

# GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## Transportation Committee

### AGENDA

*Wednesday, January 4, 2012  
4:30 p. m. Meeting*

*Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
16401 Paramount Boulevard, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Paramount, California*

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** The Transportation Committee will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or an item of interest that is not on the agenda. The Transportation Committee 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 Transportation Committee, and each speaker will only have one opportunity to speak on any one topic. You have the opportunity to address the Transportation Committee at the following times:

- 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 November 2, 2011, is presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of November 2, 2011 Transportation Committee meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:  
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM.

**VIII. REPORTS**

A. MTA Board Recap by Director DuBois

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

**IX. REPORTS – COMMITTEES/AGENCIES**

A. Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP)-Health Impact Assessment Peer Review Status Update

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

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

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

C. Matters from I-5 JPA – Oral Report

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

F. Matters from the Orangeline Development Authority – Oral Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR 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, February 1, 2012 4:30 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  
November 2, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: MTA Director Diane DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Daniels – Paramount, Bruce Barrows – Cerritos, Cheri Kelley - Norwalk, Mohammad Mostakhami – South Gate, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Bill Pagett – City of Paramount, Ron Bates – Pico Rivera

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane DuBois – MTA Director, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Ray Dunton – City of Bellflower, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit, Julie Moore – Office of Supervisor Don Knabe, Tom Modica – City of Long Beach

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Powers – Gateway Cities COG Staff, Jerry Wood – Gateway Cities COG Staff, Karen Heit – Gateway Cities COG Staff, Scott Broten - ICF, Andrew Papson – ICF, Susan DeSantis – Arellano Associates, Robert Urteaga – Move LA, Nancy Pfeffer – Gateway Cities COG Staff, Jack Joseph – Gateway Cities COG Staff, Karissa Selvester – Long Beach Transit, Tony Moreno – La Mirada, Chris Wilson – Office of Assemblymember Lowenthal, R. Miller – Stantec Consulting

Minutes were approved as presented.

Director DuBois announced that the Agenda for this meeting was limited to a few items associated with the Gateway COG Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) and that regular reports would resume next month. She then reviewed the activities of the October MTA Board meeting including the award of feasibility and constructability of the I-710 Early Action projects soundwalls. She brought up the additional \$1 million for TOD planning work slated for the West Santa Ana Branch, the Green Line Extension and Metrolink. She reviewed the new Sheriff's contract that included the restoration of deputies for the Blue and Green Line and dedicated deputies for the Expo Line.

She discussed the process for recruiting and interviewing candidates for the Gateway Service Sector Council and brought forth a recommendation for a new citizen member – Marisa Perez. The Transportation Committee approved sending her name forward for approval by the Board of Directors.

Director DuBois introduced Scott Broten. AQAP Project Manager from ICF who gave a presentation on the Construction Phasing and Emissions Report. He described the

assumptions for the report and standards by which the emissions were considered. Emissions considered were CO, NOx, PM 2.5, PM 10 and fugitive dust. He reviewed each emission and the findings from the modeling exercise. The greatest area of exceedence is from fugitive dust. He referenced the MTA Green Construction policy and that it would represent a 40% decrease in NOx emissions. Using this policy there is also a significant decrease in PM 10 and PM2.5. He summarized the exceedences for the construction emissions. The study will make it possible to plan for mitigations and strategies for reducing exceedences; potential mitigation measures were discussed. The Committee concurred with and approved the recommendations on Page 8 of the Environmental Committee report and forwarded the report on to the COG Board.

The next report was the review of the Environmental Committee recommendations for the Draft Health Impact Assessment (HIA). Ron Bates suggested revising the recommendations to send the draft HIA report through a Peer Review process and then directly on to Caltrans for consideration of inclusion in the I-710 Project environmental documentation.

Angelo Logan, CEHAJ, addressed the issue of Peer Review and made suggestions that a scientific based Peer Review be established. There was general discussion about how the Peer Review be done. Committee members and the public were encouraged to submit their thoughts on conducting the Peer Review.

The Committee moved that the HIA and all associated issues be sent through Peer Review process and forwarded on to Caltrans. The Committee also instructed staff to report back on the Peer Review process.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

**IX. REPORTS –  
COMMITTEES/AGENCIES**

**Item A**

Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan  
(AQAP)

Health Impact Assessment Peer Review  
Status Update

**TO:** Transportation Committee

**FROM:** Diane Dubois, MTA Director

**BY:** Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy

**SUBJECT:** Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) Health Impact Assessment  
Peer Review Status Update

### **Background**

In November, the Transportation Committee approved the following action for the Final Draft Work Product HIA.

- A. Authorize an independent Peer Review process (as outlined in the COG staff report) of the work product, Health Impact Assessment (HIA) prepared by Human Impact Partners, and
- B. The Peer Review shall include inputs and comments from the Technical Working Group and the Roundtables and committees, and
- C. At the conclusion of the Peer Review, a final draft HIA report and the peer review report shall be submitted to Caltrans.

The Transportation Committee also directed staff to report back on the status of the Peer Review Process.

### **Issue**

MTA and COG staff, assisted by Arellano and Associates and ICF, have been negotiating with the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a fair and impartial peer review process.

The National Academy of Sciences was established in 1863 to address the government's urgent need for an independent advisor on scientific matters. As science began to play an ever-increasing role in national priorities and public life, the National Academy of Sciences expanded to include the National Research Council in 1916, the National Academy of Engineering in 1964, and the Institute of Medicine in 1970.

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS), National Academy of Engineering (NAE), and Institute of Medicine (IOM) are private, nonprofit membership organizations that elect the nation's leading scientists, engineers, and medical professionals and engage in a wide variety of activities to advance research and knowledge in science, engineering, and medicine. Most policy studies done at the request of the government are conducted by the National Research Council (NRC), operated jointly by the NAS and the NAE.

The peer review will most likely be conducted by the NRC, should the governing board of the NAS decide to accept the project. Their board will make this decision at its meeting scheduled on January 12th. In anticipation of this acceptance, COG and MTA staff, along with the consultant team, will engage the Environmental Committee, as well as the Technical and advisory Roundtables and interested public, in a review of the proposed research questions submitted to the NAS, and receive any suggestions for peer reviewers. This information, as well as all of the input received from the Environmental Committee and Roundtables, and all written correspondence, will be forwarded to the NAS for use in the peer review process. A public input session will be conducted by NAS as part of the peer review process.

**Recommended Action**

It is recommended that the Transportation Committee receive and file this report.