

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

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

5:30 p. m. Buffet

6:00 p. m. Meeting

Gateway Cities Council of Governments

16401 Paramount Boulevard

Paramount, California

AGENDA

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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. MATTERS FROM STAFF

- A. Status Report on Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Pursuant to SB 375

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 March 3, 2010, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of March 3rd, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated April 7, 2010
- C. February 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.

VIII. REPORTS

- A. Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

15 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION 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

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

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

XI. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

XII. MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

A. Invitation to Participate in a Meet & Greet and Round Table Discussion – Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 8:30 AM – Special Guest Jared Blumenfeld, Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA

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, May 5, 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.

VII. 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
March 3, 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
Immediate Past President Anne M. Bayer, City of Downey
Member Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
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 Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Kathy Salazar, City of Montebello
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 Curt Pederson, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member Victor Farfan, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
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 Manager Jorge Rifa; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Acting Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Long Beach Government Affairs Manager Tom Modica; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Bell Special Assistant to the City Manager Pedro Carrillo; Bell Gardens Public Works Manager Chau Vu; SCAG Regional Affairs Officer Matt Horton; George Francis Bass, Metro Gateway Cities Sector Council; MTA Deputy Executive Officer Ernest Morales; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershenson; Metro Gateway Cities Planning Manager Mike Sieckert; SCAQMD Senior Public Affairs Officer Derrick Alatorre; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director/Authority Engineer, I-5 JPA; Glenn Ray, Chair, Conservation Corps of Long Beach; Mike Bassett, CEO, Conservation Corps of Long Beach; Rich Kozak, United States Census Bureau; Frank Osgood, Author, 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 Engineer Jerry Wood.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Immediate Past President Bayer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Rich Kozak of the United States Census Bureau addressed the Board regarding the 2010 Federal Census. He gave information regarding the budget of the Census and encouraged cities to help assure a high rate of return of the census questionnaires from their residents because cities depend on an accurate census count to receive the per capita funding from state and federal sources to which they are entitled.

The Executive Director announced that fifteen cities had now ratified the decision of the Board to take delegation from SCAG for the preparation of a subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy under SB 375. Since a majority of COG cities had now ratified the decision, it was now effective.

The Executive Director said that a meeting with the new U.S. EPA Regional Administrator is currently being arranged. He said arrangements are also being made for a "meet and greet" event with new SCAQMD Board Member Judy Mitchell. He announced that all documents related to the study of the California High Speed Rail project alignment have been signed and that the Administrative Committee for the study had selected the team of Jerry Wood and Yvette Kirrin to perform the work.

It was moved by Second Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Barrows presented a request from the City of Cerritos for Board endorsement of HR 3734 (Sires), the Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act, which would make federal grant funds available for city parks and recreation facilities. He said he had met the

author of the bill at the recent meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to support HR 3734 and to send a letter to the COG's Congressional representatives expressing that support. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Carroll requested the Board reconsider the assessment formula it had adopted for the Sustainable Communities Strategy and suggested that the flat rate per city be reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,500, with the balance of the assessment based on population. It was moved by Member Carroll, seconded by Member Nelson, to amend the assessment formula for the subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy to a base rate of \$2,500, with the balance distributed according to population.

Member O'Donnell recited the support that the City of Long Beach has given the COG and said that a change in the formula would unfairly impact the City of Long Beach. Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfing explained the basis of the adopted assessment, which was based on the recommendation of the City Managers Steering Committee which apportioned the costs on a 50/50 basis of flat rate and population.

Member O'Donnell offered a substitute motion to receive and file the report. The motion was seconded by Second Vice President Dunton. The substitute motion was approved, with Member Carroll and Member Nelson voting no.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said there was a few months delay in the EIR/EIS study to address design concerns of the cities of Commerce and South Gate. He said the process had started to identify early action projects under Measure R. He reported that MTA has consultants on board to investigate public/private partnerships for funding the construction phase. Mr. Wood said the RFP for the Air Quality Action Plan should be out early next month. He said the ITS Implementation Plan is being coordinated with SCAG's Goods Movement Strategy study.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said an RFP for a feasibility analysis for early action projects will be going out from the MTA.

It was moved by First Vice President Hurtado, seconded by Member Aguilar, to receive and file the I-710 and SR-91/I-605/I-405 reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the MTA is facing serious financial issues. She said there has been a significant drop in Proposition C revenues because of the overall drop in sales tax revenues. She said the MTA is looking at alternative regional connectors. She reported that the MTA is conducting an audit of the General Counsel's Office. She summarized the subregion's projects that are included in the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Member DuBois discussed the proposed State swap of gas tax for an increase in the excise tax on gasoline. She said, if the excise tax is challenged, cities may end up losing both sources of revenue. She said the Transportation Committee had recommended that the Board send a letter opposing the elimination of State funding for public transit. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Salazar, to send a letter from the Board opposing the elimination of State funding for public transit. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Guerrero presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. She referred the Board to the status report contained in the agenda packet. She said the committee members would be touring the PATH Partners facility by the end of the month. It was moved by Member Aguirre, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said that Mike Miles had been appointed as the new District Director for Caltrans District 7 and that Authority representatives would be meeting with him to present their perspective on the I-5 project. It was moved by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said the League is opposed to the proposal to swap out Proposition 42 funds. She said proposals are coming quickly, but they are not set down in writing. She reported on the proposed ballot measure that would save local revenues. She said signatures are still needed to qualify it for the ballot. It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Aguilar, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He said several city managers came to SCAG to talk about the fiscalization of land use issue. He said SCAG is in the planning stages for the General Assembly/Regional Council retreat in May. It was moved by Member Dobson, seconded by First Vice President Hurtado, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Karen Heit presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said that the City of Burbank had indicated that it is looking to join the Authority. She said the RFP for alternatives analysis had been released. Member Mirabal said that Orangeline Authority Executive Director Mike Kodama had recently made a presentation in Bell to about 100 residents and that it was well received. He encouraged other cities to do the same. It was moved by Member Salazar, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Derrick Alatorre presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He said the AQMD Board would be holding its monthly meeting in the Long Beach. He reminded cities that they can use AB 2766 funds to purchase alternative fuel vehicles. It was moved by Member Mirabal, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

David Hershenson presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said the Metro reorganization is aimed at improving efficiency and economy. He said the goal is to blend services to avoid duplication. It was moved by Member Dobson, seconded by Member Davis, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mike Bassett presented a report from the Long Beach Conservation Corps. He said restoration of the bottle bill funds for the Conservancy had been approved by the State Legislature. He referred to information that he had left regarding what projects qualify for Proposition 84 funds. Member Nelson asked Mr. Bassett to remind the Board as to the domain of the Long Beach Conservation Corps. Mr. Bassett responded that it includes 47 cities that surround Long Beach, including all of the Gateway Cities COG members. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Dobson, 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 Nordbak asked that consideration of his city's position on the Gold Line extension be included on the agenda for next month's meeting.

There were no matters from President Stefenhagen.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C**

**February 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

March 30, 2010

[PMIA Average Monthly Yields](#)

Account Number:

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TREASURER	▼
16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVA	▼
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February 2010 Statement

Account Summary

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**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D**

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

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG
March 26, 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 provided follow up regarding requests for funding in the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations process. Both individually and in meetings accompanying an official of a Gateway Cities COG member city, I spoke with key Senate and House staff regarding the I-5 widening appropriations request. In addition, I provided information regarding the congressional spring recess (March 26-April 12), so that meetings can be set up with Members representing Gateway Cities COG member cities in their district offices to discuss Gateway Cities priorities. I also provided information to the Gateway Cities COG and the I-5 JPA confirming that Representatives Roybal-Allard and Napolitano have submitted the \$1 million funding request to the House Transportation, Housing and Urban Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee.

*My efforts also 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 continued to keep 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. In addition, I registered to participate on Gateway Cities' behalf in the CAGTC annual meeting originally planned for February 10 and 11 and now rescheduled to late May.

*I participated in a conference call regarding the City of Los Angeles' 30/10 Transportation Plan and arranged a meeting regarding the initiative for a Gateway Cities COG representative with staff of Rep. Linda Sanchez in Washington, DC.

*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.

*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.

VIII. REPORTS
ITEM A
Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: City Managers Steering Committee
SUBJECT: Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

Background

For a considerable length of time, studies and evaluations have been underway by the MTA to determine the future alignment for a light rail line easterly of the current terminus in East Los Angeles. This extensive study began by looking at forty seven corridor alternatives, then reduced the analysis to two final build alternatives. Those two final alternatives are 1) a route that essentially parallels the 60 Freeway, and 2) a route that is essentially along Washington Boulevard. The Gateway Cities included in the study are: Montebello, Commerce, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier and Los Angeles County unincorporated area.

Issue

After years of study, it is now time for the Gateway Cities Council of Governments to recommend one of the two alternatives to the MTA Board of Directors, or the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Comparison of the Two Alignments

The City Managers Steering Committee was provided information upon which to make a determination based on seven critical criteria. That criteria was 1) Travel time, 2) Route Length, 3) Number of Gateway Cities to be served, 4) Number of stations to be located in Gateway Cities, 5) Alignments, 6) Capital Cost per Mile and 7) Projected Average Weekday Ridership.

In making their decision, the City Managers Steering Committee determined that the Washington Boulevard Alignment was superior in all seven criteria.

Additional Consideration for the Board

Based on prior Board action the position of the Board has been to support new transit and highway corridor planning and construction within the Gateway Cities COG that will not conflict with established transportation project priorities or funding.

Recommended Action

The City Managers Steering Committee recommends adoption of Resolution No. 2010-01, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WASHINGTON BOULEVARD ALIGNMENT OF THE EASTSIDE TRANSIT CORRIDOR PHASE 2 AS THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WASHINGTON BOULEVARD ALIGNMENT OF THE EASTSIDE TRANSIT CORRIDOR PHASE 2 AS THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. In 2009, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) finished an Alternatives Analysis (AA) for the Eastern Extension of the Metro Gold Line beyond the Atlantic Blvd. station. There were 47 alternatives considered in the AA. The Final AA recommends two build alternatives in addition to the FTA required No Build and Transportation Systems Management (TSM) alternatives to proceed to environmental review.

The two build alternatives serve very different portions of the study area; the SR-60 Alignment serves the southern San Gabriel Valley and the Washington Blvd. Alignment serves the northern Gateway Cities subregion. The Washington Blvd. Alignment goes through the cities of Montebello, Commerce, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs and Whittier as well as portion of unincorporated Los Angeles County

SECTION 2. The Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (the "Board") does hereby recommend the selection of the Washington Blvd. Alignment as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the following reasons:

- A. The Washington Blvd. Alignment is the longest alignment at 9.3 miles and therefore will provide rail transit service to the largest population.
- B. This Alignment provides the opportunity for an intermodal connectivity to Orange County and has the potential to relieve cross-county arterial congestion.
- C. This Alignment parallels and will provide a transit option to the I-5 Freeway.

- D. This Alignment provides access to the highest existing and future employment density as well as the highest existing and future population density.
- E. This Alignment features station locations that are within easy walking distance from both high density housing and large and medium size industrial facilities.

SECTION 3. The President is hereby authorized to affix his signature to this Resolution signifying its adoption, and the Secretary is directed to attest thereto.

SECTION 4. The Secretary to the Board shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of April, 2010.

Gordon Stefenhagen, President

ATTEST:

Richard Powers
SECRETARY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss

X. 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 RMC board met March 22, 2010, in Bellflower. The Board received an informational presentation on a major re-grading project undertaken by the City of Long Beach within the El Dorado Nature Center (inside El Dorado Park). A stream linking the two lakes at the Nature Center was drained and re-graded, non-native vegetation was removed, and all five stream crossings for pedestrians were replaced. The project cost was almost \$900,000 and about one-third of it was funded by the RMC.

It was also reported that AB 1818 (Blumenfeld) is being tracked by the RMC staff. The bill would establish a new fund for implementation of projects on the Upper Los Angeles River via the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The bill would not provide any financial resources to the fund at this time. The RMC staff raised the issue that the bill might prioritize Upper over Lower River projects, thus creating a funding inequity.

It was also reported that the state held a successful bond sale in early March and plans another. Revenues will be directed to existing and new RMC projects, among other uses.

It was reported that a state water bond has qualified for the November ballot that would provide \$75 million for RMC.

Recommended Action

Receive and file this report.

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
ITEM E
Report from the Committee on
Homelessness

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Elba Guerrero, Chair, Committee on Homelessness

SUBJECT: Status Report on Implementation of Gateway Cities Homeless Initiative

Background

The first scheduled meeting of all four Local Coordinating Alliances (LCA's) was held on Thursday, April 1st at the Gateway Cities COG offices. Representatives from 14 cities, staff representing the County Board of Supervisors offices, and various stakeholders from throughout the region attended the meeting. The discussion centered around the four key strategies for implementation which included lead, engage, collaborate and implement. The discussion strongly encouraged all 27 cities to work together to reduce and end homelessness in the Gateway Cities COG region. Working together would also increase funding to the Gateway Cities when funding becomes available.

The group was invited to attend the next meeting of their individual Local Coordinating Alliance (LCA). A Vice-Chair for each LCA will be chosen in the month of April and the Chair and Vice-Chair will lead the first LCA meetings taking place in May and June 2010.

Recommended Action

Receive and file this report.