

# GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

Chair – Diane DuBois, MTA Director

September 1, 2010, 4:30 PM  
Gateway Cities COG Offices  
16401 Paramount Blvd.  
Paramount, CA

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Recommended Action</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>Call to Order – Self Introductions</b>	
<b>II.</b>	<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	
<b>III.</b>	<b>Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2010</b>	Approve
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Reports:</b>	
1.	MTA Board Highlights – Oral Report	Receive & File
2.	BNSF Report – Trini Jimenez	Receive & File
3.	FY '11 Call for Projects	Receive & File
4.	Application for HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant with MTA Consortium	Receive & File
5.	Metro Gateway Cities Governance Council Report David Hershenson	Receive & File
6.	Railroad ROW Update	Discussion/Action
7.	Update – I-5 JPA	Receive & File
8.	Update – I-710 EIR/EIS	Receive & File
9.	Update – SR 91/ I-605/I-405 Major Corridor Study	Receive & File
10.	Update – California High Speed Rail	Receive & File
11.	Update – Orangeline Development Authority	Receive & File
12.	Communications	Receive & File
13.	New Business/Date of Next Meeting	Receive & File
14.	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 July 7, 2010**

**Transportation Committee Minutes of  
July 7, 2010**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Chair – MTA Director Diane DuBois  
Gateway Cities Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd. , Paramount  
July 7, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Diane DuBois at 4:30 p.m. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane DuBois – Lakewood, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit, Gil Hurtado – South Gate, Ray Harris – Office of Supervisor Don Knabe, Mohammad Mostahkami – South Gate, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Gordon Stefenhagen, Bill Pagett - Paramount

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Heit – Gateway Cities COG, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Metro, Gary Hamrick – Iteris, Bo Burick – RBF, Tom Choe – System Metrics Group, Inc., Sofia Lo – System Metrics Group, Loren Bloomberg – CH2M Hill, Elhami Nasr – Caltrans District 7, Shefa Buyan – Caltrans District 7.

Minutes approval was delayed due to lack of quorum.

Director DuBois reviewed the highlights of the June MTA's Board Meeting. She discussed the Metrolink budget being passed with the first \$17 million of Measure R funds being programmed for PTC. She explained that transit funding allocations were passed without comment. She went on to explain the item concerning potential cost overruns and methodology and read off the potential methodologies that would be employed. There was no decision made on this item. The last MTA Board highlight was the MTA decision to proceed with the environmental process for the SR-710 tunnel project. She discussed the various Board Motions and how some of them had the potential to be detrimental to the integrity environmental process.

Director DuBois discussed the visit from Deputy Assistant Secretary for USDOT, Joel Szabat, who toured the Gateway Cities area and SGV Valley COG regions from the air. Secretary Szabat discussed the upcoming TIGER II grants and anticipated funding levels.

Shefa Buyan, Elhami Nasir – Caltrans District 7, Loren Bloomberg – CH2MHill, and Tom Choe, Sofia Lo – Systems Metric Group discussed the overview of the I-5 Corridor System Management Plan. The CSM Plan is a requirement of CMIA funding. The goal of the plan is to evaluate the benefits achieved by projects. The model they use evaluates the benefit of each project in association with its costs and mobility. They evaluated bottlenecks and collisions at various locations. They provided a simulation of project improvement behavior. The different scenarios were modeled under existing, and 2020 load scenarios. The model calculates air quality benefits as well as time

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savings. Project benefit does not include arterial or other freeway benefit. The presentation was interrupted at 4:53 pm by a 5.4 magnitude earthquake.

David Hershenson – gave an overview of the upcoming changes, 753, 711, and 715 Rapid Lines are being eliminated. Most of the hours are being placed back into local service. Line 214 will not have a replacement. He discussed the work of the Blue Ribbon Committee and their recommendations that were finalized yesterday.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director, reported that the Carmenita Interchange still on track to be under construction in late 2011. I-5, I-605 to Orange County, one segment is still on track, the others may be delayed to late 2012. Valley View is not completely grade separated. C/T may want to push the date out to 2012 where there will be lapsing issue. She continued on to discuss the CHSRA activities and how Fred Latham will ask the CHSRA board to consider the shared track (3 + 2 shared tracks). The cities submitted a 90-page matrix of issues with each of the cities. Pico Rivera has the worst issues.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

## **IV. Reports**

### **3. FY '11 Call for Projects**

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**TO:** Transportation Committee

**FROM:** Diane Dubois, MTA Director

**BY:** Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy

**SUBJECT:** FY '11 Call for Projects

### **Issue**

The MTA released the attached notice for the FY '11 Call for Projects (CFP) on August 11 in anticipation of MTA Board Approval of a CFP. The 2011 CFP programs funds in FY 2016 and FY 2017. The financial forecast created in response to the MTA Board's March 2010 approval of the 2011 Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) identified approximately \$100 million for this CFP. This amount, as well as the allocation by mode, will be revisited by the MTA Board later in the process.

The draft schedule is:

### ***DRAFT 2011 Call for Projects Schedule***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Task</u>
September 2010	Board Initiation of Call
November	Release of Draft Application
December	Board Approval of Application
Spring 2011	Preliminary Funding Marks presented for Board consideration
Late April	Preliminary Rainbow Report Available (rankings - internal use only)
May	Board Review of Preliminary Recommendations
June	Rainbow Report Available (general distribution)
Early July	TAC Appeals
Mid-Aug.	Board Consideration of Staff Recommendations based on TAC Input
Sept.	Final Board Adoption of Call

### **Attachment**

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Los Angeles County  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

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**Metro**

August 11, 2010

Dear Interested Parties in Los Angeles County:

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has initiated the 2011 Call for Projects process. Through a competitive process, the Call for Projects programs federal, state and local capital transportation funds to Cities, the County, Transit Operators and other public agencies that provide transportation within Los Angeles County. At this time, we are unsure as to how much funding will be available for this Call for Projects, given the economic recession and the State budget shortfall. We, therefore, urge you to focus on your most competitive projects.

Please note that while the MTA Board has not yet taken action on proceeding with the 2011 Call for Projects, staff is developing the application package which is scheduled for release in early November. We anticipate Board action on the application package in December 2010.

A Call for Projects Workshop will be held November 16<sup>th</sup> to provide information regarding project eligibility, project selection process, and assistance on completing the applications. This Call will begin to incorporate, as appropriate, recently-passed State legislation such as Senate Bill (SB) 375 – Sustainable Communities Strategy and Climate Protection Act and Assembly Bill (AB) 1358 – Complete Streets Act.

MTA is working with its Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and its various Subcommittees on the Call for Projects process. The TAC is comprised of 33 members who represent various public agencies countywide. The TAC meets the first Wednesday of each month to review, comment upon, and make recommendations on transportation issues, including the Call for Projects. We encourage you to coordinate with your TAC representative. A membership list for TAC is attached.

To assist you in the Call process, Metro staff has identified key contact persons as well as modal leads responsible for developing modal application requirements, evaluating applications, and making funding recommendations to the Board (attached). We encourage you to contact your Metro representative now for assistance in developing potential projects.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the Call for Projects schedule or process, please call Rena Lum at (213) 922-6963 or Fanny Pan at (213) 922-3070.

Sincerely,

Martha Welborne, FAIA  
Executive Director Countywide Planning

Attachments

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**2011 METRO CALL FOR PROJECTS CONTACTS**

**OVERALL LEADS**

**General Information:** Heather Hills (213) 922-2821  
Staff: Rena Lum (213) 922-6963

**Area Team and Technical Modal Review:** Renee Berlin (213) 922-3035  
Staff: Fanny Pan (213) 922-3070

**Funding Information:** David Yale (213) 922-2469  
Staff: Toye Oyewole (213) 922-7404

<b>MODAL CATEGORY</b>	<b>MODAL LEAD CONTACT</b>	<b>ALTERNATE MODAL CONTACT</b>	<b>DIRECTOR/ DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER</b>
<b>Regional Surface Transportation Improvements</b>	Walt Davis 213/922-3079		Alan Patashnick
<b>Goods Movement</b>	Michelle Smith 213/922-3057		Shahrzad Amiri
<b>Signal Synchronization and Bus Speed Improvements</b>	Randy Lamm 213/922-2470		Alan Patashnick
<b>Transportation Demand Management</b>	Rufina Juarez 213/922-7405		Robin Blair
<b>Bikeway Improvements</b>	Anthony Jusay 213/922-7675		David Mieger
<b>Pedestrian Improvements</b>	Tham Nguyen 213/922-2606	Adela Felix 213/922-4333	Robin Blair
<b>Transit Capital</b>	Michael Richmai 213/922-2558		Martha Butler
<b>Transportation Enhancements</b>	Reinland Jones 213/922-2231		Shahrzad Amiri

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### **4. Application for HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant with MTA Consortium**

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**TO:** Transportation Committee

**FROM:** Diane Dubois, MTA Director

**BY:** Nancy Pfeffer, Director of Regional Planning

**SUBJECT:** Application for HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant with MTA Consortium

### **Background**

As part of a new federal partnership between the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), Department of Transportation (DOT), and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), HUD recently released a Notice of Funding Availability for \$100 million nationwide to support sustainable community planning. The Gateway Cities COG has partnered with a consortium led by the Los Angeles County MTA to apply for a \$5 million grant at the county level. The intent of the consortium is to use the grant funding to implement the Compass Blueprint Growth Vision developed at SCAG over the last several transportation planning cycles. The method will be to identify five transit corridors around the county where multi-jurisdictional corridor plans will be developed to achieve the HUD livability and sustainability goals. The members of the consortium include MTA, SCAG, the City and County of Los Angeles, the Gateway Cities, South Bay, San Gabriel Valley, and Westside Cities COGs, and two non-profit organizations, Move LA and the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability. Proposals will be rated and funding decisions made this fall.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Information only.