

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

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

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

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 November 2, 2011, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of November 2nd, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated December 7, 2011
- C. 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. Presentation by Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Executive Director, Mark Stanley

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

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- A. Report from the Conservancy Committee – Oral Report

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 – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

F. California High Speed Rail – Oral Report

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 Council – 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

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, January 4, 2012, 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
November 2, 2011**

President Dunton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
First Vice President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Second Vice President Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Michael Ponce, City of Avalon
Member Ana Maria Quintana, City of Bell
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 Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Larry Mowles, City of La Mirada
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Alberto Perez, City of Montebello
Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk
Member Joseph Serrano, 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 Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina

ABSENT: Immediate Past President Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member David Armenta, City of Pico Rivera
Member Rick Velasquez, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Ex Officio Member Richard Steinke, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Long Beach Director of Government/Strategic Affairs Tom Modica; South Gate Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mohammed Mostahkami; Chris Wilson, Case Manager/Field Representative for Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; Metro Project Manager Adrian Alvarez; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities; SCAG Director of Transportation Planning Rich Macias; Jacob Waclaw, Senior Transportation Engineer, Federal Highway Administration; Robert Urteaga, Project Manager, Move LA; Scott Broten, Project Manager, ICF; Susan DeSantis, Senior Associate, Arellano Associates; Andrew Papsen, Deputy Project Manager, ICF; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Engineer Jerry Wood; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Lima led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by First Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member Guerrero, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

SCAG Director of Transportation Planning Rich Macias gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He said the major point is that the region is out of money and needs to find new ways of generating revenue. He said gas tax revenues had not kept pace with population growth and will continue to decline.

Mr. Macias said the RTP will deviate from the original plan for Phase I of the California High Speed Rail project. He said the impact on the LOSSAN corridor and Metrolink have to be looked at first as a condition. He identified the proposed East/West Freight Corridor as a key component of the plan and asked for the support of cities at the Regional Council.

First Vice President Daniels asked where the East/West corridor is located. Mr. Macias responded that staff was going to recommend the SR-60 freeway. He said there will be some opposition from communities along the freeway, as well as a County supervisor. He said the competition for the goods movement economy that will come from the widening of the Panama Canal has made the freight corridor a very critical issue.

Member Barrios asked how tolling would help us compete with the Panama Canal. Mr. Macias said that funding is needed to improve and maintain the freight movement network.

Member Kelley asked which supervisor opposes the freight corridor alignment. Mr. Macias responded that it is Supervisor Molina, but SCAG is dedicated to work with her.

It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the project is still on schedule for the release of the draft EIR in February or March. He reported that the early action projects of the sound walls and utilities studies are proceeding. He said the ITS project includes electrification of the freight corridor on I-710.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the initial traffic modeling for the feasibility study has been completed.

It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the two freeway corridor reports.

First Vice President Daniels presented a report from the Transportation Committee. He reported that three candidates had been interviewed to fill the vacancy for a member of the public on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council and that all three candidates were excellent. He said the Transportation Committee voted to accept the recommendation of the interview panel that the name of Marissa Perez be forwarded to the Board for nomination to fill the vacancy on the Sector Council. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Lima, to approve the nomination of Marissa Perez to the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Transportation Deputy reported that the Transportation Committee had voted to forward to the Board the findings of the Environmental Committee regarding the I-710 Construction Staging Emissions Final Results:

1. Concur with the findings from the Construction Staging Emissions Analysis.
2. Suggest to Caltrans that the MTA Construction Green Equipment policy be adopted for the construction of any major freeway work.
3. Suggest to Caltrans that a construction emission analysis be prepared for each segment (and for any segments that are being constructed concurrently) prior to actual construction proceeding. Those results are to be used to develop final recommendations so that construction of the segment does not exceed significance thresholds established at that time and that additional mitigation measures be developed to reduce any emissions to the greatest extent possible—taking into consideration impacts on surrounding communities.
4. Request Caltrans to develop construction methods and staging to keep NOx emissions below significance thresholds and to develop additional watering

methods as suggested in the report to reduce fugitive dust PM 2.5 from the construction of any segment.

5. Recommend that the Environmental Committee forward the I-710 Construction Emissions Analysis Report to the I-710 Project Team and Caltrans for use in the I-710 EIR/EIS.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by First Vice President Daniels, to approve the findings forwarded by the Transportation Committee and to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Transportation Deputy reported that the Transportation Committee had received the Executive Summary of the Final Draft I-710 Health Impact Assessment and had voted to:

1. Authorize an independent Peer Review process of the Health Impact Assessment.
2. Specify that the Peer Review shall include inputs and comments from the I-710 Technical Working Group, roundtables, and committees.
3. Direct that, at the conclusion of the Peer Review, a final draft HIA report shall be produced and submitted to Caltrans.
4. Specify that the work product HIA report to be peer reviewed may be forwarded to the I-710 Project Team and Caltrans prior to finalization for information purposes only.

It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said the next step on the Homeless Implementation Project is to work with County staff on the RFP for an entity to administer the program on behalf of the staff. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

La Mirada Public Works Director Steve Forster presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He referred the Board to a recent article in the Los Angeles Times which discussed major changes in the business plan for the project. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

There was no report from the I-5 JPA.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

There was no report from the Orangeline Development Authority.

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

There was no report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector.

There was no report from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach.

There was no report from the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

President Dunton introduced Jacob Waclaw, Senior Transportation Engineer for the Federal Highway Administration, who was recently assigned to the Los Angeles Office of FHWA. Mr. Waclaw said that the Los Angeles office had recently expanded from four to ten people. He said he is anxious to meet with the local cities and that he will be working closely with Caltrans District 7.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C**

**October 2011 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

November 29, 2011

[PMIA Average Monthly Yields](#)

Account Number:

40-19-045



Transactions

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

October 2011 Statement

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
10/7/2011	10/7/2011	RD	1333689	JACK JOSEPH	140,000.00
10/14/2011	10/13/2011	QRD	1336843	SYSTEM	1,180.53

Account Summary

Total Deposit:	141,180.53	Beginning Balance:	1,459,519.38
Total Withdrawal:	0.00	Ending Balance:	1,600,699.91

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D**

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

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG - November 22, 2011

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 continued to closely coordinate with Gateway Cities COG staff regarding efforts on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG's priorities and interests in the first session of the 112th Congress. I have had telephonic and electronic exchanges regarding possible funding opportunities. I also continued to work with the staff of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority on the I-5 widening initiative, the COG's number one priority.

I have continued to focus on follow up with the Gateway Cities COG's elected Representatives in the House of Representatives and have kept the Gateway Cities COG informed of the status of the Transportation Reauthorization Act. As I have reported, both Rep. John Mica (R-FL), chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure (EPW) Committee, and Sen. Barbara Boxer, chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, have indicated they hope to secure passage of the legislation in the first session of this Congress, and the Administration has said that is its goal as well. Movement on the legislation has increased, and I have provided updates on this. Funding of a bill remains the most difficult and contentious issue, and the two committees disagree on the length of the bill, with the Senate favoring two years and the House six. The Senate EPW Committee marked up its version of the measure on November 9. The House T&I Committee on November 17 unveiled its version of the bill, which would use revenue made by expanding domestic energy production to pay for infrastructure projects, which Democrats in both chambers oppose.

I participate on Gateway Cities' behalf in conference calls and email exchanges with the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) and provide Gateway Cities with information on CAGTC activities in Washington, DC. I suggested Gateway Cities provide an article on its initiatives for the CAGTC newsletter, something that is expected to take place in coming months.

As I have reported, both the Senate and House are not including any earmarks in the FY12 appropriations process. Despite that, Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard accepted requests, and I am in regular touch with her office on behalf of Gateway Cities.

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 the COG's legislative priorities.

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.

IX. 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 San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) was established by State Legislation in which the COG was an active participant. The Gateway Cities are represented on the RMC Board by two members listed above.

Issue

The RMC Board met on Monday, November 28th, 2011, in Bellflower. The Board approved two resolutions authorizing grant amendments to the City of Bellflower allowing extensions of time to complete work on the Palm Street Linear Park and the Bellflower Riverview Project. Both projects' timelines were extended to the end of 2012. The Board also approved a resolution authorizing a grant amendment to the City of Whittier for the San Gabriel River Trail connection to Pio Pico State Historic Park.

In addition, the Executive Officer reported to the Board on the following activities in the Gateway Cities:

- Several projects continue to be worked on in the Compton Creek watershed, including the City of Lynwood Pocket Parks. The RMC continues to circulate the 2010 Compton Creek Storm Drain Daylighting Feasibility Study among stakeholders including the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and the City of Compton.
- Pine Avenue Park in the City of Maywood was dedicated on November 12. This project was executed by the Trust for Public Land with an RMC grant of nearly \$550,000, and brings the total number of parks in Maywood to four.

Recommended Action

Receive and file this report.

