

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

*Wednesday, May 3, 2006*

*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**

**VI. 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 April 5, 2006, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of April 5, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register dated May 3, 2006
- C. March 2006 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement
- D. Status Report on Gateway Cities Clean Air Program
- E. Status Report from Lobbyist, Government Relations Consultants
- F. Status Report from Media Relations, Natural Marketing Inc.
- G. Approval of Lease Agreement – Konica Minolta Copier

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

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

**VII. REPORTS**

- A. MWD Request to Oppose AB 2396 and AB 2397, Presentation by Luis Cetina, Sr. Government Affairs Representative

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION

- B. Report from the Housing Committee

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

- C. Report on Compendium of Existing and Proposed Near-Term Air Quality Improvement Strategies for the I-710 Corridor

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

- D. Nomination of Elected Official Members to MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council Vacancies

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO SELECT TWO APPLICANTS

E. Draft Letter Regarding Metro Red Line Western Extension

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE DRAFT LETTER

## **VIII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

A. Report from Conservancy Committee

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

B. Report from The I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

C. Report from the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

D. Status Report on State Route 91 and Interstate 605 (SR 91/ I-605)

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

E. Report from Transportation Committee

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

F. Status Report on the Orangeline Maglev

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

## **IX. MATTERS REGARDING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG)**

A. Southern California Association of Governments Items

- Discussion Re: Report from SCAG Regional Council Agenda for May 4, 2006

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO SUPPORT, OPPOSE OR TAKE NO ACTION - SCAG PROPOSALS

B. Discussion Re: SCAG Policy Committee Agendas for May 4, 2006

- Transportation and Communication Committee (TCC)
- Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)
- Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)
- Administration Committee

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO SUPPORT, OPPOSE OR TAKE NO ACTION - SCAG PROPOSALS

**X. MATTERS FROM PRESIDENT**

**XI. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A. Report from Diane DuBois, Gateway Cities COG Representative on the League of California Cities Executive and Legislative Committee

**XII. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

- A. Selection of Date for the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members (June 28 or July 5, 2006 or other dates of choice)
- B. Board Members are Invited to Attend the Twelfth Annual Economic Forecast Conference by California State University Long Beach, May 17, 2006, 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (8 COG seats available)
- C. Update on AB 2015 (Lieu) Air Quality: South Coast Air Quality Management District

**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 7, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

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.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**Item A**  
**Approval of Minutes**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
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  
April 5, 2006**

There not being a quorum of the Board of Directors present, President Nordbak, called a meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 6:06 p.m.

**PRESENT:** President Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier  
First Vice President Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia  
Second Vice President Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park  
Immediate Past President Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill  
Member Paul Bowlen, City of Cerritos  
Member Anne Bayer, City of Downey  
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood  
Member Bonnie Lowenthal, City of Long Beach  
Member Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk  
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount

**ABSENT:** Member Frank Colonna, City of Long Beach  
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs  
Member Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Member John Pratt, City of Bellflower  
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton  
Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy  
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lakewood Director of Community Development Charles Ebner; South Gate Assistant to the City Manager Binti Harvey; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Bell Special Projects Manager Raul Romero; Connie Sziebl, Field Representative for Supervisor Don Knabe; Long Beach Transit Director of Communications and Customer Service Brynn Kernaghan; Jerry Wood, Executive Director, I-5 Joint Powers Authority; David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager, Gateway Cities Metro Service Sector; Michael Sieckert, Planning Manager, Gateway Cities Metro Service Sector; Darin Chidsey, Member Relations Officer, SCAG; Kristine Guerrero, Gateway Cities Regional Representative, League of California Cities; Albert Perdon, Executive Director, Orangeline Development Authority; Scott Carlson, Associate Vice President, ITERIS, Inc.; Marcie Correa, NTMA Training

Centers; Gina Marinello, NTMA Training Centers; Patty Senecal, Vice President, Transport Express, Inc., Lee Saage, Vice President, URS; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; Martin Fuentes, representing Steve Westly for Governor Committee; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Assistant General Counsel Tom Duarte; Program Development Director Deborah Chankin; Karen Heit, GCCOG Transportation Deputy.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Board Member John Pratt led the pledge of allegiance.

President Nordbak asked to add an item to the agenda under President's Comments for appointment of a Housing Subcommittee. It was moved by Immediate Past President Wilson, seconded by First Vice President Nelson, to add this item to the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Board Member Betty Putnam arrived at the meeting at 6:10 p.m. President Nordbak announced that a quorum of the Board of Directors was now present.

Martin Fuentes addressed the Board and invited interested persons to attend a fund raiser for Steve Westly for Governor to be held on April 8 at the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

It was moved by Member Lowenthal, seconded by Member DuBois, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Gina Marinello, Campus Director for the National Tooling and Machining Association (NTMA), gave a presentation regarding her organization's programs. She said that they are a non-profit organization that operates three campuses (in Norwalk, Los Angeles, and Ontario) that train machinists. She said that they have a 95% placement rate and have financial aid available for prospective students. She said they also offer six graduate courses at no cost. Ms. Marinello said that NTMA also offers on-site training. She said that manufacturers offer well-paying positions for machinists and that there is a high demand for them.

Member Daniels asked if NTMA will come to job fairs. Ms. Marinello said that they do. Member Daniels asked that she contact the Paramount Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring a job fair.

Immediate Past President Wilson said that a high percentage of machinists will be retiring in the near future. He invited NTMA to make a presentation before the Signal Hill City Council.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Wilson, seconded by First Vice President Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Aguirre arrived at the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

The Executive Director introduced Patty Senecal, Vice President of Transport Express, Inc. and voluntary Chair of the California Trucking Association, who gave a power point presentation on the Trucking Industry Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Cooperation Program. She said that the largest footprint of trucks in the United States is in the Gateway Cities region. Even so, the largest fleet operating out of the two ports has only 25 trucks, meaning that the port hauling trucking industry is very fragmented. As a result, truck data is the missing link in developing an ITS system. She said that 20 intermodal carriers had committed to support a public/private partnership to deploy technology to aggregate data from multiple sources into a central server to facilitate real-time access to dates, times, positions, proactive alerts, idle times, and other information to assist traffic flow. She said the ultimate success will depend on unbiased data collected from the actual trucks operating in the region.

Member Pratt said that the technology should be available to everyday persons. President Nordbak said that he was concerned about trucks exiting the freeways onto city streets. Ms. Senecal said that the aim is to help the truckers get the information they need to determine the best routes and drive times. Immediate Past President Wilson asked what would be the cost to develop the system. The Executive Director responded that the COG had received a federal grant with the aim of developing a model to collect data to be used to launch an Intelligent Transportation System. He said that the California Trucking Association had been approached to have the trucking industry partner in this effort.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Wilson, seconded by Member Lowenthal, to approve the recommendation to partner with the trucking industry to fund a pilot program to develop an Intelligent Transportation System. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Director of Program Development presented an update on the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). She described the revised governance structure, which has the Lower Los Angeles and Lower San Gabriel River watersheds as one of five sub-regions under the County of Los Angeles Plan. She said that \$1.5 million in planning funds had been granted to Los Angeles County. About \$30 million in implementation grants will be available for awards in the County. She said it would be up to the governance structure to assure that the submitted project requests represent different water focus areas and fair geographical distribution.

It was moved by Member Pratt, seconded by First Vice President Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that in response to the advertisement for the position, only one nomination, that of George Bass, had been received to fill the vacant public member seat on the MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council which resulted from the resignation of Jacqueline Rynerson. He said that the two elected official members were subject to re-nomination and suggested that the Board also consider a process to be used for those seats.



First Vice President Nelson said that the two incumbent elected official members attend all Sector Council meetings and are very active. He said that they wish to be reappointed. Immediate Past President Wilson said that he favored advertising for the positions because it felt it was the COG's duty to do so.

President Nordbak asked that the questions be separated and that a motion relative to the nomination of George Bass be offered. It was moved by Member Bowlen, seconded by Member Daniels, to nominate George Bass to the MTA Board of Directors to be appointed to the vacant public member seat on the MTA Sector Governance Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

Members Bowlen and DuBois said that the COG should advertise again for the two elected official seats on the Sector Governance Council. It was moved by Immediate Past President Wilson, seconded by Member DuBois, to advertise for the two elected official seats on the Sector Governance Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that the map for the National Park Service Special Resource Study had been revised to remove several of the Gateway Cites members from the study area. He said that the COG had always believed that the original map was incorrectly drawn. The southern boundary of the survey area now stops at the point where the City of Santa Fe Springs touches the San Gabriel River. It was moved by Immediate Past President Wilson, seconded by Member Gurule, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Immediate Past President Wilson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said that the National Park study map issue was brought up at a Conservancy meeting. He reported that several grants were approved for amendment, action was taken to comment on the proposed sale of "excess" property in the Angeles National Forest, and that the Conservancy was refurbishing a building in Arcadia to serve as the new headquarters for the Conservancy. It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood, Executive Director of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority, presented an update on the I-5 project. He said that 12 of the 20 homes to be acquired at Carmenita Ave. are currently being appraised. He reported that the Commerce City Council had approved the I-710/I-5 "mini study". It was moved by Member Gurule, seconded by Immediate Past President Wilson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director provided an update on the I-710 project. He said that the Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on April 19, and that the Oversight Policy Committee would likely meet at the end of the month. He said that only the Port of Los Angeles of the major funding partners had yet to approve the funding plan for the next phase of the project. It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member Bowlen, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a status report on the SR91/I-605 project. He said that

the COG is looking for money to fund the next stage of the project. It was moved by Immediate Past President Wilson, seconded by Member Pratt, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Lowenthal presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the Committee had reviewed a letter from Supervisor Mike Antonovich opposing the proposed Los Angeles Red Line extension project. She said the Committee had decided to carefully watch the developments concerning this project and to recommend a letter be sent to the MTA Board expressing concern that projects already in line for funding not lose their priority in order to fund the Red Line project. She said the Committee had also reviewed the Multi-County Goods Movement Plan and is encouraging comments from agencies throughout the subregion. She said they also discussed the status of the proposed transportation bond initiative.

President Nordbak said that he supported the position of Supervisor Antonovich opposing the Red Line project and said that if the Board supported sending a letter other than one opposing the project that he would prefer it come from the Executive Director rather than himself. Immediate Past President Wilson said that he favored a letter expressing a position that the Red Line not "leapfrog" other projects rather than one stating outright opposition to the Red Line. After discussion among the Board members, it was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Immediate Past President Wilson, to direct staff to draft a letter to the MTA Board of Directors expressing the position that projects not be passed over in order to fund the Red Line project.

#### ROLL CALL

AYES: Member Pratt, Member Lowenthal, Member Daniels, Member Putnam, Member Hurtado, and Immediate Past President Wilson.

NOES: Member Bowlen, Member Dobson, Member Gurule, Member Bayer, Member DuBois, Member Aguirre, Member Stefenhagen, Second Vice President Guerrero, First Vice President Nelson, and President Nordbak.

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Member Mirabal, Member Morrow, Member Beltran, Member Fierro, Member Chaidez, Member Carroll, Member Chotiner, Member Colonna, Member Pedroza, Member Siccama, Member Armenta, Member Davis, and Member Knabe.

The motion failed.

It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member Bowlen, to direct staff to draft a letter to the MTA Board of Directors opposing the Red Line extension project.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Member Bowlen, Member Dobson, Member Gurule, Member Bayer, Member DuBois, Member Aguirre, Member Stefenhagen, Second Vice President Guerrero, First Vice President Nelson, and President Nordbak.

NOES: Member Pratt, Member Lowenthal, Member Daniels, Member Putnam, Member Hurtado, and Immediate Past President Wilson.

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Member Mirabal, Member Morrow, Member Beltran, Member Fierro, Member Chaidez, Member Carroll, Member Chotiner, Member Colonna, Member Pedroza, Member Siccama, Member Armenta, Member Davis, and Member Knabe.

The motion was approved.

Albert Perdon, Executive Director of the Orangeline Development Authority, presented a status report on the Orangeline Maglev Project. He said that the technical work on the feasibility study was progressing nicely; and that initial model runs may be ready next month. He said that a bill (AB 2882) had been introduced by Assemblyman Hector De La Torre that would make the Orangeline eligible for State loan guarantees and that a draft support letter would be brought to the Board next month. He said the OLDA Board has been monitoring the Shanghai Maglev system, which will be extended from its current 19 mile length to 100 miles. It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member Pratt, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

The Executive Director reported that SCAG would be conducting a joint meeting of the Regional Council and policy committees tomorrow regarding the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director announced that the annual SCAG Regional Housing Summit would be held on April 20.

President Nordbak announced that Member Pratt had volunteered to chair a Housing Committee. He asked for volunteers to serve on the Housing Committee. Members DuBois, Stefenhagen, and Bowlen, and Second Vice President Guerrero volunteered to serve on the committee. President Nordbak announced that he was appointing them to the Housing Committee and asked to be included in the distribution of any agendas for the committee.

President Nordbak announced that Member Putnam was resigning as the COG Representative to the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities' Executive and Legislative Committees and asked for a volunteer to replace her. Member DuBois volunteered for the position and was appointed by President Nordbak.

There were no matters from staff.

**Adjournment:** The meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned by consensus at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

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

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM C**

**March 2006 Local Agency Investment  
Fund Statement**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PHILIP ANGELIDES, *Treasurer*

**OFFICE OF THE TREASURER**  
SACRAMENTO



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

March, 2006 Statement

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**Account Number : 40-19-045**

Attn: TREASURER  
16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD  
PARAMOUNT CA 90723

**Transactions**

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Transaction Date</u>	<u>Tran Type</u>	<u>Confirm Number</u>	<u>Authorized Caller</u>	<u>Amount</u>
03-09-2006	03-08-2006	RW	1065458	JACK JOSEPH	- 200,000.00
03-10-2006	03-10-2006	RW	1065715	JACK JOSEPH	- 50,000.00
03-14-2006	03-13-2006	RW	1065893	JACK JOSEPH	- 283,000.00
03-21-2006	03-20-2006	RW	1066571	JACK JOSEPH	- 185,000.00
03-27-2006	03-27-2006	RW	1067200	JACK JOSEPH	- 175,000.00

**Account Summary**

Total Deposit :	0.00	Beginning Balance :	6,854,249.23
Total Withdrawal :	- 893,000.00	Ending Balance :	<b>5,961,249.23</b>

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM D**

**Status Report On Gateway Cities Clean  
Air Program**



**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Status Report on Clean Air Program

This report provides a status report on the Clean Air Program for the months of March and April, 2006.

### **Status of Fleet Modernization Program**

To date, we have made awards for 419 replacement trucks, with total awards exceeding \$11.3 million. We currently have 12 applications in process for the POLA-funded program, and 9 applications the MSRC-funded program. We are receiving new applications every week.

#### CARB Draft Private Fleet Rule Meeting

In April, CARB released its draft plan for a Private Heavy-Duty Fleet Rule, which would compel all fleets of one or more heavy-duty diesel truck registered in the state of California to upgrade their vehicles and/or install retrofit devices. This rule is in the preliminary stage of development; CARB will be holding working group meetings throughout the summer of 2006 to address critical issues in the proposed plan. TIAX will monitor the progress of this rule.

#### CARB Emission Reduction Plan for Ports and Good Movement

In April, CARB released its draft emission reduction plan for Ports and Goods Movement, which compels the ports and good movement industry to reduce their emission contribution significantly by putting in place an array of programs. This rule is in the preliminary stage of development; CARB held a board meeting to request approval to begin exploring the feasibility of potential programs so that it can draft a formal rule. TIAX will monitor the progress of this emission reduction plan.

#### Port of Los Angeles (POLA) Program

The POLA-funded portion of the CAP has funded 290 diesel fueled replacement trucks to date. With the new funding formula now active that provides a significant increase in the size of the average grant amount, there has been an infusion of new interest in the program by truckers with eligible older trucks.

POLA's executive management continues to pursue a new program that would redirect the "discretionary" (non-settlement) funds already allocated to the Gateway Clean Air Program.

The focus would shift away from diesel replacement trucks, in favor of those fueled by natural gas. However, there is a "Catch 22" to this concept: the "owners-operators" who drive the oldest, dirtiest trucks are not very good candidates to purchase and drive alternative fuel trucks, for a variety of reasons. At the request of POLA management, the COG's consultant attended a meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the challenges and opportunities associated with such a program. As of early January 2006, POLA management is scheduling follow-on meetings.

#### Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Review (MSRC) Program

As previously reported, the Gateway Clean Air Program received a grant of \$1.75 million from the MSRC to implement a new phase of fleet modernization awards targeting truckers in all four counties of the South Coast Air Basin. This new round of MSRC funding will pay for the scrapping and replacement of approximately 45 to 60 more pre-1987 trucks primarily serving the Gateway Cities transportation corridors in applications associated with goods movement.

In February, MSRC funds became available for truckers who meet basic program requirements and can also qualify as MSRC "Goods Movement Drivers." Through April 21, 2006 nine grant awards have been made under this program. The COG outreach team has developed an outreach plan per MSRC contract requirements, and began implementing that plan.

#### **Status of Federal Clean Air Program Funding**

##### Region IX EPA Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Grant

In March and April the Los Angeles Unified School District delivery trucks domiciled in Pico Rivera were data logged to determine if the identified vehicles met the temperature gradient required to effectively operate with a Level 3 Diesel Particulate Matter control device. It was determined for the test results that the identified LAUSD does NOT meet the required specifications. TIAX is working with EPA and BP to determine if there is another fleet that meets the SEP Grant Guidelines. Until a new fleet is identified, the grant project is on hold.

##### Installation of Automatic Vehicle Locators and Diesel Oxidation Catalysts

To date, 114 trucks have received AVL installations, 107 on POLA-funded vehicles and 7 on MSRC-funded vehicles. For each AVL-equipped truck, we are now receiving automatic data reports on mileage driven. The large increase in the number of devices installed was due to mass install events held in January and February 2006, and the increased number of awards made in recent months.

Diesel oxidation catalyst (DOCs) installations are currently on hold. In early April, a trend of failing turbo systems emerged among trucks funded and received DOC installations. All affected vehicles have been fixed and placed back in service. TIAX, Ironman Parts

(vendor), and Donaldson (manufacturer) are working closely together to determine the likely cause. Once the cause of the failure is determined, TIAX will make a recommend an appropriate course of action, whether or not to continue installing DOC's and/or retrofit devices as a whole. Please note that under proper operating conditions, the particular DOC system being installed reduces harmful particulate matter from each replacement truck by about 37%. It also reduces several other types of air pollutants. These reductions are in addition to the major emissions benefits associated with scrapping the older truck and replacing with a newer model. To date, 38 trucks have been equipped with DOCs.

## **Outreach**

During the month of April the GCCOG consulting team completed and/or continued work on the following tasks:

- Completed all of the fliers needed for outreach, including the flier (in English and Spanish) for outreach for Port of Los Angeles funding vehicles, the flier for MSRC funding vehicles, and the flier for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> truck operators meeting in Fontana.
- Secured a site for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> truck operators meeting in Fontana at the Fontana Middle School after talking to and visiting several sites in the region during the month. Secured the participation of Gwenn Norton-Perry, MSRC Chairperson, to perform the welcome.
- Researched the site for the July 22<sup>nd</sup> truck operators meeting in the Port of Long Beach.
- Distributed several thousand program fliers to truck operators waiting in queues outside of container terminals in the Port of Los Angeles.
- Updated the MSRC Scope of Work and secured the approval of the MSRC.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM E**

**Status Report from Lobbyist,  
Government Relations Consultants**

G O V E R N M E N T   R E L A T I O N S   C O N S U L T A N T S

To:     Richard Powers  
       Gateway Cities Council of Governments

From:   Allynn Howe  
       Government Relations Consultants

Date:   April 25, 2006

Re:     Monthly Report for April

**Appropriations**

Gateway Cities COG have a number of appropriations requests before various subcommittees of the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate. As you know, the Appropriations Committee is supposed to get specific spending limits or “allocations” from the budget resolution. But there is no budget resolution. Senator Spector (R-PA), among others, proposed an amendment to the Budget Resolution to restore \$7 billion in cuts proposed by the President’s Budget for Health and Human Services. Amendments restoring proposed cuts in spending came from a sufficient number of Senators and House members to show that there was no majority that would favor passage of a budget that made drastic cuts in domestic spending. The Easter/spring recess does not appear to have helped to resolve differences.

House appropriators expect to begin subcommittee markups of annual spending bills as soon as the week of May 1, regardless of the status of the House budget resolution, which remains in limbo because of Republican infighting.

Subcommittee chairmen appear to have been given tentative allocations from the leadership based on President Bush’s proposed \$873 billion budget cap.

Three subcommittees are likely to move first — Agriculture, Interior-Environment and Military Quality of Life-VA.

Part of the battle between House Appropriations Committee members and others involves rules that would limit earmarks. Appropriators argue that the same rules should apply to authorizing legislation. This reflects a decades old tension between those who create government policy (authorizers) and those that fund the implementation of that policy (appropriators).

The Senate this week will consider a \$106.5 billion supplemental (S Rept 109-230) after the Appropriations Committee added billions. The Senate also picked up its immigration debate Monday where it left off two weeks ago — mired in a partisan dispute that derailed an effort to allow most of the estimated 11 million to 12 million illegal immigrants in the country to stay and earn citizenship.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM F**

**Status Report from Media Relations,  
Natural Marketing Inc**



April 21, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Powers, Executive Director  
Gateway Cities Council of Governments

FROM: Nadene Bristow  
Natural Marketing, Inc.

RE: GCCOG Public Relations and Marketing Activity Report – April 2006

Activities

- Coordinated with staff as needed on programs including 1-710 Program, 1-5 Program, Clean Air Program, Intelligent Transportation Systems Initiative and the SR 91/1-605 Corridor Study.
- Met with Richard Powers, Executive Director via phone and in person for program updates.
- Developing the Gateway Cities Council of Governments' PowerPoint presentation.
- Fielded phone call from Cheryl Scott of the *Inglewood Tribune/Compton Bulletin*.
- Developing the Gateway Cities Council of Governments' Web site.
- Continuing to follow up with Caitlin Liu of the *Los Angeles Times* for a possible story regarding the Clean Air Program.
- In contact as needed with *LA Times*, *Press Telegram*, *Paramount Journal*, *Long Beach Business Journal*, *La Opinion*, Eastern Group Publications for media outreach.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM G**

**Approval of Lease Agreement – Konica  
Minolta Copier**



**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Lease Agreement – Konica Minolta Copier

**Background**

The COG's lease with Konica Minolta for the photo copy machine expires in 2 years. The current monthly lease payment is \$422.53 which includes the copier lease, maintenance agreement and overage charges. Our current copy machine has become a major problem, with continued jams and service calls. We have incurred additional costs on outside copy services because the current machine is unable to complete large copy jobs, including the monthly agenda. We have received a proposal from Konica Minolta for a five year lease on a new machine at a rate of \$405.53, (there will be a net monthly savings of \$17.00). This figure includes the lease payments and copier maintenance. In addition, the COG will keep the current machine free and clear as a backup for small jobs.

**Recommended Action**

Authorize the Executive Director to sign a lease agreement with Konica Minolta for a new copier at the rate of \$405.53 per month.

## **VII. REPORTS**

### **ITEM A**

**MWD Request to Oppose AB 2396 and  
AB 2397**

**Presentation By Luis Cetina**

## **AB 2397 (Calderon) - OPPOSE Metropolitan Water Districts: Contracting**

### ***Would Restrict Metropolitan Contracts and Harm Small Businesses***

**AB 2397 by Assemblyman Ron Calderon (D-Montebello)** seeks to prohibit the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California from entering into contracts for permanent or temporary services, either skilled or unskilled, if those services, in the judgment of the district, are of a kind that Metropolitan employees could perform adequately and competently.

Given the broad range of expertise in Metropolitan's core workforce of nearly 2,000 employees, this bill would effectively restrict Metropolitan's ability to contract out for the kind of supplemental services necessary to responsibly protect water ratepayers from undue costs to maintain the supply of safe drinking water to Southern California residents and businesses.

Key concerns related to the attempt by AB 2397 to restrict Metropolitan's contracting abilities include:

**Metropolitan should retain the same contracting flexibility as that enjoyed by other local entities.** Local entities need contracting discretion to address fluctuating workloads, efficiently manage short-term projects, obtain specialized services and contain costs. Metropolitan should not be singled out for contracting restrictions. Moreover, enactment of AB 2397 would set a bad precedent for other local entities.

**Contracting is vital to meeting peak workload demands.** Metropolitan relies on a cost-effective strategy of using contract services to address peak operations and maintenance workload demands. For example, Metropolitan is in the midst of a 2005-06 peak in expenditures and workload for its 10-year capital improvement program (CIP). After this peak, CIP expenditures and workload will drop substantially. Specifically, expenditures are expected to fall from a high of nearly \$585 million in 2006-07 to less than \$250 million by 2009-10. Through use of contracting, Metropolitan is able to avoid cycles of costly and painful layoffs.

**Metropolitan has a proud history of maximizing utilization of its workforce.** In FY 2002-03, Metropolitan staff performed more than 77 percent of Metropolitan's total workload. The district also has an excellent record of employee retention, as reflected by employee turnover in 2005 of just one percent of Metropolitan's workforce, which does not reflect retirements or terminations.

**Metropolitan's contracting discretion has been utilized effectively and efficiently.** Metropolitan has established effective criteria for assessing the need for service contracts. Generally, professional service contracts are used when project schedules

are short or unique expertise is required. Other services support such functions as sludge and hazardous waste services, landscape maintenance and facility maintenance.

**AB 2397 could undermine Metropolitan's well-recognized and successful small business outreach program and would hurt regional businesses.** Metropolitan is proud of its well-developed outreach efforts and fair bidding processes, which have resulted in increased competition for contracts and in cost savings for the agency. For the first half of fiscal year 2005-06, Metropolitan's \$47 million in contracts to small businesses represented 36 percent of all procurement, professional, nonprofessional and construction contracts. Moreover, 85 percent of Metropolitan's total contracts have gone to businesses located within the Southern California region. Contracting with small businesses has continued to save the district millions of dollars through increased competition.

**Partnerships for water education and other programs.** AB 2397's restrictions would likely bar many of Metropolitan's effective partnerships with community-based organizations, non-profit organizations, professional associations and public agencies throughout the Southern California and the state. Through its Community Partnering Program, Metropolitan provides support for such activities as after-school water education programs, water resources business forums, community water festivals, native and drought-tolerant plant garden education programs and watershed outreach programs. Metropolitan's contracts under the Community Partnership Program represent an extremely effective and efficient means of educating communities using the expertise and resources of organizations familiar with and respected by their local communities.

**Contracting barriers would harm ratepayers.** AB 2397 would impose restrictions that would not only be unrealistic in light of workload demands but would be unfair to our ratepayers who would be required to support the burden of excessive and ongoing costs.

## **AB 2396 (Calderon) - OPPOSE**

### **Governance of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**

**AB 2396 by Assemblyman Ron Calderon (D-Montebello)** states the intent to change the fundamental relationship between Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and the water agency customers it serves.

Created in 1928, Metropolitan is a consortium of 26 water districts and cities that provides water to 18 million people in the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, Ventura and San Bernardino. To ensure equity among the cities and municipalities, existing law extends to each agency the right to appoint MWD board members to the 37-member board according to a formula based on property valuation.

**Accountability.** Consistent with this structure, each Metropolitan member agency appoints board members to represent its perspective. Each of Metropolitan's member agencies are either governed by an elected body – such as a water board or city council – or are comprised of members representing locally elected bodies. In turn, member agencies appoint directors to the Metropolitan board. This system ensures that the interests of communities and regions whose local voters actually receive Metropolitan water have a fair say in broader Southern California water policy.

As a whole, the Metropolitan board represents a broad range of water entities and has been highly successful in crafting progressive water policy direction for the Southern California region. AB 2396's proposed change to Metropolitan's board would sever the relationship between board members and the member agencies who pay for Metropolitan's water. In addition, AB 2396 could impact the voices of the smaller cities, communities and water agencies that now have direct and immediate representation under the present system.

**Increased Costs.** Under the current system, Metropolitan board members receive no compensation beyond that of basic travel and incidental expenses. If implemented, AB 2396 would likely create a process under which the public would have to absorb the steep price of board elections, salaries paid to board members and their staffs, and all costs associated with maintaining district offices.

**Board Composition Recently Revised by Legislature.** After thorough legislative review of Metropolitan's board and system of representation, legislation enacted in 1998 required significant modifications to composition of Metropolitan's board. Specifically, SB 1885 (Chapter 781, Statutes of 1998) reduced the number of Metropolitan board members from 51 to 38 – a change which became effective on January 1, 2001 – and modified the system for allocating seats on the board. Given this recent legislation and

modification of Metropolitan's board – as well as the fact that Metropolitan's member agency customers are satisfied with board representation – it makes little sense to destroy a functional and fair system of board appointments.

**Metropolitan Board Policies are Public and Transparent.** Current statute requires Metropolitan to produce several key reports. First, SB 60 (Chapter 415, Statutes of 1999) requires a comprehensive annual report to the Legislature on its progress in achieving its goals of increased emphasis on cost-effective conservation, recycling and groundwater recharge. Additionally, along with other water providers throughout the state, Metropolitan is required to prepare an urban water management plan every five years – a plan that is developed through a public process that is open to stakeholder and public input. Additionally, current law requires Metropolitan to report complaints filed by its member agencies on an annual basis. With the exception of one complaint in 2000, Metropolitan has not received any complaints since then from its member agencies.

**VII. REPORTS**  
**ITEM B**

**Report from the Housing Committee**

**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** John Pratt, Chair Housing Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Report from the Housing Committee

**Background**

As you know the COG Board of Directors created a Housing Committee of the Board with the following members: John Pratt, City of Bellflower, Chair, Paul Bowlen, City of Cerritos, Elba Guerrero, Huntington Park, Diane DuBois, Lakewood, and Gordon Stefenhagen, Norwalk.

**General Objectives of the Committee**

The Housing Committee will strive to provide ongoing information to the Gateway Cities on issues relating to housing. We will focus on pending State housing legislation, SCAG housing initiatives in general and more specifically collaborate with our Gateway Cities members on the Community, Economic and Housing Committee (CEHD). It will be our intention to keep Gateway Cities fully informed on the pending Regional Housing Needs Allocation Process (RHNA).

**First Meeting of the Housing Committee**

The Housing Committee will have its initial meeting by hosing a presentation by the Senate Transportation and Housing Consultant Mr. Mark Stivers, who will discuss "State Housing Issues."

**The Meeting will be held at Noon on May 24, 2006 at the COG Offices in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor meeting room. Lunch will be served. An invitation has been made to all City Managers and Planning Directors to attend.**

**Attachments**

Summary of Pending State Housing Legislation  
Summary of RHNA Pilot Program from SCAG

**Recommended Action**

Receive and file report.



**VII. REPORTS  
ITEM C**

**Report on Compendium of Existing and  
Proposed Near-Term Air Quality  
Improvement Strategies for the I-710  
Corridor**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Richard R. Powers, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Report on Compendium of Existing and Proposed Near-Term Air Quality Improvement Strategies for the I-710 Corridor

### **Background**

When the MTA board approved the I-710 Major Corridor Study in 2005, they requested, before proceeding with an EIS/EIR, a presentation of “near-term air quality strategies”. The staffs of METRO, GCCOG and the two ports prepared the attached Compendium of Existing and Near-Term Air Quality Improvement Strategies for the I-710 Corridor. “Near-term” is defined as 0 to 10 years for air quality improvement measures divided into short-term (0 to 5 years) and mid-term (5 to 10 years).

The Compendium is an identification of strategies/mechanisms that have been proposed by a number of entities, including those with jurisdictional responsibilities or mandates to improve air quality, as well as community groups and associations which may not have any legal authority to implement proposed strategies/measures to improve air quality. Exhibit No. 2 at the end of the report summarizes all of these strategies/measures to address air quality improvements.

The report was reviewed with the two ports, air quality agencies, SCAG, Caltrans, etc. who concurred with its presentation and information. Also the MTA board members who requested this information have reviewed it and concur that it satisfies the request by them when they approved the Major Corridor Study.

### **Issue**

This report was produced out of the I-710 Corridor Study efforts but has broad implications for all Gateway Cities.

### **Recommended Action**

1. Receive and File the Report – “Compendium of Existing and Proposed Near-Term Air Quality Improvement Strategies for the I-710 Corridor”
2. Direct GCCOG staff to prepare and submit a scope of work for an Air Quality Plan for Board approval, including a funding plan, incorporating the direction given to the COG in the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee (OPC) directives from the I-710 Major Corridor Study.

**VII. REPORTS**  
**ITEM D**

**Nomination of Elected Official Members  
to MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector  
Governance Council**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Nomination of Elected Official Members to MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council

### **Background**

In September 2002, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors adopted a policy establishing Governance 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 entity charged with nominating Governance Council members.

### **Issue**

The terms of four out of the nine Service Sector Governance Council members will expire on June 30, 2006. At its April meeting, the Board of Directors directed staff to advertise these opportunities. All mayors and councilmembers were advised by letter of the availability of no more than two positions of these positions for elected officials.

Six applications were received. They are from:

- Daniel Crespo, Bell Gardens
- Elba Guerrero, Huntington Park
- Dorothy King, Bellflower
- Owen Newcomer, Whittier
- Fernando Pedroza, Lynwood
- Sam Peña, Maywood

The COG's nominees will then require the approval of the MTA Board of Directors.

### **Attachments**

Application statements.

### **Recommended Action**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors select no more than two of the applicants to fill new three-year terms on the MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council.

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## ATTACHMENT

### **Please tell us why you are interested in serving on the Service Sector Council:**

Crespo

Serving on the Gateway Cities MTA Service Sector Council would provide me the opportunity to represent the community of Bell Gardens in the critical matters of public transportation. The City of Bell Gardens is a relatively poor community and a high user of public transportation. As a member of the City Council and as a user of public transportation, it's important that I represent my constituents on the Service Sector Council to assist in providing oversight to the Sector's operations and delivery of transportation services and to make certain route, scheduling and management decisions are in accordance with the actual needs of my community. As an elected official, I would also like to be involved in the planning of any future expansions to the area corridors that will have impact on the City of Bell Gardens.

Guerrero

Being a public transportation commuter, and in the public transportation sector, I would be honored to represent our Cities. I can share the needs of a daily commuter first hand.

King

As an elected City Council member and former business owner, I am aware of our present crisis situation with traffic, gridlock and the potential problems from an increased population in the coming years.

It is now the time to address and resolve these matters to prevent future stagnation of our economy and protect quality of life issues.

Newcomer

As Mayor Pro Tem, I have served on the Whittier City Council's Transit Subcommittee, where I have studied local transit service and made decisions to improve service. I am dedicated to improving transportation services for our transit dependent residents. I am committed to increasing the use of transit services by our non-transit dependent residents to improve our urban environment and reduce freeway congestion. Finally, I enjoy finding solutions to transit issues.

Pedroza

I am currently serving as the Delegate from the City of Lynwood to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. I would like to participate in community discussions and influence decisions relating to the public transportation system within the cities encompassed by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors and I seek to be confirmed by the MTA Board of Directors.

Peña

I have served on the Governance Council for over two years and would appreciate the consideration to continue to serve. Our service sector is the biggest transit dependant sector in the region and the focus on bringing reliable and safety transit options are important to me and to the service sector. The service sector is made up of transit riders and councilmembers that are very talented and knowledgeable about the needs of our area. I wish to continue to lend my experience and expertise to the Board of Directors.

**Describe your use of public transit.**

Crespo

As a resident of Bell Gardens and a member of the City Council, I utilize the public transit system on a daily basis. Being a frequent user of public transportation has given me a passion to help provide service to our residents and businesses with the efficiency that they deserve and expect. Improving public transportation is one of my ongoing priorities. Bell Gardens is bordered by Interstate 5, which is a vital corridor that provides not only significant economic stimulus to the Gateway Cities, but also serious challenges to us to cooperatively work to improve its efficiency in the movement of our residents and the goods and services upon which our business community depends.

Guerrero

I am a monthly pass holder for the Blue Line.

King

I find using the Blue and Green lines most beneficial and efficient when traveling to Los Angeles Airport, Long Beach, or downtown Los Angeles. Considering the advantages of our transit system to the public, there is a need for a concentrated public relations campaign to increase ridership and emphasize the economy of public transit in this time of high fuel prices.

Newcomer

I regularly use public transit when I fly out of Los Angeles International Airport. In the past, I relied on public transit buses to get to work. I am familiar with local bus service because of my study of local transit service as a member of the Whittier Transit Subcommittee.

Pedroza

I used public transportation when I attended college within the area and before that I occasionally used the local service as a youth growing up in the area.

Peña:

I have used the service line in our region including the MTA bus lines, Blue and Green Line and some of the local bus services that our cities provide (Huntington Park Dial-A-Ride, Maywood Dial-A-Ride, Whittier Transit and West Hollywood Transit system).

**What special perspectives, skills or expertise would you bring to the Council?**

Crespo

As a member of the Bell Gardens City Council, I would help to ensure that the Interstate 5 corridor, along with the others in the Gateway Cities area, continue to operate in an efficient manner. I have the ability to work with local public officials for the collective benefit of cities in Southeast Los Angeles County. Because of my experience and work in local government, I can assist in providing oversight and management of the future plans for the expansion of the I-710 corridor, which is a vital transportation artery, linking the Port of Long Beach to the Los Angeles region and beyond. I was also a member of the Gateway Cities COG and I-710 OPC for several years.

As a long-time resident of Bell Gardens, I have personally witnessed the Long Beach Freeway become overwhelmed with an increase in truck traffic and population growth over the years. I would like to offer my expertise in local government to help with the studies, future planning, and eventual implementation of any traffic congestion relief that will impact the City of Bell Gardens and surrounding communities.

King

I have the ability to listen to all views and opinions without prejudice. To give everyone fair and equal consideration is one of my strong points. The ability to compromise and reach accord with conflicting opinions is necessary for members of this Council. I am very sensitive to the needs of riders, and cognizant of the fact that this is the only means of transportation for many of our residents.

#### Newcomer

I am proud of my first year of service on the Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. In addition, I have served on the City of Whittier's Transit Committee for many years. I was instrumental in moving Whittier from a stand-alone transit operation to a shared operation with Norwalk Transit, building a partnership that will improve transportation options for residents in our area. I am dedicated to improving regional transit services by better coordination of services among all of the regional transit providers.

#### Pedroza

I grew up in the Los Angeles area and was educated in the Los Angeles area. I am serving my second term on the Lynwood City Council. I am bilingual (Spanish-English) and I communicate in spoken and written Spanish regularly with those constituents who are more comfortable in communicating in Spanish with myself and the city government.

I understand the importance of a good public transport system for the economic and social health of the City of Lynwood and for all the cities within the Southeast sector of Los Angeles County. An effective public transportation system is part of the City of Lynwood's 25 Year Growth Plan. I have helped shape that plan and I am a strong supporter of helping to implement this plan incrementally as the city moves forward on all of its plans and programs.

I also believe that land use planning and transportation planning, especially planning for a more effective public transportation system, must be accomplished together rather than the historical practice in this county and most of the country of keeping transportation and land use planning completely separate, with separate public agencies responsible for each. If cities encourage higher density and carefully planned developments that are within walking distance of rail stations and major bus transit centers, it will encourage more use of the public transportation system. At the same time, it will help lessen the otherwise continued increased traffic congestion that all cities are experiencing as a result of continued growth.

In the City of Lynwood, part of our aggressive redevelopment plans and projects includes innovative Transit Oriented Development (TOD). For example, the city has redevelopment plans in process in an area adjacent to the Long Beach Blvd Green Line Light Rail Station. This development at this point is still in conceptual development. But in concept the development entails mixed use development of residential and some commercial, to include provision of senior citizen housing. All of this development will be within easy walking distance of the Green Line Station. Because of this proximity to the rail system, considerably higher densities are being considered for this development.



Pedroza (continued)

These types of planning vision and nuts and bolts practical implementation are happening in the City of Lynwood. I am proud to say that I have taken a leadership position on the Council to move the city in these directions. I believe that I can offer my leadership experience and my experience in working with a very diverse community that comprises the City of Lynwood to help guide the future decisions and recommendations of the Gateway Cities MTA Service Sector Council.

Peña

I worked for Diversified Paratransit, Inc. as a Transit Administrator (1998-2004) coordinating dial-a-ride and transit systems in Maywood, Whittier, Huntington Park, West Hollywood, Senior Adult Day-Care Centers and Los Angeles County Access Service, Inc. In that time I managed a fleet of over 50 vehicles and 80 employees that included drivers, dispatchers and mechanics. Currently, I proudly serve as a member of the Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council and its Past Chairman.

**VII. REPORTS**  
**ITEM E**

**Draft Letter Regarding Metro Red Line  
Western Extension**

**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director  
**BY:** Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy  
**SUBJECT:** Draft Letter Regarding Metro Red Line Western Extension

**Background**

At the meeting of April 5, staff was directed by the Board to prepare a draft letter opposing the funding of the proposed Metro Red Line Western Extension. Staff has drafted a letter and it is attached for the Board's review and action.

**Recommendation**

This is a policy decision for the Board of Directors.

**Draft Letter**

Most of the City Managers within the Gateway Cities subregion received a letter from Supervisor Mike Antonovich requested cities pass resolutions opposing the funding or construction of the Metro Red Line Extension. The Gateway Cities Council of Governments discussed the matter and has made the following recommendation.

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments recommends maintaining the existing project priorities in Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. The last version of the financial plan included no new revenues other than those that would occur as a result of the 5-year extension of the Plan's time-frame. This circumstance does not allow for the addition of or reprioritization of projects like the Metro Red Line Western Extension. This project and its potential \$5 billion price will require significant state and local matching funds for as much as \$2.5 billion. The Plan update recommends, as a priority, maintaining the existing funding priorities of the 2001 LRTP including funding the approximately \$4 billion of cost increases associated with highway project and transit guideway costs. The possibility of continuing cost increases should be analyzed thoroughly before any new projects are added to the Plan.

Transit capital projects from the last LRTP process (Eastside, Exposition Phase I, Exposition Phase II, Crenshaw, Wilshire BRT, SFV Valley North/South etc.) are proposed to be sequenced prior to any new projects in the next LRTP update. *After* these prior LRTP transit projects are scheduled against available funds, new projects could be scheduled in the latter years of the updated LRTP process. The acceleration of prior commitments should be a primary consideration for any new funding before a project the magnitude of the Metro Red Line Western Extension is contemplated.

We respectfully request that the COG's viewpoint be taken into consideration as the LRTP update moves forward.

Sincerely,

Greg Nordbak, President  
Gateway Cities Council of Governments

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

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Frank Colonna, COG Conservancy Chair

**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 COG is represented on the RMC Board by two members. Currently, the two members are COG Immediate Past President Ed Wilson of Signal Hill and myself.

**Issue**

The RMC Board of Directors is now on a semi-monthly schedule and did not meet in April.

Staff continues to work with cities on existing grants, providing technical assistance and preparing updated grant agreements as needed. Staff are also engaged in planning for the RMC's two acquired properties, El Encanto and the Duck Farm.

The RMC participated in the inaugural meeting of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority of which it is a member. The Authority is a newly created JPA which is working toward moving undeveloped portions of Los Cerritos wetlands into public ownership. Current efforts are focused on the Bryant property.

A countywide meeting regarding the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is scheduled for after publication of this agenda, Monday May 1 at 9:00 am at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works in Alhambra. Both staff and elected officials are invited. Any significant outcomes will be reported orally at the Board of Directors meeting.

**Attachments**

None

**Recommended Action**

Receive and file this report.

**VIII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES  
ITEM B**

**Report from the I-5 Consortium Cities  
Joint Powers Authority**

**VIII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**  
**ITEM C**  
**Report from I-710 Oversight Policy**  
**Committee**



**VIII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**  
**ITEM D**

**Status Report on Needs Assessment Study  
for State Route 91 and Interstate 605  
(SR 91/ I-605)**

**VIII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**  
**ITEM E**

**Report from Transportation Committee**

**IX. MATTERS REGARDING SOUTHERN  
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF  
GOVERNMENTS**

**Item A**

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**Discussion Re: Report from SCAG  
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**IX. MATTERS REGARDING SOUTHERN  
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF  
GOVERNMENTS**

**Item B**

**Southern California Association of  
Governments Items:**

**Discussion Re: SCAG Policy  
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