AGENDA

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A. AGENDA ITEM: at this time the Board of Directors considers the agenda item OR during Public Comments, and

B. NON-AGENDA ITEMS: during Public Comments, comments will be received for a maximum 20-minute period; any additional requests will be heard following the completion of the Board of Directors agenda; and

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS: at the time for public hearings.

Please keep your comments brief and complete a speaker card for the President.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – BY SELF INTRODUCTIONS

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - This is the time and place to change the order of the agenda, delete or add any agenda item(s).

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Three minutes for each speaker.
VI. MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. 2009 SCAG Regional Council District Representative Elections
   1. District 23 (Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens and Norwalk)
   2. District 25 (Downey and South Gate)
   3. District 27 (Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Maywood and Vernon)
   4. District 31 (La Habra Heights, La Mirada, and Pico Rivera)

   Elections will be held on Wednesday March 4, 2009 at 5:00 PM; location the Gateway Cities COG office.

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 January 7, 2009, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of January 7th, Board of Directors meeting.

B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated February 4, 2009

C. December 2008 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement

D. Status Report from Lobbyist - Government Relations Consultants

E. SCAG Policy Committee Attendance Report for Last Quarter Ending 2008

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

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

VIII. REPORTS

A. Second Amendment to the I-710 EIR/EIS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

5 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT AND APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF AND RECEIVE AND FILE
IX. REPORTS – COMMITTEES/ AGENCIES – ALL COMMITTEE / AGENCY REPORTS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES UNLESS ADDITIONAL TIME IS GRANTED BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT

A. Matters from Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) – Oral Report

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

3 Min

B. Matters from the League of California Cities – Oral Report

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

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C. Matters from California Contract Cities Association – Oral Report

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

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D. Matters from The I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority – Oral Report

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

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E. Matters from the Orangeline Development Authority-Maglev – Oral Report

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

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F. Matters from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) – Oral Report

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

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G. Matters from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector – Oral Report

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

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X. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A. Report from the Conservancy Committee

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

3 Min
B. Report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee – Oral Report

3 Min

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

C. Report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee – Oral Report

3 Min

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

D. Report from the Transportation Committee – Oral Report

3 Min

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

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, March 4, 2009, 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
President Bayer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: President Anne M. Bayer, City of Downey
First Vice President Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Second Vice President Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Immediate Past President Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Jim Edwards, City of Cerritos
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Victor Farfan, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Kathy Salazar, City of Montebello
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Gracie Gallegos-Smith, City of Pico Rivera
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Curt Pederson, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe

ABSENT: Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Mario Beltran, City of Bell Gardens
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Ronald Fisher, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Member Richard Steinke, Ex Officio Member, Port of Long Beach
ALSO PRESENT: La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood
Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Nordbak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

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

There was no presentation from Cerrell Associates regarding the Los Angeles Stormwater Quality Partnership.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said that the Governor had vetoed the Legislature’s proposed revised FY 08-09 Budget, but that he had released his proposed FY 09-10 Budget. She said budget negotiations were still ongoing. She reported that the second allotment of Proposition 1B funds will not be going out. She urged attendance at the next night’s meeting of the City Selection Committee so that a quorum would be present to confirm the election of the MTA Sector Board Member. It was moved by Second Vice President DuBois, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the California Contract Cities Association.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said that the issue regarding the groundwater at the Carmenita Road interchange was being worked on with Caltrans. She said that the design work of the Alondra intersection was 45% complete, and the Valley View intersection was 10-15% complete.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said that the Authority was moving forward with putting together meetings with OCTA, MTA, and SCAG regarding a feasibility study. She said the Authority was looking to the
firm of DLA Piper to bring the City of Los Angeles into active membership.

Derek Alatorre presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He said SCAQMD Board Member Tonia Reyes Uranga had broken her ankle and sent her regrets at not being able to attend tonight’s meeting. He said that a new source review meeting was scheduled for January 21 regarding offset credits for businesses.

Alex Clifford presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said that a public hearing regarding proposed service changes has been scheduled for February 12 and that information regarding the changes would be emailed to all city managers.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said that the Project Committee would be meeting at the end of the month and that the Technical Advisory Committee would be meeting twice in January.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said that Measure R included $600 million for corridor “hot spot” projects. He said the Technical Advisory Committee would be meeting to develop a list of recommended projects to the Corridor Cities Committee. The Executive Director said that this demonstrates how the consensus created by this effort put the freeway network into play for funding under Measure R.

It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the I-710 and SR-91/I-605/I-405 reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the issue coming up before the MTA Board of Directors in January is adoption of the Congestion Management Plan. She said it is important for our sector MTA Director to be engaged so it makes it critical to have a quorum of the City Selection Committee meet to confirm the MTA sector election.

The Transportation Deputy reported that LaDonna Di Camillo had made a presentation to the Transportation Committee on BNSF railroad projects. She said that cities are encouraged to apply during the upcoming MTA Call for Projects. She said the COG was also looking for cities to send in five projects to be included in a package being put together for possible funding under the federal stimulus program. Member Dobson asked what the deadline is for submitting projects. The Transportation Deputy said that projects are needed by the end of the week. Member Daniels suggested sending out an urgent email to city managers asking them to submit projects.

Member Farfan announced that the City of Hawaiian Gardens would be holding the grand opening of its new library and public safety buildings on Saturday. Member Wilson said that the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board would probably not meet again until March. He said that all park bond proceeds have been frozen.
President Bayer transmitted the statements that Signal Hill Councilmember Larry Forester had made on behalf of the COG before the California Air Resources Board on December 11, 2008.

President Bayer made a presentation to COG Executive Assistant Genny Cisneros recognizing her for ten years of service to the COG.

**Adjournment:** It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary
VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register
VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C
December 2008 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement
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VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D
Status Report from Lobbyist,
Government Relations Consultants
CONGRESS
The recession, a media circus surrounding the replacement of President-elect Obama in the Senate and the outbreak of violence in the Middle East muted the celebrations that normally accompany the convening of a new Congress and the swearing in of newly-elected members.

The congressional leadership made clear that they are eager to address the deepening economic crisis and will eschew the traditional month-long lull that greets most new Congresses. That determination to act was reinforced by President elect Obama’s unveiling of his economic stimulus plan and his call for quick action on it in a speech at George Mason University yesterday. The Labor Department’s release of December unemployment figures, which put the nation’s jobless rate at 7.6 percent (the highest level since 1992) and Congressional Budget Office deficit forecast of $1.2 trillion this year (the record of $455 billion was set last year), added to the urgency. However, the sense of urgency on Capitol Hill was accompanied by doubts from both sides of the aisle about the specifics of Obama’s plan (see related article) and criticism of the President-elect from the congressional leadership for not releasing his plan sooner. Congressional leaders say that while they will not have an economic stimulus bill on the President’s desk on January 20, they expressed confidence that Congress will send him a bill by mid-February. Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) added that she would cancel the President’s Day recess if Congress has not completed work on the stimulus bill by then.

In addition to House and Senate committees beginning work on the economic stimulus bill, the early agenda for the 111th Congress includes quick passage of legislation to reauthorize and expand the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), House consideration of a pair of wage discrimination bills (HR 11 and HR 12) and Senate consideration of an omnibus park, land and natural resources bill (S 22). The omnibus lands bill combines dozens of bills that the Energy and Natural Resources Committee approved last year but that Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK) succeeded in blocking on the Senate floor. Dubbed the “Tomnibus” in honor of its nemesis, the bill is expected to receive the 60 votes needed to overcome the procedural hurdles that
stymied it last year.

The House moved quickly to approve the rules that will govern its operations for the next two years and to set the membership ratios on committees to reflect the increased size of the Democratic majority. The House at the opening of the 111th Congress includes 256 Democrats, 178 Republicans and 1 vacancy (Illinois’ 5th Congressional District, formerly held by newly appointed White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, which the Democrats will likely win in a special election). In addition, the House began the process of appointing members to committees and subcommittees. Although most assignments and committee leadership decisions were made this week, the House will likely need at least a week or two more to finalize all committee and subcommittee rosters.

In the 110th Congress, the Democrats held a one seat advantage on all Senate Committees, reflecting their narrow overall hold on that chamber. Reid is pushing for a three-seat Democratic advantage on Senate committees to reflect the increased Democratic majority. At the opening of the 111th Congress the Democrats hold 58 seats (including two independents, Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut and Bernard Sanders of Vermont, who caucus with the Democrats); the Republicans hold 41 seats and one seat remain vacant.

Looking ahead to the rest of the year, several weighty issues will consume Congress, including but not limited to a major overhaul of the nation’s healthcare system, reauthorization of surface transportation programs, reauthorization of aviation programs, global warming and climate change, and reauthorization of elementary and secondary education programs. In addition, the prospect of trillion dollar budget deficits for the foreseeable future has apparently lit a spark under both the President-elect and the congressional leadership and both have vowed a serious effort to address this seemingly insurmountable problem, which will potentially require overhauling the tax code and reforming entitlement spending in an effort to stabilize the federal budget.

**STIMULUS**

In a speech this week, President-elect Barack Obama urged Congress to act quickly on a stimulus package, warning of dire consequences should the economy not receive an immediate infusion of capital.

Obama officials and congressional leadership have been crafting proposals for an economic stimulus package for weeks, but until recently, there have been very few details. Now after Obama’s speech, his meetings with Republican congressional leaders, and a meeting between his subordinates and congressional Democrats, a plan is beginning to come into focus. Obama has yet to publicly propose a figure, but most reports peg the final tally to be between $775 billion and $1.2 trillion. Of that amount, Obama reportedly would like to dedicate $300 billion to various forms of tax relief, a clear sign that he would like to garner significant Republican
support for the plan. The plan is also expected to include significant funding for infrastructure improvements (see related story below), energy efficiency measures, updating medical records, and Medicaid assistance to states.

Local governments have been advocating that a portion of the funds be allocated directly to them through existing formulas, arguing that it is the fastest and most efficient manner in which to create and save jobs. However, it remains to be seen whether the stimulus plan will ultimately take that path, as there are those who believe the easiest manner in which to distribute the funds is to allocate to the 50 states and let them deal with the issue of sub-allocation to localities.

Obama’s speech this week failed to mention any specific aid to local governments, while he did on several occasions mention states, and, in the case of energy efficiency, even the federal government. What Obama has made clear is his desire that the stimulus package not contain spending for individual projects, or earmarks. In recent days, congressional leaders have also maintained that the bill will be free of earmarks, but that may not deter some Members from seeking them.

The timetable for the stimulus bill has also shifted a bit since before the holidays, as the goal of having a bill passed by Congress and ready for President Obama’s signature on inauguration day has faded. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) promised “regular order” for consideration of the package, meaning that it will go through the normal process of committee consideration prior to floor action and a House-Senate conference committee to iron out any differences between the two chambers proposals. As a result, the tax-writing and appropriations committees in both the House and Senate are planning markups of the plan during the week of January 19, with a House vote coming the following week. Pelosi did indicate that she would cancel a week-long President’s Day congressional recess slated to begin February 14 if the stimulus has not been approved by then.

**TRANSPORTATION**

House Chair outlines transportation stimulus proposals. Chairman James L. Oberstar (D-MN) of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure released details this week of his committee’s recommendations for how to track and report infrastructure spending in the economic stimulus and recovery package being prepared by congressional leaders and President-elect Barack Obama.

Under Oberstar’s proposal, states would have seven days after the bill’s enactment to provide to Congress a list of ready-to-go projects for which they would seek funding. Once approved by Congress, States would have to report on the contracting process for each project within 30 days of enactment. Within 60 days, states would have to report to Congress on the details of each project, and that information would be made public and updated every 30 days from that
point forward. Recipients of grant funding would lose any funding not obligated within 90 days and would be redistributed to states.

Oberstar’s infrastructure stimulus proposal would allocate $30 billion to highway projects, $12 billion to transit, and $14 billion to environmental infrastructure for a total of $85 million. The Chairman did not indicate whether any of the highway funds would be directed to metropolitan planning organizations through the sub-allocation process under the existing federal Surface Transportation Program or leave sub-allocation decisions to the states. Oberstar’s outline only states that the funds would be distributed according to existing distribution formulas established by SAFETEA-LU.

Of the $12 billion that Oberstar’s plan would allocate to transit projects, $7.5 billion would be set aside for capital and operating grants for “ready-to-go projects,” $2 billion to offset increased fuel costs and to purchase alternative-fuel vehicles, and $2.5 billion for New Start rail projects. In addition, $3.4 billion would be distributed among the states for high-speed rail, intercity passenger rail, shortline rail and regional rail, as well as $1.5 billion for Amtrak. Oberstar would also propose giving priority to contracts that can be awarded within 90 days of enactment.

Additionally, most of the spending categories will require “shovel-ready” deadlines that would stipulate completion of certain percentages of each project within a specific time frame. Other components of the Oberstar proposal include:

- $5.3 billion for airport improvement projects;
- $14 billion for environmental infrastructure, including clean-water programs;
- $7 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for dam safety and port dredging;
- $9.7 billion for federal building repair and construction;
- $270 million for Smithsonian Institution facilities;
- $20 million for U.S. Capitol Complex facilities and grounds;
- $400 million for the Economic Development Administration; and
- $481 million for the Coast Guard’s Alteration of Bridges program.

PRESIDENT – ELECT OBAMA’s TEAM

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Eric Holder

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack (D)
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OPEN

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Sec. Robert Gates

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM E
SCAG Policy Committee Attendance
Report for Last Quarter Ending 2008
(provided by SCAG)
## Transportation Committee Attendance Report

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|----------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|
| Rasmussen, Dave*             | 5/1/2008                        | OCGO         | X        |             |        |           |                |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1                |
| Miller, Larry                | 1/1/2008                        | OCGO         | X        |             |        |           |                |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2                |
| Lewis, Alice                 | 1/1/2008                        | Westline     | X        |             |        |           |                |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3                |
| Lukenbach, Phil              | 1/1/2008                        | Cypress      | X        |             |        |           |                |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4                |
| Melendez, Kelly              | 8/1/2008                        | BCCGO        | X        |             |        |           |                |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 8                |
| McGovern, Susan              | 4/2/2008                        | Los Angeles  | X        |             |        |           |                |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1                |
| Vega, Gary                   | 1/1/2008                        | Los Angeles  | X        |             |        |           |                |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2                |
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| Newton, Larry                | 1/1/2008                        | Atoll        | X        |             |        |           |                |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4                |
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| Pedraza, Sam                 | 1/1/2008                        | BCCGO        | X        |             |        |           |                |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 6                |
| Tyler, Sid                   | 1/1/2008                        | Angeleno     | X        |             |        |           |                |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 7                |
| Marmo, "Tina Reyes"          | 1/1/2008                        | Long Beach   | X        |             |        |           |                |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 8                |
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VIII. REPORTS
ITEM A
Second Amendment to the I-710 EIR/EIS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Second Amendment to the I-710 EIR/EIS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Background

As you are aware the Gateway Cities COG was the initiating agency to address the deficiencies in the I-710 Corridor. The project has moved through several phases, each of which have included the Gateway Cities COG, Caltrans, MTA, SCAG, the Port of Long Beach, the Port of Los Angeles, and more recently the I-5 Joint Powers Authority.

This group of public agencies, is in effect, the governing entity and are often referred to as the “Funding Partners”.

The I-710 Major Corridor Study was adopted in 2004, which included a hybrid design utilizing the power easements of Southern California Edison and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. The use of these power easements is crucial to the success of the adopted Major Corridor Study.

Issue

Southern California Edison has expressed a desire to participate on the various Committees, including the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee (Project Committee), however the current MOU limits participation to public agencies.

This amendment to the MOU would provide ex-officio, non-voting membership on the Project Committee to a non-governmental agency subject to the following:

1. Upon a finding by a two-thirds majority vote of the Project Committee that the resources and/ or expertise of the agency under consideration is an important resource for resolving matters under consideration by the Project Committee.

2. The agency being considered for ex-officio, non-voting membership secure a letter of support from one of the parties to the MOU (Funding Partners).

COG Legal Counsel has drafted an amendment for your consideration.
Recommended Action

Approve the Second Amendment to the I-710 EIR/EIS Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the President of the Board to write a letter of support on behalf of Southern California Edison to the remaining Funding Partners who are signatories to the MOU.
SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
AMONG
DISTRICT 7 OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS,
THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS,
AND
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

This Second Amendment (“Amendment”) to the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) regarding an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Interstate 710 (I-710) Corridor, is dated January 5, 2009, and made by and between District 7 of the California Department of Transportation (“STATE”), the Southern California Association of Governments (“SCAG”), the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (“GCCOG”), and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (“METRO”).

RECITALS:
In furtherance of the purposes of the MOU, STATE, SCAG, GCCOG, and METRO desire to amend the MOU as provided herein.

AGREEMENT:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Paragraph 8(b)(1) is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

1) The I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee shall have the authority to name, as ex-officio members, additional governmental agencies, upon a finding by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Committee that the resources and/or expertise of such an agency constitutes an important resource for resolving matters currently under consideration by the Committee. Additionally, the Committee shall have the authority to name, as ex-officio members, non-governmental agencies, provided that a letter of support has been submitted to the Committee on behalf of such agency from at least one party to this MOU, and upon a finding by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Committee
that the resources and/or expertise of such an agency constitutes an important resource for resolving matters currently under consideration by the Committee.

2. Except as expressly amended hereby, the MOU and any previous amendments thereto remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Amendment to be duly executed and delivered as of the above date.

THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Richard Powers, Executive Director        Date

Approved as to form:

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Richard D. Jones, General Counsel for GCCOG        Date

DISTRICT 7 OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Douglas Failing, District Director        Date

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director        Date

Approved as to form:

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Joseph Burton, General Counsel for SCAG        Date
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Richard Snoble, Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to form:
Raymond G. Fortner, Jr.
County Counsel

Deputy County Counsel

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X. 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

Due to the state’s financial shortfall, in December 2008 the state Pooled Money Investment Board froze project financing for bond-funded projects. This has put an effective halt to projects being funded by the RMC. The RMC staff is working with grant recipients to prepare billings for work done before the freeze date, though it is not certain when those payments will be processed.

RMC board meetings have been suspended for the time being.

Recommended Action

Receive and file this report.