

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

*Wednesday, June 6, 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 May 2, 2012, are presented for approval.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated June 6, 2012
- C. April 2012 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. Discussion of Measure R Extension by Arthur T. Leahy, MTA CEO – Oral Report

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

- B. Report from Gateway Cities Demographic Center by Dr. Kristen Monaco, Co-Director Department of Economics, California State University Long Beach

**15 Min**

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

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

**5 Min**

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

**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

**5 Min**

1. Nomination of Community Members to the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council

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

**3 Min**

E. Report from the Committee on Homelessness – Oral Report

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

**3 Min**

F. California High Speed Rail – Oral Report

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**

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

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

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

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

**3 Min** D. Matters from the Orangeline Development Authority – Oral Report

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

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

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

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

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

**3 Min** G. Conservation Corps Report – Oral Report

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

**3 Min** H. Matters from the Coalition for America’s Gateways & Trade Corridors –  
Oral Report

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, June 27, 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**  
**May 2, 2012**

**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  
May 2, 2012**

President Dunton called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos  
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce  
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton  
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey  
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park  
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights  
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood  
Member Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera  
Member Joseph Serrano, City of Santa Fe Springs  
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill  
Member William Davis, City of Vernon  
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier  
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina  
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

**ABSENT:** Member Ana Maria Quintana, City of Bell  
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy  
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens  
Member Larry Mowles, City of La Mirada  
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood  
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach  
Member from the City of Long Beach  
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood  
Member Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello  
Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk  
Member Rick Velasquez, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe  
Ex Officio Member Christopher Lytle, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Commerce Deputy City Administrator Fernando Mendoza; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; South Gate Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; SCAQMD Senior Public Affairs Specialist Derrick Alatorre; I-5 JPA Executive Director Yvette Kirrin; Orangeline Development Authority Executive Director Michael Kodama; League of California Cities Public Affairs Manager Kristine Guerrero; Rye Baerg, Regional Policy Manager, SRTSNP; Jessica Hernandez, Senior Analyst, Tripepi Smith Municipal Services; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer; GCCOG Engineer Jerry Wood.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Aguilar 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 Guerrero, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director announced that the report from the Gateway Cities Demographic Center had been postponed.

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/EIS was on track for release in June. He said the sound wall feasibility study may have some locations nominated next month. He said the utility studies were proceeding. Mr. Wood reported that the analysis of extending the zero emission corridor to SR-60 showed significant air quality benefits. He said a meeting had been held today with the California Highway Patrol regarding a truck enforcement facility, and that work was moving forward on a demonstration project on zero emission trucks.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the project consultants will have geometric plans for improvements in the corridors by August or September.

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



The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She reported that AB 1446 is now evolving into something different; the local return component is intact and the bill now would only lift the current sunset. She said the Transportation Committee had voted to recommend that Member DuBois go forward with a sunset that would run contiguous with the completion of the projects listed in Measure R.

It was moved by First Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member Guerrero, to approve the recommendation of the Transportation Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He reported that three proposals had been received in response to the RFP for an implementation agency for the Homeless Action Plan. He said a review committee had been established and that the Committee on Homelessness will have a recommendation to the Board in June. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

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

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said the I-5/Carmenita Road intersection is under construction; the contract for I-5/Alondra Blvd. had been awarded; and that the bridge over the freeway would be shut down for about a year. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She referred the Board to a handout regarding "hot bills" in the state legislature. She reported that the Los Angeles Division meeting would be held the next night in Monterey Park. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He reported that the SCAG Regional Council had approved the Regional Transportation Plan, about half of which is for continuing operations. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Michael Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He reported that a working session on the alternatives analysis would be held on May 9th. He said a decision would be made in the fall following a series of community workshops. He said there would be a meeting of the Steering Committee to go over the alternatives analysis on June 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said the Expo Line had opened last Saturday, and that the Dorsey High School and Culver City stations should open in September. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

The Executive Director presented a report on behalf of the Conservation Corps of Long Beach. He reported that the Conservation Corps had lost significant funding and had furloughed numerous employees. He said the teaching program was not affected. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

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

First Vice President Daniels said what's happening to the Conservation Corps is an example of the state pushing everything onto the cities.

Member Nordbak said that there is an effort starting to organize cities to tell Sacramento that the unfunded mandates must stop.

President Dunton announced the appointment of Member Lima to the Transportation Committee. He announced the invitation to attend the annual Cal State University Long Beach Economic Forecast scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>. President Dunton announced that the taking of the annual picture of the Board would take place at next month's meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**ITEM B**  
**Approval of Warrant Register**

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM C  
April 2011 Local Agency Investment  
Fund Statement**

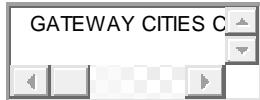
**Local Agency Investment Fund**  
**P.O. Box 942809**  
**Sacramento, CA 94209-0001**  
**(916) 653-3001**

[www.treasurer.ca.gov/pmia-laif](http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/pmia-laif)

May 25, 2012

[PMIA Average Monthly Yields](#)

Account Number:



**Transactions**

April 2012 Statement

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
4/6/2012	4/5/2012	RW	1354428	JACK JOSEPH	-115,000.00
4/13/2012	4/12/2012	QRD	1356911	SYSTEM	1,254.52

**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**  
**May 29, 2012**

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 second session of the 112<sup>th</sup> 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 continued to keep the Gateway Cities COG informed of continuing, often very complicated developments regarding the Transportation Reauthorization Act. Significant developments have taken place in both the House and Senate on the legislation in recent months. I have closely monitored the legislative activity and regularly provided updates on the status of legislative action. Conferees have been named to resolve differences between House and Senate versions of the legislation, but major challenges to final passage remain. The latest extension of the transportation authorization expires at the end of June, so this next month is critical if there is to be a bill. I will continue to provide regular updates on legislative status of the measure.

I participated on Gateway Cities' behalf in the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors' (CAGTC) annual conference on May 9 and 10, providing an oral report on Gateway Cities COG's priorities at the conference. I provided an electronic version of the report to the offices of Reps. Grace Napolitano, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Linda Sanchez and Laura Richardson. During the two day conference, I met with several senior members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and their staff, including Rep. Napolitano and her legislative director, Joe Sheehy. Following the conference, I provided feedback to Gateway Cities COG officials on the deliberations. In addition, I participate in conference calls and email exchanges with CAGTC staff and provide Gateway Cities with information on CAGTC activities in Washington, DC.

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 B**

**Report from Gateway Cities Demographic  
Center by Dr. Kristen Monaco, Co-  
Director Department of Economics,  
California State University Long Beach**



**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Report from Gateway Cities Demographic Center by Dr. Kristen Monaco, Co-Director Department of Economics, California State University Long Beach

### **Background**

One of the principal functions of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, as stated in the COG's Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, is to maintain the COG's demographic database. An ongoing understanding of the demographic make-up of the Gateway Cities is essential to the economic success of our subregion.

Another closely related function of the COG is to represent its member cities and communities in regional planning processes. Key among these is the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy prepared by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Underlying these plans is a long-range regional forecast of population, employment, and housing developed by SCAG.

In order to fulfill its designated function and to ensure that the Gateway Cities are effectively represented and fairly treated in the regional planning process, the COG has contracted with the Economics Department of California State University Long Beach to develop a demographic data center for the Gateway Cities. Professor Kristen Monaco is the leader of this effort, which includes both a current database of demographic data, including data from the 2010 Census, and a developing long-range forecast for use in the next cycle of regional planning.

One important benefit of this project is that cities will have access to accurate and up to date demographic information which will assist them in the preparation of grant applications and the possible securing of those grant monies.

Dr. Monaco will present a summary of CSULB's efforts on behalf of the Gateway Cities to date.

### **Recommended Action**

Receive and file report.

**IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**  
**ITEM A**  
**Conservancy Committee**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell  
Councilmember Edward Wilson

**SUBJECT:** San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Update

**Background**

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) was established by State Legislation in which the COG was an active participant. The Gateway Cities are represented on the RMC Board by two members listed above.

**Issue**

The RMC Board met on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012, in Rosemead.

RMC staff reported that four pocket parks in Lynwood funded by the RMC are nearing completion and will provide value to the community. It was also reported that Rancho Los Cerritos in Long Beach opened a new Visitor Education Center with a ceremony on May 8, and that the site features native landscaping funded by the RMC.

The RMC Board voted to approve a resolution authorizing the withdrawal of funding for Riverview Park in Santa Fe Springs. The park would have been a 13-acre facility including a nature sanctuary. Staff reported that due to the loss of RDA funds, the city did not have the staff or resources to move the project forward. Park plans and designs already developed will be retained by the RMC for future use.

**Recommended Action**

Receive and file this report.

**IX. REPORTS**

**ITEM D-1**

**Nomination of Community Members to  
the Metro Gateway Cities  
Service Council**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Transportation Committee

**SUBJECT:** Nomination of Community Members to the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council

### **Background**

In September 2002, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors adopted a policy for the establishment of Service Councils for its newly created service sectors. One of the five sectors coincides almost exactly with the Gateway Cities COG territory. The COG requested and received recognition as the convening coalition charged with nominating Service Council members.

At this time, the seat for three vacancies held by members of the community will be filled.

### **Issue**

In accordance with the policy and procedures, applications for transit consumer positions were accepted from May 7 through May 30, 2011. The vacancies were announced on the COG website, the MTA website, by newspaper advertising and by personal contact. Three applications were received from Mr. Wally Shidler, Mr. Richard Burnett and Ms. Jo Ann Eros Delgado.

In accordance with the COG procedure for filling this vacancy, the Transportation Committee will review the applications and forward their recommendation verbally to the Board at the meeting.

### **Attachment**

- Gateway Cities MTA Service Council Nominating Policy and Procedure

### **Recommended Action**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the recommendation of the Transportation Committee and direct staff to submit the Board's nomination to the MTA Board of Directors for final approval.

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## Attachment 1

### **Gateway Cities MTA Service Council Nominating Policy and Procedure As amended June 1, 2005**

#### **I. Council composition**

The Council was initiated with seven members including a majority of public transit users and not to exceed three (3) elected officials. The COG (acting as the convening coalition) exercised its the right to expand the Council to nine (9) members on June 1, 2005. These nine (9) members shall include a majority of public transit users and not exceed four (4) elected officials.

#### **II. Nomination procedure**

When one or more vacancies occur, it will be determined how many of the vacancies may be held by elected officials. For elected official vacancies, if any, all applications received will be compiled and forwarded to the COG Board of Directors for its decision. For non-elected official vacancies, if any, all applications will be reviewed by the MTA Sector Subcommittee of the Transportation Committee after all elected official vacancies have been decided. The Subcommittee will recommend candidates for each vacancy to the Board of Directors for nomination to the Sector Council. All of the Board of Director's nominations will be forwarded to the MTA Board of Directors for its review and approval. In selecting among the applicants, the Subcommittee will strive for diversity of perspectives, expertise, geographic representation, and transit use including consideration of populations with special transit needs such as the elderly and the disabled.

#### **III. Outreach**

Applications will be accepted for a minimum period of three weeks. Notice of available applications will posted on the COG website and mailed to all mayors, councilmembers, county supervisors, city managers and municipal transit providers in the Sector area as well as the Gateway Cities Partnership. A press release will also be issued.

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

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

**DATE:** May 30, 2012  
**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

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### **June 1, 2012 Board Meeting**

The AQMD Governing Board will meet at 9:00 am on **Friday, June 1** at the AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar. Items of interest include:

**Purchase of Alternative Fuel Vehicles for AQMD Fleet:** The AQMD Board will consider the acquisition of the following vehicles to be used for demonstration, outreach, testing, and data collection:

- Lease of two 2012 Mitsubishi i-MiEV for a total of \$70,000
- Purchase of two 2012 Toyota Prius PHV for a total of \$88,000
- Purchase of two 2012 CODA electric vehicles for a total of \$84,000

### **Clean Air Awards Nominations**

Nominations continue to being accepted for the AQMD's Clean Air Awards, which serve to recognize companies, organizations and individuals who go above and beyond the call to help our region achieve clean air. **Nominations must be postmarked by July 13, 2012.** For more information you may contact AQMD's Legislative & Public Affairs Office at (909) 396-2432 or visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/tao/CleanAirAwards.htm>.

### **Other Events and Meetings**

**(Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study) IV Technical Advisory Group:** The MATES IV Technical Advisory Group met at AQMD on **May 22, 2012 at 10:00 am** in Conference Room GB. The MATES IV is a monitoring and evaluation study conducted in the South Coast Air Basin (Basin). It will include a monitoring program, an updated emissions inventory of toxic air contaminants, and a modeling effort to characterize risk across the Basin.

A new focus of MATES IV will be the inclusion of measurements of ultrafine particle concentrations. In addition, shorter-term measurements will be conducted at various locations to assess localized impacts of combustion sources. The focus of these measurements will be on assessing the exposures to ultrafine particles and black carbon very near sources such as airports, freeways, rail yards, busy intersections, and warehouse operations.



For more details, visit

<http://www.aqmd.gov/prdas/MatesIV/Meetings/MatesIVMeetings.html>

**Lawn Mower Exchange Program:** Registration for this year's Lawn Mower Exchange Program is now open. AQMD will hold six of these events on Saturdays starting at 8 a.m. and ending at noon. The locations include: **May 19 – Indio; June 9 – Pasadena; June 16 - Rancho Cucamonga; June 23 - Long Beach; June 30 – Anaheim; and July 14 – Riverside.**

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the program. Since 2003, residents have exchanged 43,438 mowers during annual exchange events. The popular program allows residents to trade a working gasoline lawn mower for a new, zero-emission battery-electric model at a substantial discount.

This year, residents have six models to choose from:

- Black & Decker CM 1836 (36-volt, 18-inch cutting width) \$100 (retail price: \$379)
- Black & Decker CM 1936 (36-volt, 19-inch cutting width) \$180 (retail price: \$429)
- Black & Decker SPCM 1936 (36-volt, 19-inch cutting width, self propelled) \$250 (retail price: \$479)
- Black & Decker CM 1936 ZF2 (36-volt, 19-inch cutting width, extra battery, fast charger) \$280 (retail price: \$549)
- GreenStation N-1 (24-volt, 20-inch cutting width) \$150 (retail price: \$430)
- GreenStation N-2 (24-volt, 20-inch cutting width, self-propelled) \$220 (retail price: \$470)

For more information you may also call 1-888-425-6247 (Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/tao/lawnmower.html>

**FuturePorts' Annual Conference 2012:** The annual conference will be held on **June 19, 2012 from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** at the DoubleTree by Hilton, San Pedro-Port of Los Angeles. Topics of discussions will include: Southern California's Goods Movement Industry; Policies, Politics, and Pitfalls - What the Goods Movement Industry is Facing in California; Exploring the Electrification of Goods Movement; The Current Reality and Future Solutions - What is Needed at What Cost; and Financing the Future: What Will it Take to Fund New Technology and Infrastructure in Goods Movement.

More details can be found at [www.futureports.org](http://www.futureports.org) or by contacting Elizabeth Warren at [ewarren@futureports.org](mailto:ewarren@futureports.org).

**Electric Vehicle Working Group:**

I am participating, along with my fellow AQMD Governing Board Members San Bernardino County Supervisor Josie Gonzalez and South Pasadena Mayor Michael Cacciotti, on an electric vehicle working group. The program is being developed along with Southern California Edison, GM and AQMD. We hope to collaborate on several issues surrounding the introduction of electric vehicles in the AQMD region, such as public outreach and education and the need for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. In addition, we will explore the feasibility of electrification of our goods movement system in the Ports area. I will be reporting monthly on this effort.

**AQMD Board Meeting – May 4, 2012 Highlights**

**Adoption of FY 13 Budget and Work Program:** The Board adopted a \$133.4 million budget for FY13. This includes 798 positions, including the deletion of 19 vacant positions. The budget also assumes a 2.4% fee increase, consistent with Rule 320, which allows for an increase of fees based on the change in the California consumer price index

- **Natural Gas-Powered Police Vehicle:** The Board amended an existing contract with A-1 Alternative Fuel Systems to convert one additional gasoline-powered police vehicle to CNG in amount not to exceed \$150,000 for up to three years of demonstration.
- The first vehicle in the program, a gasoline-powered Ford Crown Victoria, has been converted to operate on compressed natural gas (CNG) and is currently being equipped with standard police vehicle lights, siren and radio. Deployment to a Southland city is expected in June for up to a four month period to interested municipalities. The second CNG vehicle could be ready for demonstration later this year. Those participating in the program will operate a vehicle for approximately two to four months during the three-year program.

Police pursuit vehicles can accrue 50,000 to 60,000 miles per year. With hundreds of police pursuit vehicles operating in the four-county area, converting high-mileage police vehicles to natural gas could represent significant emission reductions for the Southland.

The cities of Duarte, Glendora, Hawthorne, La Puente, Monterey Park, Pomona, San Fernando, Santa Monica, Sierra Madre, West Covina, and California State University San Bernardino all have expressed interest in the program.

- **Natural Gas and Hydrogen Fueling Stations:** The Board mended an existing contract with Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. for maintenance, equipment repairs, equipment leases, and operations related to the Five Cities hydrogen fueling stations in Riverside, Santa Ana, and Santa Monica. The contract amendment is for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for a two-year period.