GATEWAY CITIES AND SB 375

WHITE PAPER

General Approach

- Cities need to be engaged
- Seen as a high priority to cities
  - Proactively and defensively
- Complex subject – need expert support to match the challenge
- Cities, through the COG, assessing themselves $5,000 each to retain consultant
- The consultant team is Willdan Energy Solutions, Iteris and West Coast Environmental and Engineering

COG Primary Issues

- Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Component
- Transportation Funding
- Local Land Use Authority
- Growth Forecasting
- Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
- AB 32 Compliance

Co-Partner: MTA

Implementation Steps

1. Planning Directors and Public Works Officers (lead staff for cities)
   - Set context and goals of a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for the Gateway Cities Subregion

2. Identify Current Status of Sustainability Efforts
   - Existing sustainability efforts in COG cities
   - Quantified Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions
   - Anticipated reductions and time frame
   - Any implementation measures from SCAG Compass Blueprint Plan
   - Sustainability related elements in City General Plans
   - Travel Demand Management (TDM) measures planned or proposed

3. Compile an Inventory of Regional Programs and Agencies with Programs to Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) or Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) emissions
4. Assemble Sub-regional General Plan Database of All Gateway Cities
   (THIS BECOMES THE COLLECTIVE VISION OF HOW WE PLAN TO DEVELOP)

5. Compare with SCAG Visions
   - 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) (2035 Baseline)
   - Conceptual Land Use Scenario

6. Identify Differences and Mismatches with SCAG
   - Planned growth locations
   - Planned transportation investments

7. Track and Report on State and Regional Developments
   - Attend
   - Comprehend
   - Translate
   - Report back
   - Develop sub-regional consensus

Develop Recommended Strategy IF Gateway Cities Accepts Delegation

KEY DELEGATION ISSUES

I. SUBREGIONAL TARGETS

II. RESOURCES

III. LIABILITY FOR LAND USE CHANGES