

# GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## Transportation Committee

### AGENDA

Wednesday, September 7, 2011  
4:30 p. m. Meeting

Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
16401 Paramount Boulevard, 2nd 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 August 3, 2011, is presented for approval.

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

**VIII. REPORTS\***

\* **Note - This Meeting will focus on bringing the Committee up to date on the development of the Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan; the regular reports and updates will resume in October**

A. MTA/Caltrans Highway Maintenance Demonstration Update

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) – Purpose & Mission

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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, October 5, 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**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Chair – MTA Director Diane DuBois  
Gateway Cities Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd. , Paramount  
August 3, 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, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Tom Modica – Long Beach, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Ron Bates – Pico Rivera, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Julie Moore – Supervisor Don Knabe.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Ray Dunton – Bellflower, Bill Pagett – Paramount, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit, Representative – Port of Long Beach.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Kodama – Orangeline Development Authority, Richard Powers – Gateway Cities COG staff, Jerry Wood – Gateway Cities COG staff, Nancy Pfeffer – Gateway Cities COG staff, Karen Heit – Gateway Cities COG staff, Danielle Valentino – Metro. Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Yvette Kirrin – I-5 JPA, Tony Mereno –City of La Mirada, Adrian Alvarez – Metro, Juan Carlos Velasquez - CH2MHill, Karissa Selvester – Long Beach Transit, Michelle Boehm – CH2M Hill.

Director DuBois reordered the agenda; beginning with a report from Michael Kodama – Executive Director - OLDA. Kodama discussed the progress with the SCAG Alternatives Analysis and the integration of a low-speed mag-lev option to the Alternatives Analysis. He announced that the next OLDA Board Meeting will be held at the COG offices in Paramount to accommodate guest speaker, Senator Alan Lowenthal.

Jerry Wood, COG Engineer, discussed the SR-91/I-605/I-405 feasibility work. The planning and engineering work to support the development of assumptions and to analyze need is progressing. SCAG is still considering the SR-91 as a freight corridor with truck lanes. OCTA and Gateway Cities are desirous of looking at alternatives that do not expand the freeway footprint. The SR-91/I-605/I-405 committee will look at a master plan of highways. A question was asked about the SR-60 freight corridor, the response being it's still in consideration along with UP alignment and the San Jose Creek options.

Wood continued with an overview of the I-710 Corridor project which is still moving toward the release of the draft environmental documents in February 2012. The technical documents are in review and the administrative draft (for agency review) is under development. Utility studies are underway for both north and south segments of the

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corridor as well as activities to that will help determine the design the Freight Movement Corridor. The Early Action sound walls determination and design procurement selection is underway. The ITS Implementation Plan work is underway, with participation from USDOT and the ITS steering group.

Yvette Kirrin – Executive Director I-5 JPA gave an update on the I-5 Corridor. Property acquisition activities are underway for the I-5 from the I-605 to the County Line for over a 100 parcels. The I-5 JPA is functioning mainly as an advocate for impacted property owners and businesses. The I-5 JPA pre-construction projects soon to be underway will have an 18-month construction period, these projects will help alleviate congestion during the reconstruction of the freeway. Carmenita Interchange construction planning efforts have included meetings with business owners and property owners on construction impacts. A question was asked about the construction mitigation work – how it is handled and what the work entails. The answer is the affected cities will handle the money and the construction details and design.

David Hershenson gave the Gateway Cities Service Sector report. He discussed the reduced \$5 day pass which made its debut and the rolling monthly transit pass which will be good for 30-days once initiated thereby easing lines at customer service centers. He discussed the service cuts which were not implemented because of ridership increases. They will be reevaluated in December. He discussed the success of the “Carnegeddon” awareness campaign and the MTA assistance with the I-710 weekend closures. Councilman Daniels thanked Dave for the increased presence of law enforcement of the Blue Line. Mohammad Mostakhami brought up the closure as an opportunity to paint out the UP bridge graffiti. There will be 10 weekend closure opportunities to make this happen.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes were approved for the June 29, 2011 meeting.

MTA Director DuBois discussed the MTA Green Construction Policy and the phasing in of the policy for cities. The policy will not be imposed on all MTA funded projects; the policy will be presented to the cities in a collaborative manner

Transportation Deputy Karen Heit gave a report on the Caltrans Maintenance issue and where the MTA was in the implementation process. Long Beach asked about the scope extension. There was discussion about the upcoming Caltrans I-710 freeway closures and the potential for having Caltrans paint out the graffiti on the bridges. Assemblymember Lowenthal offered to call the head of Caltrans and investigate the potential for getting the State to paint out the graffiti or gain permission for others to paint the bridges during the upcoming freeway closures.

Heit gave an over view of the GCCOG Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) and why it’s being done and what the expectations are of the Transportation Committee. Director DuBois proposed the September Meeting to bring the Committee up to date on the various components of the AQAP and the work the Committee would need to do.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

## **VIII. REPORTS**

### **ITEM B**

# **Gateway Cities Council of Governments Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) – Purpose and Mission**

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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) – Purpose and Mission

**Issue**

This Transportation Committee meeting will serve as a workshop to assist committee members in developing the necessary background to make informed recommendations to the GCCOG Board on the Gateway Cities COG Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP). This plan is being developed in partnership with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) who is providing project management and has been instrumental in assisting the COG in programming a \$2.4 million federal earmark provided by Congressman Linda Sanchez to the GCCOG.

**Background:**

The AQAP is a fulfillment of a promise to the community to pursue air quality improvement for the Gateway Cities subregion. The AQAP is founded in an I-710 Oversight Policy Committee (I-710 OPC) action in 2005. The AQAP's primary purpose is to assist the Gateway Cities' communities in determining advocacy for any additional air quality improvements, measures, projects and programs.

Although the genesis for the AQAP was the I-710 Corridor project, the COG Board determined that air quality improvement is a subregional concern and priority and directed staff to define the plan area as the entire Gateway Cities COG subregion.

The AQAP will lay out a comprehensive, actionable plan that addresses residents' concerns in an informed and cost-effective manner. Based on the recommendations from the I-710 OPC, the following objectives were determined:

- Determine and quantify existing air and health quality setting.
- Determine effectiveness of planned near-term air quality improvements.
- Analyze possible new (or emerging) air quality improvements or strategies, including estimating costs, time-lines and responsiveness.
- Develop a conceptual plan to implement and measure air quality improvements for the region.
- Work with regional, state, and federal agencies responsible for air pollution and enforcement and industry stakeholders along with local communities to develop consensus for this plan.

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AQAP activities also include the development of four products that are unique to the I-710 Corridor project. The I-710 Corridor Project Committee which has been coordinating community involvement and input with the development of the I-710 Corridor environmental process (EIR/EIS) for the past three years directed staff to produce the following studies for potential inclusion into the I-710 environmental process and documents.

These I-710 Corridor specific products are:

- I-710 Near Roadway Modeling Assessment
- I-710 Ultrafine Particulate Matter
- I-710 Construction Staging and Phasing Emissions
- I-710 Health Impact Assessment

Upon completion, these products will be forwarded to Caltrans, the lead agency, for the I-710 Corridor, who will determine if they will ultimately be incorporated into the I-710 environmental documents.

**Attachment**

Gateway Cities Council of Governments Air Quality Action Plan Briefing Package