

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

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

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 December 7, 2011, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of December 7th, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated January 4, 2012
- C. November 2011 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. Metro Green Line to LAX – Project Overview by MTA Staff

15 Min

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

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- A. Report from the Conservancy Committee – Oral Report

3 Min

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

D. Report from the Transportation Committee – Oral Report

3 Min

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

E. Report from the Committee on Homelessness – Oral Report

3 Min

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

F. California High Speed Rail – Oral Report

3 Min

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

G. Conservation Corps Report – Oral Report

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

H. Matters from the Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR 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, February 1, 2012, 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
December 7, 2011**

President Dunton called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

PRESENT: President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
First Vice President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Second Vice President Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Immediate Past President Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Michael Ponce, City of Avalon
Member Ana Maria Quintana, City of Bell
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk
Member Joseph Serrano, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: Member Larry Mowles, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member from the City of Montebello
Member David Armenta, City of Pico Rivera
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Ex Officio Member Richard Steinke, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Long Beach Director of Government/Strategic Affairs Tom Modica; Pico Rivera Assistant City Engineer Rene Guerrero; South Gate Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mohammed Mostahkami; Niki Tennant, District Director for Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; SCAQMD Senior Public Information Specialist Derrick Alatorre; Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Executive Officer Mark Stanley; Leonard Sequeira, Project Manager, Mark Thomas & Company; Karen Chapman, Project Manager, Mark Thomas & Company; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Engineer Jerry Wood.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Marquez 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 First Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member Barrows, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member O'Donnell introduced Mark Stanley, Executive Officer of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. Mr. Stanley gave a PowerPoint presentation on the programs of the Conservancy. He said the RMC is the only conservancy in the State of California located in an urbanized area. He described sustainability and balance as key concerns of the Conservancy and gave a brief background on the RMC.

Mr. Stanley said that the Conservancy has awarded \$64.5 million in grants for projects in the RMC area. He identified the mountains and foothills, urban parks, and rivers and wetlands as the three areas of concentration. He identified several current projects, including the San Gabriel River Discovery Center and Paseo del Rio.

It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the draft EIR will probably be delayed until March. He said early action projects are underway,

including the sound walls and utilities studies. He said the ITS study is underway and is getting interesting results.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the Committee is scheduled to meet on the 15th of the month. He said the initial traffic modeling for the feasibility study has been completed and cities are starting to address their versions of early action projects.

It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the two freeway corridor reports.

There was no report from the Transportation Committee.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said the contract with the County had been completed and that staff had met with County staff yesterday to discuss the RFP process. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

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

There was no report from the I-5 JPA.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said OLDA had released the RFP regarding land use on the corridor. She said the Authority is working on changing the name for this project. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

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

There was no report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector.

There was no report from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach.

There was no report from the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

Immediate Past President Hurtado announced that the annual South Gate Christmas Lane Parade would be held this Saturday.

President Dunton welcomed Immediate Past President Hurtado back, saying he had been missed during his recent hospital stay.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C**

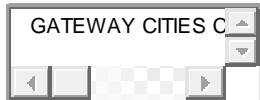
**November 2011 Local Agency Investment
Fund Statement**

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

www.treasurer.ca.gov/pmia-laif

December 28, 2011

[PMIA Average Monthly Yields](#)



Account Number:

40-19-045

Transactions

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

November 2011 Statement

Account Summary

Total Deposit:

0.00

Beginning Balance:

1,600,699.91

Total Withdrawal:

0.00

Ending Balance:

1,600,699.91

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D**

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

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG
December 28, 2011

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 continued to closely coordinate with Gateway Cities COG staff regarding efforts on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG's priorities and interests in the first session of the 112th Congress. I have had telephonic and electronic exchanges regarding possible funding opportunities and legislation of interest. I 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 have kept the Gateway Cities COG informed of continuing developments regarding of the Transportation Reauthorization Act. As I have reported, both Rep. John Mica (R-FL), chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee, and Sen. Barbara Boxer, chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, have indicated they hope to secure passage of the legislation, and the Administration has said that is its goal as well. Movement on the legislation has increased, but passage is unlikely until sometime in early spring. Funding of a bill remains the most difficult and contentious issue, and the two committees disagree on the length of the bill, with the Senate favoring two years and the House six. The Senate EPW Committee marked up its version of the measure on November 9. The House T&I Committee on November 17 unveiled its version of the bill, which would use revenue made by expanding domestic energy production to pay for infrastructure projects, which Democrats in both chambers oppose.

I participate on Gateway Cities' behalf in conference calls and email exchanges with the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) and provide Gateway Cities with information on CAGTC activities in Washington, DC. I suggested Gateway Cities provide an article on its initiatives for the CAGTC newsletter, something that is expected to take place in coming months. I also alerted Gateway Cities officials to concerns expressed by members of the Senate Commerce Committee regarding freight legislation endorsed by CAGTC.

As I have reported, both the Senate and House are not including any earmarks in the FY12 appropriations process. Despite that, Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard accepted requests. I am in regular touch with her office on behalf of Gateway Cities, as I am with the office of T&I Committee member Rep. Grace Napolitano.

I have continued discussions and email exchanges with staff of Members of Congress representing Gateway Cities 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

Metro Green Line to LAX – Project Overview by MTA Staff

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director
BY: Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy
SUBJECT: Metro Green Line to LAX – Project Overview by MTA Staff

Background

Metro is examining ways to connect the growing Metro Rail system to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The focus of this study is a four square mile area bounded by La Cienega Blvd. on the east, Manchester Ave. to the north, Imperial Highway to the south and the LAX airport terminals on the west. In the initial phase, a broad range of alternatives are under consideration for making the connection between the regional rail system and LAX, including various combinations of several modes, such as Light Rail Transit (LRT), Automated People Mover (APM) and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

Metro wants to hear about your vision for improving transit service to LAX, including how a connection to LAX might:

- Reduce traffic congestion and improve transportation options to and from the airport
- Best serve airport users and local employees
- Provide travelers with the level of transportation they expect when visiting a world-class city

Measure R, the half-cent sales tax increase approved in 2008, provides \$200 million in funding for the project.

Recommended Action

Receive and file.

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

**Matters from the South Coast Air Quality
Management District (AQMD)**

DATE: December 13, 2011
TO: Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors
FROM: Judith Mitchell. Governing Board Member, South Coast AQMD
RE: Update on South Coast AQMD Activities

January 6, 2012 AQMD Board Meeting

The AQMD Board will be meeting on **January 6, 2012 at 9:00 am** at the AQMD headquarters in Diamond Bar. Items of interest include:

- **Funding and release of Program Announcement to Replace CNG Fuel Tanks on School Buses:** AQMD will be releasing a program announcement to accept applications from school districts to replace on-board CNG school bus tanks. The California Highway Patrol requires that these engines be replaced every 15 years. In addition, if the Board approves this item, school districts that have experienced damage to tanks on buses, regardless of the age, will be eligible to apply for replacement funds. In addition, the Torrance Unified School District will be awarded \$140,000 to replace faulty engines on 7 of its buses.

Events and Meetings

Air Quality Management Plan Advisory Group - 2012 AQMP: The advisory group created to make recommendations concerning emission inventories, modeling, control measures, and socioeconomic impacts for the AQMP will meet on **December 15, 2011 at 9 am** at AQMD Headquarters. More details can be found at: http://www.aqmd.gov/gb_comit/aqmpadvgrp/aqmpadvgrp.html

Business Opportunities

Surplus Off-Road Opt-In for NOx (SOON) Projects: AQMD has released PA #2012-04, seeking proposals to provide financial incentives to assist in the purchase of low-emission heavy-duty engine technologies to achieve near-term nitrogen oxides (NOx) emission reductions from in-use off-road equipment. Applications are due by 1:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 8, 2012**. More details can be found at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/rfp/index.html>.

Zero-and-near Zero Emission Locomotive Technologies: AQMD has released Request for Information (RFI) #2012-01 to obtain information from qualified entities to identify viable zero- and near-zero emission locomotive technologies that could be fully developed,

demonstrated and commercialized for freight and passenger transportation in the South Coast Air Basin (Basin). The information provided in response to this RFI will be used to evaluate technology options and assess the requirements for zero- and near-zero emission locomotives with the potential for future funding of such. The information is due on **December 30, 2011** at 1 pm. More details can be found at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/rfp/index.html>.

Recap of December 2, 2011 Board Meeting

The Board met on December 2 at the AQMD building in Diamond Bar. Items of interest include:

1. Released RFP for Zero Emission Goods Movement Demonstration Project (RFP #P2012-15): Issued a RFP to solicit proposals for development and demonstration of a zero emissions goods movement system using linear motor technology. This is a follow up to a November Board item, which recommended a linear synchronous motor demonstration project with General Atomics. Staff withdrew a request for this project and now recommends an open solicitation where any interested party can submit a proposal.

The proposed project will be Phase 1 of a multi phase project. The first phase will include the development and demonstration to move at least a fully loaded 40-ft cargo container with zero stack emissions along existing railroad infrastructure. Matching funds by the contractor will be required – can be direct cash and/or in-kind contribution. Proposals are due to AQMD by **February 3, 2012.**

Higher consideration will be given to proposals containing the following items:

- Identify a business concept for the proposed system, including identifying revenue sources and projected operating and maintenance costs
- Describe approach to commercialize the technology upon success, including a second phase in a more representative port operations environment involving multiple vehicles with double stacked containers and switching operation
- Specific plan to obtain Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) certification
- Identification of other uses for the technology, such as heavy duty truck applications

. More details can be found at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/rfp/index.html>.

2. Approved Funding for Diesel Freight Locomotive Projects (Prop 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program): Approved funding for the repowering of six circa 1965 diesel Tier 0 locomotives with six new 2012 Tier 3+ engines in the amount of \$4.5 million dollars. BNSF will use these funds to repower 6 locomotives at use in Hobart Rail Yard in the city of Commerce. The contract life of these locomotives is 15 years and will result in emission reductions of 38.8 tons of PM and 466.3 tons of NOx from each locomotive over the 15 years project life.

3. Approved funding for Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study (MATES) Study: Approved \$1.35 million in funding to conduct MATES IV study in the basin. The study will focus on the measurement of ultrafine particles in addition to toxic air contaminants. In addition, AQMD staff will prioritize exposure to ultrafine particles and diesel particulate matters near sources such as airports, freeways, rail yards, busy intersections, and warehouse operations. The study will begin in June 2012 at ten fixed sites to assess trends. The ten sites, which are the same locations as in previous studies, include Anaheim, Burbank, Compton, Inland Valley, an Bernardino (Fontana), Huntington Park, North Long Beach, Central Los Angeles, Pico Rivera, Rubidoux and West Long Beach.

Other Past Events

Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Governing Board Meeting: The JPA Board met on November 29, 2011 to discuss the status of the EIR for Union Pacific's proposed ICTF Modernization and Expansion Project. The JPA staff stated that they hoped to release the draft EIR to the public in late February 2012. In addition, the AQMD and the JPA have mutually agreed to dissolve Aim's contract for the preparation of the draft EIR. However, AQMD will continue to provide public comments on the project in its role as a regulatory agency. The JPA also approved a 3 year contract amendment with Environ International Corporation to complete the preparation of the draft and final EIR for the ICTF in the amount of \$1.2 million. More details can be found at: www.ICTF-JPA.org

Southern California International Gateway (SCIG) Draft EIR Meetings: Two public meetings on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed BNSF rail yard were held in Long Beach and Wilmington in November. Hundreds of residents, employees, labor members, environmental/environmental justice groups, and business / trade associations gave public testimony. The public comment/review period originally was scheduled from September 23 to December 22, 2011. **The public comment/review period has been extended to February 1, 2012.**

Written comments on the Draft EIR should be sent to the following address: Chris Cannon, Director of Environmental Management, Port of Los Angeles, 425 South Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, CA 90731. More details can be found at: http://www.portoflosangeles.org/EIR/SCIG/DEIR/deir_scig.asp