

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Transportation Committee

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 2, 2011
4:30 p. m. Meeting

Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard, 1st 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

A. Orangeline Development Authority Letter

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 February 2, 2011, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of February 2nd, 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 – Oral Report

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

B. Gateway Cities Council of Governments Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) Overview by Scott Broten, ICF

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C. Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Overview by Nancy Pfeffer, Gateway Cities COG Director of Regional Planning - Oral Report

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D. Metro Blue Line Safety by Director DuBois - Oral Report

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

E. Caltrans Highway Maintenance Update - Oral Report

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

IX. REPORTS – COMMITTEES/AGENCIES

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

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

B. Matters from I-5 JPA – Oral Report

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C. Matters from I-710 EIR/EIS Corridor Project – Oral Report

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D. Matters from SR-91/I-605/I-405 Major Corridor Project – Oral Report

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E. Matters from the Orangeline Development Authority – Oral Report

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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, April 6, 2011 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.

VI. MATTERS FROM STAFF
Item A
Orangeline Development Authority
Letter



OLDA

February 10, 2011

OLDA is a joint powers agency formed to pursue development of a high speed environmentally friendly transit system in Southern California. The Authority is composed of the following public agencies:

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The Honorable Diane Dubois, Chair
Pacific Electric Right-of-Way/West Santa Ana Branch Corridor
Alternatives Analysis Study Steering Committee
One Gateway Plaza, 3rd Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember Dubois,

On January 19, 2011, the Orangeline Development Authority (OLDA) Board of Directors (OLDA) conducted a special policy work session focusing on the SCAG Pacific Electric Right-of-Way/West Santa Ana Branch Corridor Alternatives Analysis Study. The work session included representatives of SCAG management including Mr. Hasan Ikhrata, the consultant team and consultants to OLDA. In addition, we were honored to have in attendance Mr. Art Brown, your former co-chair, whose comments and insights were very valuable to our deliberations.

During the work session, OLDA staff presented information relevant to the study. This presentation was requested in response to information provided by SCAG staff and the agency's consultants during the second round of community outreach meetings as well as presentations and documentation delivered to the technical and steering committees.

Following review and discussion of the material presented at the work session, the OLDA Board directed staff to prepare a communication addressed to the Steering Committee containing a series of issue questions, comments and recommendations concerning the study to the Steering Committee. The OLDA Board's questions and recommendations are below and asks the Steering Committee to request responses and action from SCAG:

- Ensure that the study consider the entire corridor from Santa Ana to Santa Clarita. While we understand the study cannot focus on the extended corridor, enough work needs to be accomplished so study participants understand how the PE ROW fits into a broader high speed transit corridor. Has any work been done to look at the corridor from downtown Los Angeles to Santa Clarita? Does this include connection to the Bob Hope Airport? Will the study look at transportation connectivity and access modes beyond the current corridor as part of the system trip analysis?
- At what point will the study examine operating costs and system maintenance costs, ridership, station location issues, types of riders and system performance? OLDA would like this information discussed at upcoming technical and steering committee meetings.
- Will the study consider skip stop and express service operations?
- When and to what level will the study analyze grade crossings and grade separation issues? Will this analysis include safety and risk assessment?

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 - Art Brown, Co-Chair, Steering Committee
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 - Karen Heit, OLDA
 - Richard Powers, Gateway Cities Council of Governments
 - Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities Council of Governments
 - Ronald Bates, OLDA City Manager Representative
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 - Nancy Michali, AECOM
 - Deborah Chankin, City of Bellflower

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
February 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 Diane DuBois – MTA Director, Gil Hurtado – South Gate, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Stan Carroll- La Habra Heights Gordon Stefenhagen – Norwalk, Ray Dunton – Bellflower, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Bill Pagett – Paramount.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Representative – Supervisor Don Knabe's Office, Ken Farfsing, Eric Shen

OTHERS PRESENT: Niki Tennant – Assemblymember Lowenthal's Office, Richard Powers, Jerry Wood, Nancy Pfeffer, Karen Heit – COG staff, David Hershenson – MTA. Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Victor Moreno – Caltrans, Yvette Kirrin – I-5 JPA, Michael Kodama – OLDA.

The January 5th meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Director DuBois gave the MTA Board highlights focusing on the Unified Project Cost Control item. She reviewed the various cost impact milestones. She reviewed the two Motions that changed the Unified Cost Control Measure to return for subregional review. She also discussed the Capital Project Contingency Escrow idea that would help to reserve funding for projects in the latter years of Measure R.

Karen Heit discussed the Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Procurement and MTA development of a two-prong approach that would allow the MTA to proceed with the "normal" FTA procurement guidelines if the MTA requested relief from the guidelines was rejected.

Vincent Moreno, Caltrans Maintenance came to address the issue of graffiti and vandalism along the I-710. He is doing an assessment of the graffiti and vandalism on the UP and Caltrans ROW. He described the Ventura County vandalism collaborative that he hoped would be emulated here. He discussed the Ventura truss bridge and the approach used there; it has graffiti, illegal pedestrian use and homeless encampments, and other issues that require resolution. He talked about the relationship between the bridges and drug traffic and other crime. Moreno discussed the need to address the issues holistically involving the cities, Caltrans, property owners and the railroad. The Ventura model requires a

collaborative to get things accomplished. He let the TC know that there is repair work going on bridge abutments along the I-710 and some landscape improvements, although this is hampered by the state budget. He would like to return as the assessment underway is finished.

Dave Hershenson, discussed the State of the Transportation meeting that MTA Chair, Supervisor Knabe, gave in January, the meeting featured MTA projects and activities in the Fourth District (South Bay and Gateway COGs). He then went on to discuss the service changes and the region-wide meeting that was held in downtown LA. He also announced Alex Clifford's departure from the MTA to METRA in Chicago. A specific question was asked about the elimination of Line 612 for the upcoming service changes.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director, announced that Carmenita construction bid RFP would be out March 1 and under construction by the end of the year. She discussed the construction mitigations for the I-5 and the process that is going to occur for approval. Director DuBois asked about the submission of earmarks requests.

I-710 Project Committee Co -Chair Hurtado reviewed the PC Committee and the interest from the public with the Air Quality Action Plan, Chair Hurtado also discussed the recommendation by the PC to move forward with Early Action projects – soundwalls at various locations. Jerry Wood, COG Engineer, discussed the action taken to move the "Early Action" projects and that the AQAP was going to commence this week. He went on to discuss the Utility plans, the south contract has been awarded and the north is going out to bid. Mr. Powers discussed the soundwalls being consistent with the I-710 design standards,

Wood went on to discuss the SR-91/I-605/I-405 and the expectation that the contract be awarded sometime this month.

Mike Kodama, OLDA Executive Director, discussed the E-76 for the Bob Hope Airport ground access study that would provide planning and mobility information for the northern corridor of the OLDA alignment. He also talked about the SCAG Pacific Electric Right of Way/West Santa Ana Branch Alternatives Analysis and the comments and issues raised by the OLDA Board.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35

**VIII. REPORTS
ITEM B**

**Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP)
Overview by Scott Broten, ICF**

**(see presentation
separately attached)**

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Diane Dubois, MTA Director

BY: Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy

SUBJECT: Gateway Cities Council of Governments Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP)
Overview by Scott Broten, ICF

Issue

The GCCOG, in partnership with the MTA, has embarked upon an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) to meet the community expectations of the I-710 Major Corridor Study and enable the COG communities to track and assess air quality improvements in the sub-region.

Background

There were many environmental and air quality issues articulated in the I-710 Major Corridor Study that became part of the Tier II report. The Tier II issues form the foundation for the AQAP along with several areas of inquiry that arose through the development of the I-710 environmental process.

The AQAP will:

- Update and maintain the air quality compendium – actions taken by others to improve air quality,
- The AQAP will track effectiveness of various air quality improvement measures.
- Maximize benefits of existing air quality measure.
- Develop new air quality measures, propose legislation.
- Support early action items including land use initiatives.

The AQAP will also provide the following for the I-710 Corridor:

- A comprehensive Health Impact Assessment (HIA)
- Near source air quality impact analysis

Recommended Action

The attached presentation outlines the AQAP process and the community participation framework. It is recommended that the Transportation Committee review the public participation framework and forward it the GCCOG Board for approval.

Attachment

AQAP Presentation

**IX – REPORTS –
COMMITTEES/AGENCIES
ITEM D**

**Matters from SR-91/I-605/I-405 Major
Corridor Project**

**(see presentation
separately attached)**

SR-91/I-605/I-405 Milestones

- Data from I-710 studies show impacts on cities east of the I-710 corridor
- June 2004 Cerritos convened a meeting of COG cities on 91 & 605 freeways
- Meeting outcomes included:
 - Creation of 91-605 Corridor Cities Committee
 - Agreed to city assessments to perform a Needs Assessment Study
- September 2005 Needs Assessment Study completed & adopted by Corridor Cities Committee
- Corridor cities agreed to proceed with a Major Corridor Study
- Subsequently, the City of Long Beach requested inclusion of the 405 freeway into the Major Corridor Study
- LA/Orange County cross border study commenced at request of Supervisor Knabe
- MTA provided funding to perform "Initial Studies" for Major Corridor Study
- October 2007 Guiding Principles adopted by Corridor Cities Committee and Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board
- May 2008 "Initial Studies" for Major Corridor Study completed
- Summer 2008 LA/Orange County cross border study completed
- Traffic analysis from I-105 in Paramount, Downey & Norwalk included for total understanding of 91-605 corridor
- The studies & actions of the Corridor Cities Committee resulted in \$590 million for congestion hot spots in the corridor being included in Measure R
- First new Gateway Cities project to be funded out of Measure R is the Congestion Hot Spots Feasibility Study, which is being commenced at tonight's meeting

SR-91/I-605/I-405 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Adopted by the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee on October 18, 2007
Adopted by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors November 1, 2007

Continued mobility is essential to preserving local economies and enhancing quality of life in the Gateway Cities and Southern California. Since it is not possible to build our way out of goods movement-related congestion via freeway construction without major disruption to these economies and this quality of life, the Corridor Cities Committee adopts the following Guiding Principles for SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridors:

1. Confine new freeway construction (including adding lanes) to existing State right-of-way in order to preserve and enhance local economies and environments. New construction will not involve double-decking on any part of the freeway.
2. Address freeway operational deficiencies, relieve freeway congestion "hot-spots" and decrease the impact of truck bypass traffic on communities as soon as possible.
3. Secure funding for major corridor studies and improvements as soon as possible without affecting the funding for the I-5 or I-710 Freeway improvements
4. Support a separate freight movement corridor provided it is evaluated and constructed along non-freeway (e.g., rail or utility) alignments using minimally or non-polluting technologies.
5. Implement additional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) improvements in the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor and advocate a broader regional approach to support this initiative.
6. Continue Metro/OCTA/GCCOG inter-county transportation planning efforts.
7. Collaborate with SGVCOG to engage Metro in immediate development of Los Angeles County Goods Movement Strategy.
8. Aggressively advocate with all responsible agencies to preserve and enhance health and quality of life in the corridor.
9. Engage corridor cities in an ongoing process of city consultation and interactive communication.