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

Wednesday, March 2, 2011
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. SPECIAL COMMENDATION

A. A Presentation to Mr. Curt Pedersen, Retired Chief of Staff, Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe

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 February 2, 2011, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of February 2nd, Board of Directors meeting.

B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated March 2, 2011

C. January 2011 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. Energy Upgrade California Program – Presentation by Lauren Rank, Program Manager, County of Los Angeles Office of Sustainability and Craig Perkins, Executive Director of the Energy Coalition

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


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

C. Consideration of Adoption of the Gateway Cities Homeless Action Plan Report by Fred Latham, City Managers Steering Committee Representative and Joel Roberts, CEO PATH Partners

15 Min
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO ADOPT THE GATEWAY CITIES HOMELESS ACTION PLAN
D. Update on Gateway Cities Sustainable Communities Strategy by Nancy Pfeffer, Gateway Cities COG Director of Regional Planning – Oral Report

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

X. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A. Report from the Conservancy Committee – Oral Report

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

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

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

D. Report from the Transportation Committee – Oral Report

1. Request for Approval of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) Community Participation Framework

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

E. Report from the Committee on Homelessness – Oral Report

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

F. California High Speed Rail – Oral Report

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

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

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

3 Min

C. Matters from Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) – Oral Report

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

3 Min

D. Matters from the Orangeline Development Authority – Oral Report

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

3 Min

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

3 Min

F. Matters from the Metro Gateway Cities– Oral Report

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

3 Min


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

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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

3 Min

XII. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

XIII. MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

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, April 6, 2011, 9:00 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 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 2, 2011

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT:  President Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
First Vice President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Second Vice President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Immediate Past President Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Hal Malkin, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Alberto Perez, City of Montebello
Member Joe Serrano, 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 Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT:  Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Gustavo Camacho, City of Pico Rivera
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Rick Velasquez, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Ex Officio Member Richard Steinke, Port of Long Beach
ALSO PRESENT:  Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers
Steering Committee; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood
Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Dobson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

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

Andrea White-Kjoss, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bikestation Mobis Transportation Alternatives, addressed the Board on bicycle happenings around the county. She said her company has established bicycle transit centers which create the opportunity for bike riders to commute to and from transit uses. The centers offer services such as bicycle repairs, parking, retail products, rentals, lockers, training rooms, and showers.

Ms. White-Kjoss summarized the benefits of the bicycle transit centers as reducing automobile trips, encouraging bicycling, providing links to transit, and improving air quality. Members O’Donnell and Garcia commended Ms. White-Kjoss and Bikestation Mobis for their activities in Long Beach.

First Vice President Dunton asked what funding sources are available for these centers. Ms. White-Kjoss responded that the centers are typically owned by the agencies (cities or universities), making them eligible for public funding sources and grants.

Member DuBois asked if their organization had reached out to MTA and OCTA. Ms. White-Kjoss replied that MTA and OCTA are well aware of them. She said the transit agencies will ultimately need to take this up; but until now it has been left to individual cities, which is
less efficient since the transit facilities are only built on a one by one basis.

The Executive Director asked Ms. White-Kjoss to speak on the economics of the facilities. She responded that providing parking for cars costs approximately $25,000 per space, whereas bicycle spaces cost about $1,000 each, making them very cost effective.

It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member Davis, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report recommending that the Board set the date for the Annual Meeting on June 29, 2011. He said moving the meeting up one week would enable the consultants working on the Sustainable Communities Strategy an extra month to perform all of the public outreach complete their work while meeting the SCAG deadline of June for completion of the SCS. It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member DuBois, to approve the date of June 29, 2011, as the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Hurtado announced that now was the time to conduct an election to nominate an elected official to fill a vacancy on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council. He invited the candidates to speak to the Board. Board Member and Bell Gardens Council Member Sergio Infanzon addressed the Board, saying he has utilized public transit for thirty years and, as a student, had an internship with MTA. President Hurtado invited Member Dobson to speak on behalf of Compton Councilwoman Barbara J. Calhoun. Member Dobson said that Councilwoman Calhoun serves as First Vice President of the Independent Cities Association, works hard, and is a wonderful person to work with.

President Hurtado asked the General Counsel and Deputy Executive Director to collect ballots from the Board members. After the votes were counted, President Hurtado announced that Member Infanzon had been nominated to serve on the Governance Council.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He reported that the I-710 Project Committee had met the previous week and that the Technical Advisory Committee would be taking up early action projects.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the Corridor Cities Committee would be holding a kickoff meeting on the feasibility study on “hot spots” projects later this month.

It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the reports from the I-710 Project Committee and the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the MTA
is carefully watching the Measure R dollars to make sure there is enough money to complete projects. Transportation Deputy Karen Heit said the Transportation Committee had heard a report from Vincent Moreno, who is the Graffiti and Vandalism Abatement Manager for Caltrans District 7. She said he wants to work on a program of education, enforcement, and physical improvements and will work with the cities. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by First Vice President Dunton, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Fred Latham presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said this week a copy of the plan prepared by PATH Partners will be sent out to city managers. He said after the plan is vetted by the Board, they will meet with the Leadership Group. He said the goal is to have the plan on the street by May 1st. It was moved by Member Malkin, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Fred Latham presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He said they are beginning to see the results of the pressure put on by the COG and the cities in the Bay Area peninsula. He said it has led the California High Speed Rail Authority and the federal government to realize that they should start in the Central Valley in order to deal with problems in these other areas. He said the delay of nine to twelve months gives more time to work out problems. He said Jerry Wood has come up with an alternative that probably makes sense. He announced that the Administrative Committee had selected La Mirada City Manager Tom Robinson as its new chair. It was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said the I-5 Carmenita Road project will be out to bid in March, with construction expected to begin by the end of summer. She said a Phase 2 list of projects will be submitted to MTA to help mitigate the impacts of construction over the coming years. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

Michael Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said E-76’s had been approved for the Cerritos Land Use Grant and Bob Hope Airport Ground Access Study. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Carroll, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said a public hearing would be held in Huntington Park on February 10 on the proposed service changes. He thanked MTA Board Chairman Don Knabe for holding a January 12th
event in the City of Cerritos on the various transportation programs. He announced that Alex Clifford is leaving MTA to become Chief Executive Officer of Metra in Chicago. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kedrin Hopkins presented a report from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach. He said a workshop would be held on February 8 regarding Proposition 84 funding. He said all cities have been invited and that there is $1 million in funding available. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member Malkin, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors. Member DuBois referred the Board to a map of MTA highway projects. Member Wilson announced that Erika Santos, formerly the Board representative from Supervisor Molina’s office, had accepted a position with HUD.

President Hurtado encouraged Board members to take the option of direct deposit of their stipend checks.

**Adjournment:** It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary
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ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register
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January 2011 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
February 22, 2011

PMIA Average Monthly Yields

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Ending Balance: 1,266,851.94
VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D
Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington, Peel & Associates
I and the firm Edington, Peel & Associates continued to provide 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.

As the 112th Congress convened, I continued close coordination with Gateway Cities COG staff regarding efforts on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG’s priorities and interests. I also continued coordination 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 the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations process. As I reported earlier, a Continuing Resolution stripped of all earmarks, including the I-5 widening money secured by Reps. Grace Napolitano and Lucille Roybal-Allard, expires on March 4. Congress is in recess this week, but it appears likely at least one more continuing resolution will be needed, as the House last week, in three late night sessions, approved a funding bill for the balance for FY11 that will not be acceptable to the President or Democrats in the Senate, who will take up their version of the bill when they return next week.

I contacted officials of Gateway Cities COG regarding the Fiscal Year 2012 appropriations process. Both the Senate and House have indicated they will not include any earmarks in this year’s bill. Rep. Roybal-Allard indicated she will still accept requests. While Gateway Cities did not submit requests, I worked with the I-5 JPA in preparation of their request for the I-5 widening project, Gateway Cities’ top priority.

I contacted Gateway Cities staff regarding a field hearing being held today in Los Angeles by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, suggesting Gateway Cities COG request that it be given the opportunity to testify. I subsequently reviewed draft testimony and provided suggested edits and additions to the testimony, preparatory to the hearing.

I also continued to focus on follow up with the Gateway Cities COG’s elected Representatives in the House of Representatives and have kept the Gateway Cities COG informed of the status of the Transportation Reauthorization Act. Rep. John Mica (R-FL), incoming chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, has indicated his determination to secure passage of the legislation in the first session of this Congress, and the Administration has said that is its goal as well. Funding of the bill remains the most difficult and contentious issue.

I have participated on Gateway Cities’ behalf in conference calls and email exchanges with the Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors.

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 the COG’s legislative priorities.

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 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

Energy Upgrade California Program –
Presentation by Lauren Rank, Program
Manager, County of Los Angeles Office of
Sustainability and Craig Perkins,
Executive Director of the Energy Coalition
Energy Upgrade California in Los Angeles County Key Messages

✓ SAVING MONEY
✓ CREATING GREEN JOBS
✓ LEADING THE WAY IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY

ENERGY UPGRADE CALIFORNIA IS A NEW PROGRAM TO HELP HOMEOWNERS SAVE MONEY THROUGH ENERGY EFFICIENT IMPROVEMENTS TO THEIR HOMES

- Homeowners in L.A. County can qualify for financial rebates and incentives of up to $4,500 to make their homes more energy efficient
- Homeowners can also save money on their monthly utility bills by making one time improvements through a “whole house approach”
- Energy upgrade home improvements can include insulation, sealing, low-flow showerheads, HVAC upgrades, energy-efficient windows, cool roof, tankless water heater and other “fixed” improvements

THE ENERGY UPGRADE PROGRAM IS PROJECTED TO CREATE ABOUT 2,000 GREEN JOBS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

- Upgrades will be performed by participating contractors experienced in energy efficiency home improvements
- The incentives offered by the program will drive demand for home energy audits and upgrades, offering local contractors the opportunity to increase their customer base and offer additional money-saving energy upgrade services to current clients
- Go to [www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org](http://www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org) for complete information on home upgrade benefits, financing and incentives, finding a qualified contractor, workforce training and home energy ratings

FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES, ALONG WITH REGIONAL UTILITIES AND OTHERS, ARE COLLABORATING TO MAKE LA COUNTY A LEADER IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- Los Angeles County is one of the first counties in California to launch this program
- Making your home more energy efficient can increase your property value, help the environment, help reduce our collective dependence on fossil fuels and make your home a more comfortable place to live
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ITEM C

Consideration of Adoption of the Gateway Cities Homeless Action Plan
Report by Fred Latham, City Managers Steering Committee Representative and Joel Roberts, CEO PATH Partners

(Draft Homeless Action Plan Enclosed)
TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Consideration of Adoption of the Gateway Cities Homeless Action Plan  
Report by Fred Latham, City Managers Steering Committee Representative and Joel Roberts, CEO PATH Partners

Background

In August, 2006 the Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the City Managers Steering Committee that the Gateway Cities collectively seek a fair share of newly allocated Los Angeles County homeless services funding. On April 2, 2007, the COG received a formal response from the then Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) David Janssen stating the CAO’s intent to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the annual allocation of $1.2 million in County General Funds to the Gateway Cities COG. A Delegated Authority Agreement was entered into with the County to begin the Administration of the Homeless Services Needs Assessment.

In April 2009, the Gateway Cities Homeless Strategy was presented to the Gateway Cities COG Board for approval and referred back to the City Managers Steering Committee for implementation of the Gateway Cities Homeless Strategy.

In October 2009, the Gateway Cities COG Board approved the organizational structure for the Homeless Implementation Planning phase and in December 2009, the COG Board approved the Agreement with PATH Partners for COG Management and Support for the Gateway Cities Homeless Implementation Planning Project.

Issue

The Gateway Cities Homeless Action Plan is complete and before you for your consideration. The report has been reviewed by the City Managers Steering Committee and the 27 Member Gateway Cities City Managers Committee. It has been distributed to the Local Coordinating Alliances (LCA’s) and LCA Chairs and Vice Chairs. The Committee on Homelessness will consider the plan at their regular meeting on February 28, 2011.

Recommended Action

Adopt the Gateway Cities Homeless Action Plan.
X. REPORTS COMMITTEES
ITEM D -1
Report from the Transportation Committee

Request for Approval of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) Community Participation Framework
TO:        Board of Directors

FROM:      Transportation Committee

BY:        Diane Dubois, MTA Director

SUBJECT:   Request for Approval of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) Community Participation Framework

Background

There were many environmental and air quality issues articulated in the I-710 Major Corridor Study that became part of the Tier II report. The Tier II issues form the foundation for the AQAP along with several areas of inquiry that arose through the development of the I-710 environmental process.

The AQAP will:

- Update and maintain the air quality compendium – actions taken by others to improve air quality.
- The AQAP will track effectiveness of various air quality improvement measures.
- Maximize benefits of existing air quality measure.
- Develop new air quality measures, propose legislation.
- Support early action items including land use initiatives.

The AQAP will also provide the following for the I-710 Corridor:
- A comprehensive Health Impact Assessment (HIA)
- Near source air quality impact analysis

Issue

The GCCOG, in partnership with the MTA, has embarked upon an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) to meet the community expectations of the I-710 Major Corridor Study and enable the COG communities to track and assess air quality improvements in the subregion.

Recommended Action

The Transportation Committee reviewed the Community Participation Framework and recommends the COG Board approve the structure.

Attachment

AQAP Presentation