

**GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS and
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

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.

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 – Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of February 3, 2016, are presented for approval.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated March 2, 2016
- C. January 2016 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement
- D. Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington, Peel & Associates

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

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

VIII. REPORTS

- 15 Min**
- A. Metro Gold Line Eastside Phase II – Technical Refinement Update
By Gene Kim – Metro Deputy Executive Officer -Project Manager
and Dave Hershenson - Metro Community Relations Manager - Outreach
Manager

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

- 10 Min**
- B. Consideration of Additional Nominations to the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

**SUGGESTED ACTION: RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FROM THE BOARD;
RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT**

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A. Report from the Conservancy Committee – Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

B. Report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee – Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

C. Report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee – Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE
ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

D. Report from the Gateway Cities COG Transportation Committee – Oral
Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

E. Report from PATH Partners (COG Homeless Program Implementation
Agency) – Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

F. Report from the Committee on Sustainability – Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION;
RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

X. REPORTS – COMMITTEES/ AGENCIES – ALL COMMITTEE / AGENCY REPORTS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES UNLESS ADDITIONAL TIME IS GRANTED BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT

A. Matters from The I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

B. Matters from the League of California Cities – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

C. Matters from Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

D. Matters from Eco-Rapid Transit (OLDA) – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

E. Matters from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

F. Matters from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

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, April 6, 2016, 6:00 PM.

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.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
Item A
Approval of Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard
Paramount, California
February 3, 2016**

President Saleh called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

PRESENT: President Ali Saleh, City of Bell
First Vice President Al Austin, City of Long Beach
Second Vice President Jhonny Pineda, City of Huntington Park
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Cinde MacGugan-Cassidy, City of Avalon
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member George Ray, City of Cerritos
Member Emma Sharif, City of Compton
Member Baru Sanchez, City of Cudahy
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Edward Eng, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Roberto Uranga, City of Long Beach
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Ricardo Villarreal, City of Maywood
Member Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello
Member Leonard Shryock, City of Norwalk
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Bob Archuleta, City of Pico Rivera
Member Joe Angel Zamora, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Owen Newcomer, City of Whittier
Member Joseph Martinez, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Tracy Egoscue, Port of Long Beach

ABSENT: Member Ivan Altamirano, City of Commerce
Member Mark D. Radecki, City of Industry
Member David Ricciutiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: KeAndra Dodds, Housing and Transportation Deputy, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis; Javier Hernandez, Supervisor's Deputy, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis; Elizabeth Alcantar, Staff Assistant, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis; Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Paramount Assistant City Manager Kevin Chun; Downey Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; Lakewood Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Pico Rivera Associate Engineer Gladis Deras; Maryam Adhami, Government Relations, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Marybeth Vergara, Project Analyst, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy; Joseph Gonzalez, Project Manager, Watershed Conservation Authority; David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Kevin Gilhooly, Regional Affairs Officer, Meredith Berkson, Director, South County CES, PATH; Roderick Diaz, Director, Planning & Development, Metrolink; Lori Gay, President and CEO, Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles; Jesse Ibarra, Associate Vice President and Director of Business Development, Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles; Connie Turner, Government Affairs Representative, Southern California Edison Company; David Ford, Government Affairs Representative, Southern California Edison Company; Daisy Pizana, Regional Engagement Manager, Los Angeles River Corporation; Kellie Morris, Owner, Bike Ucation; Eric Bruins, Policy Director, Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition; Fernando Cazares, Trust for Public Land; Caro Jauregui, Southern California Policy Manager, California Walks; Jim Meyer, Executive Director, Trails 4 All; Enrique Huerta, Envirometro; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Consultant Engineer and I-5 JPA Executive Director Yvette Kirrin; GCCOG Consultant Engineer Kekoa Anderson.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Hadjinian.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Danny Gamboa, Empact Communities, spoke in favor of allocating at least 10% of revenue from the proposed MTA sales tax measure to active transportation.

Steve Boyd, Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, said he supported allocating 10% of the proposed MTA sales tax measure for active transportation.

Kevin Shin, Walk Bike Long Beach, spoke in favor of a 10% allocation of MTA sales tax revenues to active transportation.

Kellie Morris, Bike Ucation, said she supported 10% of proposed MTA sales tax revenues going to active transportation.

Caro Jauregui, California Walks, said he favored 10% of proposed MTA sales tax revenues going to active transportation.

Fernando Cazares, Trust for Public Land, said infrastructure is needed and that he supported 10% of the proposed sales tax measure's revenues being dedicated to active transportation.

Jessica Meaney, Investing in Place, asked the Board to consider safe routes to school and plan for them.

Eric Bruins, Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, summarized what other COGs proposed allocations of the new sales tax measure are and said that 10% is the floor to make this region walkable and bikeable.

Jan Victor Andasan, Communities for Environmental Health and Justice, distributed a letter recommending 10% or \$400 million in proposed sales tax revenues be dedicated to active transportation.

Adam Anderson, Executive Director, Kingdom Causes, Long Beach, spoke in support of a 10% sales tax distribution for active transportation.

Daisy Pizana, Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation, said that at least 10% of the proposed sales tax revenues should be devoted to active transportation.

Belinda Faustinos, Envirometro, said she favored a line item in the proposed sales tax measure for active transportation.

Allan Crawford, Long Beach resident, said funding is needed for active transportation.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Lima, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Connie Turner and David Ford, Government Affairs Representatives, Southern California Edison Company, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Edison Company's preparations for the expected El Nino weather event this winter. They highlighted that Edison has conducted a hazard analysis, is conducting frequent inspections of equipment and facilities, increasing tree trimming and brush clearance, and is clearing storm drains in and around substations and service centers. Mr. Ford said the recent winds demonstrated the importance of trimming trees and keeping vegetation away from power lines. Ms. Turner said the County Department of Public Works has been holding workshops on El Nino preparation and referred the Board to a fact sheet summarizing the steps that Edison is taking in advance of the El Nino event.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Newcomer, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Lori Gay, President and Chief Executive Officer, Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of Los Angeles County, gave a PowerPoint presentation which provided an update on housing affordability in the Gateway Cities region. Because housing is expensive in the Gateway Cities, families with less than \$100,000 annual household income will be generally locked out of the housing market. She said federal programs that traditionally support housing have continued to shrink. However, she said, her organization can give assistance to low and moderate income families through financial education and counseling, affordable mortgage and home rehabilitation lending, and construction management services. Ms. Gay said NHS can help by leveraging city programs with NHS funds, joint venturing on local development projects, providing client intake services and loan servicing, and implementing neighborhood revitalization activities.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director reported that the Board has been requested to nominate candidates to fill two vacancies for elected officials on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council. He said the COG had received three applications from elected officials, but one of them, Signal Hill Vice Mayor Lori Woods, had withdrawn. He said it would be appropriate for the Board to approve the nominations of the two remaining applicants, Huntington Park Council Member Jhonny Pineda and Pico Rivera Mayor David Armenta.

It was moved by Member Marquez, seconded by Member Uranga, to forward to the MTA Board of Directors the nominations of Huntington Park Council Member Jhonny Pineda and Pico Rivera David Armenta to the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director reported that staff had received expressions of interest in serving on the Committee on Sustainability from elected officials, but that there are no current vacancies on the committee. He said staff is recommending that two positions for elected officials be added to the committee so that they may be filled by interested parties.

President Saleh asked if any Board members were interested in serving on the Committee on Sustainability. Member Sharif indicated that she would be willing to serve on the committee.

It was moved by Member Alatorre, seconded by Member Hurtado, to add two additional seats for elected officials on the Committee on Sustainability and to appoint member Sharif to the committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Newcomer, Chair of the Committee on Homelessness, gave a report on the recent Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury interim report on planning for the county's homeless population for the predicted El Nino event. He said the Grand Jury had asked cities to respond as to what preparations they are making to provide shelter and services to the homeless. Member Newcomer referred the Board to a draft response prepared by the staff

of the City of Downey which could serve as a model for those cities that choose to respond to the Grand Jury's report.

It was the consensus of the Board to distribute the draft response to the Grand Jury to the COG's member cities for their use in developing their own responses.

Member Newcomer reported on the response to the request for proposals to conduct a study to assess gaps and potential solutions for homeless service in the Gateway Cities region. He said two interested consultants had joined together to submit a proposal from GMA Consulting, whose principal is G. Michael Arnold, who previously served as the Executive Director of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. He has been joined in his proposal by Ted Knoll, recently retired Executive Director of Whittier First Day. Member Newcomer reported that the proposed cost of the study is \$48,500, with an estimated \$2,910 in expenses. He reminded the Board that the study would be funded by Supervisor Don Knabe. He said the recommendation of the Committee on Homelessness is to approve the proposal from GMA Consulting, subject to final approval by Supervisor Knabe. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Dunton, to approve the proposal from GMA Consulting, subject to final approval by Supervisor Knabe. The motion was approved unanimously.

Marybeth Vergara, Project Analyst for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, presented a report from the Conservation Committee. She said the Conservancy had received \$30 million from the state water bond and had approved 44 grant applications for further review. She said several cities within the Gateway Cities had submitted project grant applications, but that the applications totaled over \$50 million in requests. She said it is anticipated that projects recommended for funding would be presented to the Conservancy Board in March or May.

Ms. Vergara said the COG Board's nominations to the new Gateway Cities seat on the Conservancy had been received, but that there was still an option for the Board to submit additional nominations.

Member Marquez asked for clarification as to whether the City of Bell Gardens qualified as a city that "bordered" the Los Angeles River, making it eligible to have a resident nominated to the new seat on the RMC Board. Ms. Vergara responded that it was her understanding that a resident of Bell Gardens would be eligible to be nominated.

Kekoa Anderson reported that the Gateway Cities Greenway Project being undertaken by the Watershed Conservation Authority will include active transportation projects in its master plan. Mr. Anderson also reported that the first meeting of the Lower Los Angeles River Working Group would be held next week in the City of Lynwood.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Uranga, to receive and file the report from the Conservancy Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the Technical Advisory Committee had not met in January, but that the project development team had been meeting. He said the team is still trying to refine the geometrics at the north and south ends of the project.

It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member Uranga, to receive and file the report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the Technical Advisory Committee had met last week and had heard reports on the freeway interchange projects. He said the project study report (PSR) on the SR-91/I-710 interchange will focus on elements that go beyond the I-710 project and is currently underway. He said the I-605/I-5 interchange PSR project had finally had a kickoff meeting.

It was moved by Member Archuleta, seconded by Member Sziebl, to receive and file the report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She introduced Roderick Diaz, Director of Planning and Development for Metrolink, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the importance of Metrolink services to the Gateway Cities region. He pointed out Metrolink stations that serve the Gateway Cities in Industry, Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs, and Commerce/Montebello. He referred the Board to charts that showed Metrolink's comparatively higher rate of fare box cost recovery and low operating subsidy per passenger mile. He explained that the weekday ridership on Metrolink lines that parallel the SR-60 and I-5 freeways takes a significant number of vehicles off the freeways during peak morning commute times. He said inclusion of funding for Metrolink as part of the proposed MTA sales tax measure would contribute to the measure's passage.

Yvette Kirrin presented an update report on the Gateway Cities Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) and distributed a graphical handout that summarized the chapters of the STP. She outlined the elements of the plan, including the freeway system, arterial streets system, transit, active transportation, goods movement, technology, and stormwater management.

Member DuBois reported that the Transportation Committee was forwarding the nomination of Sam Pena to fill the vacancy for a member of the public on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council.

It was moved by Member Newcomer, seconded by Member Daniels, to forward to the MTA Board of Directors the nomination of Sam Pena to fill the vacancy for a member of the public on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Saleh left the meeting at 7:45 p.m. First Vice President Austin assumed the chair.

Member DuBois presented the recommendation from the Transportation Committee regarding the project prioritization in the potential MTA sales tax measure. She said the projected subregional allocation from the new tax would be an estimated \$4.1 billion over the forty year life of the tax, but Gateway Cities' priority projects are estimated to cost over \$10 billion. Because of this, the I-710 and I-5 projects cannot rely solely on the sales tax revenues, but require significant state and federal funding for these major freeway projects. She said the previous Board action was to give first priority in the new sales tax measure to complete the projects contained in Measure R. The Board also had elevated active transportation to the level of a major project initiative. However, she said designating a single mode as a high priority in the tax measure would lock revenues to that mode for the life of the tax measure, which may not be appropriate. Instead, she reported, the Transportation Committee had voted to recommend that the COG Board's recommendation be altered to include applying any subregional funds available after the major initiatives funding plans are established towards achieving the goals and projects of the Gateway Cities Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) without being mode specific.

Member DuBois said the second recommendation of the Transportation Committee is that the COG should continue to support the allocation of 25% of the non-capital side of the tax measure proceeds to local return. Under the tax measure the description for local return in the ordinance should include as eligible expenses: major street resurfacing, rehabilitation and reconstruction, pothole repair, left-turn signals, bikeways, pedestrian improvements, streetscapes, signal synchronization, storm water run-off and treatment, and transit.

Member DuBois said the Transportation Committee also supported an allocation of funding for Metrolink capital and operations, but a determination of the exact percentage allocated to Metrolink should be determined by a countywide working group.

After discussion among the Board members, it was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Daniels, to approve the recommendations of the Transportation Committee regarding the prioritization of expenditures in the potential MTA half cent sales tax measure.

First Vice President Austin asked for a show of hands from those in support of the motion and a show of hands from those opposed to the motion. First Vice President Austin announced that the motion had passed by a vote of 16 to 9.

Meredith Berkson, PATH, presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. She reported that PATH was awarded County Rapid Re-Housing funds to provide short term rental subsidies to less vulnerable homeless population in southeast Los Angeles County. She said PATH is receiving funds for 41 individuals, and will be able to hire two full time employees: a case manager and an employment specialist.

It was moved by Member Sziebl, seconded by Member Shryock, to receive and file the report from the Committee on Homelessness. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Committee on Sustainability.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 Joint Powers Authority. She said the I-5 JPA is working diligently to seek funding for the I-5 gap environmental impact report.

It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report from the I-5 Joint Powers Authority.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

Kevin Gilhooly presented a report from SCAG. He said the public review period for the draft Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy ended on February 1st. He said 800 comments had been received and that SCAG staff will be compiling them and presenting them in matrix form. He asked the Board members to save the date of May 5th for the annual SCAG General Assembly to be held in La Quinta.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Sharif, to receive and file the report from SCAG. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from Eco-Rapid Transit.

There was no report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Dave Hershenson presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council. He said a public hearing would be held tomorrow in Norwalk regarding the annual service changes. He said the East Side Gold Line Extension's Washington Blvd. alignment study is looking three alternative routes for the north-south connection to Washington Blvd.: a Garfield Avenue subway; along Atlantic Blvd., and along Ave.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Sharif, to receive and file the report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council.

Member Sziebl announced that the County Board of Supervisors would be receiving a plan on Tuesday that will be the most comprehensive plan yet on homelessness.

There were no matters from the President.

Adjournment: It was moved by Member Sharif, seconded by Member Hurtado to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Check/Voucher Register - Warrant Register
 From 2/4/2016 Through 3/2/2016

Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
14216	William J. Davis	112.68	General Fund	001	Employee: Davis; Pay Date: 1/31/2016
	Total William J. Davis	112.68			
14217	Muriel D. DuBois	112.68	General Fund	001	Employee: DuBois; Pay Date: 1/31/2016
	Total Muriel D. DuBois	112.68			
14218	Raymond Dunton	112.68	General Fund	001	Employee: Dunton; Pay Date: 1/31/2016
	Total Raymond Dunton	112.68			
Report Total		338.04			

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021516-1	Genoveva Cisneros	2,773.63	General Fund	001	Employee: Cisner, Pay Date: 2/15/2016
	Total Genoveva Cisneros	2,773.63			
021516-2	Jack M. Joseph	3,367.32	General Fund	001	Employee: Joseph, Pay Date: 2/15/2016
	Total Jack M. Joseph	3,367.32			
021516-3	Sandra Mora	1,314.37	General Fund	001	Employee: Mora, Pay Date: 2/15/2016
	Total Sandra Mora	1,314.37			
021516-4	Richard Powers	3,522.70	General Fund	001	Employee: Powers, Pay Date: 2/15/2016
	Total Richard Powers	3,522.70			
14219	John Hancock USA	3,437.54	General Fund	001	Retirement Fund Deposit
	Total John Hancock USA	3,437.54			
14220	Brent Tercero	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors on Wed, January 6, 2016
	Total Brent Tercero	125.00			
14221	American Express	999.00	General Fund	001	1 Year Subscription Cloud Storage and Software Updates

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Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
	Total American Express	999.00			
14222	Konica Minolta Business	546.86	General Fund	001	Color copies and overage Charges
	Total Konica Minolta Business	546.86			
14223	Staples Credit Plan	593.86	General Fund	001	Purchase Office Supplies 1/16/2016-1/30/2016
	Total Staples Credit Plan	593.86			
14224	AT&T	761.98	General Fund	001	Monthly Telephone Charges 12/12/15-1/11/2016
	Total AT&T	761.98			
14225	Sparkletts Water	26.43	General Fund	001	Monthly Rental
	Total Sparkletts Water	26.43			
14226	AT&T	75.00	General Fund	001	Monthly Charges for Internet Service 2/4/2016-3/3/2016
	Total AT&T	75.00			
14227	Konica Minolta	609.86	General Fund	001	Rental/Lease for Konica Copier
	Total Konica Minolta	609.86			

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Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
14228	AT&T	45.00	General Fund	001	Monthly Charges for Internet Svc Feb 13-March 12, 2016
	Total AT&T	45.00			
14229	Bob Archuleta	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg on Wed, February 3, 2016
	Total Bob Archuleta	125.00			
14230	AT&T	205.30	General Fund	001	Monthly Charges for Telephone Service
	Total AT&T	205.30			
14231	Al Austin	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg on Wed, February 3, 2016
	Total Al Austin	125.00			
14232	Baru Sanchez	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, Wed February 3, 2016
	Total Baru Sanchez	125.00			
14233	Gerald Caton	4,140.00	General Fund	001	Economic Develop Consult Svcs for 1-25-16-2-23-16

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Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
	Total Gerald Caton	4,140.00			
14234	Genoveva Cisneros	250.00	General Fund	001	Auto Allowance
	Total Genoveva Cisneros	250.00			
14235	Craig Accountancy	3,587.92	General Fund	001	Professional Services Rendered
	Total Craig Accountancy	3,587.92			
14236	Edington, Peele & Associates	3,125.00	General Fund	001	Consultation and Representation for Month of Feb 2016
	Total Edington, Peele & Associates	3,125.00			
14237	Emma Sharif	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg. Wed February 3, 2016
	Total Emma Sharif	125.00			
14238	FEDEX	190.54	General Fund	001	Overnight Delivery of Time Sensitive Information
	Total FEDEX	190.54			
14239	George Ray	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg on February 3, 2016

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	Total George Ray	125.00			
14240	GIS Planning	800.00	General Fund	001	Air Commercial Real Estate Data for February 2016
	GIS Planning	800.00	General Fund	001	Air Commercial Real Estate Data for January 2016
	Total GIS Planning	1,600.00			
14241	Jhonny Pineda	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg. Wed, February 3, 2016
	Total Jhonny Pineda	125.00			
14242	Joe Angel Zamora	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg. Wed, February 3, 2016
	Total Joe Angel Zamora	125.00			
14243	Jack Joseph	350.00	General Fund	001	Auto Allowance
	Total Jack Joseph	350.00			
14244	Koa Consulting	12,030.00	Arterials	003	Labor Cost for Engineering Services 1-25-2016- 2-21-2016

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Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
	Koa Consulting	7,020.00	AB 2766	004	Labor Cost for Engineering Services 1-25-2016- 2-21-2016
	Koa Consulting	4,875.00	I-710	005	Labor Cost for Engineering Services 1-25-2016- 2-21-2016
	Koa Consulting	5,460.00	91/605	025	Labor Cost for Engineering Services 1-25-2016- 2-21-2016
	Total Koa Consulting	29,385.00			
14245	Leonard Shryock	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg on Wed, February 3, 2016
	Total Leonard Shryock	125.00			
14246	Luis Marquez	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg on Wed February 3, 2016
	Total Luis Marquez	125.00			
14247	MH Courier Inc	25.75	General Fund	001	Courier Service
	Total MH Courier Inc	25.75			
14248	Network Public Affairs, LLC	6,000.00	General Fund	001	Gateway COG Staff Support Jan 4-Jan 29, 2016

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Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
14249	Total Network Public Affairs, LLC	6,000.00			
	City of Paramount	4,083.00	General Fund	001	Office Space/Lease for the Month of March 2016
	Total City of Paramount	4,083.00			
14250	PARS	315.00	General Fund	001	Rep Fees
	Total PARS	315.00			
14251	Path	49,748.00	General Fund	001	Manage Implementation of Homeless Action Plan
	Total Path	49,748.00			
14252	Richard Powers	400.00	General Fund	001	Auto Allowance
	Total Richard Powers	400.00			
14253	Ricardo Villarreal	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg Wed February 3, 2016
	Total Ricardo Villarreal	125.00			
14254	Rodger's Catering	705.61	General Fund	001	Catering Srves for Board of Directors Mtg on Feb 3, 2016
	Total Rodger's Catering	705.61			

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Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
14255	Rodger's Catering	128.98	General Fund	001	Catering Srvc for Economic Develop Wrkg Grp on Feb 8, 2016
	Total Rodger's Catering	128.98			
14256	Rodger's Catering	104.95	General Fund	001	Catering Srvc for Planning Directors Mtg on Feb 10, 2016
	Total Rodger's Catering	104.95			
14257	Rodger's Catering	491.70	General Fund	001	Catering Srvc for Eco Rapid Legislative Mtg Feb 19, 2016
	Total Rodger's Catering	491.70			
14258	Rodger's Catering	578.25	General Fund	001	Catering Services for Regional Cap & Trade Workshop
	Total Rodger's Catering	578.25			
14259	Rodger's Catering	202.20	General Fund	001	Catering Services for Feb Mtg Of the Public Works Officers and STP TAC
	Total Rodger's Catering	202.20			
14260	Smith, Watts & Hartmann LLC	3,500.00	General Fund	001	Services per Scope of work for Month February 2016

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Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
	Total Smith, Watts & Hartmann LLC	3,500.00			
14261	Southstar Engineering & Cnslt.	1,800.00	Arterials	003	Engineering Support for period 1-25-2016-2-21-2016
	Southstar Engineering & Cnslt.	6,700.00	AB 2766	004	Engineering Support for period 1-25-2016-2-21-2016
	Southstar Engineering & Cnslt.	3,800.00	I-710	005	Engineering Support for period 1-25-2016-2-21-2016
	Southstar Engineering & Cnslt.	3,300.00	91/605	025	Engineering Support for period 1-25-2016-2-21-2016
	Total Southstar Engineering & Cnslt.	15,600.00			
14262	Tracy Egoscue	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg on Wed, February 3, 2016
	Total Tracy Egoscue	125.00			
14263	Roberto Uranga	125.00	General Fund	001	Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg on Wed, February 3, 2016
	Total Roberto Uranga	125.00			

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Warrant No.	Payee	Warrant Amount	Fund Title	Fund Code	Transaction Description
14264	Larry Walker Associates	132.50	TMDL	021	LA River TMDL Implementation
	Total Larry Walker Associates	132.50			
Report Total		144,548.25			

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C
January 2016 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
 February 23, 2016

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

TREASURER
 16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD
 PARAMOUNT, CA 90723

PMIA Average Monthly Yields

Account Number:
 40-19-045

Transaction Definitions

January 2016 Statement

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
1/8/2016	1/8/2016	RW	1488672	JACK JOSEPH	-140,000.00
1/15/2016	1/14/2016	QRD	1489105	SYSTEM	460.28

Account Summary

Total Deposit:	460.28	Beginning Balance:	327,709.88
Total Withdrawal:	-140,000.00	Ending Balance:	188,170.16

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D**

**Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington,
Peel & Associates**

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG
February 22, 2016

I and the firm Edington, Peel & Associates continue to provide a range of services in support of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. These include participation in a number of meetings, telephonic, email and fax exchanges and other communications.

I have continued to closely coordinate with Gateway Cities COG staff regarding the Gateway Cities COG's priorities and interests in the 114th Congress. I have had telephonic and electronic exchanges regarding possible funding opportunities and legislation of interest. I also work with the staff of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority on the I-5 widening initiative, the COG's number one priority, and other high priority matters.

I provided initial information about the President's Fiscal Year 2017 budget submission for the Department of Transportation, and I will be providing updates throughout the congressional appropriations process on matters of interest in the transportation appropriations bill and hearings process. I continue to provide information regarding the five-year surface transportation bill, which was approved by the House and Senate on December 3 and signed into law by the President on December 4 as Public Law 114-94.

I have had discussions and follow up with Gateway Cities COG staff regarding the I-710 and will have continuing discussions on efforts to advance this initiative.

I have continued contact with the Gateway Cities COG regarding the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership for Southern California (AMP So Cal), in which Gateway Cities COG is a partner. This is one of the first 12 Manufacturing Communities designated by the US Commerce Department as part of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP). Meetings with a number of delegation members have been held regarding the initiative.

I have continued to keep the Gateway Cities COG updated regarding membership, leadership and staff changes, as well as committee priorities in the 114th Congress. I have also provided US DOT information about briefings and webinars on transportation initiatives.

I provide representation on behalf of Gateway Cities COG with the Coalition of America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) in Washington, DC. I continue to keep Gateway Cities COG informed on CAGTC's efforts to advance freight movement legislation, particularly through the transportation bill, at the federal level.

I have continued discussions and email exchanges with staff of Members of Congress representing Gateway Cities COG member cities, as well as other key congressional staff, regarding the COG's legislative priorities.

As part of my responsibilities, I closely monitor legislation, as well as seminars, hearings,

meetings and publications of key interest to legislators and senior executive branch officials for articles and information of possible interest and importance to member cities of the Gateway Cities COG. I attend Senate and House committee hearings, follow Senate and House floor proceedings, and track legislative initiatives pertinent to Gateway Cities COG interests and priorities.

**VIII. REPORTS
ITEM B**

**Consideration of Additional Nominations
to the Board of Directors of the San
Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers
and Mountains Conservancy**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

Subject: Consideration of Additional Nominations to the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

Background

Senate Bill 355, authored by Senator Ricardo Lara, added two seats to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board of Directors, one from the San Gabriel Valley and one from the Gateway Cities. The new Gateway Cities seat was added with the requirement that it be filled by a resident of a city adjacent to the Los Angeles River, other than from a city that already has a resident on the RMC Board. SB 355 calls for the COG Board to send to the Governor a list of no less than two nominees to fill this new RMC Board seat. At your January meeting, you approved the nominations of President Ali Saleh (City of Bell) and Board Member Sal Alatorre (City of Lynwood), whose names were subsequently submitted to the Governor.

Since that time, the COG has been contacted by Senator Lara (letter attached), who sought to clarify that the COG Board is not restricted to only submitting nominees from the COG Board. He has requested that the Board consider submitting the names of additional nominees who may not be members of the COG Board. Additionally, it was clarified that the City of Bell Gardens should have been identified as a city eligible to have a resident nominated to the new position on the RMC Board. The corrected list of cities from which nominations can be made is: Bell, Bell Gardens, Compton, Cudahy, Lynwood, Maywood, Paramount, South Gate, and Vernon. As mentioned above, since Long Beach and Downey are already represented on the RMC Board, the new nominees may not be from those cities.

Recommended Action

Staff has received a letter of interest from Cudahy Vice Mayor Christian Hernandez in being nominated to the RMC Board. It would be appropriate for the Board to consider the nomination of Vice Mayor Hernandez and other nominations at tonight's meeting for submittal to the Governor as additions to the two nominations previously approved by the Board.

California State Senate



SENATOR RICARDO LARA

January 29, 2016

Richard R. Powers
Executive Director and Secretary
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Ave
Paramount, CA 90723

Dear Mr. Powers:

Thank you for submitting your nominations to the Governor to be considered for appointment to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board. Both nominations are excellent and deserving candidates.

The intent of Senate Bill 355, my legislation that created the new seats on the board, was that the Gateway Cities Council of Governments nominate candidates that were residents of the cities that directly border the Lower Los Angeles River. This provides an important opportunity for a local voice to participate in planning discussions and decisions on the Conservancy board that directly impact the communities along the river. Since the Council of Governments already has two designated seats on the board, it was my hope that those nominations would also include local residents and representatives that do not serve on the Council of Governments board.

I respectfully request that the Gateway Cities Council of Governments include additional candidates that are not currently serving on your board, along with the two candidates already put forward.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Lara", written over a large blue flourish that extends across the page.

RICARDO LARA
Senator, District 33

