

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

5:30 p. m. Buffet

6:00 p. m. Meeting

Gateway Cities Council of Governments

16401 Paramount Boulevard

Paramount, California

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

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 February 4, 2009, is presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of February 4th, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated March 4, 2009
- C. January 2009 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement
- D. Status Report from Lobbyist - Government Relations Consultants

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

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

VIII. REPORTS

- A. Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts' Clearwater Program – Presentation by Brian Dietrick, Senior Engineer, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

15 Min

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

- B. Los Angeles River Goods Movement Project – Presentation by Ramon Grijalva, President, Addison Burnet Group

15 Min

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

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

3 Min

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

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

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

C. Matters from California Contract Cities Association – Oral Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

X. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A. Report from the Conservancy Committee

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

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

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

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

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

D. Report from the Transportation Committee – Oral Report

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

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, April 1, 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

**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
February 4, 2009**

President Bayer called the meeting to order at 6:00 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
Member Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Jim Edwards, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Kathy Salazar, City of Montebello
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
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
Member Fernando Ramirez, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: Past President Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member Mario Beltran, City of Bell Gardens
Member Victor Farfan, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Gracie Gallegos, City of Pico Rivera
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Richard Steinke, Ex Officio Member, Port of Long Beach
ALSO PRESENT: La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Long Beach

Manager of Government Affairs Tom Modica; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Commerce Senior Administrative Analyst Fernando Mendoza; Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council Member George Francis Bass; Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager Alex Clifford; Metro Community Relations Manager Metro Deputy Executive Officer Ernest T. Morales; David Hershenson; Metro Planning Manager Jon Grace; Alex Kenefick, Watershed Coordinator, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council; Luis Cetina, Senior Regional Affairs Manager, Metropolitan Water District; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer; GCCCOG Consultant Engineer Jerry Wood.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

President Bayer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Frank Osgood said that he was here to endorse SB 375 relating to greenhouse gases. He invited Board Members to visit his website.

The Executive Director explained two modifications to the schedule of SCAG district elections: District 29, which includes the cities of Long Beach and Avalon, is subject to an election this year; and Santa Fe Springs is now eligible to participate in the District 31 election.

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

The Executive Director introduced a proposed amendment to the I-710 EIR/EIS Memorandum of Understanding which would authorize, by a two-thirds vote by the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee, the addition as a non-voting, ex officio member an agency that has the resources and/or expertise to resolve matters under consideration by the Project Committee. He explained that the amendment was drafted at the request of the Southern California Edison Company, which owns a substantial portion of the right-of-way under consideration for the I-710 project. It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Gurule, to approve the Second Amendment to the I-710 EIR/EIS Memorandum of Understanding and to 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. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from SCAG.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from the California Contract Cities Association.

There was no report from the I-5 JPA.

There was no report from the Orangeline Development Authority.

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

Alex Clifford presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said that a public hearing regarding service changes proposed to take effect in June has been scheduled for next Thursday. Member Nelson asked Mr. Clifford to inform the Board as to when the Service Sector Council meetings are held. Mr. Clifford said that meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at the Gas Company location in Downey.

Member Nelson reported that there have been no meetings of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board of Directors because funding has been suspended by the State.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said that the Project Committee had selected the high growth cargo forecast with no near dock expansion as the baseline for the I-710 environmental study. It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the Technical Advisory Committee had approved a feasibility study to present potential "hot spot" to be funded under Measure R. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Carroll, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Second Vice President DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She thanked everyone for their support as the new member of the MTA Board of Directors. She said she intends to put out a monthly report to cities as to what MTA is doing. Jon Grace, Metro Planning Manager, reported that MTA has announced a Call for Projects and encouraged cities to begin working on applications early. He said that he and Deputy Executive Officer Ernest Morales are pledging whatever support they can to make sure that the cities' projects are successful.

The Executive Director reported that, as directed by the City Managers Steering Committee, staff had compiled projects from cities totaling \$1.8 billion as potential projects to be funded under the Federal Economic Stimulus bill. Second Vice President DuBois reported that the Transportation Committee had taken an action recommending that the Board challenge the assumption by MTA that only \$100 million would be made available to the cities and the County for Economic Stimulus transportation projects. Member Wilson said that the Board should also question the federal allocation formula that divides the funding between the states and the transportation commissions.

After discussion among the Board members, it was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Dobson, to challenge the assumption by MTA of an appropriations split resulting in only \$100 million of \$200 million in Federal Economic Stimulus funding for transportation projects being allocated to cities. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Dobson, to direct staff to contact our federal representatives to advocate for a Federal Economic Stimulus Bill allocation formula that results in a higher percentage of transportation funds going to cities and counties. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Bayer announced that Board members have the opportunity to tour the Port of Long Beach on the evening of April 29. She asked that interested persons contact COG staff.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C
January 2009 Local Agency Investment
Fund Statement**

LAIF Regular Monthly Statement

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 February 24, 2009

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

PMIA Average Monthly Yields

TREASURER
 16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD
 PARAMOUNT, CA 90723

Account Number: 40-19-045

Transactions

Tran Type Definitions

January 2009 Statement

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
1/9/2009	1/8/2009	RW	1205306	JACK JOSEPH	-125,000.00
1/15/2009	1/14/2009	QRD	1207620	SYSTEM	7,655.44

Account Summary

Total Deposit:	7,655.44	Beginning Balance:	1,183,173.98
Total Withdrawal:	-125,000.00	Ending Balance:	1,065,829.42

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D**

**Status Report from Lobbyist –
Government Relations Inc.**

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

From: Allynn Howe
Government Relations Consultants

February Monthly Report

Stimulus Edition

As many of you may know the stimulus bill signed by President Obama on Tuesday, provides billions of dollars in transportation projects (see below). The battle for how these funds would be distributed was a difficult one. Large, urban cities urged that the funding go directly to local governments. The states/governors fought to have all of the funding go to the states for distribution. Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) was the deciding vote to break a filibuster and send the bill to the President. Sen. Collins had several demands but chief among them was that funds be distributed through governors. House and Senate leadership compromised on the transportation funding and agreed to pass most of it through directly to local MPOs. In some places this didn't work too well but the intent was that this would be the most likely way to directly aid cities and truly local projects that were ready to go.

Transportation

The stimulus bill provides \$48.1 billion for transportation programs. In most cases the legislation includes 100 per cent funding with no match requirements and there are "use it or lose it" provisions or time limits for spending the funds in most categories and a number of oversight and transparency reporting requirements. Funding includes:

\$27.5 billion for highways and bridges. Fifty percent of the money will be distributed to the states based on states' 2008 share of highway and bridge dollars and 50 percent using the Surface Transportation Program (STP) formula. The funds can be used any STP-eligible project with no state or local match required.

\$1.5 billion for new competitive grants to state and local governments for transportation projects. Highways, bridges, transit, rail and ports are eligible. Grants would be made in the \$20 million to \$300 million range and generally need to be completed in three years. Funds must reflect an equitable geographic distribution and balance between addressing urban and rural needs.

\$8.4 billion for mass transit, almost of which goes to local governments and all with a 100 percent federal share.

\$1.1 billion for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), which provides grants to locally owned airports, with a 100 per cent federal share.

\$9.3 billion in rail spending. Amtrak would receive \$850 million for capital projects

with priority given to repair, rehabilitation and upgrading of rail infrastructure. An additional \$450 million is provided for security grants. The largest rail funding is \$8 billion for high speed rail. The Secretary of Transportation is given flexibility in allocating these funds with the goal of advancing the deployment of intercity high speed rail service in the United States. It is not clear how these funds are to be spent on upgrading existing rail service versus the development of new high speed rail routes.

In spending other than for Transportation most of the funds in the stimulus bill will be distributed on a competitive basis and they must be distributed quickly. Cities should have department heads contact regional headquarters of the various federal agencies and learn how they are going to handle funding applications.

Community and Economic Development Housing and Urban Development

The final agreement provides \$1 billion for the Community Development Block Grants – (CDBG) for community and economic development related projects to be distributed through existing formula from fiscal year 2008. *Priority for distribution of funding will be given to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days.*

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

The final agreement provides \$2 billion to help states and localities ease the burden due to the foreclosure crisis. Funds will be awarded on a **competitive basis** to states, localities and non-profits to help areas with the greatest number and percentage of foreclosures.

Fifty-percent of funding must be obligated within two years and 100 percent within three years. The legislation also repeals onerous program income requirements.

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)

The final agreement provides \$2.25 billion for state housing credit agencies to be distributed by formula from fiscal year 2008. Each state would award low-income housing tax credits based on a competitive bid process.

Public Housing Capital Fund

The final agreement provides \$4 billion to enable local public housing agencies complete building's repair and construction projects in local communities.

\$3 billion will be awarded through existing formulas and \$1 billion will be released through competitive process for projects improving energy efficiency.

Section 8 Rental Assistance

The final agreement provides \$2 billion for a full year's payment to owners receiving Section 8 project-based rental assistance. The final agreement also provides \$250 million for grants or loans for energy retrofits and green investments.

Homeless Assistance Emergency Shelter

The final agreement provides \$1.5 billion to prevent a surge in homelessness, provide short

term or medium term rental assistance, housing relocation and stabilization services. The funds will be distributed by formula.

Economic Development Assistance

The final agreement provides \$150 million to address long-term economic distress in urban industrial cores and rural areas based on need and ability to create jobs.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

The final agreement provides funds the EECBG at \$3.2 billion to be divided as follows:

\$2.8 billion is to be distributed by formula (42 U.S.C. 17151 et seq.)

\$400 million will be awarded on a competitive grant basis, yet to be determined.

DOE suggests that entities planning to apply for these funds start a registration process that may take upwards of 21 days. The process is as follows:•

Step 1: Request a DUNS Number at

<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>

• Step 2: Register with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) at:

<http://www.ccr.gov/>.

• Step 3: E-Business Point of Contact registers at:

<https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/>.

Only after the registration process is completed, can an eligible grant recipient submit an application for funding. Application website is:

https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/FedConnect_Ready_Set_Go.pdf

Smart Grid – For electricity delivery and energy reliability, \$4.5 billion was allotted to modernize the electric grid. The funds will be used to enhance security protocols while ensuring a steady supply of energy.

The Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF & DWSRF)

The final agreement provides funded CWSRF at \$4 billion and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) at \$2 billion.

Projects that are ready for construction within 12 months of enactment of this bill can skip up the state's priority list.

Army Corp of Engineers (Corps)

The Army Corps of Engineers was funded at \$4.6 billion. Priority is given to projects that can be scheduled quickly, employ the most people and have the least risk.

Brownfields

The final agreement provides \$100 million for Brownsfields.

Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) The final agreement provides \$300 million for DERA, which can be helpful in assisting local governments retrofit trucks, buses and heavy equipment with pollution control equipment.

Clean Renewable Energy Bond (CREB)

The bill appropriates \$2.4 billion for Clean Energy Bonds that are used to finance renewable energy facility projects, such as wind, biomass, landfill gas, trash combustion, etc. This is an increase of \$1.6 billion over previous limits. 1/3 of this money is allotted for qualifying projects for State/local/tribal governments.

The Prevention and Wellness Fund

The final agreement provides \$1 billion for the fund, including \$650 million for prevention and wellness programs like the CDC's Healthy Communities Program.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSSA)

The final agreement provides \$2 billion for community health centers and \$500 million for health workforce development. \$1.1 billion is allotted for comparative effectiveness research.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The final agreement provides block grant's emergency fund at \$5 billion. Originally, it was funded at \$2 billion in the House and \$3 billion in the Senate. The funds are available fiscal years 2009 and 2010. The total amount that a state may receive is 50 percent of their annual TANF grant. Originally the cap was 25 percent. The agreement also includes extending TANF supplemental grants that go to states with high population growth and low benefits through FY 2010. Two other important TANF provision include clarification that carryover funds can be used for any allowable TANF benefit or service and a temporary modification of the caseload reduction credit.

Homeland Security Grants

The final agreement provides roughly \$610 million dollars in competitive grants to local governments in the area of homeland security. Some programs of special interest to Laredo include:

\$150 million for public transportation and railroad security assistance;

\$150 million for Port Security Grants (I need to read final language, but likely limited to water ports.)

\$100 million for FEMA's Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

\$210 million for FEMA's Firefighter Assistance Grant Program for modifying, upgrading or constructing local fire stations.

Gateway Cities COG Testifies

In order to craft the reauthorization of Highways and Transit funding for 2010-2014, a joint hearing was held in Los Angeles by the Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee

on Highways and Transit and the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials. Anne M. Bayer, President of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments testified on behalf of its 27 cities and 2.2 million people. President Bayer quickly walked through the historical role the subregion has played in moving goods by both highway and rail to the nation.

Subcommittee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OR) responded to President Bayer's comments, "You are right on point here."

Executive Director Richard Powers and Allynn Howe accompanied President Bayer. Copies of the testimony are available at the Gateway Cities COG offices.

VIII. REPORTS
ITEM A

**Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts'
Clearwater Program – Presentation by
Brian Dietrick, Senior Engineer, Los
Angeles County Sanitation Districts**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS' CLEARWATER PROGRAM

Presented by
Brian Dietrick, Senior Engineer, LACSD

The Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD) are in the early stages of one of the largest and most expensive wastewater facilities planning effort in its agency's 80-year history. Entitled the "Clearwater Program", this facilities plan will focus on a new wastewater plan to shape the future of the LACSD's Joint Outfall System, a network of wastewater treatment facilities serving 73 of the 88 cities in Los Angeles County, including portions of the City of Los Angeles and unincorporated areas in the County. This plan will insure the continuation of a system that is protective of public health and the environment, provide adequate capacity for population projections, and evaluate opportunities for increased reuse of reclaim water. It will also evaluate the LACSD's aging infrastructure, including the possible need to construct a new tunnel and ocean outfall from the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP), in City of Carson, to the ocean. The two existing tunnels, built in 1937 and 1958, convey effluent to ocean outfalls that extend approximately 1 1/2 miles off the Palos Verdes Peninsula at a depth of approximately 200 feet. These tunnels have not been inspected in nearly 50 years.

This presentation will include a 9-minute video, which will provide you with an overview of the LACSD and its Clearwater Program. After the video, LACSD staff will then take questions.

VIII. REPORTS
ITEM B

**Los Angeles River Goods Movement
Project – Presentation by Ramon
Grijalva, President, Addison Burnet
Group**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Los Angeles River Goods Movement Project Presentation

Background

Various concepts have been developed by private industry to move the large numbers of containers into and back to the two ports in via a “zero emission” technology and approach. Many of these concepts have been presented to the GCCOG Board of Directors over the last few years as information items. A new concept using the Los Angeles River to move containers in the river has recently come to the attention of the staff. This does not constitute an endorsement from GCCOG but is for information only.

Issue

Many concepts are being evaluated by the I-710 EIR/EIS project team to move large volumes of containers along I-710 using “zero emission” technologies. This evaluation is continuing with a likely recommendation of an approach for accomplishing this. Over the years, there has been much discussion about using the Los Angeles River to do this. None of these proposals have ever progressed. However, Ramon Grijalva, President of Addison Burnet Group, will be making a presentation of a new proposal to use the Los Angeles River to move containers.

Recommended Action

Receive and File

X. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

ITEM A

Conservancy Committee

(no meeting to report)