

## **Nine Cities Seeking to Form West San Gabriel Valley Transit Zone**

(April 5) Nine cities in the San Gabriel Valley and the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors have been asked to approve a joint powers agreement to establish an Interim West San Gabriel Valley Transportation Zone.

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments believes a 70 percent increase in the current level of bus service will be needed over the next 20 years to meet the transportation needs of a growing population. It does not believe the MTA can meet this demand.

The Council of Governments estimates it will cost \$400,000 to conduct the next phase of the feasibility analysis to form the zone. The nine cities and the county have been asked to pay \$150,000.

Thus far, five city councils – Pasadena, South Pasadena, Monterey Park, San Gabriel and Sierra Madre – have approved the joint powers agreement (JPA) and funding for a study of the proposed zone. The Rosemead city council received a report on the proposal, but took no action.

The JPA and funding proposal is to be considered this month by three cities: Montebello, Alhambra and San Marino.

The County Board of Supervisors, which would be responsible for the unincorporated areas within the proposed transit zone, has not yet scheduled consideration of the proposed zone.

Movement toward a transportation zone continues in the San Fernando Valley. The governing board of Foothill Transit dropped its effort to expand the Foothill Transit Zone following passage of Senate Bill 1101. The measure requires zones to accept the MTA's existing collective bargaining agreements with its unions for a period of at least four years.  
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