

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

Wednesday, October 7, 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

A. Status Report on High Speed Rail Planning in the Gateway Cities

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 June 28, 2006, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of June 28th, Board of Directors meeting.

B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated October 7, 2009

C. August 2009 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement

D. Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington, Peel & Associates

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

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

VIII. REPORTS

A. Mr. Arthur T. Leahy, CEO, MTA

15 Min

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

B. Strategic Financial Plan, Presentation by Margaret Todd, Los Angeles County Librarian

3 Min

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

C. Gateway Cities Council of Governments Organizational Structure for Homeless Planning & Implementation

3 Min

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

IX. 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

1. Recommendation Re Resolution of Support for MTA “New Starts” Projects

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

X. REPORTS – COMMITTEES/ AGENCIES – ALL COMMITTEE / AGENCY REPORTS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES UNLESS ADDITIONAL TIME IS GRANTED BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT

A. 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

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 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

E. Matters from the Orangeline Development Authority – 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

H. Conservation Corps Report – Oral Report

3 Min

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

I. Matters from the Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors

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

A. Supervisor Molina has been named by the Board of Supervisors as their representative to the Executive Committee

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, November 4, 2009, 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.

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
September 2, 2009**

President Stefenhagen called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

PRESENT: President Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
First Vice President Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Second Vice President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Immediate Past President Anne M. Bayer, City of Downey
Member Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy
Member Victor Farfan, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Hal Malkin, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
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 Bob Archuleta, City of Pico Rivera
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Curt Pederson, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Richard Steinke, Ex Officio Member, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; Santa Fe Springs City Manager Fred Latham; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Director of Community Development Jack Gonsalves; Lakewood Assistant Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Long Beach Government Affairs Manager Tom Modica; Long Beach Sustainability Coordinator Meredith Reynolds; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; MTA Deputy Executive Officer Ernest Morales; Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager Dana M. Coffey; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershenson; SCAQMD Senior Public Affairs Officer Derrick Alatorre; SCAG Regional Affairs Officer Matt Horton; Long Beach Conservation Corps Deputy Executive Director Joyce McDevitt; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director/Authority Engineer, I-5 JPA; LaDonna DiCamillo, BNSF Railway; Michael Kodama, Executive Director, Orangeline Development Authority; Claire Robinson, President, Amigos de Los Rios; Stacy Unholz, ITS Specialist, PBS&J; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; GCCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer; GCCCOG Consultant Engineer Jerry Wood.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Dobson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments made.

The Executive Director provided an update on the Homeless Program. He said the COG was now into the implementation planning phase, funded by the County, and that staff would come back to the Board for a discussion on how to proceed with this phase of the program.

It was moved by First Vice President Hurtado, seconded by Member Davis, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion was approved unanimously, with Second Vice President Dunton and Member DuBois abstaining on the minutes of August 5, 2009.

The Executive Director introduced Claire Robinson, Managing Director of Amigos de Los Rios, who gave a presentation regarding the Emerald Necklace program of the organization. She described the Emerald Necklace as a vision for a 17 mile interconnected network of trails, parks, and greenways along the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel rivers. She said the network of trails would connect 1,500 acres of parks, open spaces, and habitat corridors. Following the presentation, it was moved by Member Nelson, seconded by First Vice President Hurtado, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Long Beach, gave a presentation regarding the City of Long Beach' Sustainable City Action Plan. She described the Plan as a series of interconnected initiatives in the areas of energy, buildings and neighborhoods, transportation, waste reduction, urban nature, water, and green economy and lifestyle aimed at creating a sustainable city. Following the presentation, it was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Santa Fe Springs City Manager addressed the Board regarding cities concerns regarding the California High Speed Rail Project's planning in the Gateway Cities area. He said the High Speed Rail Authority's desire is to get federal stimulus funds, and to do so it must show that it is ready to build the project. He said the Authority has to say that it has identified the route and has local support. Mr. Latham said that the project would run along the BNSF alignment in the cities of Vernon, Commerce, Pico Rivera, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada, and Buena Park. He said the governor may become engaged to encourage support for the project in the affected cities.

Mr. Latham said that the MTA had made a previous decision not to engage this project, but new Executive Director Art Leahy has made a decision to significantly engage. He said a meeting is being arranged for late September involving the High Speed Rail Authority and the affected cities.

President Stefenhagen asked Mr. Latham to comment on how there might be some costs to the cities. Mr. Latham responded that an example is that the project's envisioning of moving the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Transportation Center would require the cities to move the parking and provide for it.

Member Barrows said that they had the same conversation with the City of Glendale. He said that the court had ruled against the EIR in northern California.

Member Archuleta asked how this route has been kept secret for so long. Mr. Latham responded that the Authority has been out there with public relations presentations but did not engage city councils or city managers. In addition, he said, until the bond measure passed in November, no one thought this was a real project.

First Vice President Hurtado asked who decided the alignment for the project. Mr. Latham said that the Authority had and that the Authority did the analysis of the alternatives.

After further discussion, it was moved by First Vice President Hurtado, seconded by Member Guerrero, to oppose the project unless the cities' and the COG's concerns are addressed. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Barrows said that the financial model for the project is not self-sustaining and will become a drain on the taxpayers. Member DuBois said her concern is that when they hear objections they basically "blow them off".

Member Archuleta said that any letters sent must be strong to get the Board's message across. Member Barrows said it should be stressed that the entire COG is concerned, not just the cities directly affected.

Mr. Latham said that the voice of the MTA will be critical to this process.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report from the City Managers Steering Committee regarding SB 696. He said that the Committee had met with staff from the SCAQMD and had concluded that the intent of the COG Board's action was to have the power plants excluded from the legislation and not to otherwise minimize the types of projects that would be freed from the permit moratorium. He said the City Managers Steering Committee recommended that the President send a new letter expressing support for SB 696 if amended to exclude any power plant exemption. In fact, he said, SB 696 has since been amended to remove the power plant exemption. It was moved by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Archuleta, to send a letter of support for SB 696 as amended.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He discussed the meetings that would be held the next day at SCAG.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from the California Contract Cities Association.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said they were looking into using Measure R funds on projects within the corridor. She said the Carmenita interchange project was moving along.

Michael Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said he was working with the MTA on alternatives and funding options for the project.

Derrick Alatorre presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He thanked the Board for its vote to support SB 696.

Dana Coffey presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. She said that she has been with Metro for 35 years and is now currently responsible for both the South Bay and Gateway Cities sectors.

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

Joyce McDevitt presented a report from the Long Beach Conservation Corps. She highlighted projects that had been done by the Conservation Corps in the cities of Bellflower, Cerritos, and La Habra Heights, and along the I-710 freeway.

Member Wilson reported that the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board had not met the previous month.

It was moved by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file all of the above reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said that the consultants were now updating the geometric plans according to the new traffic models. He said the Technical Advisory Committee had voted on \$590 million in early action projects to be funded out of Measure R. He said these recommendations would be going to the Project Committee at its next meeting to be held on October 29.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said that the Committee had approved a scope of work for a feasibility analysis of "hot spots" projects to be funded out of Measure R. He said project readiness will be critical for advancement to funding.

It was moved by First Vice President Hurtado, seconded by Member Aguilar, to receive and file the reports from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee and the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She reported that the MTA is working on draft of guidelines for the local return funds under Measure R. She said the Call for Projects recommendations would be coming to the Board for approval. Member DuBois referred to the battle to keep highway funds in the Long Range Transportation Plan.

The Transportation Deputy said that MTA is starting to put together a highway strategy in a like manner to the transit strategy. She said the need is to include the \$590 million in Measure R funding each for the I-710 and SR-91/I-605/I-405 projects. She said a decision by the Board has been put off until October. The Executive Director said that the proposed funding for highway projects has gone from \$1.2 billion to \$5.9 billion. It was moved by Member O'Donnell, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no matters from the Board.

President Stefenhagen announced that Whittier Councilwoman Cathy Warner had agreed to accept an appointment to the SCAG Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

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

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

www.treasurer.ca.gov/pmia-laif

September 28, 2009

[PMIA Average Monthly Yields](#)

Account Number:

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF
TREASURER
16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVA

Transactions

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

August 2009 Statement

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
8/7/2009	8/7/2009	RD	1235279	JACK JOSEPH	750,000.00

Account Summary

Total Deposit:	<input type="text" value="750,000.00"/>	Beginning Balance:	<input type="text" value="1,134,460.5"/>
Total Withdrawal:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Ending Balance:	<input type="text" value="1,884,460.5"/>

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D**

**Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington,
Peel & Associates**

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG
September 29, 2009

I and the firm Edington, Peel & Associates provided a range of services in support of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. These included participation in a number of meetings, telephonic, email and fax exchanges and other communications.

*I continued close coordination with Gateway Cities COG staff regarding efforts on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG's priorities and interests in the 111th Congress. I also continued to coordinate with the staff of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority on the I-5 widening initiative, the COG's number one priority.

*Efforts continued to focus on follow up with the Gateway Cities COG's elected Representatives in the House of Representatives regarding the Transportation Reauthorization Act. I continued to keep the Gateway Cities COG informed of the status of the Transportation Reauthorization Act. Despite the requests for High Priority Program submittals by both Senate and House committees, and despite the strong desire of House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman James Oberstar to have a bill prior to the expiration of the current law on September 30, that goal has not been met. There will be an extension of some length. As information I provided yesterday indicates, Senate Environment and Public Works Chairwoman Boxer and ranking Republican Inhofe may agree to a three month extension, as desired by House Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Oberstar.

*I participated on Gateway Cities' behalf in conference calls and email exchanges with the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors regarding the surface transportation reauthorization bill. On September 9, I joined CAGTC representatives in meeting with senior Transportation Committee member Rep. Tom Petri (R-WI) and his chief of staff. On September 14, I attended a press conference at which CAGTC and other stakeholders made the case for passage of the transportation reauthorization legislation. In addition, I provided to COG staff information I received regarding the bill and efforts to include provisions of interest to the COG and other CAGTC members.

*I continued coordination with Gateway Cities COG as it raised concerns with congressional offices and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority regarding the MTA's Long Range Transportation Plan as it relates to highway program funding.

*I have continued discussions and email exchanges with staff of Reps. Napolitano, Richardson, Rohrabacher, and Roybal-Allard, as well as other key congressional staff, regarding legislative priorities for the Gateway Cities COG.

*As part of my responsibilities, I closely monitor legislation, as well as seminars, hearings, meetings and publications of key interest to legislators and senior executive branch officials for articles and information pertinent to the project and of possible interest and importance

to member cities of the Gateway Cities COG. I attend Senate and House committee hearings, follow Senate and House floor proceedings, and track legislative initiatives pertinent to Gateway Cities COG interests and priorities.

VIII. REPORTS
ITEM A
Mr. Arthur T. Leahy, CEO, MTA

**VIII. REPORTS
ITEM B**

**Strategic Financial Plan, Presentation
by Margaret Todd, Los Angeles
County Librarian**

**VIII. REPORTS
ITEM C**

**Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Organizational Structure for
Homeless Planning & Implementation**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Gateway Cities Council of Governments Organizational Structure for Homeless Planning & Implementation

Background

In 2006 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved funding for a collaborative planning study with the Gateway Cities COG. The planning phase was successfully concluded with the adoption of the Gateway Cities Homeless Strategy in June, 2009. The COG and the County are now entering into the development of an Implementation Plan to address homelessness in the Gateway Cities.

Issue

In order to effectively provide leadership while encouraging participation by all stakeholders, an Organizational Chart and accompanying recommendations have been developed for your consideration.

Organizational Structure

A. Committee on Homelessness

It is being recommended that the Board of Directors create a permanent Committee on Homelessness comprised of 7 members, which will report to the full Board. The Committee will include 4 Board members from cities, 1 Board member representing the City of Long Beach, 1 Board member to be selected from among the County Board of Supervisors Offices, 1 City Manager selected by the City Managers Steering Committee.

Consistent with major COG policy committees including the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee and the 91/605/405 Corridor Cities Committee, it is recommended that a stipend of \$100 per meeting, based on attendance, be paid to the elected official members of the Committee on Homelessness.

B. Leadership Entity

It is being recommended that a Leadership Entity be created that reports to the Committee on Homelessness, to provide administrative direction and decision-making on actions related to implementation of the Gateway Cities Homeless Strategy. The Leadership Entity would be comprised of 13 members representing cities, the County, and other involved stakeholders.

C. Local Coordinating Alliances (LAC)

It is being recommended to create 4 Local Coordinating Alliances (LCA) open to all stakeholders, city and County staff, providers, faith community, business community, residents, consumers, law enforcement and others. The LCA's will be organized by geographic areas of the COG, as was successfully done in the development of the Gateway Cities Homeless Strategy.

Attached please find an Organizational Chart and a detailed description of the structure and implementation process being recommended.

Recommended Action

Adopt the proposed Organizational Chart for Homeless Planning and Implementation and accompanying narrative defining the homeless planning and implementation process, and authorize the payment of a stipend for elected official members of the Committee on Homelessness as described in this report.

Gateway Cities Council of Governments Organizational Structure for Homeless Planning & Implementation

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments is proposing to develop a more defined infrastructure that will provide leadership while encouraging participation by all stakeholders in the process of implementing the Gateway Cities Homeless Strategy.

Recommendations:

- 1) Establish a standing Committee on Homelessness within the Board of Directors.
 - a. Committee Structure: 7 members; meet quarterly
 - i. 4 COG Board Members representing Cities (one per Local Coordinating Alliance – see below).
 - ii. 1 COG Board Member representing the County Board of Supervisors Offices
 - iii. 1 COG Board Member representing Long Beach
 - iv. 1 City Manager from the City Managers Steering Committee (This position will also be the Chair of the Leadership Entity.)
 - b. Purpose: To provide Policy and Planning direction and advocacy on regional, state and federal levels.

- 2) Establish a Regional Leadership Team that reports to the Committee
 - a. Committee Structure: 13 members; meet monthly
 - i. 1 Chair – City Managers Steering Committee representative
 - ii. 3 Representatives from the Board of Supervisors Offices (one each)
 - iii. 8 Representatives from the Local Coordinating Alliances (LCA)
 1. 1 City Representative per LCA
 2. 1 Non-City Representative per LCA
 - a. These representatives are also the elected co-chairs of the LCA's
 - b. Purpose: To provide Administrative direction and decision-making on actions related to implementation of the homeless strategy.

- 3) Establish 4 Local Coordinating Alliances (LCA)
 - a. Committee Structure: Open to all stakeholders; meet bi-monthly
 - i. The LCA will select 2 Co-Chairs – one city representative and one non-city representative. These co-chairs will represent their LCA's as part of the Leadership Entity.
 - ii. Each stakeholder entity/agency/company is allowed one vote, although many representatives may participate from the same entity.
 - iii. In order to become a non-participating city, a letter from the city manager is required.
 - b. Purpose: To coordinate the implementation of programs and services within the region.

- c. Cities who are represented on the Committee on Homelessness and the Leadership Entity may not chair their LCA.

Gateway Cities Council of Governments Organizational Chart for Homeless Planning & Implementation

Gateway Cities COG Board of Directors

**Committee on Homelessness
(7 Members)**

(Chair to be from among elected officials)

- 4 COG Board Members from Cities
- 1 COG Board Member from Long Beach
- 1 COG Board Member from County Board of Supervisors Offices
- 1 City Manager from City Managers Steering Committee (this position is also Chair of Leadership Entity)

**Leadership Entity
(13 Members)**

- 1 Chair – City Managers Steering Committee Rep
- 3 Representatives – one from each BOS Office
- 1 Representative from Long Beach
- 8 Representatives from LCA's
 - o 1 City Rep per LCA
 - o 1 Non-City Rep per LCA
(LCA reps are also co-chairs of LCA's)

**City Managers
Steering
Committee**

**Local Coordinating Alliances
(4 LCA's)**

Open to All Stakeholders – City Staff/Departments, Providers, Faith,
Business, Residents, Consumers, Law Enforcement, etc.

Local Coordinating Alliance 1 (LCA 1)
Bell
Bell Gardens
Commerce
Cudahy
Huntington Park
Maywood
South Gate
Vernon
County
Unincorporated

Local Coordinating Alliance 2 (LCA 2)
La Habra Heights
La Mirada
Montebello
Pico Rivera
Santa Fe Springs
Whittier
County
Unincorporated

Local Coordinating Alliance 3 (LCA 3)
Artesia
Bellflower
Cerritos
Compton
Downey
Lynwood
Norwalk
Paramount
County
Unincorporated

Local Coordinating Alliance 4 (LCA 4)
Avalon
Hawaiian Gardens
Lakewood
Long Beach
Signal Hill
County
Unincorporated

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
ITEM A
Conservancy Committee

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell
Councilmember Edward Wilson

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

Background

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

Issue

The RMC Board met on Monday, September 21, in Brea. RMC staff updated the Board members on the National Park Service Special Resource Study of the San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains. Rather than adopt the staff's recommended resolution containing comments on the study, the Board instead amended and approved the staff recommendation to allow time for additional stakeholder input.

The Board also authorized an expenditure of \$350 for the first year's membership by RMC in the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability.

Under a state furlough order, the RMC continues to be closed 3 Fridays per month at least through June 2010. The Board will continue to meet bimonthly until further notice.

Recommended Action

Receive and file this report.

