

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

Wednesday, May 5, 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 April 7, 2010, is presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of April 7th, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated May 5, 2010
- C. March 2010 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement
- D. Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington, Peel & Associates

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

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

VIII. REPORTS

- A. A Consensus Strategic Plan for Economic Development in Los Angeles County – Presentation by Bill Allen, President & CEO of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation

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

- B. Southern California 511: Traffic, Transit and Traveler Information – Presentation by Anne Karna, Communications Manager of LA Safe, MTA

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

- C. Request to Address Gateway Cities Council of Governments Regarding Funding for Runway Reconstruction at the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) in Los Alamitos by Troy D. Edgar, Councilmember, City of Los Alamitos

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
 - 1. Update on AB 1818 – Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010 – Oral Report

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 – Oral Report

3 Min

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

- F. California High Speed Rail – 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

A. Invitation to Attend the Sixteenth Annual California State University, Long Beach Economic Forecast Conference, Thursday, May 13, 2010, 7:30-10:00 AM at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach

B. Invitation to Attend a Forum by California’s Public Infrastructure Advisory Committee Co-hosted with Gateway Cities COG on May 25th

C. Appointment of Gil Hurtado to the Steering Committee of the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way West Santa Ana Branch Corridor Alternatives Analysis

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, June 2, 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
April 7, 2010**

President Stefenhagen called the meeting to order at 6:02 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
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 Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
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 Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Michael McCormick, City of Vernon
Member Owen Newcomer, City of Whittier
Member Curt Pederson, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe

ABSENT: Immediate Past President Anne M. Bayer, City of Downey
Member Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member from the City of Montebello
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Bob Archuleta, City of Pico Rivera
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Member Richard Steinke, Ex Officio Member, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Long Beach Government Affairs Manager Tom Modica; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; SCAG Regional Affairs Officer Matt Horton; MTA Deputy Executive Officer Ernest Morales; Gerry Alvarez, Project Manager, MTA; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershenson; League of California Cities Public Affairs Manager Kristine Guerrero; SCAQMD Senior Public Affairs Officer Derrick Alatorre; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director/Authority Engineer, I-5 JPA; Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Director, San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy; Michael Kodama, Executive Director, Orangeline Development Authority; Chester Britt, Project Director, Arellano Associates; Mike Sprague, Whittier Daily News; 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; GCCOG Engineer Jerry Wood.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Second Vice President Dunton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Executive Director announced that two items had arisen since the posting of the agenda: 1) the COG was notified that a hearing would be held next week on AB 1818, which potentially could affect the funding of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy; and 2) a request from the City of Signal Hill regarding the issue of SB 375, scheduled to be discussed by the League of California Cities' policy committees tomorrow. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by First Vice President Hurtado, that these two issues had come to the Board's attention after the posting of the agenda, that action needed to be taken before the next regular meeting of the Board, and that they be added to the agenda for tonight's meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director introduced Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, who presented a report recommending that two policy position statements regarding SB 375 be given at tomorrow's policy committee meetings of the League of California Cities. Mr. Farfsing said the first position is that legislation be adopted recognizing that SB 375 imposes an unfunded mandate on local government and providing funding for local jurisdictions to develop the required strategies imposed by SB 375. He said the second position is that the mandate to combine the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) with the Sustainable Communities Strategy under SB 375 be deferred so that the RHNA can be based on 2010 Census data. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Dobson, to approve the recommendation that the Board adopt these policy position statements. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Dobson, seconded by Member Mirabal, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director introduced MTA Project Manager Gerry Alvarez, who gave an overview of the MTA's Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 project. Mr. Alvarez gave some background on the scoping meetings that had been held on the project. He said four alignments had been looked at; after alternatives analysis was completed, the number of alignments was reduced to two: one basically along the SR-60 freeway corridor, and the second largely following Washington Blvd. Mr. Alvarez said the scoping period will close the middle of next week.

Member Mirabal asked whether MTA would be considering an expansion further east. Mr. Alvarez responded that it would not be looked at during this study.

The Executive Director summarized a report from the City Managers Steering Committee recommending support for the Washington Blvd. alignment. He said the recommendation was based on that alignment's travel time, route length, number of Gateway cities served, number of stations located in the Gateway Cities, capital cost per mile, and projected average weekly ridership. The Executive Director reported that the Transportation Committee also unanimously supported the Washington Blvd. alignment.

It was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to approve Resolution No. 2010-01:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
WASHINGTON BOULEVARD ALIGNMENT OF THE EASTSIDE TRANSIT CORRIDOR
PHASE 2 AS THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

The motion was approved unanimously.

Member O'Donnell introduced Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Executive Director Belinda Faustinos, who addressed the Board regarding AB 1818. She said she thinks this bill may be a disservice to the lower Los Angeles River. She said she would not like to see anything that would adversely affect the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and asked that the Board oppose AB 1818 in its current form. Member O'Donnell said the bill was a potential threat to funding for our projects. Ms. Faustinos said the legislation, aimed at creating a new watershed conservancy for the upper Los Angeles River, establishes a very different model and drops another funding bucket alongside the Conservancy's. She said it should not infringe upon the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's structure or function.

Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing said it is very important that individual cities also state their opposition to this bill. Member Daniels said he sees this as another attempt by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to gain control over our area.

Member O'Donnell asked whether the recommendation was to oppose the bill or oppose unless amended. Ms. Faustinos offered to assist the COG staff with a letter.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Daniels, to oppose AB 1818. The

motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the EIR/EIS study had reached a milestone in that the first draft of the EIR/EIS had been produced. He said, however, there will be a few months delay in order to address design concerns of the cities of Commerce and South Gate. He said the I-710 project has significant impacts on adjacent utilities, so a major utility relocation plan will be put together by the MTA. He said he recommended that no meeting of the Project Committee occur this month because of a lack of business.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the Corridor Cities Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee will be looking at the "hot spots" projects in more detail. He said the ITS master plan for goods movement should be starting in a few months.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by First Vice President Hurtado, to receive and file the I-710 and SR-91/I-605/I-405 reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She thanked the cities for their support at the recent MTA Board meeting. She said there had been a motion that if there were to be another round of federal stimulus money to come 100% would go to the MTA. She said she asked staff to come back with a report showing how the funds would be distributed if 50% were to go to the cities. She said thanks to the efforts of Bellflower, Long Beach, and Signal Hill, the motion to distribute at least 50% to the cities was approved. She referred to the 30/10 proposal from Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa that would take 100% of Measure R funds over the next ten years for transit projects. She said she would like a letter from the COG asking questions to Mayor Villaraigosa about the impacts of the 30/10 proposal. It was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Member Mirabal, to receive and file the report and to direct staff to prepare a letter regarding the 30/10 proposal as recommended. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Guerrero presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. She related the recent tour of the PATH Partners facilities and encouraged other Board members to take a tour. President Stefenhagen described a recent meeting with PATH Partners and homeless services providers.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said that all segments are under design and close to construction for I-5 from I-605 south to the Orange County line. She said that Congresswomen Napolitano and Roybal-Allard are supporting a request for \$1 million for the EIR to keep the project going.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said that close to 950,000 signatures had been gathered for the initiative measure to protect local revenues. She said next week is the deadline to collect signatures. She said the Los Angeles County Division is hosting AB 1234 training for free.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He said the General Assembly/Regional Council retreat would be held in La Quinta in May. Member Barrios reported that the CEHD had indefinitely tabled the fiscalization of land use issue.

Mike Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said that the City of Palmdale had chosen to withdraw from the Authority, but the City of Burbank and Bob Hope Airport had asked to join. He said he was working with South Gate on an application for a Caltrans planning grant.

Derrick Alatorre presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He said next month the lawnmower exchange program will take place. He referred the Board to a flyer on a high school environmental fair scheduled for May 27. He distributed a spreadsheet on AB 2766 funds that each city has received.

David Hershenson presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said that a blue ribbon committee is meeting monthly through July and that he will be reporting on their activities at each monthly Board meeting.

There was no report from the Long Beach Conservation Corps.

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

It was moved by Second Vice President Dunton, seconded by First Vice President Hurtado, to receive and file the agency reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no matters from the Board members.

President Stefenhagen announced a Meet and Greet and Roundtable Discussion with Jared Blumenfeld, U.S. EPA Regional Administrator, to be held at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex on June 1.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C
March 2010 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

April 26, 2010

[PMIA Average Monthly Yields](#)

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16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVA	▼
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March 2010 Statement

Account Summary

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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
April 28, 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 continued to provide follow up regarding requests for funding in the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations process. In addition, I 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 have kept the Gateway Cities COG informed of the status of the Transportation Reauthorization Act. As I have been reporting, Congress has continued to provide extensions of the existing law while it works on reauthorization legislation.

*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. I forwarded information from CAGTC regarding funding availability for the National Infrastructure Investments Grant Program referred to as TIGER II by the Department of Transportation. In addition, I have registered to participate on Gateway Cities' behalf in the CAGTC annual meeting originally planned for February and now rescheduled for late May.

*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.

VIII. REPORTS
ITEM A

**A Consensus Strategic Plan for Economic
Development in Los Angeles County –
Presentation by Bill Allen, President &
CEO of the Los Angeles County
Economic Development Corporation**



LOS ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

L.A. County Strategic Plan for Economic Development Endorsement Form

On December 22, 2009, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted the first-ever, consensus *Strategic Plan for Economic Development in Los Angeles County* to identify and build consensus around a set of economic development priorities to strengthen the economy, improve the environment and invigorate communities.

Yes, I/We endorse the 2010-2014 Los Angeles County Strategic Plan for Economic Development

A consensus plan for ensuring a strong, diverse and sustainable economy for L.A. County's residents and communities

It's time to implement a strategic plan to guide economic development decision making in way that creates more and better jobs, and ensures L.A. County's continued economic growth and success.

Consensus planning process: The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) engaged and solicited input from more than 1,000 stakeholders in more than two dozen public forums that brought together leaders from the public, private, business, government, labor, education, environmental, and community-based organizations. Together, they developed **five aspirational goals**, 12 objectives and 52 strategies for economic development in L.A. County.

1. *Preparing an educated workforce by improving educational outcomes, aligning education and training programs with business needs, and ensuring that all potential workers are prepared to participate in the dynamic L.A. County economy.*
2. *Creating a business-friendly environment to make Los Angeles as welcoming as possible to businesses of all sizes by ensuring that state, county and city governments are customer-driven in their interactions with businesses; government processes are rational, predictable, understandable and timely; and that public and private economic development agencies are supported and adequately resourced to help businesses thrive and create good quality jobs.*
3. *Enhancing our quality of life to make our communities healthier, more desirable and vibrant places to live and productively work by improving mobility and reducing traffic congestion, ensuring public safety, expanding cultural and artistic amenities, promoting healthy living, and revitalizing low-income communities.*
4. *Implementing smart land use to provide adequate space for both employment uses and housing through strategies such as by-right development, infill development, redevelopment and reuse of obsolete industrial land.*
5. *Creating 21st century infrastructure to maintain our competitive edge by fixing the broken infrastructure development, funding and delivery processes, and investing in maintaining and upgrading Los Angeles County's critical infrastructure.*

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**VIII. REPORTS
ITEM B**

**Southern California 511: Traffic, Transit
and Traveler Information – Presentation
by Anne Karna, Communications
Managers of LA Safe, MTA**



LA SAFE

Los Angeles County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
Motorist Aid
One Gateway Plaza
Van Nuys, California 91411-2129
213-552-4602 - 1-800-455-1111

Southern California 511: Traffic, Transit and Traveler Information
Presented by: Anne Karna, Communications Manager, LA SAFE

Southern California 511 is a service that provides traffic, transit and commuter service information via a toll-free phone number and website. Users can call 511 or visit Go511.com to get all the information needed to make smart traveling decisions. 511 will help improve users' commutes and keep them informed about travel conditions before leaving the house and while on the road.

The goal of 511 is to improve mobility by providing relevant and accurate information that allows users to make informed travel decisions before and while traveling, encourage mode shift by exposing drivers to alternative modes of transportation and provide a useful and adaptable service that will meet the mobility and information needs of the region. Program highlights include:

- 511 is regional traveler information system that is operated in partnership with LA SAFE, Caltrans, CHP, Metro, OCTA and VCTC.
- 511 provides traffic, transit and commuter service information for the five-county region consisting of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties.
- 511 is a free phone number and website providing the following information:
 - **Traffic:** 511 provides freeway drive times, freeway speeds and also reports if there is road construction or a traffic incident ahead. Incidents, SigAlerts, road closures, lane closures, cameras, travel times and traffic speeds can all be viewed on Go511.com's interactive Traffic Map.
 - **Public Transit:** 511 is a one-stop source for bus and train information in Southern California. The Transit Trip Planner finds best route for any given start and end point. Go511.com's "Find a Transit Provider" tool helps users find transit agency services in their area. Or, users can call 511 to connect to a transit provider, plan a trip on transit, or learn when the next bus or train is scheduled to arrive.
 - **Commuter Services** – 511 connects users to an agent that can help them find a carpool or vanpool partner, locate a Park & Ride lot and even help their employer organize a rideshare program at the workplace.
- **Phone System:** A user can call 511 for free from any landline or cellular phone in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura Counties. 511 is voice-automated, but allows for touchtone entries as well. Simple instructions guide users to the information they need or transfers them to someone who can help.
- **Website:** Go511.com has simple menus to help users find information quickly and plan the right route for their commute. The website supplies the same information as the phone system, as well as additional detail about transportation agencies and commuter services programs in the region.
- **Call Center:** Users can be transferred to the 24/7 call center from 511 for support if they are having trouble navigating the phone system. The call center operator collects information from the caller and places them back into 511 for the user to hear the information they seek.
- **Data:** 511 Traffic data is collected from various sources including Caltrans and the CHP. The data is updated every minute. 511 Transit Trip Planner information is received directly from Metro. Other transit information on 511 is monitored on a monthly basis and updated as needed.
- **Future:** Development is in the planning stages for future enhancements to 511. Enhancements such as a Spanish 511 phone service; mobile/wireless 511 application; general emergencies content; enhanced airport information; real-time bus arrival information and other relevant improvements and enhancements are under consideration. 511 will be a dynamic and interactive service keeping up-to-date and developing new features when warranted to address the needs of the public.

VIII. REPORTS

ITEM C

**Request to Address Gateway Cities
Council of Governments Regarding
Funding for Runway Reconstruction at
the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) in
Los Alamitos by Troy D. Edgar,
Councilmember, City of Los Alamitos**



March 30, 2010

The Honorable Gordon Stefenhagen
President
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard
Paramount, CA 90723

**Re: Request to Address Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Regarding Funding for Runway Reconstruction at the Joint Forces
Training Base (JFTB) in Los Alamitos**

Dear President Stefenhagen:

On behalf of the cities of Los Alamitos, Cypress, Garden Grove, Seal Beach and the Rossmore Community Services District, I am writing to request an opportunity to address the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments regarding a federal earmark that we are supporting on behalf of the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) in Los Alamitos. We understand that federal earmark requests are plentiful and the pool of funding available is not. However, we believe that the regional significance of the mission of the JFTB is important enough to request the support of your COG.

Our agencies have banded together to request \$17 million in federal funding for the reconstruction of Runway 4R-22L at the JFTB. The runway is the only military facility between Santa Barbara and San Diego able to handle "heavy" aircraft, such as a C-117. Clearly, a fully functioning base in our area has clear military strategic value. However, of even more importance to our civilian population, the JFTB serves as California's Southern Region Office of Emergency Services. As such, the JFTB, and its airfield specifically, will serve as the locus through which manpower and aid flows in the event of a regional emergency. In short, during an emergency situation, North Orange County and Southeast Los Angeles County residents will benefit greatly from the assistance that will gather first on the airfield situated at the JFTB.

Representative Loretta Sanchez, 47th District, has agreed to carry our joint funding request forward. Obviously, we are supporting Representative Sanchez' efforts completely and are seeking regional support as well. Nonetheless, enlisting the support of the Gateway Cities is not something we take lightly. We understand that your COG and its member cities have, in all likelihood, made funding requests of their own. And, of course, available funds are becoming increasingly scarce. However, we believe sincerely that the entire Orange County

The Honorable Gordon Stefenhagen
March 30, 2010
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and Los Angeles region (including all of our cities that are situated more or less adjacent to the JFTB) benefit immensely from a fully functioning airfield in northwest Orange County. Accordingly, we are seeking an opportunity to address your Board of Directors and seek the COG's support of our funding request.

On behalf of my colleagues in the agencies listed above, I appreciate your consideration of this letter. I can be reached at Los Alamitos City Hall – (562) 431-3538, extension 201. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Troy D. Edga
Councilmember
City of Los Alamitos

Cc: Mayor Prakash Narain, City of Cypress
Mayor William Dalton, City of Garden Grove
Councilmember Gary Miller, City of Seal Beach
Boardmember, Alfred Coletta, Rossmoor Community Services District
Richard Powers, Executive Director, Gateway Cities Council of Government

**XII. MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT
ITEM B**

**Invitation to Attend a Forum by
California's Public Infrastructure
Advisory committee Co-hosted with
Gateway Cities COG on May 25**