



Economic Development Working Group GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Monday, August 16, 2021, 11:30 – 1:00 PM

Zoom Conference

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Gerald Caton, Chair
Economic Development
Working Group

ACTION ITEMS

“The Goal of the Economic Development Working Group is to lower the High Unemployment within the Gateway Cities Region by Encouraging Job Creation Activities”

1. Discussion of Economic Development Issues Important to Gateway Cities.
2. Discussion of Issues Important to Gateway Chambers Alliance, SELACO WDB, Southern California Edison and Long Beach City College regarding Job Development, Business Retention and Workforce Education
3. Discussion of Approved \$225,000 State Budget Allocation for Development of Gateway Cities Regional Broadband Master Plan
 - A. Thanks to Aldo and the City of Downey for making the Funding Request to Assemblymember Cristina Garcia!
 - B. Update on Development of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Project Consultant.
 - C. Assistance Needed with Consultant Evaluation/Selection Process.
 - D. Working Group's Role as Project Oversight Committee.



4. Discussion on how the Working Group Can Best Monitor FY 2021-22 State Budget Funding Opportunities for “Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure” (\$3.25 billion), “Local Broadband” (\$750 million) and “Last Mile Broadband Infrastructure” (\$2 billion)
5. Discussion of American Rescue Plan Funding Opportunities
6. Information Item: Southern California Edison is Presenting a Free Online Workshop for Small Businesses on how to Maximize Financial Benefits from the use of Solar Power with Energy Storage on August 18th
7. Member Comments
8. Adjournment
