

# GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## Transportation Committee

### AGENDA

*Wednesday, May 6, 2015  
4:00 p. m. Meeting*

*Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
16401 Paramount Boulevard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Paramount, California*

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- 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 April 1, 2015, are presented for approval.

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM.

**VIII. REPORTS**

A. MTA Board Recap – Metro Board Meeting - Oral Report by Director Diane DuBois

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

B. Gateway Cities Subregional Transportation Priorities – Presentation by Renee Berlin, Metro Planning Department and Yvette Kirrin, COG Consultant Engineer

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

C. Status of the Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) Structure, Approval Process, and Schedule – Presentation by Yvette Kirrin, COG Consultant Engineer

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

D. Arterial Prioritization Criteria for the Development of Corridor Master Plan and Complete Street Evaluation – Presentation by Yvette Kirrin, COG Consultant Engineer

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

E. Expansion of Transportation Committee

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

**IX. REPORTS – COMMITTEES/AGENCIES**

A. Matters from Gateway Cities Service Council by David Hershenson, MTA –  
Oral Report

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

B. LOSSAN Update – Oral Report

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

C. Matters from I-5 JPA – Oral Report

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

F. I-405 HOV/Widening Orange County – Oral Report

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

G. Matters from Eco-Rapid Transit – Oral Report

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

H. Communications

- Item #70 DuBois/Knabe Motion ZE/NZE Vehicle Demonstration Cap & Trade Application
- Affordable Housing Program Letter

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE 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, June 3, 2015, 4:00 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 GATEWAY CTITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Chair - MTA Director Diane DuBois  
Gateway Cities COG Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723**

**April 1, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: MTA Director Diane DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane DuBois – MTA Director, Gene Daniels – City of Paramount, Mohammed Mostahkami – City of Downey, Dana Pynn – Long Beach Transit, Bill Pagett – City of Paramount, Jorge Rifa – City of Commerce, Andrew Sarega – City of La Mirada, Owen Newcomer – City of Whittier, Sal Alatorre – City of Lynwood, Mike Egan – City of Norwalk, Arturo Sanchez – City of Long Beach,

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Port of Long Beach Representative, Brent Tercero – COG Board President - City of Pico Rivera,

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Powers, Karen Heit, Nancy Pfeffer, Yvette Kirrin, Kekoa Anderson – GCCOG staff, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector Council, Vin Kumar – S.T.E.

Director DuBois discussed the February Board member and mentioned the introduction of the Affordable Housing Motion. She mentioned the approval of engineering work for Phase II of the Metro Purple Line (to Westwood) in anticipation of /Metro receiving a Full Funding Grant Agreement. She went on to discuss the contract award for the Rosecrans/Marquardt grade separation design. She explained AB 318 a bill that will provide relief form state mandated requirements for the MTA to retain Lost and Found items and auction them off. This Bill would allow the MTA to donate bicycles to groups for distribution during events such as CicLAVia. There were questions about how the bikes could be distributed through VARIOUS EVENTS.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy explained the Butts, DuBois, Knabe, Antonovich Motion that asks the MTA to lay-out the Agency's debt allowing for the Bpard to look at it comprehensively, reviewing the structure for financing to move forward with fulfilling the promises on the books today. There questions about the level of repayment, whether the MTA has the cash flow to move forward with additional debt. Director DuBois discussed the lack of funding from both state and federal sources based upon the County's willingness to pay its own way, and added that the MTA needs to leverage as much outside funding as possible to build projects.

At 4:20 a quorum was reached and the Consent Calendar was approved as well as the Financial Feasibility Report.

Director DuBois introduced the MTA Affordable Housing Program issue and stated that there was the potential for subsidizing affordable units and writing down land use. She cited that there was a representation that non-transportation funding is used. She emphasized that she could not support any activity that removed money from the transit area. There were questions about the type of money that would be used and a how would this go for addressing the looming deficit. A question was asked about land opportunities outside of the City of LA and whether the local jurisdictions could participate. Heit in indicated the exhibit that listed available sites, few of which are outside of the City of LA. The Committee requested staff send a letter to the Metro Board communicating the COG's concerns with the AHP as envisioned.

Director DuBois discussed the next item, the potential for replacing the state gas tax with a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) demonstration. She discussed the miles driven by lower and middle income people and the potential negative impact on them with this methodology. She discussed the loss of revenue to cities through the proliferation of electric and hybrid vehicles and the general better MPG from most newer automobiles. It was raised about the number of out-of-state vehicles might potentially impact revenue from VMT as they would drive for nothing. Councilmember Newcomer brought up the carbon fee that would be rebated through the levying of a carbon tax, and that raising the gas tax is the only way to reflect usage and raise revenues. The state Board of Equalization has lowered the excise fee by .06. Mohammad Mostahkami brought up that there is a \$70 billion need for the repair of local roads (from a recent League Conference) and concurred that increasing the gas tax is the only way.

Nancy Pfeffer gave the Cap and Trade update. She mentioned there is a SCAG policy Board meeting on Cap & Trade and the impact on roadway usage. She mentioned the amount of money that is accruing from Cap & Trade. She reported on the lack of funding coming to Southern California. She talked about GCCOG activities and the lack of funding coming to the COG in this round. She discussed the 40% money that is not currently allocated and possibly have it allocated locally to cities. She went on to discuss the first meeting of the Sustainability Committee which will help address the funding issue.

She discussed the ITS and the zero emission technology funding pools. She talked about geo-fence technology that would reduce emissions on the port COG area. A question was asked about the amount of money due in the future

There were no Gateway Service /sector Council or LOSSAN Reports, the LOSSAN meeting was canceled.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director, gave a report on the I-5 Corridor Project and the various completion rates for each segment, almost all projects are over 50% complete. Valley View is gearing up to commence and Florence is 5% complete. The urban reforestation project is also underway.

Nancy Pfeffer, COG Director of Regional Transportation, reported that the final seat on the Sustainability Committee was filled and thanked Councilman Sarega for agreeing to serve. She also indicated that a representative from Supvr. Solis office had been selected.

Yvette Kirrin spoke about the I-710 and the Early Action projects. All of the first decade project funding has been allocated but the actual expenditure rate of these funds has been much slower. Kekoa Anderson, COG Transportation Engineer, spoke about the progress of the environmental documentation and the complexity of the freeway design geometrics. Issues currently moving towards resolution are the locally preferred geometrics and hydrology at the south end. Both the Army Corps of Engineers and Caltrans are trying to coordinate environmental analysis to combine work and not produce repetitive and throw-away work. He indicated that the contract for the Shoemaker Bridge design is ready to go to the Long Beach City Council within the month.

Kirrin and Anderson outlined the SR-91/O-605/O-405 projects moving forward through the various stages of project study reports required before construction can begin. – consultants have been selected for the various reports necessary to move projects forward

I-405/OC widening studies are finished and the OCTA and Caltrans District 12 need to review the MTA/COG Project Study Report to respond to issues raised. Director DuBois asked about the costs of the various impacted intersections and the designation of costs as opposed to mitigation measures that Caltrans should assume responsibility. The COG engineering staff used source documents to identify impacts as opposed to betterments.

The Eco-Rapid Transit Project report was given by Executive Director Michael Kodama who indicated that the technical refinement was still underway and that the work is expected to finish this summer.

Under matters from staff, GCCOG Executive Director, Richard Powers introduced Arturo Sanchez Deputy City Manager City of Long Beach,

Dana Pynn announced the stand-up for transportation event at the Queen Mary parking lot there will be a news event. GCCOG operators will be there too. The purpose of the rally is to get support for a new ISTEA reauthorization.

The League is conducting a study on the condition of the road and reauthorization and more money to locals. The League information will come forward to Richard Powers.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.



**VIII. REPORTS**  
**ITEM B**  
**Gateway Cities Subregional**  
**Transportation Priorities - Presentation**  
**by Renee Berlin, Metro Planning**  
**Department and Yvette Kirrin, COG**  
**Consultant Engineer**

**TO:** Transportation Committee

**FROM:** Diane Dubois, MTA Director

**BY:** Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy

**SUBJECT:** Gateway Cities Subregional Transportation Priorities

**Issue**

In consideration of a potential ballot Measure and as an update of the Los Angeles County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board approved the holistic, countywide approach for gathering project listings, and preparing “Mobility Matrices” for each of the subregional Councils of Governments. In lieu of a Mobility Matrix, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) is developing its own Strategic Transportation Plan (STP). This report provides an overview of the STP effort and its relationship to the parallel Mobility Matrix projects and forthcoming Metro Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update and potential ballot measure.

The creation of the project listings, or “Mobility Matrices” began in February 2014. The Gateway Cities Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) began prior to the Metro Mobility Matrices development, as a GCCOG approved initiative, and the results are being used as the Mobility Matrix for Gateway Cities. It is expected that the COG will adopt the STP by year end. The STP represents all regional and multi-modal projects within or crossing the Gateway Cities, including highway, arterial, active transportation, transit, goods movement and park-n-ride projects.

**DISCUSSION**

The Mobility Matrix effort is the first step in the update of the adopted Metro 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and will be used as a resource document for the potential November 2016 Ballot measure, should the Board elect to move forward. It includes the development of subregional goals and objectives, an assessment of baseline transportation system conditions and an evaluation of projects/programs based on their potential to address subregional objectives and countywide performance themes. The Mobility Matrix does not prioritize projects, but will provide initial input for further quantitative analysis to be performed during the LRTP update. County-wide, the Mobility Matrix process identified over 2,300 projects with an estimated cost of \$150 to \$275 billion (\$2015).

On March 5, 2015, the Metro Chief Executive Officer, Art Leahy, met with the Subregional Executive Directors as part of the ongoing outreach with the subregions regarding the potential 2016 Ballot measure and LRTP update. At this meeting,

Metro staff highlighted the need for each subregion to provide Metro with its project priorities by April 20, 2015 to meet Metro Board’s adopted schedule for developing a draft expenditure plan framework for the potential Ballot measure in June 2015. The Executive Directors expressed concern for their ability to accommodate Metro staff’s request, recognizing the need to go to their respective Boards for such action and that several of their Boards did not meet until after April 20, 2015. Based upon this feedback, Metro staff is extending the deadline for the submittal of subregional project priorities until May 22, 2015. This extension will subsequently delay the presentation of the draft expenditure plan framework to the Metro Board until July 2015.

The STP and the GCCOG’s Mobility Matrix, are essentially one in the same, with the STP being a significantly more robust analysis based effort quantifying the sub-regions most significant multi-modal regional linkages. Because of this, the STP projects are all included in the Mobility Matrix. The Mobility Matrix not only includes all projects identified and included in the STP, but also additional local projects provided by GCCOG jurisdictions (less the City of Industry as they have submitted their projects as part of San Gabriel Valley COG Mobility Matrix), without judgment.

The draft Mobility Matrix for the GCCOG summaries projects into high level categories, similar to the STP, even though the details of the matrix and STP are project specific. Below is a summary of the STP categories and magnitude of cost estimates:

Gateway Cities STP Summary Rough Order of Magnitude Cost Estimates

| Type/Category | Highway  | Arterial   | Transit   | Active Transportation                                  | Goods Movement                                       | Other  | Regional Facilities                                    | Total  |
|---------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Total         | Estimates for 69 out of 97 Projects<br>\$12.4B – \$19.3B | Estimates for 160 out of 290 Projects<br>\$1.1B – \$1.7B | Estimates for 38 out of 50 Projects<br>\$6.9B – \$10.4B | Estimates for 54 out of 59 Projects<br>\$210M – \$320M | Estimates for 8 out of 8 Projects<br>\$5.9B – \$8.8B | Estimates for 30 out of 31 Projects<br>\$2.3B – \$3.5B | Estimates for 18 out of 27 Projects<br>\$852M – \$1.3B | Estimates for 377 out of 562 Projects<br>\$29.7B – \$45.3B |

While the STP is not final, the high level categories, and thus overall cost estimate, are considered to be within a few percent of the final, and shouldn’t be significant in the grand scheme. In summary, the resulting projects contained within the STP comprise the GCCOG’s Mobility Matrix.

The schedule for the potential ballot measure is attached (Attachment B) for information. As of May, Metro staff will have completed gathering of subregional project listings. These project matrices are comprehensive and may contain duplicate projects; the grand total exceeds any conceivable sales tax measure. Measure R is a 30-year half-cent sales tax that was supposed to yield \$40 billion. With the recession, this figure has been reduced to between \$34-36 billion and it is very unlikely that \$40 billion will be realized over the life of Measure R even as economic recovery progresses.

The term of any new sales tax measure has not been determined,

As part of the meeting with the LA County COG Executive Directors there was a discussion of an initial revenue allocation approach that would commit 50% of the revenue generated from any new sales tax initiative for transit operations, facility repairs and local return programs. By comparison Proposition A is 20%, Proposition C - 15% and Measure R - 15%. None of the three previous sales tax measures specifically references local transit operations and state of good repair as part of the local return percentage although these are eligible expenses. Cities use these funds for a variety of transit and street improvement/active transportation purposes and are advocating that a new sales tax measure return the local return share to 25%.

### **Recommended Action**

Recommend that the COG Board approve the attached list of projects for consideration in a potential 2016 sales tax Measure.

### **Attachments**

- I. Excerpt from MTA's Subregional Mobility Matrices Report
- II. Metro Potential Ballot Measure Schedule
- III. STP Project Report