

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Chair – Diane DuBois, MTA Director

January 7, 2009, 4:30 PM
Gateway Cities COG Offices
16401 Paramount Blvd.
Paramount, CA

Item No.	Description	Recommended Action
I.	Call to Order – Self Introductions	
II.	Pledge of Allegiance	
III.	Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2008	Approve
IV.	Reports:	
1.	Southeast Long Beach Sector MTA Election - City Selection Committee Election January 8, 2009	Receive & File
2.	State Budget Impact on Transportation Projects	Receive & File
3.	Measure R Update	Receive & File
4.	MTA Call for Projects – Jon Grace, MTA	Receive & File
5.	Gateway Cities Economic Stimulus Projects	Receive & File
6.	Gateway Cities Service Sector Report Alex Clifford - Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager	Receive & File
7.	Update – BNSF Railroad, LaDonna Di Camillo	Receive & File
8.	Update – I-5 JPA	Receive & File
9.	Update – I-710 EIR/EIS	Receive & File

10. Update – SR 91/ I-605/I-405 Major Corridor Study Receive & File
11. Update – Pacific Electric West Santa Ana Branch Right-of-Way Transit Corridor Receive & File
12. New Business/Date of Next Meeting Receive & File
13. Adjournment

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE COG OFFICE AT (562) 663-6850. NOTIFICATION 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.

Item III

Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of November 5, 2008

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**Chair - Anne M. Bayer, President Board of Directors
Gateway Cities COG Office**

16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723

November 5, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: President Bayer called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne Bayer – Downey, Gene Daniels – Paramount. Frank Gurule – Cudahy, Ray Harris – Supvr. Don Knabe's Office, Ken Farfsing – City Manager's Steering Committee, Bill Pagett – Paramount, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Gordon Stefenhagen - Norwalk, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach

OTHERS PRESENT: Sumire Gant – Long Beach, Alex Clifford – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Yvette Kirrin – Executive Director, I-5 JPA, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Sector Governance Council, Shard Mulchand – Metro, Lupe Valdez, Andy Perez – Union Pacific Railroad. Richard Powers, Jerry Wood, Nancy Pfeffer, Karen Heit – GCCOG.

Minutes were approved.

Richard Powers gave a report on the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) revisiting the support position on Long-Combination Vehicles (LCVs). The LCV issue has been repackaged as a fuel conservation method and is being urged for adoption in SAFETEA-LU reauthorization. The draft letter reaffirms the GCCOG position. Recommendation was made to send the letter on to the GCCOG Board for execution.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy gave an update on LA County one-half cent sales tax Measure R. Vote tallies indicated the Measure was moving towards approval although there were outstanding votes yet to be counted. The actual outcome of the Measure would not be finalized until December 4th. She gave an overview of the Measure R projects in the Gateway Cities as well as estimates of the 15% Local Return. There was a discussion of the loss of state transit operations funds and whether Measure R receipts would backfill a deficit, instead of underwriting lower senior and student fares.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Cities Sector General Manager gave a report on the continued parking issues associated with the Metro Green Line Norwalk and Lakewood stations. He indicated that discussions with the City of Norwalk were ongoing and that a consultant had been hired to look at possible solutions. The City of Norwalk was taking

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the lead with this project. To date a parking survey was taken to determine where people were coming from and their parking location preference. He discussed the possibility of renting a church parking lot to handle some of the need.

Clifford highlighted December '08 service changes which include additional service on Line 62/460.

Lupe Valdez and Andy Perez from Union Pacific (UP) Railroad gave an update on UP activities in the Gateway Cities area. They requested help in prioritizing sub-regional issues with the railroad. They reported on meetings with Montebello and Whittier concerning quiet zones and the need to provide for access and assistance with removing graffiti from rail bridges. This is a problem with Paramount, Compton, Huntington Park, and South Gate. There was discussion on the railroad not allowing or coordinating city or Caltrans crews access to railroad structures.

Andy Perez would like to give a report at a later meeting on the ICTF Expansion and the Health Risk Assessment.

Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director I-5 JPA, gave a report on the development of an Economic Stimulus package for submission to Congresswoman Grace Napolitano. Caltrans was looking at packaging utility relocations that could meet the Economic Stimulus Guideline of being ready to bid in 120 days. The JPA had submitted technical comments to Caltrans on the I-605- I-710 north for development of a hybrid design.

Jerry Wood reported on the I-710 TAC taking up Early Action projects. Many of the specialized studies have been done in the past few months and are ready for TAC comment. The I-710 consultant team was developing the parameters for the Health Risk Assessment report.

Wood continued with the report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Major Corridor Needs Assessment and ongoing work to identify "Hot Spots" to receive Measure R sales receipts. Mr. Powers added that the priorities for receiving the funding would be locally developed and there would be consensus in moving forward with individual projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.

IV. Reports
Item 3.
Measure R Update

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TO: Transportation Committee
FROM: Diane DuBois, MTA Director
SUBJECT: Measure R Update

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) sponsored half-cent sales tax measure was certified by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on December 4, 2008.

The attached chart outlines the Gateway Cities projects that are included in the legislation and the expenditure plan as well as the approximate dates when the funding will be made available. Also attached is a chart representing the 15% Local Return portion that will be made available, by formula, to each city.

Notes:

- The estimates are based upon a countywide sales tax estimate of \$40 billion, more recent estimates have been expressed in a range of \$30-40 billion.
- Project escalation amounts will be based upon year of construction.
- The I-5 projects (I-605-Orange County Line and Carmenita Interchange) are currently fully funded. The minimum funding allocated to these two projects (\$403 million) will remain within the Gateway Cities subregion for projects or programs of regional significance.
- The West Santa Ana Branch (Orangeline) funding acceleration (funds were originally to be made available in 2035, moved forward to 2015-17) will be accomplished by using Long Range Transportation Plan resources freed up by the allocation of new sales tax revenues to the I-5 (I-605-Orange County Line project).
- The tax will begin to be collected July 1, 2009.
- The first receipts will be distributed in the second quarter of the year.
- MTA is expected to amend the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to account for Measure R receipts and to incorporate Measure R projects as LRTP priorities.
- MTA will begin the process to define Measure R Local Return (15%) Guidelines

Attachments:

Gateway Cities Measure R Projects
Gateway Cities Local Return Estimates

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**Estimated Gateway Cities Return-to-Source on
Measure R Sales Tax
11-05-08**

Gateway Cities Projects	Estimated Funding (millions)	Estimated Funding Availability	Estimated Project Completion
Highway Projects			
BNSF grade separations	35	As funds become available	As funds become available
I-605 Hot Spot Interchanges	590	“	“
I-710 Early Action Projects	590	“	“
Project Escalation	750	“	“
Below Listed Fully Funded Projects (2008). Funds will remain in the Gateway Cities subregion			
I-5 Improvement I-605-OC Line	265	2010	2016-17
I-5 Carmenita Interchange	138	2010	2015
Total - Gateway Cities Highway Projects	\$2,368 (30% of total hwy. allocation)		
Transit Projects			
Metro Gold Line Eastern Extension Phase II (Whittier Terminus) (half assigned to Gateway Cities)	635.5	2022-24	2033-35
West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor	240	2015-17	2025-27
Portion of Regional Connector (downtown LA) assigned to Gateway Cities	32 % benefit of \$160 million	2014-16	2023-25
Project Escalation	224		
Total - Gateway Cities Transit Projects	\$1,100 (8% of total transit allocation)		
Gateway Cities Local Return (30-years)	962		
Gateway Cities Bus Operations Subsidy (30-years) *	654		
Total Measure R Sales Tax Returned to Gateway Cities (30-years)	5,116		
Total Measure R Sales Tax Contribution by Gateway Cities	6,800		
Gateway Cities Percent of Return	75%*		

* Does not include % for Metrolink or Metro Bus Operations Subsidy

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Measure R Estimated Allocation of 15% Local Return
 (Based on 2008 Population)
 Based on 15% of total sales tax yield of \$40 billion

City	2008 Population	30-Year Estimate 15% Local Return	Annual Estimate
Artesia	17,552	10,009,952	333,665
Avalon	3,532	2,014,128	67,138
Bell	38,762	22,104,083	736,803
Bell Gardens	46,766	26,658,375	888,613
Bellflower	77,110	43,972,081	1,465,736
Cerritos	54,870	31,289,691	1,042,990
Commerce	13,536	7,718,922	257,298
Compton	99,242	56,592,684	1,886,423
Cudahy	25,879	14,757,535,	491,918
Downey	113,379	64,654,528,	2,155,151
Hawaiian Gardens	15,900	9,066,996	302,233
Huntington Park	64,747	36,922,064	1,230,735
La Habra Heights	6,140	3,501,343	116,711
La Mirada	50,092	28,565,031	952,168
Lakewood	83,486	47,608,004	1,586,933
Long Beach	492,642	280,929,764	9,364,225
Lynwood	73,147	41,712,175	1,390,406
Maywood	29,971	17,091,003	569,700
Montebello	65,668	37,447,266	1,248,242
Norwalk	109,695	62,553,722	2,085,124
Paramount	57,969	33,056,900	1,101,897
Pico Rivera	66,867	38,130,997	1,271,033
Santa Fe Springs	17,790	10,144,771	338,159
Signal Hill	11,402	6,502,006	216,734
South Gate	102,816	58,630,963	1,887,700
Vernon	95	54,174	1,806
Whittier	86,945	49,580,503	1,652,683