

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

Wednesday, June 2, 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.

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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. SPECIAL COMMENDATION

- A. Mr. Desi Alvarez – for 9 Years of Dedicated Service on the MTA Technical Advisory Committee

VII. MATTERS FROM STAFF

VIII. 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 May 7, 2010, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of May 7th, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated June 2, 2010
- C. April 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.

IX. REPORTS

- A. Request for Support Regarding Funding for Runway Reconstruction at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos, By Troy D. Edgar, Councilmember, City of Los Alamitos

15 Min

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

- B. How Poor Air Quality Impacts Communities in the Gateway Cities COG and Southern California – Presentation by the American Lung Association

15 Min

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

- C. Los Angeles County Flood Control District’s Watershed Management Modeling System - Presentation by Youn Sim, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

15 Min

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

- D. Support for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation's (LAEDC) Los Angeles County Strategic Plan for Economic Development 2010-2014

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

- E. Appointment of Gateway Cities Representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

- F. Appointment of Gateway Cities Representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Streets and Freeways Subcommittee

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

X. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- A. Report from the Conservancy Committee
 - 1. Status report on AB 1818 – 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

XI. 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

XII. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

XIII. MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

- A. Appointments to Committee on Homelessness

XIV. 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, July 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.

VIII. 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
May 5, 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
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 Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Susan Tripp, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Gustavo Camacho, City of Pico Rivera
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe

ABSENT: Immediate Past President Anne M. Bayer, City of Downey
Member from the City of Artesia
Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member from the City of Montebello
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
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; Santa Fe Springs City Manager Fred Latham; Bell Gardens Director of Public Works John Oropeza; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Frank Cheng, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, County of Los Angeles CEO; MTA Deputy Executive Officer Ernest Morales; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershenson; SCAQMD Senior Public Affairs Officer Derrick Alatorre; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director/Authority Engineer, I-5 JPA; Mike Bassett, Executive Director and CEO, Conservation Corps of Long Beach; Bill Allen, President and CEO, LAEDC; Carrie Rogers, LAEDC; Barbara Levine, LAEDC; Anne Karna, Communications Manager, LA SAFE; Frank Osgood, Author of 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; GCCOG Engineer Jerry Wood.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Second Vice President Dunton, seconded by First Vice President Hurtado, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bill Allen, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, gave a presentation summarizing the LAEDC's Consensus Strategic Plan for Economic Development in Los Angeles County. Mr. Allen said that job growth has not kept up with population growth in the county. The Strategic Plan is made up of five major components: 1) prepare an educated workforce; 2) create a business-friendly environment; 3) enhance our quality of life; 4) implement smart land use; and 5) build 21st century infrastructure.

Mr. Allen said that the County Board of Supervisors had approved the Strategic Plan on December 22nd. He said the LAEDC is now asking all of the COGs in the county to similarly endorse the Plan.

Member DuBois said she had no problems with the Strategic Plan, but thought it best to defer action so that the City Managers Steering Committee could have time to review it and report back to the Board.

It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member DuBois, to refer the Consensus Strategic Plan for Economic Development in Los Angeles County to the City Managers Steering Committee for review and a recommendation to be brought back at next month's meeting of the Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Anne Karna, Communications Manager for LA SAFE, MTA, gave a presentation on the upcoming Southern California Traffic, Traveler, and Transit Information Program, which will be accessible by dialing 511 on a telephone. She said the Federal Communications Commission has dedicated the 511 number for traveler information. She said the Southern California program is still in Beta testing, but will go live in the summer. The 511 system will be voice activated, so after dialing 511 a caller can just say things like "traffic on the 405", "bus schedules", or "find a carpool partner" and receive the requested information. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the presentation.

It was the consensus of the Board to continue to the June meeting the item regarding the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base because the presenters could not be at tonight's meeting.

Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Executive Director Belinda Faustinos presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. She thanked the Board for its opposition to AB 1818. She said the bill is currently in the suspense file of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. She said there is a good chance that the bill will be amended. She announced the Conservancy's 10th anniversary celebration will be held at the Conservancy headquarters on May 24th.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the Health Risk Assessment is currently being reviewed. He said all other draft reports have been completed. He said the project team is presently evaluating changes requested by the utilities. He said the Technical Advisory Committee is reviewing potential early action projects. Mr. Wood reported that the Air Quality Action Plan work is likely to be started next month.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the scope of work for the "hot spots" projects is being modified to include project study reports. The SR 91/I-605, I-605/I-5, and I-605/SR 60 interchanges are three projects being looked at. He said the Corridor Cities Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee will be meeting next month.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the MTA Board would be holding a special meeting on Saturday regarding bus fares. If increased, basic fares will rise from \$1.25 to \$1.50. She said the Transportation Committee had discussed the inability of cities to engage the railroads on quality of life issues on railroad rights-of-way, including graffiti removal, trash, weeds, and dumping. She said the Transportation Committee recommends that the Board create a subcommittee of the Transportation Committee to study, inventory, and identify the problems and approach the railroads to resolve them. She said the Transportation Committee would like to engage the

San Gabriel Valley COG, which has similar issues, as well as the MTA. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Wilson, to approve the recommendation of the Transportation Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Stefenhagen presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said the Committee would be meeting on May 19th to interview candidates to co-chair the local coordinating alliances.

Santa Fe Springs City Manager Fred Latham presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He said the COG's consultants are now engaged and the exchange of information is better than before; however, there is still concern about property impacts. He said the Administrative Committee had met last week. He said the cities of Bell, Commerce, and Montebello want to be engaged regarding alternatives for Phase II.

It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by First Vice President Hurtado, to receive and file the reports from committees. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said the I-5/Carmenita Road interchange is on schedule to begin construction between December 2010 and May 2011, and that by September 2012 everything should be under construction according to Caltrans requirements.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

Karen Heit presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said alternatives analysis is currently underway on both the Los Angeles and Orange County segments of the West Santa Ana Branch route. She said the joint powers agreement is being amended to allow public entities other than cities to join.

Derrick Alatorre presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He said there are still about 2,000 lawnmowers available in the lawnmower exchange program. He said AQMD personnel are available to give talks on the District's Small Business Assistance Program

David Hershenson presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said that meetings of the Blue Ribbon committee are still being held on the first Tuesday of the month at MTA headquarters.

Mike Bassett presented a report from the Long Beach Conservation Corps. He said the Corps had received a couple of earmarks to reach out to Hawaiian Gardens, north Long Beach, and Paramount. He said a Proposition 84 park bond presentation will be made to cities on how to partner with the Corps.

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

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

Member Nordbak thanked the Board for supporting the City of Whittier's position on the East Side Light Rail Corridor extension alignment. He asked the Board to adjourn in memory of Board Member Larry Nelson, who recently passed away.

President Stefenhagen congratulated Member Nordbak on his re-election to the Whittier City Council. He extended an invitation to Board members to attend the Cal State University, Long Beach Economic Forecast Conference to be held on May 13th. He advised the Board that the COG is co-sponsoring a Forum by California's Public Infrastructure Advisory Committee on May 25th. President Stefenhagen announced that First Vice President Hurtado had been appointed to the Steering Committee of the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way West Santa Ana Branch Corridor Alternatives Analysis. He said he has asked the Executive Director to send \$100 to the Artesia branch of the American Cancer Society in memory of Board member Larry Nelson.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in memory of Board member and Artesia Councilmember Larry R. Nelson.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

**VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C
April 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

May 25, 2010

[PMIA Average Monthly Yields](#)

Account Number:

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF
TREASURER
16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVA

Transactions

April 2010 Statement

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
4/12/2010	4/9/2010	RW	1265590	JACK JOSEPH	-50,000.00
4/15/2010	4/14/2010	QRD	1267667	SYSTEM	1,877.19

Account Summary

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Total Withdrawal:	<input type="text" value="-50,000.00"/>	Ending Balance:	<input type="text" value="1,292,779.55"/>

**VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D**

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

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG
May 25, 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 will participate on Gateway Cities' behalf in the CAGTC annual meeting originally planned for February and rescheduled for later this week.

*I have had discussions with electronic exchanges with Gateway Cities officials regarding the MTA Board of Directors policy, adopted at their April meeting, regarding the 30-10 Initiative, and I will be having follow up discussions with other sub-regions with strong highway, air quality improvement and job creation interests.

*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.

*I attended an event in late April for Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, a member of the House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee who represents a number of Gateway Cities COG members, and spoke with her and senior members of her staff.

*On June 4, I will participate in a conference call with senior Gateway Cities COG officials regarding development of a strategy for federal and state sustainability grants.

*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.

**IX. REPORTS
ITEM A**

**Request for Support Regarding
Funding for Runway Reconstruction at
the Joint Forces Training Base 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 Rossmoor 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 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

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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. Edgar
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

IX. REPORTS

ITEM B

**How Poor Air Quality Impacts
Communities in the Gateway Cities
COG and Southern California –
Presentation by the American Lung
Association**

**IX. REPORTS
ITEM C**

**Los Angeles County Flood Control
District's Watershed Management
Modeling System – Presentation by Youn
Sim, Los Angeles County Flood Control
District**

Development of Watershed Management Modeling System for Urban Runoff and Stormwater Quality

**Los Angeles County Flood Control District
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Contact: Youn Sim (626-458-4314, ysim@dpw.lacounty.gov)**

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) has initiated a project to address urban runoff and stormwater quality problems by developing Watershed Management Modeling System (WMMS).

Goals

- ❖ To develop WMMS for all major watersheds within the LACFCD boundary that simulates hydrologic and pollutant generation and transport process and identifies cost-effective pollution reduction measures.
- ❖ To support development of comprehensive water quality improvement plans for long-term TMDL implementation by providing a thorough list of optimally selected, cost-effective BMP projects at local and regional scales and estimated pollution load reduction and associated costs.
- ❖ To provide technical guidance for LID implementation at new and re-development projects in the unincorporated County areas by quantifying water conservation and pollution reduction benefits.
- ❖ To develop a watershed management tool for future planning of multi-benefit projects involving water quality, flood control, water conservation, and open space development components.

Areas to be covered by the WMMS

- ❖ All major watersheds within the LACFCD boundary

Project Components

- ❖ WMMS based on EPA's watershed models and BMP selection system.
- ❖ Continuous update/refinement of WMMS reflecting new watershed conditions based on data from Countywide monitoring efforts.

Potential benefits

- ❖ Provides a system for phased BMP implementation with quantified pollutant load reduction to be achieved.
- ❖ Allows for integrated watershed management with multi-benefits in addition to water quality benefit.
- ❖ Allows for an iterative adaptive approach to water quality improvement goals through continuous refinement and improvement of the WQIP.
- ❖ Available to cities for their water quality planning needs.

Schedule

- ❖ Phase 1: WMMS completion (by Summer 2010)
- ❖ Phase 2: Continuous refinement of WMMS (starting Summer 2010)

**IX. REPORTS
ITEM D**

**Support for Los Angeles County Economic
Development Corporation's (LAEDC) Los
Angeles County Strategic Plan for Economic
Development 2010-2014**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Support for Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation's (LAEDC) Los Angeles County Strategic Plan for Economic Development 2010-2014

Background

At the May 5 meeting, the Board heard a presentation by Bill Allen, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, regarding the LAEDC's Los Angeles County Strategic Plan for Economic Development 2010-2014. Following the presentation, the Board voted to refer the item to the City Managers Steering Committee for review and a recommendation to be presented to the Board at tonight's meeting.

The City Managers Steering Committee has met and reviewed the LAEDC's Plan and concurred that it would recommend to the Board that the Plan be supported.

Recommended Action

Approve the recommendation of the City Managers Steering Committee and support the LAEDC's Los Angeles County Strategic Plan for Economic Development 2010-2014.

IX. REPORTS
ITEM E

**Appointment of Gateway Cities
Representative to the Metropolitan
Transportation Authority (MTA)
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Appointment of Gateway Cities Representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Background

For the past nine years, Downey Public Works Director Desi Alvarez has served as the COG's representative on the MTA Technical Advisory Committee. Because of competing commitments, Mr. Alvarez has informed the COG that he has decided to resign his position on the MTA TAC.

The MTA's Administrative Code requires that COG's TAC representative must be a full-time staff member of a COG city (excluding Long Beach, which has its own permanent seat on the TAC) and not a paid consultant. The process of appointment is that the COG Board nominates the TAC representative to the League of California City's Los Angeles County Division, which makes the actual appointment.

The Board in the past has requested the City Managers Steering Committee to recommend a nominee to the TAC for the Board's consideration. Working under this process, the City Managers Steering Committee met and concurred on the recommendation that the Board nominate South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami to fill the vacancy for the COG representative on the MTA TAC. Mr. Mostahkami has been serving for the past several years as the COG representative on the MTA TAC's Streets and Freeways Subcommittee and is well versed on the COG's many transportation initiatives, and is a member of the COG Transportation Committee.

Recommended Action

Approve the City Managers Steering Committee's recommendation and nominate South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami as the Gateway Cities COG's representative to the MTA Technical Advisory Committee.

**IX. REPORTS
ITEM F**

**Appointment of Gateway Cities
Representative to the Metropolitan
Transportation Authority (MTA)
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Streets and Freeways Subcommittee**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Appointment of Gateway Cities Representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Streets and Freeways Subcommittee

Background

If the Board concurs with the nomination of South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami to the MTA Technical Advisory Committee, it will result in a vacancy in Mr. Mostahkami's position as the COG's representative to the MTA TAC's Streets and Freeways Subcommittee.

As is the case with the MTA Technical Advisory Committee, the process of appointment to the Streets and Freeways Subcommittee is that the COG Board nominates the representative to the League of California City's Los Angeles County Division, which makes the actual appointment.

At the same time that the City Managers Steering Committee met and concurred on the recommendation that the Board nominate Mr. Mostahkami to fill the vacancy on the MTA TAC, they considered possible nominations to fill the vacancy that would be created on the Streets and Freeways Subcommittee. It was the consensus of the City Managers Steering Committee to recommend that the Board nominate La Mirada Public Works Director Steve Forster to the Streets and Freeways Subcommittee. Mr. Forster is currently the Chair of the Gateway Cities Public Works Officers and for years has regularly attended the COG Board of Directors meetings. As such, Mr. Forster is very familiar with the COG's transportation priorities.

Recommended Action

Approve the City Managers Steering Committee's recommendation and nominate La Mirada Public Works Director Steve Forster as the Gateway Cities COG's representative to the MTA TAC's Streets and Freeways Subcommittee.

X. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
ITEM A
Conservancy Committee

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell
Councilmember Edward Wilson

Background

The RMC Board met on Monday, May 24, 2010 at the RMC offices at El Encanto in Azusa. RMC staff provided an update on Assembly Bill 1818, which was of concern to the RMC in that it would establish a new fund for the Upper Los Angeles River that could lead to an inequity in funding for the Lower Los Angeles River, which is part of the RMC territory. The RMC board approved a resolution directing staff to continue working with the author and with the Gateway Cities and other affected COGs to seek a favorable outcome.

It was reported subsequent to the RMC board meeting that the author of AB 1818 has dropped the bill.

RMC staff also reported on AB 2554, a bill that would allow the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to impose a fee or charge to raise revenue for stormwater and urban runoff management in unincorporated areas of the county. The RMC board voted to approve a resolution in support of this bill. The board also voted to support the \$11.14 billion water bond slated for the November state ballot, which will include \$75 million for the RMC.

Recommended Action

Receive and file report.