

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

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

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

A. Potential Conflict for the September 3 Board Meeting with the League of California Cities Conference in Los Angeles

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 June 4, 2014, are presented for approval.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated August 6, 2014
- C. May 2014 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. Gateway Cities COG Homeless Program Implementation Update – Presentation by Colleen Murphy, PATH

15 Min

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

B. Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) Business Assistance Report – Gateway Cities Update – Report by Barbara Levine, Senior Regional Manager – Oral Report

10 Min

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

C. Appointment of COG Treasurer

5 Min

A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A. Report from the Conservancy Committee – Oral Report

3 Min

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

D. Report from the Gateway Cities COG Transportation Committee – Oral Report

3 Min

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

E. California High Speed Rail – Oral Report

3 Min

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

3 Min D. Matters from the Orangeline Development Authority (OLDA) – Oral Report

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

3 Min E. Matters from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) – Oral Report

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

3 Min F. Matters from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council – Oral Report

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

XI. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

XII. MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: New items will not be considered after 8:00 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, September 3, 2014, 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
July 2, 2014**

President Lima called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

PRESENT: President Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Second Vice President Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera
Immediate Past President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Ali Saleh, City of Bell
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Lilia Leon, City of Commerce
Member Aja Brown, City of Compton
Member Jack Guerrero, City of Cudahy
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo O. Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Rosa E. Perez, City of Huntington Park
Member Tim Spohn, City of Industry
Member Brian Bergman, City of La Habra Heights
Member Lawrence Mowles, City of La Mirada
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Marcel Rodarte, City of Norwalk
Member Jay Sarno, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Owen Newcomer, City of Whittier
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: First Vice President James Johnson, City of Long Beach
Member Ann Marshall, City of Avalon
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Oscar Magana, City of Maywood
Member Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello
Member Rick Velasquez, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Ex Officio Member Doug Drummond, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; Compton City Manager G. Harold Duffy; Brian Mineghino, Chief of Staff for Long Beach Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell; Pico Rivera Associate Engineer Gladis Deras; South Gate Director of Public Works Art Cervantes; Metro Transportation Planning Manager Kevin Gilhooley, Government Affairs, SCAG; David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Colleen Murphy, Director, PATH Partners; Danny Kim, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright; Steve Forster, Vice President, Engineering/Projects, APA Engineering; Andres Molina, Government Relations Representative, Parsons Brinckerhoff; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; GCCOG Consultant Engineer Kekoa Anderson; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Immediate Past President Daniels.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Daniels, seconded by Member Dunton, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Gateway Cities COG Engineer Kekoa Anderson gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the status of the development of the Gateway Cities Strategic Transportation Plan. He said a significant effort had been made over the past month to meet with cities regarding the various multi-modal elements and to listen to the cities' ongoing concerns to be sure they are incorporated into the Plan. He reviewed the next steps for the project and said the remaining challenges include sub-regional coordination on arterials and Active Transportation proposals that traverse the cities.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Barrows, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget. He said the budget reflected the continuation of the COG's major efforts: the Homeless Action Plan, Economic Development Working Group, I-710 Corridor EIR/EIS, SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor "Hot Spots", and Truck Impacted Intersections. He said the budget included \$80,000 in personnel reductions including the elimination of the part-time position that assisted the Transportation Deputy during Member DuBois' term as Chair of the MTA Board of Directors, and the reclassification of a clerical position. In response to a question from Member Guerrero, he said the budget category for automobile allowances covered three employees.

It was moved by Member Newcomer, seconded by Member Barrows, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-02 approving the 2014-2015 Annual Budget of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member O'Donnell presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said the proposed state water bond which would include funding for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy was currently on hold. He thanked the cities that had sent out a letters to their state legislators requesting that any water bond measure include fair funding for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy area.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. She said the traffic modeling for the freeway corridor was nearing completion.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the project study reports (PSRs) on three freeway interchanges (SR-91/I-605; I-5/I-605; SR-60/I-605) were moving forward. The Executive Director reported that the San Gabriel Valley COG has been invited to participate because it shares the SR-60/I-605 interchange.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said that Member DuBois had completed her year as Chair of the MTA Board of Directors as of the end of last month. She said there had been no meeting of the Transportation Committee this month. She reported that a decision had been made on the alternatives for an airport connector and to add a station on the Crenshaw Line with a people mover to serve the airport.

Colleen Murphy, PATH Partners, presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. She said the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Veterans Administration, and National League of Cities have announced a Mayors' Challenge to address veterans' homelessness. She said they are pushing cities to identify homeless veterans and to sponsor job fairs for them. She announced that another homeless count will be coming. Member Newcomer said the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) would be organizing counts in January and encouraged cities to participate. There was no report on the California High Speed Rail Project.

It was moved by Member Dunton, seconded by Member Perez, to receive and file the reports from committees. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the I-5 Joint Powers Authority.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said meetings were starting to be scheduled with cities regarding the PERR West Santa Ana Branch technical refinement study.

There was no report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. .

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. He said there were no major changes in services coming this year. He said there will be a refurbishing of the Blue Line, which may result in some temporary closures at the southern end of the line. He said Metro was very close to releasing the draft EIR for the Gold Line Eastside Extension.

It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Perez, to receive and file the agency reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Dunton commended President Lima on the job he had done during his year as President.

President Lima thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as President over the past year.

President Lima announced that now was the time for the annual election of officers of the Board of Directors.

It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Barrows, to elect President Lima as Immediate Past President. The motion was approved unanimously.

Immediate Past President Daniels nominated Second Vice President Tercero for President. There were no other nominations. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Alatorre, to elect Second Vice President Tercero as President. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Daniels nominated Member Newcomer for First Vice President. Member Aceituno nominated Member Perez for First Vice President. It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Immediate Past President Lima to close the nominations for First Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Newcomer withdrew as a candidate for First Vice President. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Marquez, to elect Member Perez as First Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Marquez nominated Member Saleh as Second Vice President. There were no other nominations. It was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Member Lima, to elect Member Saleh as Second Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

The General Counsel announced that nominations were in order for the eight cities to serve on the Executive Committee. Nominations were made for the following eleven cities: Cerritos; Paramount; Signal Hill; Bell Gardens; Whittier; Norwalk; Bellflower; Compton; Downey; South Gate; and La Mirada.

Ballots were distributed and counted for the purpose of electing members of the Executive Committee. The General Counsel announced that six cities had received a majority vote for election to the Executive Committee, but that there was a three way tie for the remaining two seats. He said the six cities elected were: Cerritos; Paramount; Whittier; Bellflower; Downey; and La Mirada.

The General Counsel asked the Board whether it wished to re-vote among the remaining five cities or just among the three that were tied for the seventh and eighth positions. It was moved by Member Bergman, seconded by Member Alatorre, to vote only among the three cities tied for the final two seats. The motion was approved unanimously. The General Counsel announced that the cities of South Gate and Bell Gardens received the lowest vote totals and that the run-off election would choose two of the following three cities: Signal Hill, Norwalk, and Compton.

Ballots were distributed and counted for the purpose of electing two members of the Executive Committee. The General Counsel announced that the cities of Signal Hill and Norwalk had been elected to fill the two remaining seats on the Executive Committee.

It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Immediate Past President Lima to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

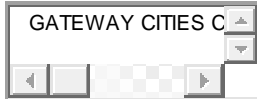
**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C
June 2014 Local Agency Investment
Fund Statement**

Local Agency Investment Fund
P.O. Box 942809
Sacramento, CA 94209-0001
(916) 653-3001

www.treasurer.ca.gov/pmia-laif

July 28, 2014

PMIA Average Monthly Yields



Account Number:

40-19-045

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Statement

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
6/5/2014	6/5/2014	RW	1434194	JACK JOSEPH	-125,000.00

Account Summary

Total Deposit:

0.00

Beginning Balance:

501,258.55

Total Withdrawal:

-125,000.00

Ending Balance:

376,258.55

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D**

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

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG
July 25, 2014

I and the firm Edington, Peel & Associates continue to provide a range of services in support of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. These include participation in a number of meetings, telephonic, email and fax exchanges and other communications.

I continue to closely coordinate with Gateway Cities COG staff regarding efforts on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG's priorities and interests in the second session of the 113th Congress. I have had telephonic and electronic exchanges regarding possible funding opportunities and legislation of interest. I also work with the staff of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority on the I-5 widening initiative, the COG's number one priority.

I provided information for Member and committee offices regarding matters of particular interest to Gateway Cities COG preparatory to mark up of the surface transportation reauthorization bill. Sen. Barbara Boxer, chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, has marked up the Senate version of the bill, information about which I have provided Gateway Cities. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is expected to take action on its version of the bill in the near future.

I continue to track the Fiscal Year 2015 transportation appropriations process. The House Appropriations Committee approved its version of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill on May 21 by a vote of 28-21, sending it to the House floor for consideration, where it was passed on June 10 by a vote of 229-192. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the bill on June 5. The THUD appropriations measure was to have been considered as part of a package with the Agriculture and Science/Justice Commerce appropriations bills, but was pulled from the Senate calendar yesterday because of the majority leadership's concern over possible amendments to the package. It looks increasingly like we are looking at a Continuing Resolution, rather than individual appropriations bills, providing funding for some period into the new fiscal year.

I continue to provide information regarding the Highway Trust Fund, whose funding is about to run out, and to track MAP-21, which provides continued transportation funding authorization for 27 months, through October 1, 2014, with a funding level of \$105 billion. A short term fix for the Trust Fund is in the works. It is expected that action on a final transportation bill will not be completed prior to that date and that an extension into early 2015 will be needed. This is, as I have said previously, consistent with recent history on transportation reauthorization measures.

I have been in contact with the Gateway Cities COG regarding the US Department of Commerce announcement that the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership for Southern California (AMP So Cal), in which Gateway Cities COG is a partner, is one of the first 12 Manufacturing Communities designated as part of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP). I followed up with information to the offices of Members

of Congress representing Gateway Cities to be sure they are aware of Gateway Cities COG's participation and to request meetings with Members and their district staff to discuss the initiative and how efforts can be undertaken to help the cities in the region receive their fair share of funds for their economic revitalization effort. A meeting has been set up with Rep. Linda Sanchez for August 21 in her Cerritos office.

I have kept the Gateway Cities COG updated regarding membership, leadership and staff changes, as well as committee priorities in the 113th Congress, in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Environment and Public Works and Commerce Committees, and regarding changes in leadership of the US Department of Transportation.

I participate on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG in conference calls and email exchanges with staff of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) and provide Gateway Cities with information on CAGTC activities in Washington, DC.

I have continued discussions and email exchanges with staff of Members of Congress representing Gateway Cities COG members, as well as other key congressional staff, regarding the COG's legislative priorities. In this regard, I shared with Gateway Cities COG leadership a communication from the transportation staffer for Rep. Linda Sanchez regarding the THUD appropriations bill and Rep. Sanchez's statement in the Congressional Record during debate on the bill regarding the funding level for TIGER Grants and expressing her concern over restrictions placed on use of grant funds.

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.

VIII. Reports
ITEM C
Appointment of COG Treasurer

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: City Managers Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Appointment of COG Treasurer

Background

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement provides that the COG Board of Directors appoint a Treasurer. South Gate City Manager Ronald Bates has served as the COG's Treasurer since February 2012 when he replaced former Downey City Manager Gerald M. Caton. Mr. Bates' recent retirement has created a vacancy in the position.

The City Managers Steering Committee is recommending that the Board appoint Santa Fe Springs City Manager Thaddeus McCormack to succeed Mr. Bates as COG Treasurer. Mr. McCormack has worked for the City of Santa Fe Springs in various positions for 16 years, the past three and a half years as City Manager. Mr. McCormack has been very active in the activities of the COG and currently chairs the City Managers' committee regarding the California High Speed Rail project.

Recommended Action

It is recommended that the Board appoint Santa Fe Springs City Manager Thaddeus McCormack as COG Treasurer.