

**GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

5:30 p. m. Buffet

6:00 p. m. Meeting

Gateway Cities Council of Governments

16401 Paramount Boulevard

Paramount, California

AGENDA

STAFF REPORTS AND OTHER WRITTEN DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES, 16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD, PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA. ANY PERSON HAVING QUESTIONS CONCERNING ANY AGENDA ITEM MAY CALL THE COG STAFF AT (562) 663-6850.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The Board of Directors will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or an item of interest that is not on the agenda. The Board of Directors cannot take action on any item not scheduled on the agenda. These items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future agenda. Comments are to be limited to three minutes for each speaker, unless extended by the Board of Directors, and each speaker will only have one opportunity to speak on any one topic. You have the opportunity to address the Board of Directors at the following times:

- A. **AGENDA ITEM:** at this time the Board of Directors considers the agenda item OR during Public Comments, and
- B. **NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** during Public Comments, comments will be received for a maximum 20-minute period; any additional requests will be heard following the completion of the Board of Directors agenda; and
- C. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** at the time for public hearings.

Public comment is welcome. If you would like to address the Board, please keep your comments brief and complete a speaker card for the President.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL – BY SELF INTRODUCTIONS**
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA** - This is the time and place to change the order of the agenda, delete or add any agenda item(s).
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Three minutes for each speaker.

VI. MATTERS FROM STAFF

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR: All items under the Consent Calendar may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and acted upon separately by the Board of Directors.

- A. Approval of Minutes - none
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated January 2, 2019 (Pg. 6)
- C. November 2018 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement (Pg. 16)

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS A THROUGH C.

VIII. REPORTS

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- A. The New Blue – Presentation by MTA Staff

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- A. Report from the Gateway Cities COG Transportation Committee – No Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

- B. Report from the Conservancy Committee – No Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

- C. Report from the Economic Development Working Group – No Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

- D. Report from the Gateway Water Management Authority – No Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

- E. Report from the I-710 Project Committee – (Pg. 18)

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

F. Report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee – (Pg. 20)

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

G. Report from the Port of Long Beach – No Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

H. Report from PATH (COG Homeless Program Implementation Agency) – (Pg. 22)

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

I. Cap and Trade Update – (Pg. 25)

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

X. REPORTS – COMMITTEES/ AGENCIES

A. Matters from The I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority – No Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

B. Matters from the League of California Cities – No Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

C. Matters from Southern California Association of Governments – (Pg. 28)

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

D. Matters from Eco-Rapid Transit (WSAB) (Pg. 31)

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

E. Matters from the South Coast Air Quality Management District – No Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

F. Matters from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council – (Pg. 33)

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

G. Matters from the Metro Eastside Transit Corridor (Gold Line) Phase 2 – No Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

XI. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

XII. MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: New items will not be considered after 8:00 p.m. unless the Board of Directors votes to extend the time limit. Any items on the agenda that are not completed will be forwarded to the next regular Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 6:00 PM.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS 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.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Item A

Approval of Minutes – No Minutes of the Executive Committee

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Check/Voucher Register - Warrant Register
 From 12/6/2018 Through 1/2/2019

Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
17491	TGIS Creative Cuisine & Event Planning	2,757.22	General Fund	001	Dinner for Board of Directors Meeting on December 3, 2018
	Total TGIS Creative Cuisine & Event Planning	2,757.22			
17492	Konica Minolta	612.56	General Fund	001	Rental/Lease Konica Copier
	Total Konica Minolta	612.56			
17493	Verizon Wireless	125.60	General Fund	001	Cell Phone Charges for Oct 16 - Nov 15
	Total Verizon Wireless	125.60			
17494	Abila	119.66	General Fund	001	Purchase of 2018 Tax Forms
	Total Abila	119.66			
17495	Abila	2,251.00	General Fund	001	Purchase of Accounting Software, Annual Updates
	Total Abila	2,251.00			
17496	William J. Davis	112.68	General Fund	001	Employee: Davis; Pay Date: 11/30/2018
	Total William J. Davis	112.68			

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Gateway Cities Council of Governments
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 From 12/6/2018 Through 1/2/2019

Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
17497	Marinel D. DuBois	112.68	General Fund	001	Employee: DuBois; Pay Date: 11/30/2018
	Total Marinel D. DuBois	112.68			
17498	Raymond Duntion	112.68	General Fund	001	Employee: Duntion; Pay Date: 11/30/2018
	Total Raymond Duntion	112.68			
	Report Total	6,204.08			

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 From 12/6/2018 Through 1/2/2019

Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
17499	John Hancock USA	2,568.57	General Fund	001	Retirement Fund
	Total John Hancock USA	2,568.57			
17500	AT&T Teleconference Services	220.61	General Fund	001	Monthly Charges for Teleconference Line
	Total AT&T Teleconference Services	220.61			
17501	MH Courier Inc	29.75	General Fund	001	Courier Service
	Total MH Courier Inc	29.75			
17502	Konica Minolta Business	684.85	General Fund	001	Monthly Maintenance, colored, black, white copies
	Total Konica Minolta Business	684.85			
17503	FEDEX	91.25	General Fund	001	Overnight Delivery of Time Sensitive Information
	Total FEDEX	91.25			
17504	AT&T	0.00	General Fund	001	Monthly Charges for Internet Service
	Total AT&T	0.00			

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 From 12/6/2018 Through 1/2/2019

Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
17505	FEDEX	272.89	General Fund	001	Overnight Delivery of Time Sensitive Information
	Total FEDEX	272.89			
17506	Sparkletts Water	61.51	General Fund	001	Monthly Rental
	Total Sparkletts Water	61.51			
17507	Staples Credit Plan	259.73	General Fund	001	Purchase of Office Supplies
	Total Staples Credit Plan	259.73			
17508	AT&T	225.59	General Fund	001	Monthly Charges for Telephone Service
	Total AT&T	225.59			
17509	AT&T	215.50	General Fund	001	Monthly Charges for Internet Services Nov 4 -Dec 3
	Total AT&T	215.50			
17510	Alex Saab	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, December 5, 2018
	Total Alex Saab	125.00			

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Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
17511	Gerald Caton	5,040.00	General Fund	001	Economic Development Consulting Services
	Total Gerald Caton	5,040.00			
17512	Christian Hernandez	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors, December 5, 2018
	Total Christian Hernandez	125.00			
17513	Craig Accountancy	9,966.40	General Fund	001	Professional Services Rendered
	Total Craig Accountancy	9,966.40			
17514	Maria Davila	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, December 5, 2018
	Total Maria Davila	125.00			
17515	Edgington, Peele & Associates	3,125.00	General Fund	001	Consultation and Representation for Month of November 2018
	Total Edgington, Peele & Associates	3,125.00			
17516	Emerson & Associates	5,260.00	General Fund	001	Advocacy Advisory Services for December 1-30
	Total Emerson & Associates	5,260.00			

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Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
17517	Erhart's Catering	213.84	General Fund	001	Catering Svc for Economic Devel Wkg Grp Dec 17, 2018
	Total Erhart's Catering	213.84			
17518	Fernando Duran	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg. December 5, 2018
	Total Fernando Duran	125.00			
17519	Institute for Local Government	4,708.75	Transformative Climate Commun	011	November Consulting Services for the FCC Project
	Institute for Local Government	7,121.24	CEC-CAP Framework Project	014	October 2018 Consulting Svcs on Cap Framework Project
	Total Institute for Local Government	11,829.99			
17520	Jennifer Perez	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg. December 5, 2018
	Total Jennifer Perez	125.00			
17521	Joe Angel Zamora	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg. December 5, 2018

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Warrant No	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
	Total Joe Angel Zamora	125.00			
17522	John Lewis	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg. December 5, 2018
	Total John Lewis	125.00			
17523	Law Offices of Jones & Mayer	875.00	General Fund	001	Professional Legal Services Rendered
	Total Law Offices of Jones & Mayer	875.00			
17524	Koa Consulting	10,530.00	1-710	005	Engineering Services for period Nov. 25 - Dec. 15
	Total Koa Consulting	10,530.00			
17525	Nareesh Solanki	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg. December 5, 2018
	Total Nareesh Solanki	125.00			
17526	Ornilia Rebollo	125.00	General Fund	001	January 2019 Warrant
	Total Ornilia Rebollo	125.00			
17527	City of Paramount	4,450.31	General Fund	001	Office Space/Lease for the Month of January 2019

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Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
	Total City of Paramount	4,450.31			
17528	PARS	310.00	General Fund	001	Rep/Fees
	Total PARS	310.00			
17529	PATH	86,904.00	Homeless	010	Gateway Cities COG Imp Homeless Plan Sep 1-Oct-31-2014
	Total PATH	86,904.00			
17530	Pinney Bowes Global	329.09	General Fund	001	Lease/Equipment
	Total Pinney Bowes Global	329.09			
17531	Sumire Grant Consulting	4,087.50	Transformative Climate Commu	011	Profess Consult Svcs Transfer Climate Planning Project
	Total Sumire Grant Consulting	4,087.50			
17532	Brent Tercero	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg. December 5, 2018
	Total Brent Tercero	125.00			
17533	Roberto Uranga	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg. December 5, 2018
	Total Roberto Uranga	125.00			

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Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
17534	Sharon Weissman Consulting,LLC	8,583.33	General Fund	001	Professional Svcs Rendered for Transportation Deputy
	Total Sharon Weissman Consulting,LLC	8,583.33			
	Report Total	157,509.71			

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**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C
November 2018 Local Agency Investment
Fund Statement**

Local Agency Investment Fund
P.O. Box 942809
Sacramento, CA 94209-0001
(916) 653-3001

www.treasurer.ca.gov/pmia-laif/laif.asp

December 19, 2018

PMIA Average Monthly Yields

Account Number:

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November
2018
Statement

Account Summary

Total Deposit:

Beginning Balance:

Total Withdrawal:

Ending Balance:

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
ITEM E
Report from the
I-710 Project Committee

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Yvette Kirrin, COG Consulting Engineer
SUBJECT: I-710 Project Update

Background

This past month, the 710 TAC did not meet, nor has the Project Committee (PC) met in about a year. The main reason for the TAC not meeting is due to the need for the 710 Project Team (Caltrans, Metro and AECOM, with input from GCCOG staff) to respond to the comments received in the 710 EIR/EIS, as well as recommend a preferred alternative, or initial segment, to be included in the final EIR/EIS. A TAC meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2019 to provide an update on the EIR/EIS as well as to entertain new projects eligible for Measure R funding.

It is important to note that due to the cancellation of the December 2018 710 TAC meeting, that the January 2019 710 TAC meeting will be very important for any agency wishing to request funds. The Metro deadline for adding projects for the Bi-Annual Programming update is January 2019, and they are willing to add any projects proposed as part of the GCCOG TAC 2-step process, after our first TAC meeting, assuming that the 2nd TAC meeting will have a vote of approval for funding. Additionally, staff will recommend to the TAC that they approve a set of by-laws that memorializes the various methods and protocols by which that the TAC conducts business.

The Metro Board approves the Bi-Annual Programming Changes in the March/April timeframe, which then allows for Funding Agreements to be created/executed with the Agencies, so everyone can begin the reimbursement process. If funds are NOT approved by the TAC at our 2nd meeting, per the approval process protocol, then Metro staff can pull the item from their Metro Board report, and still move forward at their end, meeting their report deadlines.

January 2019 will be the last meeting at which agencies/cities can request funding for the Metro Board's bi-annual subregional programming report.

Currently there is approximately \$115 million remaining for the second and third decades out of the total \$160 million non-freeway/local Measure R allocation. Over the past year, staff has recommended suspending all new funding requests with exception of those agencies/cities that have not received funds in the past via the 710 TAC, due to the uncertainty of the funding needed to begin the design and construction of the I-710 initial segment, once selected, as well as allocate the additional funds needed for mitigating that segment.

Recommended Action

Receive and file

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
ITEM F

**Report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor
Cities Committee**

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Yvette Kirrin, COG Consulting Engineer
SUBJECT: SR-91/605/405 Update

Background

This past month, the 91/605/405 TAC met, but the CCC did not (due to constraints with the holiday schedule). The next TAC meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2019 to provide an update on the various freeway improvements as well as to entertain new projects eligible for Measure R funding.

It is important to note that the January 2019 91/605/405 TAC meeting will be very important for any agency wishing to request funds. The Metro deadline for adding projects for the Bi-Annual Programming update is January 2019, and they are willing to add any projects proposed as part of the GCCOG TAC 2-step process, after our first TAC meeting, assuming that the 2nd TAC meeting will have a vote of approval for funding.

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Recommended Action

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IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
ITEM H
**Report from PATH (COG Homeless
Program Implementation)**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Elizabeth Heger, Deputy Chief Program Officer

SUBJECT: Report from PATH

PATH Update: Gateway Cities COG – December 2018

- The SPA 7 area 2019 Homeless Count will be taking place on Jan 23rd from 7pm to 12 midnight. If you are interested in volunteering for the Homeless Count, please visit <https://www.theycountwillyou.org/>.
- Whittier First Day continues to hold their mobile shower program on the 2nd and 3rd Friday of the month at Liberty Plaza. They will be working with our partner, Union Station Homeless Services, located in SPA 3, to help implement a mobile shower program in their area.
- City of Norwalk has dedicated 7 vouchers as part of their homeless preference program. Kingdom Causes Bellflower is working with the city to identify that experiencing homelessness that would be eligible for the vouchers.
- The City of Norwalk will soon be making grant applications available to organizations interested in applying for Fiscal Year 2019/20 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. For the upcoming year, the City is prioritizing funding for programs that directly benefit Norwalk residents who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Proposed programs can include such services such as roommate matching, legal assistance, job training for the homeless, domestic violence counseling and shelter, and substance abuse treatment.
- On Thursday December 20th from 11am to 2pm, Supervisor Solis is providing a buffet style meal to our homeless neighbors in SPA-3 and SPA-7. The event will have food, gift bags, mobile showers, a live band, Santa Claus, and dozens of providers tabling at the event. It is taking place at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area A, 1201 Loma Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733.
- Family Unification Vouchers: The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) and Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) along with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) will release a total of 157 Family Unification Vouchers Countywide.
- 83 vouchers will go through HACoLA and 74 vouchers will go through HACLA. The vouchers provide rental assistance to parents struggling to provide adequate housing for their children. The vouchers can also be used for youth ages (18-24) who have/will age out of the foster care system. These vouchers are like Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) where participants can rent from a private landlord.

Recommended Action

Receive and file

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
ITEM I
Cap and Trade Update

TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Nancy Pfeffer, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Cap-and-Trade Report

Background

The state's cap-and-trade program collects revenues from greenhouse gas (GHG) emitters and makes the funding available for projects to reduce GHG emissions.

Issue

Most of the cap-and-trade funding is available via competitive grants. This situation leaves the Gateway Cities at a disadvantage in receiving funds, due to the limited capacity of most of our member jurisdictions.

On December 4, the members of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) held a joint meeting, as required by state law, at Metro. The main theme of the meeting was that the regions of the state, including SCAG, are falling short of state GHG reduction targets set under SB 375 (2008). That law set reduction targets to be met through changes in transportation and land use under Sustainable Community Strategies (SCS).

During public comment at the joint meeting, I provided each of the CARB and CTC members with a copy of our June 2018 letter to CARB members and a brochure about our Strategic Transportation Plan (STP). I reiterated our concerns about how funding is distributed and the suggested remedies in the letter. I also emphasized that projects identified under our STP can reduce GHG emissions if cities are able to get resources to implement them. These projects would thus help the state reach its GHG reduction targets.

Currently, COG staff and consultants are using grant funding provided by the Strategic Growth Council under the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) program to develop a COG-wide Climate Readiness Plan. We are meeting with the staff of each member city to help identify projects that can qualify for cap-and-trade funds, possibly in concert with other fund sources. As of this writing we have met with seventeen of our member cities and we continue to schedule meetings.

Recommended Action

Receive and file this report.

Attachment

Fact Sheet: Gateway Cities Climate Action Opportunity and Readiness Plan



What is the Gateway Cities Climate Action Opportunity Assessment and Readiness Plan?

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) received a grant from the Strategic Growth Council to conduct a regional Climate Action Opportunity Assessment and prepare Readiness Plans to help local jurisdictions apply for state Climate Investments to support projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The project, done in collaboration with the Institute for Local Government, is assisting local officials and staff to identify multiple-benefit sustainability projects and assess opportunities for eligible jurisdictions to apply for climate investment funding. For those cities with the most promising projects, the Project Team will develop a plan to increase readiness to compete for projects aligned with the state's climate action priorities and programs.

Project Schedule

Task 1: Identify potential local climate investment projects.

September – November 2018

Task 2: Assess readiness of local cities to access climate investment funding.

November 2018 – February 2019

Task 3: Assess climate investment opportunities for eligible cities.

February – June 2019

Task 4: Prepare Climate Action Capacity and Readiness Plans for up to seven Gateway cities.

June – September 2019

Requested Participation from Member Cities

- Meet and work with the Project Team to help identify local projects in your community that could benefit from the broad array of climate investment programs provided by the state, including housing, transportation, energy efficiency, urban greening, water and wastewater, and more.
- Review and use the tools developed for the Gateway Cities Climate Action Plan Framework. These include a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory prepared specifically for each Gateway Cities community, a menu of climate action measures for cities to consider, templates for developing a local climate action plan, and a guide to engaging the community in developing climate action plans and projects.

Expected Benefits of the Climate Action Readiness Plan

- Positioning Gateway Cities communities to successfully compete for funding for needed projects that meet critical local needs, while also helping achieve the state's goals for reducing GHG emissions that contribute to climate change.
- Economic benefits, including energy and water utility savings, better transportation and mobility choices for businesses and residents, and increased housing choices and affordability.
- Public health benefits, including better air quality, opportunities for physical activity that promotes health, and reduction in exposure to environmental pollution.

For more information on this project, please contact:
Nancy Pfeffer, Executive Director, Gateway Cities COG, 562-663-6850 and nancy@gatewaycog.org

**X. REPORTS –
COMMITTEES/AGENCIES
ITEM C**

**Matters from Southern California
Association of Governments**

TO: Board of Directors, GCCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Javiera Cartagena, Manager, Regional Services
SUBJECT: Report from Southern California Association of Governments

SCAG Releases 2018 Economic Reports in Conjunction with Annual Economic Summit: Southern California continues to experience robust economic growth, but technology, shifting demographics and an unrelenting housing shortage are changing the way the region does business, a series of new economic reports shows.

The reports, prepared for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) by top economists, paint a generally positive picture of the region's economy, with Los Angeles County, Orange County and the Inland Empire all reaching historic levels of business and job growth. Since 2012, the six counties comprising SCAG have seen their gross domestic product grow from \$992 billion to \$1.26 trillion – larger than the economies of entire nations such as Mexico, Indonesia and Turkey. Among key finding for Orange County.

- **Orange County** accounted for 23.7 percent of the six-county region's GDP in 2017, thanks in large part to a highly educated population and focused industry clusters that are attracting startups, innovative new businesses and more than \$800 million a year in venture capital investments. At the same time, the OC is the least affordable housing market in Southern California, with only 20 percent of households able to afford a median-priced home. Addressing the housing shortage is one of the key economic challenges for Orange County moving forward.

The Orange County Report can be found on the SCAG website.

SCAG Sustainability Awards 2019: The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is committed to highlighting excellence in sustainable planning efforts and development projects in the SCAG Region. These plans and projects are integral to carrying out the goals and policies of the 2016 RTP/SCS, and promote a cleaner, healthier, and happier Southern California. Each year, SCAG honors projects that best exemplify the core principles of sustainability with awards at the Annual Regional Conference & General Assembly.

SCAG is now accepting nominations for projects that use innovative planning to improve the mobility, livability, prosperity, and sustainability of our region. The SCAG Sustainability Awards Program is open to all parties, including local governments, non-profits, developers, and others. Partnerships are welcome; public agencies, in combination with other public or private organizations or individuals may jointly submit an entry. Eligible submittals include plans, projects, and programs completed or adopted after January 1, 2015, and prior to December 1, 2018. Along with the awards ceremony, videos of winning projects will be presented at the 2019 Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa on May 2-3. **Deadline to apply: January 16,**

2019 at 2:00 p.m. More info can be found on the SCAG website.

SCAG Future Communities Pilot Project: SCAG and the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Committee (MSRC) are pleased to make available the Future Communities Pilot Program, a new \$2.7 million grant opportunity designed to provide local cities and counties with the resources needed to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) through the use of new technology and data solutions, as well as help implement SCAG's 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. Examples of VMT reducing projects being considered include fleet telematics, Internet of Things applications, route optimization and Mobility as a Service pilots.

The goals of the Future Communities Pilot Program are to:

- Apply new technologies and data analytics to test innovative approaches for reducing emissions-producing VMT from local travel and municipal operations.
- Explore opportunities for data analytics and technology projects in a variety of contexts/communities, including projects that support and engage disadvantaged communities.
- Improve efficiency and reduce the costs of city and county municipal services.
- Identify and quantify relative impacts of a variety of technology-based VMT reduction strategies.
- Promote replicable Pilot Projects that support new policy development, improve processes for government service provision, and pilot innovative engagement practices with private sector mobility providers.

The maximum project size is \$500,000, and requires a 25 percent match from applicants. Applications are due to SCAG by December 13, 2018, by 5:00 p.m.

City and municipal applicants from within the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) portions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties are eligible to apply, with potential for partnerships as needed to implement projects. Projects will be scored on rationale, design, readiness and sustainability.

Recommended Action

Receive and file report.

**X. REPORTS –
COMMITTEES/AGENCIES
ITEM D
Matters from Eco-Rapid (WSAB)**

TO: Board of Directors, GCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director, Eco-Rapid Transit Joint Powers Authority

SUBJECT: Eco-Rapid Transit/West Santa Ana Branch (Eco-Rapid) Update – November - 2018

Environmental Review Process

Corridor cities continue to work with the MTA consultant team on defining and addressing potential environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the Eco-Rapid Light Rail Line. Changes to the project definition have been drafted and the corridor cities are preparing responses.

Eco-Rapid JPA Cities sent in a formal response to the MTA's project definition Rescoping exercise. The JPA concurred with most of the MTA's proposed changes to the project definition with the exception of removing the Vernon Station. The JPA also submitted a letter requesting that MTA consider the addition of a LA River/Rio Hondo Confluence Station to serve a future LA River Nature Center.

Eco-Rapid Transit JPA Strategic Visioning Session

The Eco-Rapid JPA Board of Directors held a Strategic Visioning Retreat, Friday, December 7 in the City of South Gate. The purpose of the retreat was to review the current structure and direction of the JPA and determine what changes may be made to pursue the goals and aspirations of the JPA as the implementation of the West Santa Ana Branch/Eco-Rapid line moves forward.

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**Matters from the Metro Gateway Cities
Service Council**

TO: Board of Directors, GCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Julia Brown, Manager, Community Relations, Gateway Cities Area

SUBJECT: Matters from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council

The Metro Gateway Cities Service Council will be dark (no meeting) in January and will meet the following month on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Salt Lake Park Community Center (Lounge) located at 3401 E. Florence Ave., Huntington Park, CA 90255.

Items of Note

Two NextGen Bus Study Workshops will be held in the Gateway Cities region on:

- **Saturday, January 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Bell Community Center (6250 Pine Ave., Bell, CA 90201)**
- **Wednesday, January 23rd from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Dollarhide Community Center (301 N. Tamarind Ave., Compton, CA 90220)**

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