

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

*Wednesday, February 3, 2010*

*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 January 6, 2010, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of January 6<sup>th</sup>, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated February 3, 2010
- C. December 2009 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement
- D. Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington, Peel & Associates
- E. Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2008/2009

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

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

**VIII. REPORTS**

- A. Status Report on Implementation of the Gateway Cities Homeless Strategy

**15 Min**

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

- B. Report from City Managers Steering Committee Regarding Stormwater Treatment

**3 Min**

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

- C. Update on California High Speed Rail Authority Planning Activities – Oral Report

**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

**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 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

D. 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

E. 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

F. 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

G. Conservation Corps Report – Oral Report

**3 Min**

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

H. Matters from the Coalition for America’s Gateways & Trade Corridors – 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 3, 2010, 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  
January 6, 2010**

President Stefenhagen called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 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 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 Victor Farfan, City of Hawaiian Gardens  
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park  
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood  
Member from the City of Long Beach  
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood  
Member Bob Archuleta, City of Pico Rivera  
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:** Cudahy Vice Mayor Frank Gurule; Signal Hill Council Member

Larry Forester; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; South Gate City Manager Ron Bates; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, SCAG; Huasha Liu, Director of Planning and Regional Services, SCAG; Ernest Morales; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershenson; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities; SCAQMD Senior Public Affairs Officer Derrick Alatorre; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director/Authority Engineer, I-5 JPA; Bill Van Amburg, Senior Vice President, CALSTART; Lynn Jacquez, Federal Representative, CALSTART; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Barrows led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

The Executive Director reported that the COG newsletter would be published during the first quarter of the year. He said that the annual group photograph of the Board would be taken at the first meeting following the beginning of Daylight Savings Time.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Nelson, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion was approved unanimously, with First Vice President Hurtado abstaining.

Bill Van Amburg, Senior Vice President of CALSTART, gave a presentation on his organization. He said that CALSTART was launched in 1992 as a non-profit agency aimed at promoting clean transportation technology. He said the truck world is changing—there is a blossoming of new capabilities leading towards zero emissions. He described hybrid vehicles, which normally involve two systems working together, as a first step. Full production companies are making these vehicles.

Mr. Van Amburg said that all electric transit buses are now increasingly in use. He said the challenge is in developing a market for these types of vehicles. CALSTART looks at the I-710 project as a possible platform for launching the new generation of zero emission vehicles.

It was moved by Second Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Aguilar, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Hasan Ikhata, SCAG Executive Director, presented a report outlining SCAG's

responsibilities under SB 375 and the options available to subregions. He said SCAG's approach has always been collaborative. He said SB 375 could present opportunities—15 years from now things are going to be very different from today. SB 375 presents the opportunity to examine demographic changes. He said it is likely that we will have a federal bill based on SB 375 in the near future.

Mr. Ikhata said that SCAG's preference was for all 14 subregions to take delegation under SB 375 to produce their own Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). However, Orange County is the only subregion of the 13 that have already acted that has taken delegation. He said Gateway Cities is the last subregion to act. He said SCAG will collaborate regardless of whatever decision the Board makes.

Member Carroll asked what fees would be imposed by SCAG if Gateway Cities does not take delegation. Mr. Ikhata replied that he will never recommend that SCAG assess its member cities. He said SCAG has transportation funds that can be used, as well as Transportation Development Act funds from MTA. Member Carroll asked if SCAG would provide funds if the COG takes delegation. Mr. Ikhata responded that he can't give funds to the COGs because of the color of money. Member Carroll asked if SCAG would assess the cities if it is sued over SB 375. Mr. Ikhata said that SCAG would not.

Member Barrows said that cities will incur expenses for their half of the work even if the COG doesn't take delegation.

Member O'Donnell inquired as to the cost of implementation of the SCS. Mr. Ikhata said that SB 375 can't force cities to do anything. He said the biggest flaw in the bill is that there is no funding for implementation.

Member Carroll asked if the COG would be responsible for the RHNA process if it takes delegation for the SCS. Mr. Ikhata responded that the short answer is no. However, by taking delegation the COG would be three quarters of the way there, even though it would not be required to assign income categories of housing to cities.

Member DuBois asked if subregions that take delegation would be treated differently than others as far as the RHNA process is concerned. Mr. Ikhata replied that it's possible that there may be changes due to income categories, but we don't know because we haven't done this before.

Member Nelson what has been the response from other COGs as to why they are not taking delegation. Mr. Ikhata said the biggest reason they have not is the issue of liability.

Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing discussed the City Managers Steering Committee's meeting regarding this issue. He said the city managers recognized that SB 375 was a "game changer". He said the managers believe this will fundamentally change the way that cities do their local land use planning, general plans, etc. He said that we have a model SCS in our backyard in the City of Long Beach.



Mr. Farfsing referred to the report prepared by Willdan Energy Solutions, which, he said, gives the information needed to make a determination as to whether or not to take delegation. The report recommends that the COG take delegation for the SCS. He said the managers are discussing whether to file a claim for reimbursement with the State as an unfunded mandate. He said the Willdan report estimated a cost of \$250,000 over eighteen months to monitor SCAG if the COG does not take delegation, and up to \$750,000 to prepare a subregional SCS. He said the city managers recommended affiliation with a local university to create a subregional data base. Mr. Farfsing reported that the city managers took a "straw vote" which supported taking delegation and recommended a funding formula to cover the costs, based on a flat rate of \$5,000 per city, with the balance spread on the basis of population.

Mr. Farfsing said among the major pros of taking delegation is that it will present the achievements of our cities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. He said many pieces of an SCS already exist in previous COG studies. Taking delegation would provide increased local control. The SCS could also be specifically tailored to strategies in our own subregion such as the ITS efforts. He said it would put the COG on a more even footing with SCAG. He said he was requesting a "straw vote" tonight by the Board which would be contingent on approval of the individual city councils.

Member Carroll asked Mr. Ikhata if the deadline for a decision to take delegation was that night. Mr. Ikhata responded that he is not authorized by his board to change the deadline. He said he would have to go back to his board.

The COG General Counsel said he wished to address the question as to whether SB 375 constituted an unfunded mandate. He said his recommendation is to go through the process of applying for reimbursement from the State. He said the COG could take the lead or the cities could apply on their own. He said the State could fall back on the argument that COGs don't have to take delegation. He said another option is to pursue an alternative funding source.

Member Barrows asked what the kinds of risks to individual cities are if the COG takes delegation. The General Counsel responded that individual cities don't have short term risks; however, a possible share of the litigation costs may be asked of the cities if the COG is sued. He said the greater exposure is when decisions are made regarding specific projects or programs.

Member Barrows said that he would like an opinion as to whether there is merit to taking action against the State for unfunded mandates. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to authorize the General Counsel to give a written opinion regarding the question of unfunded mandates. Member O'Donnell asked whether the city managers should also be asked to recommend a course of action. Member Barrows said that he would accept Member O'Donnell's recommendation as a friendly amendment. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Pederson asked how long it would take even if the COG did seek reimbursement.

The General Counsel responded that the process is very cumbersome and could take months, even years.

Member DuBois left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The Executive Director pointed out that the City of Montebello does not appear in the funding formula because for housing purposes Montebello is part of the San Gabriel Valley COG.

President Stefenhagen asked how many city managers supported taking delegation. Mr. Farfsing responded that ten city managers present at the meeting voted in favor and two were opposed. The remaining managers were either not present or not ready to vote.

Member Nelson asked what the point was in voting on delegation if we have to go back to our city councils. Member O'Donnell said he did not feel it necessary to go back to his city council since he is authorized to vote. The General Counsel said that the Board of Directors does have the authority to act.

Member Carroll said he was concerned about the cost to small cities in the proposed fee schedule, as well as the exposure to liability. He said SCAG had spent \$500,000 on RHNA litigation. He said it would be better to work with SCAG than with a private consultant. Member Carroll asked if a city could opt out if the subregion takes delegation. The General Counsel responded that, if the COG takes delegation, the decision would be binding.

It was moved by Member O'Donnell, seconded by Second Vice President Dunton, to accept delegation from SCAG under SB 375 to develop a subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and to approve an assessment formula for this purpose as recommended by the City Managers Steering Committee, contingent upon ratification by a majority of the member cities. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Member Barrows, Member Aguilar, Member Dames, Member O'Donnell, Member Aguirre, Member Daniels, Member Putnam, Member Wilson, Immediate Past President Bayer, Second Vice President Dunton, First Vice President Hurtado, President Stefenhagen.

NOES: Member Nelson, Member Mirabal, Member Dobson, Member Barrios, Member Carroll, Member Davis.

ABSTAIN: Member Infanzon, Member Harris, Member Pederson

ABSENT: Member Kennedy, Member Farfan, Member Guerrero, Member DuBois, Member Santillan, Member Archuleta, Member Nordbak, Member Jacquez-Santos.

South Gate City Manager Ron Bates presented a report from the City Managers Steering Committee, saying that the Committee had discussed and approved certain pension reform

principles and directed that these be presented to the Board with a recommendation that the Board authorize their distribution to the member cities. Mr. Bates described pension reform as the single most important fiscal issue facing cities. It was moved by Member Carroll, seconded by Member Barrows, to distribute the recommended pension reform principles to the member cities. The motion was approved unanimously.

The General Counsel presented an update on negotiations with the California High Speed Rail Authority on the fiscal arrangement regarding the MOU between the COG and CHSRA for the study of the route through the Gateway Cities subregion. He said an agreement had been drafted and submitted to the CHSRA and the Attorney General's office. The General Counsel said there are two issues: 1) an agreement with the CHSRA's consultant engineers to provide information to the COG and the affected cities regarding impacts; and 2) assurance that should Caltrans perform an audit there be protection against any disallowed costs. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Davis, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Ernest Morales, MTA, presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the backbone of what they are doing is on moving freight in the corridor in an environmentally friendly way. He said the project could result in the biggest reduction in greenhouse gases in California. Mr. Morales said the project is on schedule and a draft EIR/EIS is due in September or October. He said I-710 could be a viable candidate for a public/private partnership. He reported that Transportation Secretary Dale Bonner may attend the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee.

Ernest Morales presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said MTA is developing an MOU for funding the next phase of the project.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Daniels, 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.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said that COG is developing its own subregional highway advocacy plan. It was moved by Second Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented report from the I-5 JPA. She said cities are continuing to review the interchange plans. She said that a decision had been made to close the Alondra Blvd. bridge for twelve months during construction. She said the Authority is looking for \$6.5 million in construction mitigation projects.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She requested the Board's official support for the state ballot measure, the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010, which will be on the November 2010 ballot. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Aguilar, to support the Local

Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 ballot measure. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from SCAG.

There was no report from the Orangeline Development Authority.

Derrick Alatorre presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He referred the Board to a flyer he distributed regarding the attempts by environmental groups to stop the issuance of permits by the District.

David Hershenson presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He announced that there had been no significant service changes in the Metro Gateway Cities sector. He said the MTA is undergoing a reorganization that will return to a more centralized structure, but that the sector councils will remain in place.

Signal Hill Council Member Larry Forester presented a report from the Long Beach Conservation Corps. He referred the Board to the Conservation Corps' 2008-09 Annual Report. He said the Corps is trying to get funding from the bottle bill restored.

The Director of Regional Planning presented a report from the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors. She updated the Board on the Coalition's recent activities.

It was moved by Second Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file all of the committee/agency reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Infanzon requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of El Monte School Board member Agustin Roberto "Bobby" Salcedo.

President Stefenhagen announced that he had appointed Member Guerrero to replace Member Bayer on the SCAG Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee. He said he had asked First Vice President Hurtado to oversee attendance at SCAG committee meetings and to report back.

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting in memory of El Monte School Board Member Agustin Roberto "Bobby" Salcedo.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

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

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM C**

**December 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](http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/pmia-laif)

January 27, 2010

[PMIA Average Monthly Yields](#)

Account Number:

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF
TREASURER
16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVA

**Transactions**

December 2009 Statement

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
12/21/2009	12/18/2009	RW	1251827	JACK JOSEPH	-200,000.00

**Account Summary**

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Total Withdrawal:	<input type="text" value="-200,000.00"/>	Ending Balance:	<input type="text" value="1,668,080.07"/>

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM D**

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



**Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG**  
**January 22, 2010**

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 to coordinate closely with Gateway Cities COG staff regarding efforts on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG's priorities and interests in the 111<sup>th</sup> 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.

\*My 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. A temporary two month extension of the existing authorization has been approved as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 defense appropriations act while Congress looks at providing a longer extension to complete its work on the reauthorization measure. The measure was passed in December and signed into law by the President. As I have been reporting, committee leaders are looking for a way to provide adequate funding and complete a full six-year authorization bill early in 2010. I anticipate that this will be a very difficult challenge and that further extensions are likely.

\*I have 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. 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, as well as advice and guidance regarding materials sent by CAGTC staff to its members requesting support or response. In addition, I have registered to participate on Gateway Cities' behalf in the CAGTC annual meeting February 10 and 11.

\*I have provided information regarding deadlines for requests for funding in the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations process, as well as individual House Members' and Senators' request forms, and I will be working with Gateway Cities COG to insure timely completion and submission of the request forms.

\*I have continued discussions and email exchanges with staff of Members of Congress representing Gateway Cities members, 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.

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM E  
Annual Financial Report for  
Fiscal Year 2008/2009  
(enclosed)**

**VIII. REPORTS**  
**ITEM A**

**Status Report on Implementation of the  
Gateway Cities Homeless Strategy**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Status Report on Implementation of the Gateway Cities Homeless Strategy

**Background**

As you are aware, the COG Board of Directors created a Committee on Homelessness to provide policy direction for the planning and implementation of addressing homelessness in the Gateway Cities region. The Board additionally approved an organizational structure to effectively engage all of the COG cities and interested stakeholders.

The Committee on Homelessness has held its initial meeting, and the Consultant to the COG, PATH Partners has commenced work under their agreement, which has now been funded by the County of Los Angeles.

**Issue**

This is an overview of the work now underway to implement the Gateway Cities Homeless Strategy

**Recommended Action**

Receive and file

**VIII. REPORTS**  
**ITEM B**

**Report from City Managers Steering  
Committee Regarding Stormwater  
Treatment**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** City Managers Steering Committee

**SUBJECT:** Report from City Managers Steering Committee Regarding Stormwater Treatment

## **Background**

### **Proposed Gateway Cities Stormwater Clean-Up Program**

On January 21, 2010 the City Manager's Steering Committee heard a stormwater treatment plan proposal from the City of Long Beach. This proposal would extend funding for the trash capture devices recently approved for the Los Angeles River to the San Gabriel River and other minor watersheds in the Gateway Cities area. The Gateway IRWM recently received a \$10 million grant to retrofit Los Angeles River catch basins in our communities to capture trash. This work is now beginning in our communities. The proposed Long Beach grant would also fund the installation of catch basins filters designed to reduce particulate metals, oils and treat bacteria.

The grant funding request for the trash capture devices anticipates that the State will be mandating trash controls on the San Gabriel River and other watersheds, much as it is done on the Los Angeles River. The funding request for the catch basin filters for metals, oils and to treat bacteria is being made based on adopted Metals TMDLs for the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers, as well as the anticipated adoption of the Bacteria TMDL for the Los Angeles River this year.

The City of Long Beach has had a positive experience with the filters in its storm drain system. The grant would permit each city to review whether the filters perform taking into account their unique storm drain system circumstances and needs. The installation of the filters should not be seen as solving all of the water quality issues facing our communities, but should be seen as a proactive measure designed to find a cost-effective way of improving local water quality.

### **Long Beach Experience**

In a Long Beach study in 2004, Long Beach tested the effectiveness of filters in 15 percent of their stormdrains. The resulted showed an average of 80% of E. Coli removed from stormwater (99.9% removal was achieved when debris did not cover the filters). The filters were also effective in removing 91,963 pounds of trash, debris, sediment, oil, grease, and heavy metals from stormwater. In addition, 25,300 pounds of oil derivatives (the equivalent of a 3,614 gallon oil spill) were removed from stormwater.

### **Participation of Individual Cities**

As proposed, the Gateway Cities Stormwater Clean-Up Project will significantly reduce trash and make progress towards proactively reducing bacteria, and oil pollutants in both the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers within four years utilizing federal and state funds. Every city in the COG will have the funds available to install all three portions of the stormwater treatment train, and every city will benefit each year under the proposed plan. As with the Stimulus funds for the Los Angeles River, each city will have the option to participate.

### **Costs of the Project and Non-Federal Match**

This project is expected to cost \$40.5 million over the life of the project. A 45% cost-share is required for this project if funded in part by federal appropriation dollars, which could be covered by State dollars from the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). This project would become a regional project that the Gateway COG's entire federal delegation would support each year for four years until it is complete. Attached is a fact sheet from the City of Long Beach explaining the plan, outlining the four phases of the plan, and detailing the estimated work to be done in each city.

### **Maintenance Costs**

The project as proposed would fully fund the capital costs of the catch basin inserts, yet cities would be responsible for the ongoing maintenance costs. The project is designed so that Automatic Retractable Screens are installed in as many catch basins as possible, as they serve to reduce maintenance costs by keeping trash out of the storm drains where it can be easily collected through street sweeping. The filter media / sponge would have to be periodically replaced based on the amount of usage, likely every 1 to 3 years depending on how much contact that filter has with stormwater. , the COG and the various cities are in discussions with Los Angeles County on a potential ongoing funding source that could provide maintenance funds in the future.

### **Recommended Action**

Recommendation for the COG to support the Gateway Cities Stormwater Clean-Up Project, request the Gateway Authority to include this as an appropriations request on behalf of the Board, and authorize the President to send a letter of support to the COG's delegation on the Board's behalf asking that the COG's delegation support the appropriation request as one of their top priorities for federal funding.



## STORMWATER CATCH-BASIN TREATMENT PLAN

### The Treatment Train

The City of Long Beach and our regional partners advocate a stormwater treatment train to clean polluted stormwater for the 27 cities in the Gateway Cities Council of Governments region. The three-step treatment train is composed of Automatic Retractable Screens, Filter/Sponges, and Connector Pipe Screens. Automatic Retractable Screens will be installed in front of all catch basin openings, preventing large trash from entering the storm drain catch basin. A Filter / Sponge technology that mitigates bacteria concerns would be available for installation into every storm drain catch basin within the Gateway Region. For example, the AbTech patented Smart Sponge Plus can address bacteria by rupturing bacterial cell membranes, thus destroying the bacteria. Connector Pipe Screens will be installed where catch basins, and connector pipes meet, preventing remaining smaller trash from entering the storm drain system.

### Implementation Plan

The stormwater treatment plan will be phased over a four-year period and build upon the success of the \$10 million Stimulus grant awarded for trash capture devices in the Los Angeles River watershed. Each year, additional stormwater treatment devices will be installed in each of the 27 Gateway cities using federal appropriation funds. A required 45% cost-share will be funded through State dollars from the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. By the end of the fourth year, all three stormwater treatment devices will be installed at 100% of all catch basin locations in the Gateway Region if all cities participate. Each city will have the option to participate every city will benefit each year under the proposed plan.

### Two Watersheds

This project will focus on the two watersheds located in the Gateway Region: The Los Angeles River watershed, and the San Gabriel River watershed, and other minor watersheds in the region. A description of each phase, including: (1) activity to be completed, (2) phase results, (3) work remaining, and (4) costs, are detailed in the attached documents.

### Total Costs: By Appropriation and Local Cost-Share

<b>Phase</b>	<i>Appropriation Costs</i>		<i>Local Cost-Share (45%)</i>	
	<b>Los Angeles River</b>	<b>San Gabriel River</b>	<b>Los Angeles River</b>	<b>San Gabriel River</b>
<b>1</b>	\$2,910,518	\$3,809,988	\$2,381,333	\$3,117,263
<b>2</b>	\$3,182,768	\$3,221,171	\$2,604,083	\$2,635,504
<b>3</b>	\$1,983,245	\$4,294,895	\$1,622,655	\$3,514,005
<b>4</b>	\$0	\$3,221,171	\$0	\$2,635,504
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,076,530</b>	<b>\$14,547,225</b>	<b>\$6,608,070</b>	<b>\$11,902,275</b>



Costs: By Watershed

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Total Cost of Los Angeles River</b>	<b>Total Cost of San Gabriel River</b>	<b>Total Cost of Phase</b>
1	\$5,291,850	\$6,927,250	\$12,219,100
2	\$5,786,850	\$5,856,675	\$11,643,525
3	\$3,605,900	\$7,808,900	\$11,414,800
4	\$0	\$5,856,675	\$5,856,675
Total	<b>\$14,684,600</b>	<b>\$26,449,500</b>	<b>\$41,134,100</b>



**PHASE DESCRIPTION**

<b>PHASE I</b>	
<b>Los Angeles River</b>	<b>San Gabriel River</b>
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Automatic Retractable Screens (ARS) will be installed in 3,317 catch basins. A filter/sponge device will be installed in 3,532 catch basins. <i>Number of Catch Basins Affected: 3,532</i> <i>Cost: \$5,291,850</i>	12,595 catch basins will be fitted with Connector Pipe Screens (CPS). <i>Number of catch basins affected: 12,595</i> <i>Cost: \$6.9 million</i>
<b>Results</b>	<b>Results</b>
This phase results in three out of 27 cities with the full treatment train at 100% of catch basin locations in the city. A total of 31% of all Los Angeles River catch basins will have ARS devices; 33 percent of all catch basins will have filter/sponge devices. ARS devices prevent trash from entering the catch basin. This function allows the filter/sponge device to contact maximum amounts of stormwater.	The San Gabriel River watershed will be protected at 100% of catch-basin locations with full-capture devices. CPS devices are located inside the storm drain. They prevent trash that enters the catch basin from advancing further through the storm drain system.
<b>Remaining Work</b>	<b>Remaining Work</b>
56 percent of all catch basins in the watershed (5,657 catch basins) still need Automatic Retractable Screens. 62 percent of all catch basins (6,549 catch basins) still need filter/sponge devices.	Although CPS devices capture trash, they do not mitigate bacteria issues. Phase I installs merely one of three portions of the catch basin treatment plan. The other two portions are Automatic Retractable Screens, and Filter/sponge devices. These two remaining devices still need to be installed in 100% of catch basins, (12,592 catch basins) to further address trash, and mitigate bacteria problems.
<b>Overall Costs</b>	
Total cost of this phase: \$12,219,100 <b>Requested appropriations: \$6,720,506</b> Cost-share: \$5,498,595	



**PHASE DESCRIPTION**

<b>PHASE II</b>	
<b>Los Angeles River</b>	<b>San Gabriel River</b>
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Automatic Retractable Screens (ARS) will be installed in 3,579 catch basins, and 3,921 catch basins will be fitted with sponges. <i>Number of Catch Basins Affected: 3,921</i> <i>Cost: \$3,786,850</i>	Automatic Retractable Screens (ARS), and Sponges will be installed in 3,779 catch basins. <i>Number of catch basins affected: 3,779</i> <i>Cost: \$5,856,675</i>
<b>Results</b>	<b>Results</b>
This phase advances the project by increasing the number of ARS devices, and Sponges in catch basins. After the completion of Phase II, 80% of all catch basins will have ARS installed. 75% of all catch basins will have filter/sponge devices installed. Previous stimulus funds have installed Connector Pipe Screens (CPS) at 100% of catch basin locations.	The previous phase resulted in full-capture CPS devices installed in 100% of San Gabriel River catch basins. This phase advances the project by beginning installation of antibacterial filter/sponge devices, and ARS devices. After this phase is completed, both ARS and filter/sponge devices will be at 30% of San Gabriel River catch basins. The filter/sponges and ARS devices work in conjunction to mitigate bacteria problems.
<b>Remaining Work</b>	<b>Remaining Work</b>
ARS devices still need to be installed in 19% of catch basins (2,078 catch basins). The watershed still needs filter/sponges devices in 25% of catch basins (2,628 catch basins).	ARS and Sponges still need to be installed in 70% of catch basins (8,817 catch basins).
<b>Overall Costs</b>	
Total cost of this phase: \$11,643,525	
<b><u>Requested appropriations: \$6,403,939</u></b>	
Cost-share: \$5,239,586	



**PHASE DESCRIPTION**

<b>PHASE III</b>	
<b>Los Angeles River</b>	<b>San Gabriel River</b>
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Activity</b>
All catch basins will receive their final stormwater device installations. A total of 2,078 ARS devices, and 2,628 filter/sponge devices will be installed. <i>Number of Catch Basins Affected: 2,628</i> <i>Cost: \$3,605,900</i>	Automatic Retractable Screens (ARS), and filter/sponge devices will be installed in 5,038 catch basins. <i>Number of catch basins affected: 5,038</i> <i>Cost: \$7,808,900</i>
<b>Results</b>	<b>Results</b>
This phase completes the project in the Los Angeles River watershed by increasing the number of ARS, and filter/sponge devices in catch basins. With the completion of Phase IV, 100% of all San Gabriel River catch basins will have CPS devices, antibacterial filter/sponges, and ARS devices installed.	This phase advances the project by increasing the number of ARS devices, and filter/sponges in catch basins. With the completion of Phase III, 70% of all San Gabriel River catch basins will have antibacterial filter/sponges, and ARS devices installed. The first phase installed full-capture devices in 100% of San Gabriel River catch basins.
<b>Remaining Work</b>	<b>Remaining Work</b>
No work remains.	ARS and filter/sponge devices still need to be installed in 30% of catch basins (3779 catch basins).
<b>Overall Costs</b>	
Total cost of this phase: \$11,414,800 <b>Requested appropriations: \$6,278,140</b> Cost-share: \$5,136,660	



**PHASE DESCRIPTION**

<b>PHASE IV</b>	
<b>Los Angeles River</b>	<b>San Gabriel River</b>
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Activity</b>
None. <i>Number of Catch Basins Affected: 0</i> <i>Cost: \$0</i>	Automatic Retractable Screens (ARS), and filter/sponges will be installed in 3,779 of catch basins. <i>Number of catch basins affected: 3,779</i> <i>Cost: \$5,857,450</i>
<b>Results</b>	<b>Results</b>
All installations for the Los Angeles River watershed were completed in the previous phase (Phase III).	This phase completes the project by increasing the number of ARS, and filter/sponge devices in catch basins. With the completion of Phase IV, 100% of all San Gabriel River catch basins will have CPS, antibacterial filter/sponge, and ARS devices installed.
<b>Remaining Work</b>	<b>Remaining Work</b>
No work remains.	No work remains.
<b>Overall Costs</b>	
Total cost of this phase: \$5,856,675 <b>Requested appropriations: \$3,221,171</b> Cost-share: \$2,635,504	



## INSTALLATIONS PER PHASE

### LOS ANGELES RIVER

CITY	PHASE I			PHASE II			PHASE III			PHASE IV		
	ARS	Sponge	CPS*	ARS	Sponge	CPS	ARS	Sponge	CPS	ARS	Sponge	CPS
Bell	100	100	0	95	167	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bell Gardens	105	105	0	68	208	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commerce	200	200	0	250	250	0	116	236	0	0	0	0
Compton	400	400	0	400	400	0	360	505	0	0	0	0
Cudahy	2	147	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Downey	150	150	0	211	311	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Huntington Park	170	170	0	313	334	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lakewood	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Beach	1,200	1,200	0	1,259	900	0	1,157	1,157	0	0	0	0
Lynwood	145	145	0	250	250	0	94	239	0	0	0	0
Maywood	60	60	0	3	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paramount	115	115	0	95	225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pico Rivera	5	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Signal Hill	70	70	0	70	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Gate	220	220	0	250	250	0	098	338	0	0	0	0
Vernon	375	375	0	375	375	0	153	153	0	0	0	0
<b>COG TOTALS</b>	<b>3,317</b>	<b>3,532</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,579</b>	<b>3,921</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>2,628</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\*All CPS devices for the LA River are covered by the \$10 million Recovery Act funds and are not included in this proposal.

### SAN GABRIEL RIVER

CITY	PHASE I			PHASE II			PHASE III			PHASE IV		
	ARS	Sponge	CPS	ARS	Sponge	CPS	ARS	Sponge	CPS	ARS	Sponge	CPS
Artesia	0	0	258	77	77	0	103	103	0	77	77	0
Bellflower	0	0	524	157	157	0	210	210	0	0	0	0
Cerritos	0	0	584	175	175	0	234	234	0	175	175	0
Downey	0	0	752	226	226	0	301	301	0	226	226	0
Hawaiian Gardens	0	0	143	43	43	0	57	57	0	43	43	0
La Habra Heights	0	0	23	7	7	0	9	9	0	7	7	0
La Mirada	0	0	602	181	181	0	241	241	0	181	181	0
Lakewood	0	0	823	247	247	0	329	329	0	247	247	0
Long Beach	0	0	5,777	1,733	1,733	0	2,311	2,311	0	1,733	1,733	0
Norwalk	0	0	975	293	293	0	390	390	0	293	293	0
Pico Rivera	0	0	500	150	150	0	200	200	0	150	150	0
Santa Fe Springs	0	0	299	90	90	0	120	120	0	90	90	0
Signal Hill	0	0	431	129	129	0	172	172	0	129	129	0
Whittier	0	0	904	271	271	0	362	362	0	271	271	0
<b>COG TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,595</b>	<b>3,779</b>	<b>3,779</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,038</b>	<b>5,038</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,779</b>	<b>3,779</b>	<b>0</b>

**VIII. REPORTS**  
**ITEM C**

**Update on California High Speed Rail  
Authority Planning Activities – Oral  
Report**

**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**

The RMC Board met on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in Rosemead. The RMC will mark its 10-year anniversary this year. A celebration is being planned, possibly at the RMC offices in El Encanto.

The Board approved grant amendments to projects in the Cities of South Gate and Cerritos.

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.

