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

Wednesday, March 3, 2010
5:30 p.m. Buffet
6:00 p.m. Meeting

Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard
Paramount, California

AGENDA

STAFF REPORTS AND OTHER WRITTEN DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES, 16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD, PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA. ANY PERSON HAVING QUESTIONS CONCERNING ANY AGENDA ITEM MAY CALL THE COG STAFF AT (562) 663-6850.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The Board of Directors will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or an item of interest that is not on the agenda. The Board of Directors cannot take action on any item not scheduled on the agenda. These items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future agenda. Comments are to be limited to three minutes for each speaker, unless extended by the Board of Directors, and each speaker will only have one opportunity to speak on any one topic. You have the opportunity to address the Board of Directors at the following times:

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

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

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

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – BY SELF INTRODUCTIONS

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS - 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 3, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of February 3rd, Board of Directors meeting.

B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated March 3, 2010

C. January 2010 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement

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

E. Funding Agreement Between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for I-710 Support Services

F. Third Amendment to Agreement for Consulting Services by and Between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Jerry R. Wood for Engineering Services

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

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

VIII. REPORTS

A. Request by the City of Cerritos Re HR 3734 (Sires) Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act

5 Min

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

B. Request by the City of La Habra Heights Reconsidering Adopted Assessment Formula for Sustainable Communities Strategy (SB 375)

5 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 – No Report for this meeting

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

E. Report from the Committee on Homelessness

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

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

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

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


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

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 7, 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
February 3, 2010

President Stefenhagen called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
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 W. Michael McCormick, City of Vernon
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Curt Pederson, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT:  Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member Victor Farfan, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Bob Archuleta, City of Pico Rivera
Member Richard Steinke, Ex Officio Member, Port of Long Beach
Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Putnam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Executive Director reported that it had been brought to the COG’s attention after the posting of the agenda that the SCAG CEHD Committee and Regional Council would be considering an item regarding fiscalization of land use at tomorrow's meetings. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Guerrero, to add the consideration of the SCAG items regarding fiscalization of land use to the agenda as an emergency item that came to the Board’s attention after the posting of the agenda and which requires action prior to the next meeting of the Board of Directors. The motion was approved unanimously.

Signal Hill City Manager addressed the Board regarding the SCAG consideration of action pertaining to the fiscalization of land use. He said communities need to see how a sales tax/property tax swap would affect them. He said there had been no analysis as to how SCAG came to the conclusion that sales tax affects SB 375, which is how SCAG is presenting this issue.

Member Barrows said that this subject is outside of SCAG’s purview. Member Nordbak said that the Board should be careful about taking a position because some cities could benefit by the sales tax/property tax swap.

It was moved by First Vice President Hurtado, seconded by Member Daniels, that no action be taken by SCAG until there is more information about how this issue would affect cities.

Member DuBois said much of what motivates Supervisor Chris Norby, who was advancing the proposal, is that cities are enticing businesses to move in order to gain the benefit of the sales tax. Member O'Donnell asked what would be required to make this be
implemented. The General Counsel responded that it probably requires state legislation, possibly even a constitutional amendment.

Member Salazar said she does not understand how SCAG is even getting into this area. Member DuBois responded that they are using SB 375 as the link. Signal Hill Councilmember Larry Forester said that there are things weaving in and out of SCAG that are not vetted by cities. Lakewood Acting Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell said that property values are not projected to grow as fast as retail sales and the state has been borrowing property taxes from cities, and questioned why cities would choose this approach.

Member Barrows offered a friendly amendment to the motion that the COG’s position be passed out at tomorrow’s SCAG meetings. The amendment was accepted by First Vice President Hurtado and Member Daniels.

There being no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

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

President Stefenhagen reported that the Committee on Homelessness had elected Member Guerrero as Chair and Second Vice President Dunton as Vice Chair. Member Guerrero said that the goal of the Committee is to reduce homelessness throughout the Gateway Cities subregion. She said the Committee would be providing policy guidance to PATH Partners.

Joel Roberts, CEO of PATH Partners, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the implementation of a regional strategy to end homelessness. He described the guiding principles as implementing local solutions that are results based, involve community stakeholders, and make use of partnerships and alliances. He summarized the initial research and said the plan is to implement four strategies that communities wanted: homeless prevention services, a first responders program, interim housing, and permanent supportive housing. To implement the strategy, four local coordinating alliances will be formed.

The Executive Director announced the leaders of the four local coordinating alliances: LCA 1—Huntington Park; LCA 2—Whittier or Santa Fe Springs; LCA 3—Norwalk; LCA 4—Long Beach.

It was moved by Second Vice President Dunton, seconded by First Vice President Hurtado, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.
Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing presented a report from the City Managers Steering Committee regarding stormwater treatment. He said the Committee recommended that the Board support a request from the City of Long Beach for a $41 million grant from a federal earmark for a stormwater treatment plan. The project would extend funding for cities to install the trash capture devices recently approved for the Gateway IRWM for the Los Angeles River to the San Gabriel River, and would also fund the installation of catch basin filters designed to reduce particulate metals and oils, and to treat bacteria. Mr. Farfsing said the aim is to acquire State IRWMP funds to provide the required match for the federal grant.

Member DuBois asked what would happen if they are unable to get the State IRWMP funds to match. Mr. Farfsing said cities would have the option of providing the matching funds themselves or dropping out.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Nelson, to approve the recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented an update on the California High Speed Rail Authority planning activities. He said that new agreements had been crafted to protect the COG from any financial liability for the technical analysis that will be undertaken under the MOU with the High Speed Rail Authority. He said the overall administration of the process will be done by the Administrative Committee created by the MOU made up of the cities within the project corridor. He said the new agreements have the COG consultants working as subconsultants to the CHSRA’s major consultant. However, the COG will retain control over the scope of work of the consultants. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member O’Donnell, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member O’Donnell presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said the Conservancy is observing its tenth anniversary this year and is planning a celebration to mark that milestone. He said the Board had approved grant amendments for projects in South Gate and Cerritos.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the Project Committee had met the previous week and that Secretary of Business, Housing, and Transportation Dale Bonner was in attendance and addressed the Committee on the importance to the State of the I-710 project. Mr. Wood reported that the MTA had hired a consultant to look at possible public/private partnerships for funding the I-710 improvements.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said staff is working with the MTA on a scope of work for the feasibility analysis.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the MTA Board had approved $6.645 million for design of the I-5 project. She said that Lupe Valdez of Union Pacific had reported to the Committee that the recent run of a three mile long train was a test and was not going to be a repetitive activity.
It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by First Vice President Hurtado, to receive and file the committee reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented report from the I-5 JPA. She said the project had received MTA funding and was now working on traffic mitigation projects in advance of the first stage of construction. She said there would be about a six month delay on the start of the Carmenita bridge project to April 2011 because of right-of-way issues.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He said that tomorrow the SCAG Regional Council would not be considering policy regarding the fiscalization of land use, but would be hearing a report from CEHD.

Mike Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said that staff had been evaluating responses from consultants to RFQs and are developing a list of eligible consultants.

AQMD Board Member Tonia Reyes Uranga presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. She said tomorrow the City Selection Committee would be electing the western cities representative on the AQMD Board. She gave some background on how the western cities seat was created after the City of Los Angeles received its own seat. She explained the importance of the western representative seat to the COG because of the significant pollution issues in the Gateway Cities.

David Hershenson presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said the service sectors are being centralized, but the governance councils will remain in place. He said there would be a meeting on February 16 to explain how the sector councils will work under the new arrangement.

Signal Hill Council Member Larry Forester presented a report from the Long Beach Conservation Corps. He said the Corps is still struggling to make up for lost revenues from the State’s taking of the bottle bill revenues. He asked for cities’ help by utilizing the Conservation Corps.

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

It was moved by First Vice President Hurtado, seconded by Member Aguilar, to receive and file all of the agency reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to add an emergency item to the agenda for the Board to make a recommendation for the SCAQMD seat representing the western cities. The motion failed to receive the necessary four-fifths vote to add an item to the agenda.
Member Carroll asked that an item be included on next month’s agenda to look at a new funding formula for the Sustainable Communities Strategy under SB 375.

Member Barrows asked that consideration of HR 3734 (Sires), the Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act, be included on next month’s agenda.

There were no matters from President Stefenhagen.

**Adjournment:** It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary
VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register
VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C
January 2010 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement
Local Agency Investment Fund  
P.O. Box 942809  
Sacramento, CA 94209-0001  
(916) 653-3001

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VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D
Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington, Peel & Associates
Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG
February 23, 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 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.

*I provided follow up regarding deadlines for requests for funding in the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations process, as well as individual House Members’ and Senators’ request forms. In addition, I worked closely with Gateway Cities COG and the I-5 JPA to insure timely completion of support letters to accompany submission of the request forms to key members of the House and Senate.

*My efforts also 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. As I have been reporting, congressional committee leaders are looking for a way to provide adequate funding and to complete a full six-year authorization bill early in 2010. I believe 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 registered to participate on Gateway Cities’ behalf in the CAGTC annual meeting February 10 and 11. Because of heavy snows in the Washington, DC area which forced the federal government to shut down for four days from February 8-11, the conference has been postponed.

*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
Funding Agreement Between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for I-710 Support Services
TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Funding Agreement between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for I-710 Support Services

Background and Summary

The current intense level of activity in the I-710 EIR/EIS project, as well as the related Air Quality Action Plan, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Implementation Plan, and Truck Fleet Modernization Communications Plan, has resulted in a demand for the COG’s consultant engineer’s time and work effort that exceeds the capacity of the I-710 city assessments to fund. In recognition of this, the MTA has agreed to contribute $200,000 in funding for these engineering activities.

The attached funding agreement between the MTA and the COG is intended to fund, retroactively to October, the activities of the COG’s consultant engineer on these I-710 related projects. The agreement runs through June 30, 2010.

Recommended Action

Approve the Funding Agreement between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.
FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

This Funding Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into with an effective date of October 16, 2009, and is by and between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (the "AGENCY") and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("LACMTA"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, LACMTA is the transportation planning and programming AGENCY for Los Angeles County, responsible for the County's Long Range Transportation Plan, the Short Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program, and the operation and construction of bus and rail services; and

WHEREAS, the AGENCY is a non-profit advocacy group that represents the 27 cities of Southeast Los Angeles County including the Ports of Long Beach (the "COG"). In this advocacy role, the AGENCY provides regional leadership and supports various initiatives for its member cities/agencies including: implementing clean air strategies; addressing housing needs, reducing traffic congestion, conducting short and long range transportation studies, preserving and enhancing open space, and strengthening the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, LACMTA is now conducting the Interstate 710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS, and proposes to conduct the Air Quality Action Plan, the Intelligent Transportation System Implementation Plan, and the Truck Fleet Modernization Communications Plan; and

WHEREAS, the AGENCY has been representing the COG cities on the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS over the last five years, providing engineering expertise and participation/representation in public outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has requested financial assistance to offset some of the $1.2 million in support costs the AGENCY has expended over the last five years on the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS and to fund support work on the soon-to-be implemented Air Quality Action Plan, the Intelligent System Implementation Plan, and the Truck Fleet Modernization Communication Plan; and

WHEREAS, LACMTA has agreed to provide, through June 30, 2010, up to $200,000 to fund AGENCY's support of the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS, the Air Quality Action Plan, the Intelligent System Implementation Plan, and the Truck Fleet Modernization Communication Plan; and
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration for the promises set forth herein, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

I. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of the agreement shall be for a period from the date of execution of this Agreement through June 30, 2010. Should the AGENCY be unable to complete the tasks described in the Work Plan by June 30, 2010, the AGENCY may request in writing that the term of this agreement be extended for a period of time not to exceed six months, or December 30, 2010. LACMTA shall have the right to extend the term as requested.

II. PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

A. AGENCY shall perform the work per the tasks and deliverables detailed in Attachment A – Work Plan.

B. AGENCY shall submit Monthly Progress Invoice Reports, in the form attached to the agreement as Attachment B with detailed supporting documentation within fifteen (15) days after the close of each month. The last Monthly Progress Invoice Report shall be due no late than July 15, 2010, in order to be eligible for reimbursement under this Agreement. If no activity has occurred during a particular month, AGENCY will still be required to submit the Monthly Progress Invoice Report indicating that no dollars were expended in the month.

C. In the event that any changes to the Work Plan are desired, LACMTA shall notify AGENCY in writing in a timely manner. AGENCY understands and agrees that LACMTA’s contribution to the Project is limited to the amount specified in Section III, A, and that the AGENCY shall be fully responsible for any eligible expenditures that exceed LACMTA’s contribution. Any unexpended Funds after July 15, 2010, unless an extension is requested in writing by AGENCY and approved by LACMTA, shall no longer be available to the AGENCY.

III. PAYMENT

A. LACMTA shall reimburse AGENCY an aggregate amount not to exceed $200,000 for amounts invoiced with proper documentation within 30 working days of receipt of an acceptable invoice.
B. LACMTA shall only reimburse eligible expenditures. Equipment including vehicles, computer hardware and software is not eligible expenditures and shall not be reimbursed with the Funds.

IV. INDEMNIFICATION

Neither LACMTA nor any officer or employee thereof shall be responsible for any damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or committed to be done by AGENCY, its officers, agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors under this Agreement. AGENCY shall fully indemnify, defend and hold LACMTA, and its officers, agents and employees harmless from and against any liability and expenses, including without limitation, defense costs, any costs or liability on account of bodily injury, death or personal injury of any person or for damage to or loss of risk of property, any environmental obligation, any legal fees and claims for damages of any nature whatsoever arising out of the Work Plan, including without limitation; (i) use of the Funds by the AGENCY, or its officers, agents, employees, contractor or subcontractors; (ii) breach of the AGENCY's obligations under this Agreement; or (iii) any act of omission of the AGENCY, or its officers, agents, employees, contractors or subcontractors in the performance of the work or the provision of the services, in connection with the Project including, without limitation, the Work Plan, described in this Agreement. The indemnity shall survive termination of this Agreement.

V. INSURANCE

AGENCY shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons, or damages in property which may arise from on in conjunction with the performance of the work hereunder by the AGENCY, their agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. As respects Professional Liability, coverage must be maintained and evidenced provided, for two years following expiration of the agreement.

MINIMUM SCOPE OF INSURANCE

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage (concurrency form CG0001)
2. Insurances Services Office form number CA 0001 covering Automobile Liability, code 1 (any auto).
3. Worker's Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance
4. Professional Liability Insurance.

MINIMUM LIMITS OF INSURANCE

Contractor shall maintain limits no less than:

1. General Liability: $1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or
2. other form with a general aggregate limit is used, the general aggregate limits shall be twice the required occurrence limit of $2,000,000. Products/Completed Operations aggregate shall apply separately to this contract/agreement or the aggregate limit shall be twice the required per occurrence limit.

3. Automobile Liability: $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

4. Worker's Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance.

5. Professional Liability: $1,000,000 per occurrence.

OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS
The insurance policies required per the terms of the agreement are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, its subsidiaries, officials and employees are to be covered as additional insureds as respects liability arising out of the activities performed by or on behalf of the AGENCY; products and completed operations of the AGENCY; premises owned, occupied or used by the AGENCY; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed or the AGENCY. The general liability coverage shall also include contractual, personal injury, independent contractors and broad form property damage liability. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to LACMTA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees.

2. For any claims related to this project, insurance provided by the AGENCY shall be primary as respects LACMTA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by LACMTA shall be in excess of any program of insurance afforded by the AGENCY and shall not contribute with it.

3. Any failure to comply with reporting or other provisions of the policies including breaches of warrants shall not affect coverage provided to LACMTA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees.

4. The program of insurance provided by the AGENCY shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

5. Each insurance policy is required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to LACMTA.

6. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability policies shall provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of LACMTA.

7. Professional Liability insurance shall be continued, and evidence provided to LACMTA, for two years following expiration of the contract or, tail
8. coverage provided to two years in the event of cancellation or non-renewal.

DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF INSURED RETENTIONS
Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the insurance requirements contained herein may be met with a program of self insurance.

ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS
Insurance is to be placed with California admitted, or non-admitted carriers approved by the California Department of Insurance. All carriers must have a current A.M. Best’s rating of no less than A-VII, unless otherwise approved by LACMTA.

VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE
AGENCY shall furnish LACMTA with original endorsements and certificates of insurance evidencing coverage required by this clause. All documents are to be signed by a person authorized to attest to validity of coverage and protections afforded LACMTA. All documents are to be received and approved by LACMTA before work commences. If requested by LACMTA, AGENCY shall submit copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by these specifications.

SUBCONTRACTORS
AGENCY shall include all subcontractors as insured under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein. If requested by LACMTA, the AGENCY shall submit copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by these specifications.

VI. RECORD RETENTION

A. AGENCY shall maintain all source documents, books and records connected with its performance and all work performed under this Agreement for three (3) years.

B. LACMTA, and/or its designee, shall have the right to conduct audits of the Project as needed. AGENCY agrees to establish and maintain proper accounting procedures and cash management records and documents in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). AGENCY shall reimburse LACMTA for any expenditure not in compliance with this Agreement.
VI. MISCELLANEOUS

A. California State law shall govern this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way, unless any of the stated purposes of the Agreement would be defeated.

B. No amendment, modification, alteration or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by authorized representatives for the Parties hereto and no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein shall be binding on any of the Parties.

C. This Agreement contains the entire understandings between the Parties and supersedes any prior written or oral understandings and agreements regarding the subject matter of the Agreement.

D. The covenants and agreements of this Agreement shall inure to the benefits of, and shall be binding upon, each of the Parties and their respective successors and assignees.

E. LACMTA reserves the right to terminate this Agreement by written notice within ten (10) calendar days in the event of AGENCY’s breach or default of any term or condition in this Agreement. LACMTA shall provide a reasonable opportunity for AGENCY to cure prior to termination.

F. Both Parties shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and policies.

G. Neither AGENCY nor LACMTA shall assign this Agreement, or any part thereof, without the written consent of the other party. Any assignment without such written consent shall be void and unenforceable.

H. AGENCY and its officers, employees and agents shall be independent contractors in the performance of this Agreement and not officers, employees, contractors or agents of LACMTA.

I. AGENCY shall ensure that all Communication Materials contain recognition of LACMTA’s contribution to the Project. AGENCY shall ensure that, at a minimum, all Communication Materials shall include the phrase, “Funded in part by [LACMTA logo]” or see www.metro.net for alternative acceptable minimum language. Press releases do not require a LACMTA logo.
J. Any notice required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed served if sent by registered mail addressed as follows, unless otherwise notified in writing of a change of address:

Ernest T. Morales, Deputy Executive Officer  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
One Gateway Plaza, mail stop 99-22-4  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Richard Powers, Executive Director  
Gateway City Council of Governments  
16401 Paramount Blvd.  
Paramount, CA 90723
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Funding Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the dates indicated below:

LACMTA:

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

By: ____________________________  
   Arthur T. Leahy  
   Chief Executive Officer  
   Date: 11/27/10

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert E. Kalunian  
Acting County Counsel  
By: ____________________________  
   Date: 11/27/10

AGENCY:

Gateway Cities Council of Governments

By: ____________________________  
   Gordon Stefenhagen  
   President, Board of Directors  
   Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard D. Jones  
General Counsel  
By: ____________________________  
   Date
ATTACHMENT A

Work Plan

1. General Engineering Support for the I-710 EIR/EIS
   a. Oversight and assistance for review of consultants work as the project proceeds.
   b. Participation in meetings including team meetings, consultant meetings, community participation meetings, etc.
   c. Review of work products produced by MTA’s project consultant team with comments and suggestions and preparation of necessary materials.
   d. Coordination and meetings with Gateway Cities COG (GCCOG) staff.
   e. Coordination and attendance at I-710 EIR/EIS Executive Committee, Project Committee and Technical Advisory Committee, and community participation meetings. Also attendance with city councils and city staffs and other public agencies, as needed.
   f. Attend meetings with consultants and other agencies.
   g. Miscellaneous coordination.

Deliverables:
   1. Provide written and oral comments on all technical task force and outreach activities to the Funding Partners Working Group and inform all participants of inconsistencies and issue areas with project implementation.
   2. Attend 95% of Funding Partners Working Group, Executive Committee, Project Committee, Technical Advisory and committee participation meetings with attendance at city council, city staff and other public meetings as required.
   3. Attend 95% of meetings with engineering and public outreach consultants.

2. Air Quality Action Plan
   a. Provide oversight, review and meeting coordination for the Air Quality Action Plan. Finalize scope of work and coordinate with other agencies, funding, etc. to proceed with AQAP.
   b. Funding coordination and meetings with COG staff, MTA staff and others.
   c. Attend meetings and provide coordination with environmental groups.
   d. Assist with preparation of Request for Proposal (RFP).
   e. Attend meetings with consultants, provide oversight and input and review material produced.
Deliverables:
1. Develop Scope of Work for AQAP.
2. Assist LACMTA staff in drafting RFP.
3. Attend 95% of meetings with environmental groups, consultants, Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, LACMTA and FHWA.
4. Provide I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS team with data and strategies developed from the AQAP as appropriate for inclusion into the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Mitigation Monitoring Plan. Develop excerpted I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS reports and data and forward them to the AQAP working group as necessary, avoiding duplication of effort.

3. Intelligent Transportation Systems
The I-710 Locally Preferred Strategy includes an ITS Implementation Plan for Goods Movement and the Truck Fleet Modernization Communications Pilot Program.

a. Provide coordination and attend meetings with other agencies (Caltrans, FHWA, the ports) to coordinate ITS projects and funding.
b. Advocate for funding for ITS projects from local, state and federal agencies.
c. Process scope of work to proceed with ITS Implementation Plan.
d. Provide oversight in the preparation of Request for Qualifications (RFQ)/RFP for the Truck Fleet Modernization Communication program, obtain local, state and federal approval, obtain local match funding, and oversee the project.
e. Assist with preparation of RFP.
f. Attend meetings with consultants, provide oversight and input and review material produced.

Deliverables:
1. Assist LACMTA in drafting scope of work.
2. Assist with preparation of RFQ/RFP.
3. Provide technical assistance to COG cities and other local agency participants in the ITS plan implementation. Review and critique individual city/agency ITS applications.
4. Review and provide written and oral comments on all technical submittals
5. Provide oversight to consultant contract, attend 95% of consultant, local agency and LACMTA meetings.
4. **GOODS MOVEMENT**
   a. Goods movement planning coordination, review of reports and meetings with other agencies. This includes the new SCAG study and follow-up with Metro for an L.A. Strategic Plan.
   b. Provide coordination and material for possible Envisioning Workshop to proceed with freight movement corridor (funding for this to be provided from other sources).
   c. Prepare material for "ideas" for freight movement corridor concepts.

   **Deliverables:**
   1. Prepare documents, plans and strategies to support MTA/COG funding requests. Develop Workshop "takeaway".

5. **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT NETWORK (CVEN)**
   a. Complete processing of draft CVEN report with Caltrans and CHP.
   b. Prepare scope of work for the preparation of implementation plan for the CVEN, including preliminary design.
   c. Attend meetings and provide coordination with other agencies (Caltrans, CHP, and the ports. Metro) to continue to develop their support for the CVEN.

   **Deliverables:**
   1. Provide technical documents to support commercial vehicle program, including techniques and strategies particular to the COG sub region.
VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM F

Third Amendment to Agreement for Consulting Services by and Between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Jerry R. Wood for Engineering Services
TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Third Amendment to Agreement for Consulting Services by and Between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Jerry R. Wood for Engineering Services

Background

Since August 6, 2003, the Gateway Cities COG has contracted with Jerry R. Wood for consultant engineering services. Mr. Wood’s current work includes services related to the I-710 EIR/EIS project; the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Major Corridor Study; and coordination of various COG engineering projects, including the Truck Enforcement/Inspection Facilities Feasibility Study and the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Integration Study.

The agreement with Mr. Wood is now subject to renewal and the attached amendment extends the term of the agreement to June 30, 2010 for the services included in the scope of work attached to his contract. Funding in the amount of $70,000 for Mr. Wood and his subconsultants was included in the original Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget and is now supplemented by $200,000 in funding provided by the MTA for work on the I-710 EIR/EIS and related studies.

Recommended Action

Approve the attached third amendment to the agreement for consultant engineering services with Jerry R. Wood.
THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE
AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES
BY AND BETWEEN
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND
JERRY R. WOOD

THE AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES ("Agreement") made and entered into as of July 1, 2006, by and between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, a joint powers authority organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of California ("Agency") and Jerry R. Wood, an individual ("Consultant"), is amended as follows:

Section 1. Term of Agreement. This Amendment shall be effective as of July 1, 2009, and shall terminate on June 30, 2010, subject to Section 20 of the Agreement dated July 1, 2006.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this First Amendment to the Agreement to be executed as of July 1, 2009.

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

________________________________
GORDON STEFENHAGEN
President

ATTEST:

___________________________
RICHARD R. POWERS, Secretary
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RICHARD D. JONES
Legal Counsel

JERRY R. WOOD
2009/10 Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Engineering Support Services
Scope of Work

1. General Engineering Support for the I-710 EIR/EIS:
   a. Oversight and assistance for review of consultants work as the project proceeds.
   b. Participation in meetings including team meetings, consultant meetings, community participation meetings, etc.
   c. Review of work products produced by MTA’s project consultant team with comments and suggestions and preparation of necessary materials.
   d. Coordination and meetings with Gateway Cities COG (GCCOG) staff.
   e. Coordination and attendance at I-710 EIR/EIS Executive Committee, Project Committee and Technical Advisory Committee, and community participation meetings. Also attendance with city councils and city staffs and other public agencies, as needed.
   f. Attend meetings with consultants and other agencies.
   g. Miscellaneous coordination.

2. Air Quality Action Plan:
   a. Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) oversight, review and meetings. Finalize scope of work, coordination with other agencies, funding, etc. to proceed with AQAP.
   b. Funding coordination and meetings with COG staff, MTA staff and others.
   c. Attend meetings and provide coordination with environmental groups.
   d. Assist with preparation of RFP.
   e. Attend meetings with consultants, provide oversight and input and review material produced.

3. Intelligent Transportation Systems. The I-710 Locally Preferred Strategy includes an ITS Implementation Plan for goods movement and the truck fleet modernization communications pilot program.
   a. Provide coordination and attend meetings with other agencies (Caltrans, FHWA, the ports) to coordinate ITS projects and funding.
   b. Advocate for funding for ITS projects from local, state and federal agencies.
   c. Process scope of work to proceed with ITS Implementation Plan.
d. Provide oversight in the preparation of RFQ/RFP for the truck fleet communication demonstration program, obtain local, state and federal approval, obtain local match funding, and oversee the project.

e. Assist with preparation of RFP.

f. Attend meetings with consultants, provide oversight and input and review material produced.

4. SR-91/I-605/I-405 Feasibility Studies and Strategic Plan. With the completion of the Initial Corridor Studies, the next tasks for these corridors are to proceed with feasibility studies. This work will include:

a. Negotiations and meetings with SCAG, Caltrans, and MTA (and other agencies) for review of feasibility analysis scope of work.

b. Process scope of work to perform analysis and strategic plan to retain consultants.

c. Preparation of reports and documentation to obtain approval of SCAG, MTA, and Caltrans for these feasibility studies.

d. Preparation of reports and initial feasibility concepts.

e. Coordination and meetings with GCCOG staff.

f. Coordination and meetings with Corridor Cities Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and city staffs, and attendance at city council meetings as needed.

g. Attend meetings with consultants and review material prepared for the analysis and strategic plan.

5. Goods Movement

a. Goods movement planning coordination, review of reports and meetings with other agencies. This includes the new SCAG study and follow-up with Metro for an L. A. Strategic Plan.

b. Provide coordination and material for possible Envisioning Workshop to proceed with freight movement corridor (funding for this to be provided from other sources).

c. Prepare material for “ideas” for freight movement corridor concepts.

6. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Network (CVEN)

a. Complete processing of draft CVEN report with Caltrans and CHP.

b. Prepare scope of work for the preparation of implementation plan for the CVEN, including preliminary design.

c. Attend meetings and provide coordination with other agencies (Caltrans, CHP, and the ports, Metro) to continue to develop their support for the CVEN.
VIII. REPORTS
ITEM A
Request by the City of Cerritos Re
HR 3734 (Sires) Urban Revitalization and
Livable Communities Act
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Subject: HR 3734 (Sires) Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On January 28, 2010, the Cerritos City Council unanimously approved support for HR 3734 (Sires), The Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act, which will provide Federal grant funds to rehabilitate and improve urban parks, recreational infrastructure and revitalize urban communities. This legislation will benefit our youth by expanding recreational opportunities close to home, improve the environment and create new construction jobs.

The City of Cerritos is a leader in recognizing the importance of recreational opportunities for the community and was an avid supporter of State Legislation which created the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) in 1999, for the preservation of open space and habitat for recreational and educational purposes in the eastern Los Angeles County and western Orange County areas.

HR 3734 will compliment the mission of the RMC by providing much needed funding to expand recreational uses in the urban areas, particularly, during uncertain economic times, when many of our constituents turn to local parks, mountains, rivers, the coastline and other natural resources in lieu of costly out-of-town vacations.

Therefore, the City of Cerritos urges you to support these efforts to provide for additional open spaces and recreational opportunities and to create additional jobs for the construction of infrastructure and facilities to support these uses. Passage of HR 3734 will continue the hard work initiated by the creation of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for Southern California.
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
February 2, 2010
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We thank you for your continued interest in providing recreational, educational and economic benefits to our community and respectfully requests your support of HR 3734. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (562) 916-1310 or bbarrows@cerritos.us if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Bruce W. Barrows
MAYOR
VIII. REPORTS
ITEM B
Request by the City of La Habra Heights
Reconsidering Adopted Assessment
Formula for Sustainable Communities
Strategies (SB 375)
TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Request by the City of La Habra Heights Reconsidering Adopted Assessment Formula for Sustainable Communities Strategies (SB 375)

Background

On January 6, 2010, the Board voted to accept delegation from SCAG for the responsibility of developing a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) mandated by SB 375. In addition, the Board adopted an assessment schedule recommended by the City Managers Steering Committee which included a base assessment of $5,000 per city, with the remainder of the $250,000 total estimate apportioned on the basis of population. That assessment schedule is attached as Exhibit A.

At the meeting of February 3, 2010, Board Member Stan Carroll requested that the assessment schedule be reconsidered at this meeting, with the alternatives being either a flat rate assessment of $2,500 with the balance apportioned on the basis of population (Exhibit B), or a straight per capita assessment (Exhibit C).

Staff is presenting all three assessment schedules for the Board's review and consideration.

Recommended Action

Hear report, possible action and/or give direction to staff.
### Exhibit A

**SB 375 Assessment Based on $5,000 Flat Rate and Per Capita Assessment**  
(Rate per $250,000 in Costs)

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### Exhibit C

**SB 375 Assessment Based on Population**  
(Rate per $250,000 in Costs)

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**TOTAL**  
1,780,162  100.00%  $250,000.00
IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
ITEM E
Report from the Committee on Homelessness
TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Elba Guerrero, Chair, Committee on Homelessness  
SUBJECT: Status Report on Implementation of Gateway Cities Homeless Initiative  

Background  

The groundwork has been laid for the startup of our Homelessness Initiative in the Gateway Cities. All leadership and communication structures have been established and the Committee on Homelessness and consultants, PATH Partners, are in the final planning stages for bringing the four (4) Local Coordinating Alliance (LCA’s) together. The next steps of the project will include the organizational meetings of the Local Coordinating Alliances (LCA’s). They will be exploring recommendations to the Committee on Homelessness for decreasing and solving homelessness in our cities, making decisions on which options we want to pursue, and taking action steps to implement those measures.

A. Local Coordinating Alliances Start-up  
An initial meeting of the city representatives of all four (4) LCA’s will take place in early April. The City Co-Chairs have been named and they are:

- LCA 1 Eduard Arenas, Huntington Park  
- LCA 2 Marlene Martel, Whittier  
- LCA 3 Tak Hamabata, Norwalk  
- LCA 4 Ron Arias, Long Beach

At their next meet, the Committee on Homelessness will interview perspective candidates to serve as the non-city stakeholder Co-chair for each LCA.

B. Riverbed Outreach  
Outreach teams kicked off an initiative of the County Department of Mental Health in the San Gabriel Riverbed in the cities of Cerritos, Bellflower and Lakewood on Wednesday February 3, 2010. Various organizations are participating in the outreach initiative and regularly visit the Riverbed to conduct outreach with the homeless community on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will continue to do so for the next few months.

C. Homeless Prevention  
As you know the cities of Bellflower, Lakewood, Paramount and South Gate have received funds totaling $4,465,000 for homeless prevention. Since the launch of the program 43 households have been placed or are pending approval for placement in housing.