Recent Accomplishments of The Gateway Cities

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The Topics Today Will Be

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP
TRANSPORTATION
NURTURING TECHNOLOGY
ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACE

Overall Goal: Keeping city interests at the table
REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

MATURE RELATIONSHIPS
CALTRANS
MTA
SCAG
U.S. EPA
California Air Resources Board
METRANS (CSULB & USC)
San Gabriel Valley COG
Southbay COG
Ports
MATURING RELATIONSHIPS

South Coast AQMD
California Transportation Commission (CTC)
Inland Empire Goods Movement Community
Environmental Community
- NRDC
- Coalition For Clean Air
- Others
REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

INNOVATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
- 3 Party Agreement with COG / OCTA / MTA

California Trucking Association
- Data Sharing to Relieve Congestion
- 25 Carriers
- First Ever Agreement of it’s Type with CTA

Florida Department of Transportation
- Collaborating with COG on State of the Art ITS Application
REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP

- Chair, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
- MTA Board Member
- AQMD Board Member
- Chair, SCAG Community, Economic, Housing Development Committee (CEHD)
- Vice Chair, SCAG Transportation and Communication Committee (TCC)
Advocacy and Visibility

- Washington and Sacramento Delegations
- Presentations to CTC
- Meetings with Caltrans Senior Management
- Meetings at Secretary Level in B, T, & H and Resources Agency
- Defeated California Performance Review Proposal to Disband RMC
- Delayed MTA Development Mitigation Fees
Advocacy and Visibility

- Secured Removal of Certain COG Cities from National Park Service Study
- Deflected LA Effort to Divert I-5 Funding
- Deflected San Gabriel Valley Effort to Divert Grade Separation Funding
- Deflected MTA Effort to Reduce Funding for Municipal Transit Operator (MOSIP)
- Obtained Early Funding Flow to Municipal Transit Operators
I-5 FREEWAY CORRIDOR

I-5 JPA

- Began Property Acquisition and Final Design for Carmenita Interchange
- Secured $600 Million from MTA
- Assisted Caltrans in Design Revisions From 605 to Orange County Line
- Draft EIR to be Completed August 2006
I-5 FREEWAY CORRIDOR

I-5 JPA

- Secured $4.2 Million in Federal Funds for EIR/EIS from 605 to 710
- Secured $750,000 in 2007 Appropriations
- Initiating First ITS Project for Southeast LA County
I-710 FREEWAY CORRIDOR

- Major Corridor Study Completed
  - With Broad Consensus
- $30 Million Raised for EIR/EIS Phase
- New Governance Structure in Place for Environmental Phase
- New Community Participation Phase about to Begin
91/605 FREEWAYS CORRIDOR

- Needs Assessment Study Completed
- Securing Funding for Major Corridor Study
- Partial ITS Funding in Place
- Emphasis on Alternative Technologies for Moving Cargo
- OCTA / MTA / Caltrans / SCAG at the Table
Major Funding in Place for Sub-Region Wide ITS Planning
Pilot Program with California Trucking Approved
Identifying Alternative Technologies for Cargo Movement
Florida DOT Collaboration on Truck Weighing Inspection & Security Concepts
Partial Funding in Place for Truck Inspection, Weighing Facility
AIR QUALITY

- COG Clean Air Program has Removed 460 Dirty Trucks
- Total Pollution Reduction: 1,150 tons of NOx and 253 tons of PM over a 5 Year Period
- With MTA, Port and City of Long Beach Developed Extensive “Compendium” of Emission Reduction Strategies
- COG Funded by MTA for Additional Air Quality Planning
OPEN SPACE

- RMC grants in Past 2 Years to Bell, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, Long Beach, Maywood, Montebello, Paramount, Signal Hill, Santa Fe Springs, South Gate, Whittier

- Provided Coordination with LA River Issues with I-710 Planning
RMC Created 3 New JPA’S Involving Gateway Cities

- Watershed Conservation Authority
- San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority
- Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
OPEN SPACE

WATER QUALITY

- Elected City Representative to LA Regional Water Quality Control Board

- Collaborating on Staff Support for Board Member

- Advocacy for TMDL’S
FUNDING
HISTORY
TO
CITIES