

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Transportation Committee

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 1, 2011
4:30 p. m. Meeting

Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard, 1st 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 May 4, 2011, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of May 4, 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 , MTA Director

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

B. Caltrans Highway Maintenance Demonstration – Oral Report by Ken Coleman, Director of Highway Programs

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

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

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

D. Advisory Roundtable Rules by Karen Heit, Gateway Cities COG Staff

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 Service 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

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

- D. 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

- E. Matters from the California High Speed Rail Authority – 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, June 29, 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.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
Item A
Approval of Minutes
May 4, 2011

**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
May 4, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: MTA Director Diane DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT Diane DuBois – MTA Director, Gil Hurtado – South Gate, Stan Carroll- La Habra Heights, Ray Dunton – Bellflower, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Ken Farfsing –Signal Hill, Bill Pagett – Paramount.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Representative – Supervisor Don Knabe's Office, Eric Shen, Gene Daniels,

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, Yvette Kirrin – I-5 JPA, Tony Mereno – City of La Mirada, Ayman Salana – TRC, Juan Carlos Velasquez CH2MHill.

The February and March Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

Director DuBois gave the MTA Board highlights focusing on two actions, beginning with the Prop. IB bond sale situation. She ran down the potential impacts for the cancellation of the Fall bonds sale. MTA intends to address the COG next month and ask for assistance.

She then discussed the change to the Bicycles-on-Rail policy that would remove the peak hour restrictions and also would require the removal of seats. She went over the Knabe/DuBois Motion and the staff reaction resulting in a change in policy that would not remove seats on the Metro Blue Line.

Jerry Wood, COG Transportation Engineer, gave a presentation on Green Trucks. He attended the fifth annual green trucks conference in Minneapolis. The conference discussed the deployment of Green vehicles. Major firms having green truck fleets include Coca-Cola, Fed-Ex and United Parcel. He cited that there may be a need for legislation to assist with the implementation of green truck corridors. He also discussed Calstart coming to talk about the development of the trucks and a business and implementation plan, including the disposition of used truck batteries. Fueling issues are important to making the freight movement corridor work, accommodating recharging batteries, CNG and other clean other fuels; no single technology is rising to the top.

Wood went on to discuss the COG Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) a GCCOG initiative to assess the improvement of air quality in the Gateway Cities subregion. He discussed the structure for the study and the participation framework. The AQAP and its elements will appear before the Transportation Committee and ultimately the COG Board over the coming year. He went on the talk about the Compendium of environmental activities and to assess programs that had been implemented and the impact on subregional air quality. Richard Powers mentioned the cross-over between the various transportation projects and the SCS and that there would be some common area.

Nancy Pfeffer, COG staff, gave a presentation about the Gateway Cities COG Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). She began with a discussion of the starting point for Green House Gas (GHG) reduction. She went on to discuss the transportation strategies and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategies and their GHG reduction impact. She went on to discuss the SCAG sustainability tool and how it applies with the way cities designate their land use. She went on to describe the reduction of GHG using the various tools. The sum is the Gateway Cities is able to meet the GHG goals through the techniques chosen. Interactive impacts are land use working with transportation. The regional transportation projects are somewhat speculative in their ability to be financed, also the ability to secure operational funds. Lastly, she discussed the next steps and the COG board sending the project forward to SCAG for inclusion in the SCAG regional SCS. A suggestion was made to “beef-up” the financial and funding section.

Diane DuBois referenced a letter to support the confirmation of Fran Inman to the California Transportation Commission sent by the COG President. Ms. Inman has a firm grasp upon goods movement issues and will be an asset to the Gateway COGs transportation Agenda in the state.

Director DuBois brought up an MTA sponsored initiative to work with Caltrans to clean up the freeways and rid the freeways of the graffiti. She relayed a conversation with Art Leahy concerning the issue and mentioned that a director from the highway group would be coming to the next Transportation Committee to discuss issues with the Transportation Committee concerning the demo.

David Hershenson, spoke about the issues on the Metro Blue Line and the discussions that have occurred at the Governance Council. He relayed a Governance Council presentation from Commander Patrick Jordan of the Transit Service Bureau. There was a discussion of the Transit Court and undercover work, He brought up Cherri Kelly’s diligence in reporting conditions and behaviors as well as the efforts of Wally Shidler he brought up new enforcement sting activities from Lieutenant Bethune.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA - Executive Director, gave an update on Alondra and Rosecrans – they are ready to bid providing there is continued funding. Bids for Carmenita are due in May. Construction mitigations on phase I are almost completed and Phase II mitigations were awarded. Caltrans has announced it has 30,000 trees available for I-5 cities and warranty.

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Jerry Wood gave a report on the I-710 Corridor updating the release date for the I-710 EIR/EIS to be released early next year. The utility studies are underway and another one is ready for release. He went on to discuss the Sr-91/I-605/I-405 projects and the feasibility study currently underway and the potential for the Gateway Cities Transportation Strategic Plan.

Richard Powers discussed the CHSRT project and the administrative entity. He offered to work towards establishing a structure for the cities to work within to keep the project moving along.

Karen Heit, gave a presentation on the Alternatives Analysis for the OLDA project including the addition of Low-speed Mag-Lev and street car to move forwards. The project selection was expected in June 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45.

VIII. REPORTS

ITEM C

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

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TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Diane Dubois, MTA Director

BY: Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy

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

Issue

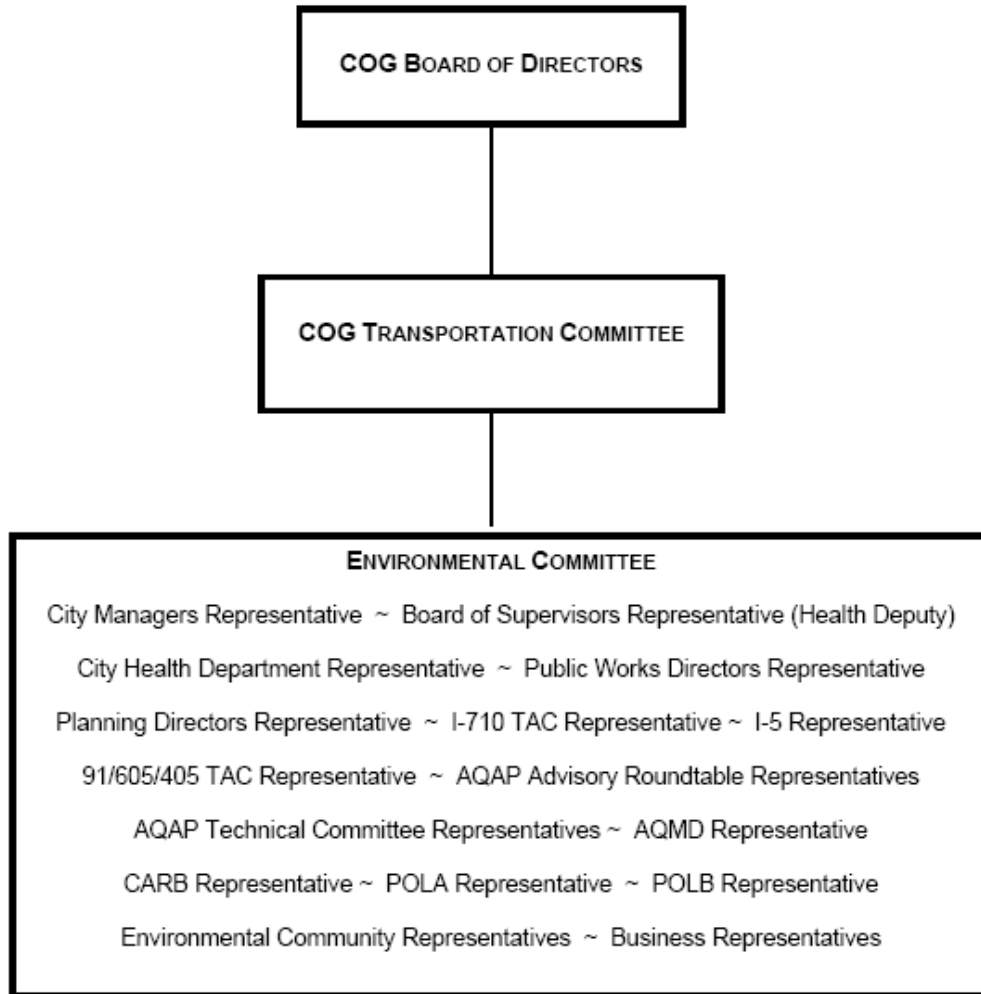
Scott Broten, project manager, for the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) will update the Committee on the activities of the various technical working groups that have been formed to facilitate the AQAP and its component projects. He will also discuss the AQAP Adoption Framework for this project and the function and composition of the ad-hoc Environmental Committee subcommittee that will pull together strategies and proposals for GCCOG Board approval.

This Committee will report to this Transportation Committee as needed; and the this Committee will refer matters to the COG Board for approval.

Attachment

AQAP Adoption Framework

AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN ADOPTION FRAMEWORK



VIII. REPORTS
ITEM D

**Advisory Roundtable Rules By Karen
Heit, Gateway Cities COG Staff**

TO: Transportation Committee
FROM: Diane Dubois, MTA Director
BY: Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy
SUBJECT: Advisory Roundtable Rules By Karen Heit, Gateway Cities COG Staff

Issue

The Gateway Cities Participation framework for the AQAP will result in a series of roundtables that will consist of city, business, community and technical representatives all working together to determine the future of the AQAP.

Background

The Roundtables will help guide and determine the composition and content of the AQAP in a very short time frame. In order to maximize the time and energy for all participants, a draft set of ground Rules for Participation has been created for use and approval by the Roundtables.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Transportation Committee review and comment on the Ground rules and forward them to the Roundtable for adoption.

Attachment

Advisory Roundtable Ground Rules – Draft

Advisory Roundtable Ground Rules - Draft

Ground Rules for Participating

1. **Only one person will speak at a time**, and no one will interrupt when another person is speaking.
2. Each person agrees to candidly identify **the interests of the constituency he or she represents**.
3. Each person will **express his own views**, rather than speaking for others at the table or attributing motives to them.
4. Each person will **avoid grandstanding** (i.e. making extended comments or asking repeated questions), so that everyone has a fair change to speak and to contribute.
5. **No one will make personal attacks**. Participants agree to challenge ideas, not people. If a personal attack is made, the facilitator will ask the participants to refrain from personal attacks. If personal attacks continue, the facilitator may ask the group to take a break to “cool off.”
6. Each person will make every effort to **stay on track with the agenda** and to move the deliberations forward.
7. Each person will seek to **focus on the merits of what is being said**, making a good faith effort to understand the concerns of others. Clarifying questions are encouraged, rhetorical questions and disparaging comments are discouraged.
8. Each person will seek to follow a “**no surprises**” rule- voicing his or her concerns whenever they arise. In this way, no one will be taken off-guard late in the deliberations when someone suddenly raises an objection.
9. Each person will seek to **identify options or proposals that represent common ground**, without glossing over or minimizing legitimate disagreements. Each participant agrees to do his best to take account of the interests of the group as a whole.
10. Each person **reserves the right to disagree** with any proposal and **accepts responsibility for offering alternatives** that accommodate his or her interests as well as the interests of others.
11. Each person agrees to **keep the constituencies he or she represents informed** about the issues and options under discussion and to **seek their input and advice on any recommendations** that emerge.
12. Each person will **speak to the media about only his own views**. No member will speak on behalf of other participants or the group as a whole.

Ground Rules for Group Decision Making

1. Each person agrees to fully and consistently participate in the process unless that person withdraws. If participants are thinking of withdrawing, they agree to explain their reasons for doing so and to give the others a chance to accommodate their concerns.
2. **Consensus is reached** when the participants agree that they can “live with” the package

being proposed. Some participants may not agree completely with every feature of the package as proposed, but they do not disagree enough to warrant opposition to the whole package.

3. The following scale will be used periodically by the facilitator to test whether consensus has been reached. **Using straw votes**, participants should express their level of comfort and commitment by indicating:
 - a. Wholeheartedly agree
 - b. Good idea
 - c. Supportive
 - d. Reservations—would like to talk
 - e. Serious concerns – must talk
 - f. Cannot be part of the decision—must block it

If all the participants fall between a and c, consensus on the item under discussion will be assumed. When someone falls between d and f, that person must state concerns clearly and offer a constructive alternative.

4. If the stakeholder **representatives cannot reach consensus**, they agree to document the agreements they have reached, clarify the reasons for disagreeing, and indicate how the remaining disagreements might be resolved.
5. The participants will consider their **“fallback” option if no agreement can be reached**, including mechanisms that provide incentives for the participants to continue trying to reach agreement. Fallback options include:
 - a. identifying issues requiring further research and suspending deliberations until that research has been completed;
 - b. agreeing to switch to a super-majority voting rule (e.g. something like a 75-percent or 80-percent majority would be required);
 - c. seeking a recommendation from Gateway Cities or an independent expert regarding possible ways of resolving their remaining disagreements. This might provide a “reality check” that encourages one or more parties to come back to the table with more realistic expectations;
 - d. including a minority report;
 - e. Deferring to the Gateway Cities COG Transportation Committee to make a final recommendation to the Gateway Cities COG Board.

IX. REPORTS – COMMITTEES/AGENCIES

Item B

Matters from I-5 JPA –

Oral Report



Item 4

Status Report
I-5 - OCL to I-605
Widening

M Metro

Construction Committee
Measure R Project Delivery Committee
May 19, 2011

The image features a stylized illustration of three construction workers in safety gear (hard hats, high-visibility vests) working on a highway. One worker in the foreground is using a jackhammer, another in the middle is holding a blueprint, and a third in the background is using a power tool. The background shows a city skyline with palm trees under a blue sky. The text 'Status Report I-5 - OCL to I-605 Widening' is overlaid on the left side of the illustration. The bottom of the slide has a dark teal banner with the Metro logo and meeting details.

I-5 – OCL to I-605 Widening

Project Schedule

Project Risks

- Construction/Right of Way

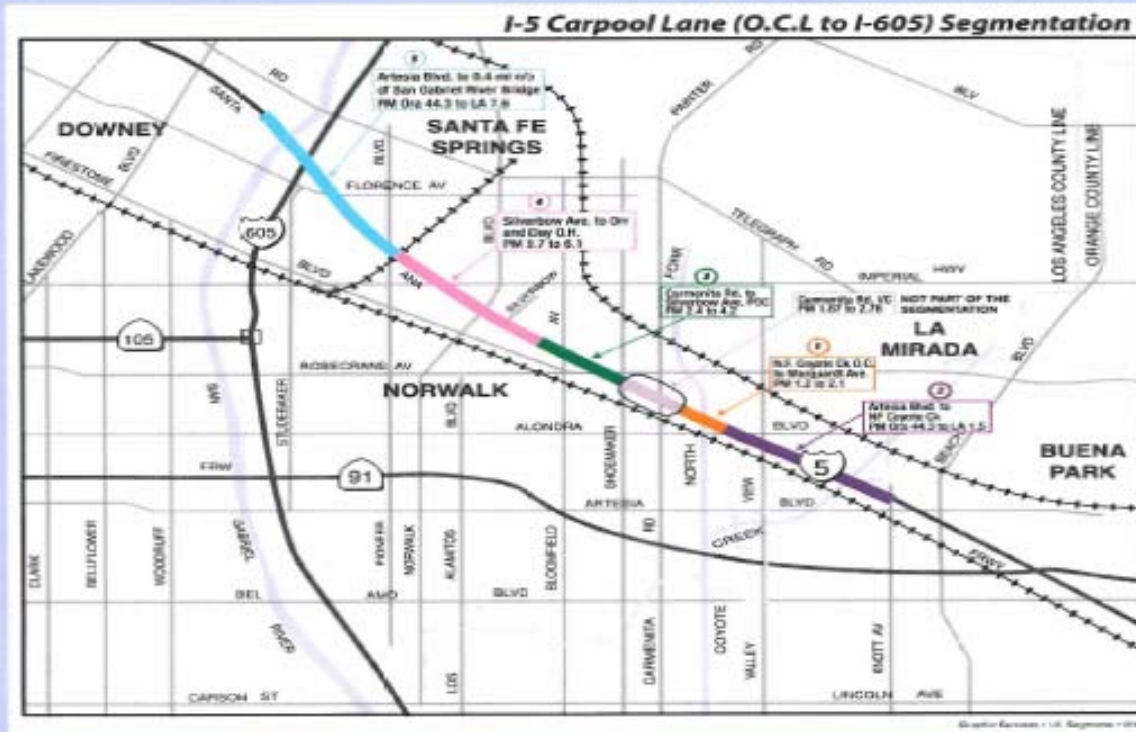
 - Utilities/Hazardous Waste/ROW

- Funding Risks

 - CMIA Funding



I-5 – OCL to I-605 Widening



I-5 – OCL to I-605 Widening

PROJECT SCHEDULE

<i>Project</i>	<i>Design</i>	<i>ROW</i>	<i>Start Const.</i>	<i>End Const.</i>
Carmenita	100%	95%	Jun. 2011	Jun. 2015
Alondra	100%	80%	Nov. 2011	Jun. 2015
Shoemaker	95%	60%	Aug. 2012	Apr. 2016
Imperial	65%	30%	Aug. 2012	Apr. 2016
Valley View	50%	20%	Jun. 2013	Apr. 2016
Florence	45%	40%	Jun. 2013	Dec.2016

all projects to be constructed with a Cert. 3



I-5 – OCL to I-605 Widening

Carmenita Rd. Interchange map segment

\$379 million

\$110 million for construction

\$168 million for Right of Way (ROW)

Bid Opening May 12

\$100 million for construction

\$xxx million for ROW

Begin construction June 2011

Completion May 2015

Risks – ROW/Utilities

I-5 – OCL to I-605 Widening

Alondra Ave. map segment 1

\$109 million

.43 miles in length

100% design

ROW 80%

Starts construction November 2011

Completion June 2015

\$72.2 million in CMIA Funds

Risks – Utility/CMIA Funding (\$72 million)



I-5 – OCL to I-605 Widening

Shoemaker, Rosecrans, Bloomfield

Bridges map segment 3

\$214 million

1.24 miles length

95% design

60% ROW

Starts construction August 2012

Completion April 2016

\$147 million in CMIA Funds

Risks – Utilities/CMIA Funding (\$147 million)



I-5 – OCL to I-605 Widening

Imperial Hwy map segment 4

\$302 million

1.89 miles

65% design

30% ROW

Starts construction August 2012

Completion April 2016

Risks – Utility/ROW/CMIA Funding (\$167 million)



I-5 – OCL to I-605 Widening

Valley View Rd. Interchange map segment 2

\$416 million

1.44 miles

60% design

20% ROW

Begin Construction June 2013

Completion April 2016

Risks – Hazardous waste/ROW/Utilities



I-5 – OCL to I-605 Widening

Florence Ave. map segment 5

\$198 million

1.71 miles

45% design

40 ROW

Start Construction June 2013

Completion December 2016

Risks - Utility Relocation