GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Transportation Committee

AGENDA

Wednesday, August 3, 2011
4:30 p.m. Meeting

Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard, 1st Floor Conference Room
Paramount, California

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The Transportation Committee will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or an item of interest that is not on the agenda. The Transportation Committee 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 Transportation Committee, and each speaker will only have one opportunity to speak on any one topic. You have the opportunity to address the Transportation Committee at the following times:

A. AGENDA ITEM: at this time the Transportation Committee 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 Transportation Committee agenda; and

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

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

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 Transportation Committee.

A. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the Transportation Committee Meeting of June 29, 2011, is presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of June 29th, Transportation Committee meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:**
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM.

VIII. **REPORTS**

A. MTA Board Recap by Director DuBois

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

B. MTA Green Construction Policy – Oral Report

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

C. MTA/Caltrans Highway Maintenance Demonstration Update

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

IX. **REPORTS – COMMITTEES/AGENCIES**

A. Matters from the Environmental Committee – Oral Report

1. Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) Update

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
B. Matters from Gateway Cities Service Council by David Hershenson, MTA – Oral Report

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

C. Matters from I-5 JPA – Oral Report

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

D. Matters from I-710 EIR/EIS Corridor Project – Oral Report

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

E. Matters from SR-91/I-605/I-405 Major Corridor Project – Oral Report

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

F. Matters from the California High Speed Rail Authority – Oral Report

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

G. Matters from the Orangeline Development Authority – Oral Report

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

X. MATTERS FROM TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: New items will not be considered after 5:30 p.m. unless the Transportation Committee votes to extend the time limit. Any items on the agenda that are not completed will be forwarded to the next regular Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2011 4:30 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
CALL TO ORDER: MTA Director Diane DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT Diane DuBois – MTA Director, Gil Hurtado – South Gate, Stan Carroll- La Habra Heights, Ray Dunton – Bellflower, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Bill Pagett – Paramount. Gene Daniels - Paramount

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Representative – Supervisor Don Knabe’s Office, Eric Shen,


Director Diane DuBois gave an accounting of the June MTA Board Meeting. She covered the change in MTA leadership – she thanked Don Knabe for all his efforts in moving the I-5 forward. She talked about assuming the job of Second Vice-chair and that she will Chair the MTA in 2013.

She reviewed the MTA Board adoption of the SCRRRA budget and detailed the MTA L.A. county contribution. She talked about the COG getting $200,000 for planning support for COG planning activities

She then pulled item VIII D. out of order and asked for a recommendation to appoint the two community member seats for the Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council. A Motion was made to recommend to the GCCOG Board to reappoint Cynde Soto and George Bass. The Motion was seconded and approved.

Director DuBois returned to the Committee order and discussed the composition of the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) Environmental Committee that will provide recommendations for actions to the Transportation Committee and ultimately the GCCOG Board of Directors. A Motion was made to approve the composition of the Environmental Committee. The Motion was seconded and approved.
Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy, outlined the draft MTA Green Construction Policy as presented to the MTA Planning and Programming Committee and Measure R Development Committee. She discussed the initial broad application to all MTA funding including Local Return. There was discussion and a Motion made to have COG staff work with COG Streets and Freeways Subcommittee and COG TAC representatives to work on getting more local input into redrafting the policy.

David Hershenson reported on the upcoming service changes—there are two lines, 611 and 615 that are being eliminated but the service areas will be covered by other lines. He discussed the upcoming I-405 closure and the reduction in the price of the day pass (from $6 to $5). He also pointed out the monthly pass will go from point of initiation for 30 days, regardless of the beginning of the month.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director, gave a report on the I-5 and the June 22th ground breaking on the Carmenita Interchange where Supervisor Knabe, Diane DuBois and Ray Dutton spoke at this event.

Jerry Wood, COG Transportation Engineer gave a report on I-710 Corridor and the geometric drawings that have been substantially completed. The early action project sound-wall RFP responses were in and will be reviewed by the technical team. He went on to address the progress made in the SR-91/I-405/I-605 as well as the utility studies for the northern and southern portion of the I-710 utility studies.

Mike Kodama OLDA Executive Director, reported that there was no change in the OLDA project.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
VIII. REPORTS
ITEM C
MTA/Caltrans Highway Maintenance Demonstration Update
TO: Transportation Committee
FROM: Diane Dubois, MTA Director
BY: Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy
SUBJECT: MTA/Caltrans Highway Maintenance Demonstration

Issue

The I-710 Cities have struggled with graffiti and maintenance issues associated with the I-710 freeway and the Union Pacific Rail bridges. The MTA has developed a demo project for two Los Angeles County freeways; the I-01710 and the I-110 to explore new methods of freeways maintenance, and graffiti prevention.

Background

Ken Coleman Director of Highway Programs and Iain C. Fairweather, Transportation Planning Manager outlined the objectives of the program at the June Transportation Committee and agreed to work with the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee. The Attachment outlines the activities that are underway.

Attachment

MTA Freeway Maintenance Project – Update
I-710 Full Freeway Closure Press Release

Recommended Action

A motion to hear report, possible action and/or give direction to staff.
MTA Freeway Maintenance Project – Update

1. Project evaluation contract has been executed. The contractor will develop evaluation criteria to measure the effectiveness of the pilot project. Contractor has started initial stake-holders meetings - to date the following stakeholders have been interviewed:
   a. Los Angeles Sheriffs Department
   b. Metro Project Manager
   c. Caltrans Area Maintenance Staff
   d. Metro Outreach Manager

   Additional stake-holder discussions are being scheduled to include the Gateway Cities COG staff.

2. Initial baseline pilot area survey in support of the evaluation has begun on the I-710 and the I-110 (basically a tour of the pilot areas, identification of key items along the pilot areas and pictures/videos)

3. Landscape Design Architect is with Procurement and scheduled for release during the week of July 31st

4. Caltrans Processes Evaluation/Audit statement of work has been agreed upon by Caltrans and Metro. Item is currently with Procurement and is scheduled for release the week of August 7th

5. Metro Internal working group being formed to assist with cleanup of Metro property, Railroads property and corresponding areas

6. Final program branding to be approved in the next few weeks
NEWS RELEASE

Date: Monday, July 25, 2011
District 7: Los Angeles and Ventura Counties
Contact: Maria Raptis (213) 897-9372
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES COMING TO I-710
10 Weekends beginning Friday, August 5

Bell to Downey – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct ten weekends of 53-hour Extended Closures and Full Freeway Closures on the Long Beach Freeway (I-710) as part of the Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project from the Glenn Anderson Freeway (I-105) connector to Atlantic Boulevard in the cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, South Gate and Downey.

EXTENDED WEEKEND CLOSURES are scheduled for the following weekends:
- August: 5-8; 12-15; 19-22; 26-29
- September: 9-12; 16-19; 23-26; 30-October 3 (No construction Sept. 2-5, Labor Day)
- October: 7-10; 14-17

FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES will occur in both directions and twice during each weekend on:
- Friday at 11:59 p.m. until Saturday at 6 a.m.
- And again on Sunday at 11 p.m. until Monday at 5 a.m.

Each Extended Weekend Closure begins on Friday night at midnight with a six-hour (12:01 to 6 am) FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE to install moveable median barriers. When the freeway re-opens to traffic on Saturday at 6 a.m., the median barriers will guide all motorists to shift to the northbound side of the freeway. This allows construction crews to work on southbound I-710 and motorists to continue their commutes throughout the weekend using a reduced number of available lanes. Then, on Sunday at 11 p.m., another FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE will be in place to remove the temporary moveable median barrier in time for the Monday morning commute.

The following ramps and connectors will be closed throughout each weekend:
CLOSED on-ramps to northbound I-710:
Eastbound & westbound on-ramps from Imperial Highway, Firestone Blvd. and Florence Ave.

CLOSED on-ramps to southbound I-710:
Eastbound & westbound on-ramps from Atlantic Blvd., Florence Ave. and Firestone Boulevard

CLOSED off-ramps from southbound I-710:
Eastbound & westbound off-ramps at Florence Ave. and Firestone Boulevard

CLOSED Freeway Connectors:
Eastbound and westbound I-105 to northbound I-710

RESTRICTIONS: Speed reduced to 45mph. No oversize loads permitted due to narrow lanes.
DELAYS & DETOURS: Motorists can expect delays. Use alternate routes and marked detours.
SCHEDULE: Closures are weather-permitting and are subject to change.
PROJECT DETAILS: The work is part of the I-710 Long Life Pavement Project from Firestone Boulevard to Atlantic Boulevard to rehabilitate aging pavement and provide the roadway with several decades of service life, improved pavement performance and a smoother ride for the traveling public.

SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE CALTRANS
IX. REPORTS – COMMITTEES/AGENCIES
ITEM A-1
The Environmental Committee

Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) Update
TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Diane Dubois, MTA Director

BY: Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy

SUBJECT: Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) Update

Issue

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments partnering with the MTA has engaged a consultant to develop a Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan. The AQAP will assist the Gateway Cities in implementing sub-regional air quality improvement measures, strategies and legislation beyond the regulations, projects, and programs currently underway.

Background

The development of the AQAP has been underway for the past two months and the following slides detail the activities that have occurred. A products, strategies and reports are developed they will be presented to the Transportation Committee for discussion and recommendation to the GCCGO Board for adoption.

The attached slides detail the progress to date.

Attachment

AQAP Update Power Point Presentation attached as a separate document.

Recommended Action

Receive and file.