

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

Wednesday, May 4, 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. 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 6, 2011, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of April 6th, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated May 4, 2011
- C. Local Agency Investment Fund Statement
- D. Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington, Peel & Associates
- E. Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2009/2010

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

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

VIII. REPORTS

- 15 Min**
- A. Introduction of Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership (LBNP) to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments by Judy Ross, Executive Director and Tom Modica, Board Member, LBNP and Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, City of Long Beach

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

- 5 Min**
- B. Approve Submittal of Gateway Cities Draft Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) to SCAG

SUGGESTED ACTION: APPROVE SUBMITTAL OF THE DRAFT GATEWAY CITIES SCS TO SCAG; AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A. Report from the Conservancy Committee

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

B. Report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee – Oral Report

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

C. Report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee – Oral Report

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

D. Report from the Transportation Committee – Oral Report

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

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

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

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 Council – Oral Report

3 Min

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

G. Conservation Corps Report – Oral Report

3 Min

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

H. Matters from the Coalition for America’s Gateways & Trade Corridors – Oral Report

3 Min

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

XI. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

XII. MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: New items will not be considered after 9:00 p.m. unless the Board of Directors votes to extend the time limit. Any items on the agenda that are not completed will be forwarded to the next regular Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 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 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 6, 2011**

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:02 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
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Michael Ponce, City of Avalon
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 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 Steve Jones, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk
Member David Armenta, City of Pico Rivera
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
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Rick Velasquez, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe

ABSENT: Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Alberto Perez, City of Montebello
Ex Officio Member Richard Steinke, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Pico Rivera Council Member Barbara Contreras Rapisarda;
Bellflower City Manager Mike Egan; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa;

Lakewood Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; South Gate Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; Vernon Director of Community Services Kevin Wilson; Niki Tennant, District Director for Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal; Max Reyes, Field Representative for Assemblyman Isadore Hall; Archie Davenport, the Better Coalition; Jon Grace, MTA; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; SCAG Public Affairs Officer Matt Horton; Deborah Ashby, South Coast AQMD; Orangeline Development Authority Planning Manager Bob Huddy; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Engineer Jerry Wood; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Aguirre led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Archie Davenport, the Better Coalition, addressed the Board said that his organization opposes the proposed ban on Styrofoam, and instead promotes recycling. He said that he would leave information and endorsement forms that cities may take to support his organization's initiative.

There were no matters from staff.

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

Jon Grace of the MTA Gateway Cities Team presented an update on the Measure R County one-half cent sales tax. He reviewed the projects that have been designated for funding under Measure R, focusing on the six projects that are located in the Gateway Cities area: BNSF grade separations; construction mitigation for the I-5 reconstruction from the Orange County line to I-605; the Carmenita Rd. /I-5 interchange; I-710 early action projects; I-605 congestion "hot spots" projects; and the Pacific Electric Railway West Santa Ana Branch project. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Wilson presented a no report from the Conservancy Committee. He said that the fact that the cost of the duck farm has doubled is a concern to the Conservancy because of the lack of dollars to fund the purchase. He reported that only one of the three candidates for the executive director position participated in the interview process because of the economic condition of the State.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He reported that the early action projects are moving forward and that an RFP for a feasibility study on the

sound walls would be released soon. He said the I-710 Project Committee will be taking up the possible addition of a tolling option alternative at its next meeting. Mr. Wood said he recently attended a “green trucks” conference in Indianapolis and he learned that lots of “green” trucks are being developed. He reported that the Air Quality Action Plan public participation framework is now underway. President Hurtado reported that there was not a quorum at the March 30 meeting of the I-710 Project Committee and stressed the need for cities to send their representative or an alternate so that the business of the Committee can proceed. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the consultants are now focusing on traffic modeling; they are pulling together information about all of the transportation projects that are going on in the Gateway Cities area. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Transportation Committee.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said staff is presently negotiating with the County on the next steps to retain an entity to implement the program. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Steve Forster presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He said the cities are pushing forward on a shared services concept and that La Mirada City Manager Tom Robinson will be setting up a meeting to talk about the next steps for the Administrative Committee. It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Guerrero, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously. There was no report from the I-5 JPA.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He said tomorrow’s policy committee meetings would take place at 9:00 a.m. rather than 10:00 a.m. because a joint meeting with the Regional Council would follow immediately. It was moved by Member Dobson, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bob Huddy presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said OLDA had entered into an MOU with Bob Hope Airport. He said they are developing scopes of work and a schedule for a Bob Hope Airport ground access study. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Deborah Ashby presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. She announced that nominations for the 23rd annual Clean Air Awards are now open. She

encouraged cities to nominate projects for an award. She said the AQMD's leaf blower exchange program opened today for professional gardeners only. She said the lawn mower exchange program is now in its ninth year and will open for registration on April 20th. It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member Barrows, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said public hearings regarding the proposed service changes concluded in February, and in March the service councils approved the final changes. He said the proposed 395,000 reduction in service hours was lowered to 305,000 hours. 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 Conservation Corps of Long Beach.

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

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

President Hurtado announced the appointments of Maywood Councilmember Thomas Martin to the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) and Cerritos Mayor Carol Chen to the SCAG Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD).

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C**

**March 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

April 25, 2011

[PMIA Average Monthly Yields](#)

Account Number:

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF
TREASURER
16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVA

Transactions

March 2011 Statement

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
3/4/2011	3/4/2011	RW	1308438	JACK JOSEPH	-35,000.00

Account Summary

Total Deposit:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Beginning Balance:	<input type="text" value="966,851.94"/>
Total Withdrawal:	<input type="text" value="-35,000.00"/>	Ending Balance:	<input type="text" value="931,851.94"/>

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D**

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

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG
April 25, 2011

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.

I continued close coordination with Gateway Cities COG staff regarding efforts on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG's priorities and interests in the 112th Congress. I have had telephonic and electronic exchanges regarding possible visits with key executive branch and legislative officials regarding possible funding opportunities. I also continued to work 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 the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations process. A Continuing Resolution stripped of all earmarks, including the I-5 widening money secured by Reps. Grace Napolitano and Lucille Roybal-Allard, was approved and signed into law, providing funding for the balance of the fiscal year.

As I have been reporting, both the Senate and House have indicated they will not include any earmarks in the FY12 appropriations process. Rep. Roybal-Allard still accepted 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 am in regular touch with her office.

I have 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), chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, has indicated he hopes 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. On April 18 I represented Gateway Cities in a CAGTC meeting with Debbie Gebhardt, chief of staff to Rep. Tom Petri (R-WI), a senior House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee member. On May 10-11, I will participate represent Gateway Cities COG in the CAGTC annual meeting.

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.

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM E**

**Annual Financial Report for
Fiscal Year 2009/2010
(enclosed)**

VIII. REPORTS

ITEM B

**Approve Submittal of Gateway Cities
Draft Sustainable Communities Strategy
(SCS) to SCAG**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Approve Submittal of Gateway Cities Draft Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) to SCAG

Background

In January 2010 the Gateway Cities elected to prepare their own sub-regional SCS as allowed under SB 375. The sub-regional SCS will become part of the regional SCS being prepared by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in combination with the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The SCS Policy Development Committee and COG staff has been working with all the participating cities, a consulting team, SCAG, and the LA County MTA to develop the sub-regional SCS.

Issue

The Gateway Cities SCS will be presented to the Board twice. The Draft SCS is being presented now for approval to be submitted to SCAG. The Final SCS will be brought back to the Board in June, when it is due to SCAG.

The Gateway Cities SCS is not required to meet a specific target for GHG reduction. However, SCAG must meet regional reduction targets set by the California Air Resources Board as follows:

- By 2020, reduce per-capita GHG emissions 8% below 2005 levels
- By 2035, reduce per-capita GHG emissions 13% below 2005 levels.

Initial analysis of the Draft sub-regional SCS indicates that the combined efforts of the Gateway Cities in transportation, travel demand management, and land use planning, along with regional transportation projects affecting the Gateway Cities, will result in GHG emission reductions greater than these regional targets.

The SCS has been developed over the past several months through a series of technical workshops with the Planning Directors and Public Works Officers of the Gateway Cities, hosted by the COG. The Cambridge consulting team has worked closely with the cities to collect information in three major groupings: transportation projects that reduce GHG; travel demand management (TDM) programs; and land use plans. Each of these areas contributes to the overall reduction of GHG in the Gateway Cities, and together they comprise the scope of activities included under SB 375. (Emissions from heavy-duty trucks, emission reductions from changes in vehicle fuels or technology, energy efficiency measures, and green building standards are not part of the scope of SB 375.) Because estimating and reducing GHG emissions are relatively recent requirements,

methods to model and estimate reductions are still new and evolving. The COG consultants used a combination of methods to estimate the reductions resulting from each of the categories of city efforts. As expected, analysis indicates that transportation projects are more effective in reducing GHG emissions than land use changes.

SCAG management and staff have been very supportive of the development of the Gateway Cities SCS. They have provided tools, data, training, and staff to attend workshops and work one-on-one with the cities to develop land-use plans that reflect current General Plans. LA County MTA staff has also been very helpful in providing tools, data, and information on regional projects that will help reduce GHG within the Gateway Cities.

The COG staff and consultants held an informational briefing for interested stakeholders from the environmental, climate change, affordable housing, and business communities on February 28th, 2011. About 50 organizations were invited to this briefing and there were about 20 attendees.

These groups have also been invited to attend any one of four public informational workshops on the SCS in late April/early May, as follows:

1. Cerritos – Cerritos Library, Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
2. Long Beach – Mark Twain Library, Tuesday, May 3, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
3. Pico Rivera – Golf Course, Monday, May 9, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
4. Commerce – Senior Center, Thursday, May 12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Full details about these informational workshops are posted on the COG web site. In addition, each city has been provided with the workshop information in English and in Spanish and in multiple formats suitable for inclusion on city web sites, in newsletters, or for distribution by other means.

The key remaining milestones in implementing SB 375 are as follows:

- June 2011: Final subregional SCS due from the GCCOG to SCAG
- Summer 2011: SCAG incorporates Gateway Cities SCS into regional SCS (2012 RTP/SCS)
- Fall 2011: SCAG releases draft 2012 RTP/SCS for public comment
- April 2012: SCAG approves final 2012 RTP/SCS
- May-June 2012: Federal review of 2012 RTP/SCS.

The adoption date of the final RTP/SCS is driven by federal transportation planning laws. They specify that federal transportation funds will be withheld from Southern California if the RTP is not shown to conform to air quality standards before the prior conformity finding expires in June 2012. Thus it is not possible to extend any of the deadlines shown above.

Recommended Action

Approve submittal of the Draft Gateway Cities SCS to SCAG.

Attachment

Draft Sustainable Communities Strategy.

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
ITEM A
Conservancy Committee

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell
Councilmember Edward Wilson

SUBJECT: San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Update

Background

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) was established by State Legislation in which the COG was an active participant. The Gateway Cities are represented on the RMC Board by two members listed above.

Issue

Gateway Cities COG staff attended the April 15, 2011, retirement ceremony for outgoing RMC Executive Director Belinda Faustinos. COG staff made brief remarks as part of the program to thank Belinda for her lasting legacy to the people of the Gateway Cities. Ms. Faustinos was presented with a glass plaque on behalf of the COG.

A new RMC Executive Director has not yet been selected.

Recommended Action

Receive and file this report.

