SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Virtual Mobility Workshop

JUNE 30, 2020
8:45AM - 12NOON
8:45am - Zoom Begins - technical introduction to the virtual workshop.

8:50am - Welcome - SFVCOG Chair Joel Fajardo

8:55am - Program Overview & Announcements - SFVCOG Executive Director John Bwarie

9:00am - The Future of Work in a Post Pandemic World - Marianne Wanamaker, University of Tennessee

9:25am - Flattening the Rush Hour Curve - Hillary Norton, California Transportation Commission

9:50am - Break

10:00am - Active Transportation and New Public Health Considerations - Thomas Götschi, University of Oregon

10:30am - Transportation Priorities in the Time of Pandemic - Phil Washington, LA Metro CEO

11:00am - Small Group Discussion Breakout Sessions: CLICK HERE FOR LINK

11:30am - Small Group Report Out and Next Steps

12:00pm - Adjourn

Please plan to join us for Part 2 of the SFVCOG Mobility Workshop, “Equity in Mobility Planning,” on July 30th from 10am to 12noon.

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**Workshop Presenters**

**Phil Washington:** Transportation Priorities in the Time of Pandemic

In a post-pandemic world, what will transportation look like nationally and locally? Will we see a continuation of telecommuting? Will public health worries reduce transit ridership? What other modes of transportation will become more or less appealing? What are the trends we haven’t even considered? And, how do we leverage this time of change? Phil Washington will address these questions and share the impacts on future projects the funding for LA County. He was appointed in April to chair the [American Public Transportation Association (APTA)](https://www.apta.com) Mobility Recovery and Restoration Task Force focused on the industry’s recovery with an eye toward rethinking mobility as we know it.

Mr. Washington has served as CEO of LA County Metro since 2015, where he manages a balanced budget in excess of $7 billion, is responsible for overseeing between $18-$20 billion in capital projects and provides oversight of an agency with 11,000 employees that transports 1.2 million boarding passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean-air buses and six rail lines. Metro is the lead transportation planning, programming and financing agency for LA County. As such, it is a major construction agency that oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related infrastructure projects – together representing the largest modern public works program in North America. Washington is also engaged and partnering in all facets of transportation and infrastructure in LA County including aviation, goods movement, freight/railroads, water, public works, housing and transit-oriented communities (TOCs). He is also a past chair of APTA and a former member of the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board and the Eno Center for Transportation.

**Dr. Marianne Wanamaker:** The Future of Work in a Post Pandemic World

As physical distancing requirements begin to roll back, what will it mean for workers? Will remote working become more typical? Dr. Wanamaker, leading scholar in labor economics, will share her best prognostications on what it will mean to spend a day at work and its impact on where we live, how we travel, and what that means for the future of our regional workforce.

Dr. Wanamaker is an associate professor of economics at the University of Tennessee, a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a research fellow at the Institute of Labor Economics (IZA). She serves as co-editor of Explorations in Economic History and is the former chief domestic economist at the White House Council of Economic Advisors, where she also served as the senior labor economist. She is a member of the Federal Workforce Policy Advisory Board. (Discussion [here](#))
**Hilary Norton: Flattening the Rush Hour Curve**

As some measure of physical distancing continues, will work schedules become more flexible to put fewer workers in one place? California Transportation Commission Vice-Chair Hilary Norton explores the short and long term impacts of a changing work environment on commuting and transportation.

Ms. Norton has over 28 years of experience in transportation and community development, currently serving as FAST’s founding Executive Director (since 2008) and Vice Chair (governor’s appointee) of the California Transportation Commission. Ms. Norton has mobilized a diverse coalition of business, labor, civic groups, educational institutions and transit organizations to support policy and infrastructure improvements to LA’s mobility, livability and economic prosperity. Through FASTLinkDTLA, a new Transportation Management Organization (TMO) for Downtown LA, she oversees one of the first-ever in LA County micro-transit systems which connects travelers through the flexLA multi-mobility app, and connecting new on-demand wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAV), transit, vanpools, carpools, scooters, bike share, biking and walking.


**Thomas Götschi: Active Transportation and New Public Health Considerations**

Traffic has changed since COVID-19 stay-at-home orders have been in place and may have long term impacts on how people get to where they are going. Looking at the streets at more than just a place to move cars, Dr. Thomas Götschi will show how we might learn from this experience to think about the future of our streets with regard to human-powered (active) transportation. As a trained epidemiologist, Dr. Götschi brings an international perspective to the role of humans, mobility, and health.

Thomas Götschi has a research appointment at the University of Oregon School of Planning, Public Policy and Management and works with the Sustainable Cities Initiative and the Institute for Policy Research and Engagement. Most recently, Dr. Götschi, was a senior research fellow at the Institute of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention at the University of Zurich. He holds a PhD in epidemiology from the University of Southern California. His thesis explored the long-term effects of air pollution on lung function in the European Community Respiratory Health Survey. Since then he has conducted expansive research in the field of active transportation, bridging aspects of health, safety, and travel behavior. He is a core developer of WHO’s Health Economic Assessment Tool for walking and bicycling and a specialist in health impact assessments related to transportation.

*For your reference, the current SFVCOG Transportation Priorities (adopted January 2020) can be found [here](#).*
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