

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

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

5:30 p. m. Buffet

6:00 p. m. Meeting

Gateway Cities Council of Governments

16401 Paramount Boulevard

Paramount, California

AGENDA

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- 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 March 6, 2013, are presented for approval.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated April 3, 2013
- C. February 2013 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

- A. Measure R Project Acceleration Plan – Presentation by David Yale, Executive Office Capital Planning, MTA

10 Min

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

- B. Economic Development Legislation
 - 1. Downey – AB 750 (Garcia)
 - 2. Cerritos – AB 741 (Brown)

5 Min

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

- C. Introduction of the Gateway Cities Technology Plan for Goods Movement Video – Presentation by Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities COG Engineer

5 Min

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

- D. Overview of the Strategic Transportation Plan – Presentation by Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities COG Engineer

10 Min

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

- 5 Min** E. Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) Business Assistance Report – Gateway Cities Update – Report by Barbara Levine, Senior Regional Manager – Oral Report

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

- 5 Min** F. Proposed Establishment of National Recreation Area in San Gabriel River Watershed

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

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 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

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 the Orangeline Development Authority – 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 9:00 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, May 1, 2013, 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
March 6, 2013**

President Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
First Vice President Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Second Vice President Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Immediate Past President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Brian Bergman, City of La Habra Heights
Member Larry Mowles, City of La Mirada
Member James Johnson, City of Long Beach
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello
Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk
Member Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera
Member Luis M. Gonzalez, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Owen Newcomer, City of Whittier
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Ex Officio Member Doug Drummond, Port of Long Beach

ABSENT: Member Michael Ponce, City of Avalon
Member Ana Maria Quintana, City of Bell
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy
Member Reynaldo O. Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: La Habra Heights Mayor Pro Tem Roy Francis; Commerce City Administrator Jorge J. Rifa; Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan; Lakewood Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Long Beach Director of Government Affairs Tom Modica; Pico Rivera Public Works Director/City Engineer Art Cervantes; Pico Rivera Associate Engineer Gladis Deras; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; SCAG Public Affairs Officer Matt Horton; SCAQMD Senior Public Information Specialist Leeor Alpern; League of California Cities Public Affairs Manager Kristine Guerrero; Colleen Murphy, Associate Director, Community Initiatives, PATH Partners; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Mowles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Member Newcomer, seconded by Second Vice President Lima, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously, with Member Hurtado abstaining on the minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2013.

Long Beach Director of Governmental Affairs Tom Modica presented a summary of Senate Bill 470 (Wright), which would allow cities to sell their own property at "fair reuse value" rather than "fair market value" as an economic development tool in light of the dissolution of redevelopment agencies. He said SB 470 would also reinstate the Polanco Act, which had allowed redevelopment agencies to enter into collaborative partnerships to mitigate toxic brownfield sites. Mr. Modica explained that SB 470 would not authorize tax increment nor reactivate the power of eminent domain.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Gonzalez, to support SB 470 and to authorize the President to send a letter of support on behalf of the Board of Directors. The motion was approved unanimously.

Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan reported that there were issues involving the language of Assembly Bill 750 (Garcia) and asked that consideration of the bill be continued to next month. It was the consensus of the Board to continue the item regarding Assembly Bill 750.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

There was no report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee.

There was no report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Johnson, to receive and file the Conservancy Report and the two freeway corridor reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Daniels read a statement from Transportation Committee Chair Diane DuBois, who was in Washington, D.C. representing the MTA for the Mobility 21 legislative effort. In her statement, she encouraged Board members who are mayors to attend the next night's meeting of the City Selection Committee to ratify the election of Glendale Councilman Ara Najarian to the MTA Board of Directors. She asked that Board members who are not mayors to contact their mayors to encourage them to attend the meeting. She said it is very important that the city representatives maintain their seats and balance the MTA Board.

Member Barrows said he had voted against Councilman Najarian previously because he had voted with the City of Los Angeles and has sided against the South Bay COG. He said he wanted to make sure Councilman Najarian went to meetings of both the Gateway Cities COG and South Bay COG.

Member Hadjinian said a lot of the move against Councilman Najarian was based on his vote to move forward on a feasibility study on the proposed I-710 tunnel.

Member Gonzalez said he would be supporting Councilman Najarian because of his support for the Orange Line project and because of the recommendation of Member DuBois.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Second Vice President Lima, to add an emergency item to the agenda for the Board of Directors to take action supporting the election of Councilman Najarian to the MTA Board.

Member Newcomer spoke in opposition to the motion because he didn't think it was good policy for the Board to take a position telling cities how to vote.

The motion failed, on a vote of 10 to 7, to achieve the necessary four-fifths to add an emergency item to the agenda.

It was moved by Second Vice President Lima, seconded by Member Hurtado, to receive and file committee reports A through D. The motion was approved unanimously.

Colleen Murphy, Associate Director for PATH Partners, presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. She said that the program had now reached nearly 700 unique individuals since September, exceeding the full year's goals. She reported that 20 individuals had been placed into shelters and 16 others into permanent housing. She said

19 applications had been submitted for housing through the Department of Health Services.

Ms. Murphy said 106 “hot spots” had been identified throughout the Gateway Cities subregion. She referred the Board to the centralized telephone number to report homeless encampments or individuals. She said a total of 568 calls or emails had been received.

Member Johnson said there is a major encampment on the Los Angeles River of several hundred people underneath the bridges near the mouth of the river. He said the conditions are there very unsanitary.

Member Sziebl said that he has been working with Susan Price of the City of Long Beach on this issue and that many of the areas have been cleaned up. The problem, she said, is that the Department of Public Works cleans up an area and the next day the same people are back. She said help is needed from the Police Department to keep them from coming back. She said this requires the work of the County, the cities, Caltrans, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Member Johnson thanked Member Sziebl for addressing this issue. He said he just wanted to point out this problem so that this conversation could take place.

Ms. Murphy said that Susan Price’s office is one of their key partners. She said, thanks to this program, we have even more resources to address this problem.

Member Hurtado said he is glad we are not saying these are bad people. He said he rides his bicycle along the river from South Gate to Long Beach and sees people under every bridge, including families.

The Deputy Executive Director announced that the Committee on Homelessness would next be meeting on March 28th.

There was no report on the California High Speed Rail project.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Second Vice President Lima, to receive and file committee reports E and F. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the I-5 JPA.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said there is a misconception that changes to the City Selection Committee process must be done legislatively. She said the League had determined that this is not true. She said the League’s General Counsel has written a letter to the County stating that the County has the authority to amend the process. She recommended that representatives bring up that option to the chair of the City Selection Committee.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He said SCAG is in the middle of the planning process for the 2013 General Assembly.

The Deputy Executive Director announced that an election had been held earlier in the evening to fill the District 31 SCAG Regional Council seat and that La Habra Heights Mayor Pro Tem Roy Francis had been elected.

There was no report from the Orangeline Development Authority.

Leeor Alpern presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He said quite a number of high schools in the Gateway Cities subregion will be attending the We Can Change the World conference this month in Long Beach. He reported that the Air District will be re-launching the lawn mower exchange program in the coming months.

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said no meeting of the Gateway Cities Service Sector Council would be held in April. He said he would be meeting with other service providers such as the City of Norwalk and the City of Cerritos over the next four to five weeks.

There was no report from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach.
It was moved by Member Mowles, seconded by Member Hurtado, to receive and file the agency reports. The motion was approved unanimously.
Member Hurtado announced that he had been re-elected to the South Gate City Council.

President Daniels asked the Board members to make sure their mayors attended the City Selection Committee meeting tomorrow night.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C**

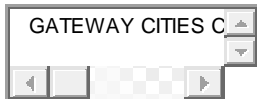
**February 2013 Local Agency Investment
Fund Statement**

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

www.treasurer.ca.gov/pmia-laif

March 25, 2013

PMIA Average Monthly Yields



Account Number:

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February
 2013
 Statement

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Account Summary

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**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D**

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

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG
March 25, 2013

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 continue to closely coordinate with Gateway Cities COG staff regarding efforts on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG's priorities and interests in the 113th Congress. I have had telephonic and electronic exchanges regarding possible funding opportunities and legislation of interest. I have also continued to work with the staff of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority on the I-5 widening initiative, the COG's number one priority.

I provided guidance concerning anticipated meetings for Gateway Cities COG elected officials and senior staff with Members of Congress and their district staff in their district offices, including one with staff of Rep. Janice Hahn scheduled for March 18. I also provided information and assistance preparatory to a meeting held at Gateway Cities COG headquarters with Tim DelMonico, legislative director to Rep. Linda Sanchez.

I have continued to provide information regarding MAP-21, which provides continued transportation funding authorization for 27 months, through October 1, 2014, with a funding level of \$105 billion.

I have provided information about possible Economic Development Administration funding opportunities to Gateway Cities COG staff concentrating on economic revitalization efforts for the region.

I have provided information regarding membership, leadership and staff changes, as well as early indicators of committee priorities in the 113th Congress, in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Environment and Public Works and Commerce Committees, and regarding changes in leadership of the US Department of Transportation.

I participate on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG in conference calls and email exchanges with staff of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) and provide Gateway Cities with information on CAGTC activities in Washington, DC. I will participate on Gateway Cities COG's behalf in CAGTC's annual conference on April 9-10 in Washington, DC, and will attend a White House meeting for CAGTC members on behalf of Gateway Cities.

I have continued discussions and email exchanges with staff of Members of Congress representing Gateway Cities COG members, 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 A

**Measure R Project Acceleration Plan –
Presentation by David Yale, Executive
Office Capital Planning, MTA**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Measure R Project Acceleration Plan – Presentation by David Yale,
Executive Office Capital Planning, MTA

Background

California State Law requires the MTA to notify the Legislature when the MTA intends to modify Measure R. The MTA Board will be considering submitting a “Notice to Amend” for Measure R at the April Board of Directors Meeting. The modification will only apply to the transit initiatives as there were no delivery dates associated with the highway program in the Measure R Expenditure Plan. In the interim, the MTA is sharing information on possible funding scenarios that can maintain the accelerated project implementation schedule that was dependent upon the passage of Measure J.

If Measure J had passed, MTA would have amended Measure R by extending the length of the tax and modifying the dates for project delivery accordingly. The failure of J has forced the MTA to consider other financial options to accelerate the delivery of the Measure R program. The sole recommended action to be taken with the report in April is to notify the Legislature that the MTA intends to modify Measure R.

Contained within the MTA Board report are different financing scenarios that will enable the agency to borrow or bond against Measure R, and Prop. A & C revenues to achieve an accelerated program schedule. The acceleration only extends to the amounts listed in the Measure R Expenditure Plan as approved in 2008. Most of the highway initiatives and some of the transit initiatives were not fully funded in the original Measure R Expenditure Plan. They still are not fully funded but the availability of the funding allocation has been accelerated. The West Santa Ana Branch (Eco Rapid Transit) is an example of this as there is \$240 million allocated in the Measure R Expenditure Plan towards a project which, depending upon route and mode, could exceed \$2 billion.

David Yale, Executive Officer - Capital Planning, MTA, will present an overview of the funding scenarios and the decisions that must be made by the MTA Board in the coming months. The letter to the COG and a PowerPoint Presentation outlining the financial plan is attached.

The MTA is looking towards the federal government to authorize the America Fast Forward program which would lend money, at a reduced rate, to localities with an income stream to

support bonds. The MTA will also try to build upon the success of the expanded TIFIA program that was achieved in the current MAP-21 Authorization.

Attachments

Letter to Gateway COG

Recommended Action

Receive and file report.

**VIII. REPORTS
ITEM B**

Economic Development Legislation

- 1. Downey – AB 750 (Garcia)**
- 2. Cerritos – AB 741 (Brown)**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: City Managers Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Economic Development Legislation

1. Downey – AB 750 (Garcia)
2. Cerritos – AB 741 (Brown)

Background

The City Managers Steering Committee previously reported on two pieces of proposed legislation referred to us by the Economic Development Working Group intended to give cities some tools to encourage economic development in the face of the loss of redevelopment as the principal means to achieve that end. These legislative proposals have been initiated respectively by the cities of Long Beach and Downey.

Last month, the Board approved the recommendation to support SB 470 (Wright) proposed by the City of Long Beach. No action was taken on AB 750 (Garcia) after the Board was advised that the language in that bill was being revised.

Since last month's meeting, AB 750 has been revised. In addition, the City of Cerritos presented AB 741 (Brown) to the City Managers Steering Committee, which recommended that it be forwarded to the Board for support. These two bills are being presented to the Board at tonight's meeting with the City Managers Steering Committee's recommendation for support. Summaries of the two bills, as well as copies of the bills in their entirety are attached to this report.

AB 750

AB 750 would extend to general law cities the power to utilize economic incentives such as the sale of city owned property to stimulate economic development and insulate them from the "gift of public funds" challenge. This is a power that charter cities currently have.

AB 741

AB 741 was drafted to help the "no and low property tax" cities, which have been particularly hard hit by the loss of redevelopment. This bill would gradually increase the property tax share received by the "no and low" cities from the current 7% to 15% over a three year period.

Recommended Action

The City Managers Steering Committee recommends that the Board of Directors support AB 750 and AB 741 and authorize the President to send letters of support on behalf of the Board.

VIII. REPORTS
ITEM F

**Proposed Establishment of National
Recreation Area in San Gabriel
River Watershed**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Establishment of National Recreation Area in San Gabriel River Watershed

Background

Local lawmakers and environmental groups have been advancing a proposal to designate 500,000 to 700,000 acres of local land in the San Gabriel River Watershed and San Gabriel Mountains as a National Recreation Area. This designation would create a federal overlay of regulation on land within the area. The proposed area extends into the northeastern Gateway Cities and would affect properties at least ½ mile to either side of the San Gabriel River. Gateway Cities that could be affected include Pico Rivera, Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, and La Habra Heights, as well as some county unincorporated communities and possibly La Mirada.

Issue

A local Task Force has been meeting monthly since November to develop the legislation. Councilmember Judy Nelson of Glendora, who brought this matter to our attention, has been the only city representative serving on the Task Force. There has been little to no participation by cities (and by business interests), although the proposal is now “ready” to go to Congress to be turned into legislation. Sen. Barbara Boxer is expected to introduce the bill in the Senate after Rep. Judy Chu introduces it in the House.

The Task Force is now discussing creation and design of a “partnership” that will administer the newly designated area. Only one seat is being offered to be shared on a rotating basis by the four affected COGs (Gateway Cities, San Gabriel Valley, San Fernando Valley, San Bernardino Associated Governments).

Attachments

- Letter from San Gabriel Valley business interests to Rep. Chu
- Map showing proposed extent of National Recreation Area.

Recommended Action

Provide direction to staff.