Senior Project Manager  
Yanin Rivera, Management Analyst  
Stephanie Wong, Senior Management Analyst  
Johanna Read, Management Aide

**Guest:**

Natasha DeBenon, Ghirardelli Associates  
Ashley Rozatti-Kaiser, Association of General Contractors

3. Public Comment  
Ashley Rozatti-Kaiser, Director of Government Affairs for the Associated General Contractors of California, made a public comment.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

4. Capital Projects and Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2024  
*Action: Adopt Capital Projects and Construction Committee meeting minutes from February 5, 2024.*

SGVCOG Capital Projects & Construction Committee Unapproved Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2024

11:00 AM

5. Approval of Annual Contract Amendments FY24/25

Action: Authorize the Executive Director to approve five 1-year and two 4-year contract amendments for the following contracts for continuing support services needed to deliver the remaining ACE construction projects from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (FY24/25):

- *Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLC*      *Legal Counsel Services*      \$395,000
- *David Lang & Associates*      *Community Outreach*      \$39,752
- *HDR Engineering, Inc.*      *Property Acquisition*      \$1,599,018
- *Hunt, Ortman, Palffy, Nieves,*      *Legal Counsel Services*      \$41,000
- *Darling and Mah, Inc*
- *LSA Associates, Inc.*      *Environmental Svcs.*      \$160,395
- *Paragon Partners Consulting Inc*      *ROW Property Acquisition*      \$2,213,951
- *Stantec Consulting Services, Inc*      *Environmental Prog. Mngt.*      \$441,728

**There was a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.**

**(M/S: H. Solis, B. Shevlin) [Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	T. Hepburn, E. Reece, R. Low, C. Moss, B. Shevlin, M. Clark, A. Jimenez, T. Sandoval, H. Solis
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	S. Dang

**UPDATE ITEMS**

6. Director of Capital Projects Monthly Report  
K. Lai provided an update.
7. Active Construction Projects – Verbal Report  
Project Managers provided updates.
8. Chair’s Report  
Chair T. Hepburn provided an update.
9. General Counsel’s Report
10. Announcements/ Member Comments

**CLOSED SESSION**

4. Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
*Properties: Assessor Parcel Nos. 6374-015-902 and 6375-016-906 in City of Pico Rivera*  
*Agency Negotiator: Kevin Lai and Rene Coronel*  
*Negotiating Parties: SGVCOG and City of Pico Rivera*  
*Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment*
5. Conference with Legal Counsel  
*Anticipated Litigation pursuant to Govt. Code section 54956.9(d)(2)*  
Chair T. Hepburn indicated there was nothing to report.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 PM

# REPORT

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DATE: June 20, 2024

TO: Capital Projects and Construction Committee Members & Alternates

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ADOPTION OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATE FOR THE MONTEBELLO CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Authorize the Executive Director to adopt the plans, specifications, and estimate for the Montebello At-Grade Railroad Safety Crossing Improvements Project (Vail Ave., Maple Ave., and Greenwood Ave.) and authorize staff to solicit bids for the project.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Montebello At-Grade Railroad Safety Crossing Improvements Project are comprised of at-grade crossing safety improvements at Vail Avenue, Maple Avenue, and Greenwood Avenue in the City of Montebello, along the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Los Angeles Subdivision corridor. The at-grade crossings at Greenwood Avenue and Vail Avenue will serve as the official detour during the closure of Montebello Boulevard for the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project. It was necessary for the at-grade improvements to be removed from the overall Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project and to re-bid this component in order to secure funding from the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) Active Transportation Program (ATP).

Scope of Work: The project includes safety improvements that will be constructed for the at-grade intersections of the UPRR tracks at Vail Avenue, Maple Avenue, and Greenwood Avenue. These at-grade crossing safety improvements include the installation of pedestrian gates and railroad crossing gates, the construction of new medians, and traffic striping.

Montebello Boulevard will be temporarily closed while work on the bridges, retaining walls, and lowered roadway are underway for the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project; thus, traffic will be diverted to Greenwood Avenue and Vail Avenue during the closure.

Environmental Clearance: A Notice of Categorical Exemption for the Vail Avenue, Maple Avenue, and Greenwood Avenue at-grade crossing safety improvements was filed on February 20, 2024, satisfying the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Right-of-Way Acquisition: No acquisitions were needed for the construction of this project.

Utility Relocations: Electric, phone, fiber optic, water, gas and cable lines need to be relocated and will occur before, during, and after construction. All arrangements and any cost sharing of

franchise utility relocations have been established.

Union Pacific Railroad: A final Construction and Maintenance Agreement for the at-grade crossings is still pending and is expected to be executed in June 2024 between SGVCOG, UPRR, and the City of Montebello.


Public Utilities Commission: The California Public Utilities Commission granted authorization of the Montebello Grade Separation Project on October 6, 2020. A separate authorization for the Montebello At-Grade Railroad Safety Crossing Improvements Project will be obtained pending the design of signal systems by UPRR.

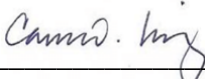
Estimated Contract Cost: The estimated value of this contract is \$4,600,000. This does not include other construction activities that are part of the project such as UPRR force account work and construction engineering costs.

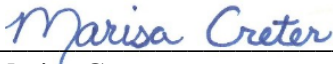
Contract Schedule: It is anticipated that the project will go out to bid in June 2024 and construction will begin shortly after a construction contract is executed in August 2024. Construction is expected to be completed by March 2025. The Small Business Enterprise goal for both the Montebello Grade Separation Project and the Montebello At-Grade Railroad Safety Crossing Improvements Project of 22.2 percent has been tentatively established for the construction contract, pending confirmation from the State.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

The Montebello At-Grade Improvements Project has been approved to receive funding from the State Active Transportation Program-Cycle 6 and is pending allocation at the June 2024 CTC meeting.

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Management Analyst

Reviewed by:   
Carrie Inciong, PE  
Senior Project Manager

Approved by:   
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

**ATTACHMENT**

[Attachment A: Title Sheet](#)

# REPORT

DATE: June 20, 2024

TO: Capital Projects and Construction Committee Members & Alternates

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **APPROVAL OF SCE FACILITY RELOCATION AGREEMENT FOR MONTEBELLO BOULEVARD GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to execute the Southern California Edison (SCE) Facility Relocation Agreement (FRA) and any future amendments to the FRA for the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project is located within the jurisdictions of the City of Montebello and Los Angeles County. The Project will improve safety by eliminating an at-grade railroad crossing, which will improve access to emergency services, improve mobility of both people and goods, and protect the environment.

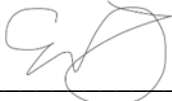
The Project includes the construction of a roadway underpass with Montebello Boulevard lowered beneath the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right-of-way and Olympic Boulevard; construction of a rail bridge structure for the UPRR Los Angeles Subdivision tracks, which currently consist of two mainline tracks; construction of a roadway bridge structure for Olympic Boulevard; interim and final safety improvements at the existing at-grade crossings of the UPRR tracks at Greenwood Avenue, Maple Avenue, and Vail Avenue; retaining walls; modifications to existing streets at the Montebello Boulevard/Montebello Way/Roosevelt Avenue intersection, and Truck Way south of the proposed grade separation; construction of frontage roads along Montebello Boulevard, between Olympic Boulevard and Los Angeles Street for residential access; construction of a pump station for drainage; installation of new traffic signals, roadway striping, road signs, landscaping, and architectural treatments.

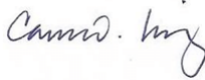
At the June 2023 meeting, the CPCC awarded the construction contract for the Project. In order to build the underpass and bridges, portions of SCE's transmission, distribution, and telecommunication facilities that are in conflict with the project must be relocated. The designs for the relocations, SCE's purview for the relocations, and SGVCOG's scope of work have been agreed upon by all parties. SGVCOG will be responsible for furnishing and installing conduits, vaults, and casing under the UPRR tracks. The rough cost estimate for SGVCOG's portion of the relocation work is \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. SGVCOG will execute this agreement when it is finalized and proceed with the needed work to construct the Project.



**FISCAL IMPACT**

The final cost of this relocation agreement is within the range of anticipated costs that have already been incorporated into the final project budget for the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project. Funding for this relocation agreement will be provided by the Project’s funding sources.

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Management Analyst

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Carrie Inciong, PE  
Senior Project Manager

Approved by:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

# REPORT

DATE: June 20, 2024

TO: Capital Projects and Construction Committee Members & Alternates

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **APPROVAL OF MONTEBELLO CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Construction and Maintenance Agreement and future amendments with Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Montebello for the Montebello At-Grade Railroad Safety Crossing Improvements Project (Vail Ave., Maple Ave., and Greenwood Ave.).

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2001, SGVCOG through the formal Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE), entered into a master agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of project underpasses. That agreement specifies general terms for designing and constructing these projects, and requires that ACE, UPRR, and any local agency having jurisdiction of the grade crossing enter into a specific Construction and Maintenance (C&M) Agreement prior to initiating construction.

The C&M Agreement will specify that the at-grade project will be in accordance with the approved plans. UPRR will accept ownership of all track improvements, pedestrian gates and railroad crossing gates. The City of Montebello will accept ownership of the at-grade improvements including the construction of new medians, and traffic striping. This Agreement will be similar to the agreements utilized for the other grade separation projects constructed by ACE as underpasses.

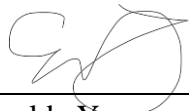
## **CURRENT ISSUES**

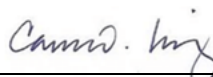
The SGVCOG will execute the final draft of the C&M Agreement upon receipt from UPRR. The City of Montebello will separately review and execute the Agreement. The Agreement must be fully executed by all parties as soon as possible in order to start work on the at-grade crossings so that Vail Avenue and Greenwood Avenue can serve as the official detour for the closure of Montebello Boulevard.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The purchase of permanent and temporary easements is included in the overall right of way costs for the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project. The construction costs for the proposed at-grade safety improvements are expected to be covered by ATP Cycle 6 funds. These funds are expected to be allocated in June 2024. Additionally, as of August 2022, Los Angeles County

Metropolitan Transportation Authority has been authorized to reach an agreement with SGVCOG for advancing local transportation sales tax measure funds sufficient to cover the costs to complete the project.

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Approved by:   
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

# REPORT

DATE: June 20, 2024

TO: Capital Projects and Construction Committee Members & Alternates

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Elect the following CPCC Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2024-2025 (effective July 1, 2024):

- Chair: Tim Hepburn, City of La Verne
- Vice-Chair: Ed Reece, City of Claremont


## **BACKGROUND**

Each fiscal year, SGVCOG committees elect a chair and vice-chair to preside over meetings and serve on the Executive Committee. Notice of the opportunity to serve as chair and vice-chair of CPCC was sent to all CPCC members.

The following members have requested consideration for the following seats:

- Chair: Tim Hepburn, City of La Verne
- Vice-Chair: Ed Reece, City of Claremont

Given that there was only one nomination received for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions, these candidates are being presented to the Committee for appointment with an effective date of office beginning July 1, 2024.

Prepared by:  \_\_\_\_\_

Yanin Rivera  
Management Analyst

Reviewed by:  \_\_\_\_\_

Kevin Lai  
Director of Capital Projects

Approved by:  \_\_\_\_\_

Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

# REPORT

DATE: June 20, 2024

TO: Capital Projects and Construction Committee Members & Alternates

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

**RE: I-605/VALLEY BLVD. PROJECT**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Receive and File.

## **BACKGROUND**

### *I-605/Valley Blvd. Project*

The I-605 is a major north-south Interstate freeway that accommodates interregional travel and goods movement. The corridor experiences significant congestion as a result of the heavy passenger and freight traffic that the I-605 supports. Therefore, a series of improvement projects have been identified by Metro, Caltrans, and local agencies to reduce congestion, improve safety, and provide relief to neighboring communities. Collectively, the improvements are known as the I-605 Hot Spots Program. While the majority of the Hot Spots are located in the Gateway Cities region, two of the improvement projects are located in the City of Industry.<sup>1</sup> These are the SR-60/7th Ave. Interchange Improvement<sup>2</sup> and I-605/Valley Blvd. Interchange Improvement projects.

The I-605/Valley Blvd. Project has been identified as a priority project by Metro because the area surrounding the interchange currently experiences significant congestion and operational deficiencies caused by heavy truck traffic, and higher than statewide average collision rates for comparable facilities as per the latest Caltrans TASAS Selective Accident Retrieval Report. Between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2018, 1,052 collisions on the I-605 mainline segments and 74 collisions on the freeway ramps were reported. Over the past 10 years, three incidents resulting in two fatalities and three injuries were reported at the Temple Avenue at-grade railroad crossing in close proximity to the subject interchange. Operational deficiencies are forecasted to increase and exacerbate existing safety and traffic concerns if nothing is done. Therefore, the I-605/Valley Blvd. Project was envisioned to improve the freeway and local interchange/arterial operations and safety, and reduce congestion by providing additional ramp lanes, widening ramp lanes to accommodate large truck wheel paths, providing standard ramp shoulder widths, and improving horizontal stopping sight distances.

Advancement of the Project has been made possible through a collaboration of Metro, Caltrans, the City of Industry, Gateway Cities Council of Governments (Gateway COG), and San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG). Metro has undertaken the design phase of the project and staff anticipate that the project will be ready for construction sometime in the spring of 2025. Therefore, it is necessary for the relevant agencies to enter into agreements to coordinate the funding and work plan for project construction.

<sup>1</sup> The City of Industry is a member of both the San Gabriel Valley and the Gateway Cities subregions.

<sup>2</sup> Metro has halted the SR-60/7th Ave. project due to funding concerns.

To date, Gateway COG Measure R funds, in the amount of \$5,289,700, have been programmed to support the design and environmental phases of the Project. The Measure M funding assigned to the I-605 Hot Spots Program has not yet been programmed by Gateway COG for this project or any others. Given that this Project is scheduled to advance ahead of the other Hot Spots, Gateway COG will not be contributing funds to the construction phase of the Project.

### *Past SGVCOG Action*

On September 17, 2020 the SGVCOG Governing Board unanimously (29-0) approved the following action:

*Approve an advance/loan of future Measure M Subregional Programs (MSP) funding for the I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Project and assign this project to the Capital Projects and Construction Committee. (Attachment A)*

The staff report explained that the design of the I-605/Valley Blvd. Project, along with the SR-60/7<sup>th</sup> Avenue project, would be completed in the following year (2021). The report noted that SGVCOG would deliver the Project on behalf of Metro, similar to the arrangement for the 57/60 Confluence Project. It also explained that Measure M MSP Highway Efficiency funds would not be available until 2048. Because of the way that Measure M was structured, SGVCOG has limited access to MSP funds and the annual allocations increase significantly over the years. This creates a substantial barrier to SGVCOG's ability to self-fund the project through direct programming. Hence the need to loan and make repayments using future MSP funds in order to meet immediate cashflow needs for the Project. Therefore, staff had begun to negotiate a borrowing mechanism with Metro that would allow the subregion to advance these MSP funds and make repayments using future allocated funds. The proposed advance would have been for \$36.9 million with a seven-year repayment period, which was intended to cover the full project cost.<sup>3</sup>

At the time of the 2020 action, SGVCOG staff had anticipated that work on the I-605/Valley Blvd. Project would begin in 2022, and the then-SGVCOG Chief Engineer was working with Metro staff to advance the needed construction funds. However, there were delays in the right of way (ROW) and environmental clearance phases, which resulted in the cost of the project to increase. The Project was put on hold until additional funding could be secured. Metro staff then submitted a Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) application in 2022, and asked the SGVCOG to submit a [letter](#) indicating that the SGVCOG could provide the required match. Based on the Governing Board action taken in September 2020, SGVCOG staff submitted that letter, with the caveat that a mechanism would need to be developed to allow the SGVCOG to advance future MSP funding to provide that match. Metro was awarded \$33.57 million under the TCEP program in 2023, requiring a match of \$14.38M (which was less than the SGVCOG Board approved funding of \$36.9M). Metro intends to request a 12-month grant allocation time extension from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) at their May meeting because construction of the Project will not begin this fiscal year as originally contemplated. Metro will return to the CTC to seek allocation of their award sometime in late 2024 or early 2025, allowing the project to move

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<sup>3</sup> A similar borrowing mechanism was also proposed and approved by Metro Board in 2022 to advance \$61.1 million in MSP funds for the SGVCOG's Montebello Corridor Project.

to construction following the completion of the current PS&E phase.

### *Current Funding Status*

SGVCOG is currently negotiating an agreement to loan or advance subregional Measure M funds (MSP) to support both the remaining Alameda Corridor-East (ACE grade) separation projects and the I-605/Valley Boulevard Project. This will allow SGVCOG to meet the match need for this project's TCEP grant and to cover additional project costs, an estimated \$6-10 million more, and move to construction.

### *Updated Project Timeline & Cost Estimates*

The major anticipated milestones for the I-605/Valley Blvd. Project are as follows:

ROW Certification Date:	11/29/2024
Ready to List:	12/12/2024
*Start Construction:	5/19/2025
*End Construction (Substantial Completion):	1/11/2027
*End Plant Establishment Period:	1/10/2028

\*=SGVCOG-led

Metro's original anticipated raw cost for the project was \$44,037,088. The revised total projected cost estimate from Metro is \$54,102,000. Due to recent market conditions and bid trends, staff anticipate this number may be higher and therefore are planning for a suitable contingency. This has been incorporated into the proposed MSP loan agreement that is currently under negotiation.

At its March 2024 meeting, the Metro Board adopted a Resolution of Necessity (RON) presented by staff to acquire the two vacant parcels on Valley Boulevard that are needed for the Project. If a negotiated agreement cannot be reached, Metro will acquire the Fox property (i.e. the two vacant parcels) by condemnation. Negotiations are underway to obtain the remaining ROW (easements, etc.) that are needed for the Project.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Through the 2020 action, SGVCOG staff already have authorization to negotiate and advance or loan of MSP funds to support the Project and have accepted the Project into the CPCC work plan. However, due to project delays, several years have passed without progress on the Project. As discussed, Metro staff have now secured TCEP funding and the design phase of work is coming to a close. Now that the Project is poised to move to construction and SGVCOG will take over as the project implementer, staff are bringing the item back to the Governing Board.

In order for staff to advance the project and proceed with the proposed loan of MSP funding, staff recommends that the Governing Board re-affirm and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute funding, implementation, and construction agreements with partner agencies. This will include agreements with Metro and Los Angeles County to construct the Project, utilize the awarded TCEP funds, and secure MSP loan funds. It is also critical that, should there be challenges executing necessary funding or implementation agreements, the Executive Director have the authority to pause or modify the scope of the Project in order to safeguard the financial position of

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SGVCOG. Any consultant contracts that exceed \$250,000 will be brought to CPCC for consideration of approval.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – September 17, 2020 Governing Board Action](#)

[Attachment B – SGVCOG TCEP Match Letter](#)



# REPORT

DATE: June 20, 2024

TO: Capital Projects and Construction Committee Members & Alternates

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **APPROVAL TO EXECUTE MEASURE M MSP FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) FOR THE POMONA AT-GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

- 1) Authorize the Executive Director to execute the Measure M MSP Funding agreement with LA Metro in the not-to-exceed amount of \$10,683,000 for the Pomona At-Grade Pedestrian Crossings Safety Improvement Project
- 2) Authorize the Executive Director to execute subsequent amendments to the Measure M MSP Funding agreement with LA Metro for the Pomona At-Grade Pedestrian Crossings Safety Improvement Project

## **BACKGROUND**

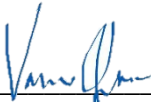
Measure M was approved by Los Angeles County voters in 2016. The no sunset half-cent sales tax measure funds projects that ease traffic, repair local streets and sidewalks, expand public transportation, earthquake retrofit bridges and subsidize transit fares for students, seniors and persons with disabilities. Measure M partially funds various Metro projects and makes funding available to local jurisdictions like the Metro Subregional Program (MSP).

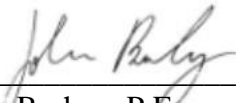
In June 2018, Metro adopted the Measure M Guidelines to establish a process by which subregional funds under Measure M would be programmed by the subregions' respective entities. The SGVCOG was subsequently tasked with programming and administering the MSP funds through the development of multi-year subregional fund programming plans in the San Gabriel Valley.

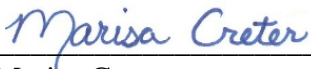
On May 25, 2023, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) programmed \$10,683,000 in Measure M funds for the ACE Pomona At-Grade Pedestrian Crossings Safety Improvements Project and Others. These funds will be available for various project stages including Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E), Right-of-Way (ROW), and Construction (CON). The funds are currently programmed as follows: \$5,669,000 in Measure M funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 and \$5,014,000 in FY 2025-26.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Per the funding agreement, the MSP funds will be allocated as follows: \$5,669,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25; \$5,014,000 in FY 2025-26.

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**ATTACHMENT**

[Attachment A: Funding Agreement](#)

# REPORT

DATE: June 20, 2024

TO: Capital Projects and Construction Committee Members & Alternates

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **DIRECTOR OF CAPITAL PROJECTS' MONTHLY REPORT**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Receive and file.

## **BACKGROUND**

Each month committee members receive an update on key programs. Committee members may contact staff for clarifications on any of the reported items prior to the scheduled meeting. The following are items of note since the last meeting:

### **I. PROJECTS**

#### **Diamond Bar Golf Course Renovation Project**

Construction at the Diamond Bar Golf course has been completed as of December 2023. Staff has been coordination with Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation staff on handing over maintenance and responsibility of the Golf Course to Los Angeles County in January 2024. Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation opened the Golf Course to the Public in April of 2024.

#### **Montebello Corridor Project**

The contractor is continuing roadway work on Greenwood Avenue and Montebello Way. Utility relocations are underway along the future alignment of the west and east frontage roads. SGVCOG is awaiting the completion of UPRR signal design at Vail Avenue, Maple Avenue, and Greenwood Avenue, and the Construction and Maintenance Agreement for these three at-grade crossings. Preparations are underway for the establishment of a temporary detour through surrounding jurisdictions, which will enable the closure of Montebello Boulevard/Montebello Way beginning on July 8, 2024. The groundbreaking ceremony has been scheduled for July 10, 2024. Staff held a community open house on April 18, 2024, met with Montebello Fire Department to discuss project updates, coordinated with Montebello Bus Lines on project impacts to their services, met with the Montebello City Manager and Department Heads, and will provide a verbal update to the Montebello City Council in the coming weeks.

#### **Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project**

UPRR construction crews have completed construction of the new mainline tracks. However, cutover of rail traffic from the temporary shoo-fly to the new mainline tracks has been deferred pending resolution of Kinder Morgan's (KM) concerns over the safety of their high-pressure fuel line that crosses under the UPRR tracks.

In mid-April, KM instructed UPRR to postpone the cutover of rail freight traffic on to the new mainline tracks until the structural integrity and strength of the casing protecting the fuel line can be verified. SGVCOG has provided KM with engineering calculations to demonstrate the load on the pipeline casing is safe.

### **La Verne Gold Line Pedestrian Bridge Project**

The SGVCOG has initiated the process for the additional Preliminary Environmental Studies (PES) requested by Caltrans. These studies include Hazardous Waste: ISA Phase 1 and Phase 2, Visual: Memorandum, and Cultural: APE, HPSR, ASR. These studies are essential for assessing the environmental impact and ensuring compliance with state regulations. The City of La Verne continues to actively coordinate with the Fairplex Goldline project. The SGVCOG has been awarded \$16,000,000 for the La Verne Gold Line Pedestrian Bridge by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2023-2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG).

### **Turnbull Canyon Grade Separation Project**

The project is making steady progress in key preparatory areas during the Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP). The contractor OHLA is in the process of securing field offices in preparation for the start of construction. Potential locations have been identified to satisfy all the requirements in the contract. Coordination with utility companies is ongoing to ensure that all necessary utility adjustments are made prior to the start of construction. Regular meetings will continue to be held to prevent project delays. The acquisitions for Right-of-Way (ROW) is in the final stages. The ROW team has been working diligently with property owners to resolve any outstanding concerns and securing the necessary agreements.

### **State Route 57/60 Interchange Improvements Project**

Construction for the SR 57/60 Interchange Improvements continues. Contractor is currently working on construction of retaining walls along northbound SR-57 and eastbound SR-60, sanitary sewer relocations along Golden Springs Drive, and utility relocations along Grand Avenue.

## **II. COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE**

The following project outreach activities were conducted:

### **Fairway Drive Grade Separation**

#### **Inquiries:**

- Total: 4
  - 2 from property/business owners about pending work
  - 2 from community members requesting project update information

### **Fullerton Road Grade Separation**

#### **Inquiries:**

- Total: 8
  - 4 from local property/business owners with property-related issues
  - 4 from community stakeholders requesting project updates

**Briefings:**

- Project briefing to the Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council: May 13, 2024

**TCE Final Site Walk:**

- Date: May 28, 2024
- Description: One final completion site walk was performed with the property owner

**Montebello Corridor Grade Separation****Inquiries:**

- Total: 14
  - 5 from business owners with business impact questions
  - 9 from residents/stakeholders requesting project updates

**Briefings:**

- Montebello Fire Captain Gary Robinson: May 14, 2024

**Notices:**

- Two notices were prepared and distributed to the community at large:
  1. 35-Hour Closure Notice
  2. Phase IC Construction - Closure and Cul de Sac of Roosevelt Ave, Montebello Blvd, and Truck Way
- Notices posted on COG and City websites and emailed to over 355 area businesses or residents

**Groundbreaking Ceremony Planning:**

- Date: July 10, 2024
- Initial on-site planning meeting with the Department and project team held on May 29, 2024

**57/60 Project:****Weekly Notifications:**

- **Businesses:** Approximately 75-100 businesses notified weekly about upcoming closures
- **Stakeholders:** Daily detour emails sent to interested stakeholders (Ayres Suites, Holiday Inn)
- **Twitter:** Weekly posts seen on average by over 2,000 people
- **Instagram:** Weekly Thread posts
- **NextDoor:** Weekly posts sent to targeted affected communities

**Media and Updates:**

- **News Releases:** Produce weekly News Release for CalTrans to distribute
- **Sheriff and Emergency Services:** Weekly updates on upcoming closures to Sheriff, LA County Fire
- **School Districts:** Weekly updates to Walnut Valley Unified School District, Pomona Unified School District
- **Transit and Cities:** Weekly updates to Foothill Transit, City of Diamond Bar, City of Pomona
- **Trucking Associations:** Weekly closure updates to Trucking Associations in Southern California
- **Publications:** Monthly City of Diamond Bar project update publication

**Community Support and Engagement:**

- **Resident Assistance:** Handled backyard clean-up for a Diamond Bar resident on Palomino Drive
- **Business Support:** Met with 2 businesses along Golden Springs Drive and provided them with claim forms
- **Events:** Booth at Golf Course Opening to distribute 57/60 project information
- **Resident Meetings:** Met with concerned residents in Diamond Bar regarding construction and their properties

**Project Documentation and Communication:**

- **ATP Pomona:** Created Fact Sheet, Comment Form, and Google Form
- **Website Maintenance:** Maintain project website

**Turnbull Canyon Grade Separation:**

- Ramping up community information efforts
- Preliminary planning for the groundbreaking ceremony

**III. MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORTS – FY23/24 Q3**

The attached project progress reports are prepared by the Project Managers for each respective active project and provide a one-page summary of expenditures, schedules, work completed, and when to be done, as well as any areas of concern for the period between January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024:

- Major Activities Completed
- Construction and Design Progress
- Current Project Schedules
- Current Project Cost Estimates
- Project Funding

**IV. QUARTERLY ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION MONITORING REPORTS – FY23/24 Q3**

The attached environmental mitigation monitoring and public contact reports are prepared for each ACE project currently in construction. The monitoring reports track compliance during construction with environmental mitigations and best management practices, as well as a summary of third part complaints and our response between January 1, 2024 and March 31, 2024.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Attachment A: Major Capital Projects Progress Report – FY23/24 Q3](#)

[Attachment B: Environmental Mitigation Monitoring Reports FY23/24 Q3](#)