

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

Wednesday, January 5, 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.

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- 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 December 1, 2010, is presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of December 1, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated January 5, 2011
- C. November 2010 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. Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) Presentación by Celia Ayala, CEO

15 Min

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

- B. COG Board Workshop on Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)

30 Min

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

NOTE: BECAUSE THE GATEWAY CITIES COG ASSUMED DELEGATION OF THE SCS INITIATIVE, THIS AGENDA ITEM IS A PART OF THE ADOPED POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A. Report from the Conservancy Committee – No Meeting to 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

1. Nomination of a Community Member to the Metro Gateway Cities Governance Council

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– 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, February 2, 2011 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
December 1, 2010**

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: President Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
First Vice President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Immediate Past President Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy
Member Anne M. Bayer, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Alberto Perez, City of Montebello
Member Gustavo Camacho, City of Pico Rivera
Member Joe Serrano, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Curt Pederson, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: Second Vice President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Susan Tripp, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Gerry Hertzberg, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
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; Santa Fe Springs City

City Manager Fred Latham; South Gate City Manager Ron Bates; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Community Development Director Sonia Southwell; SCAG Director of Land Use and Environmental Planning Huasha Liu; SCAG Public Affairs Officer Matt Horton; MWD Senior Regional Affairs Representative Luis Cetina; Barbara Levine, Senior Regional Manager, LAEDC; Jose Torres, Conservation Corps of Long Beach; Ayman Salama, Senior Project Manager, TRC; Tom Ionta, Senior Project Manager CH2M Hill; Frank Osgood, Author of Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; GCCOG 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 Aguirre 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 Member Lima, seconded by Member Aguilar, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Barbara Levine, Senior Regional Manager, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, presented an update on LAEDC's Business Assistance Program in the Gateway Cities. She congratulated the City of Cerritos for winning the LAEDC award as the most business friendly city of cities under 60,000 population. She said other finalists from the Gateway Cities as business friendly cities were Commerce, Downey, La Mirada, and Whittier.

Ms. Levine discussed the business retention activities in the subregion. She said the mission of LAEDC is business attraction, expansion, and retention, as well as job growth for all areas of Los Angeles County. She said they work in partnership with cities and the County. She thanked the COG for being an early Champion of the LAEDC Strategic Plan for Economic Development in Los Angeles County. She briefly discussed the layoff aversion projects done for the SASSFA and SELACO WIBs.

Ms. Levine said that the economy is picking up, particularly with more activity at the ports. She said that retail stores will be closing, especially those in unattractive strip malls. She said there are signs of recovery, but there are still empty properties.

It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by First Vice President Dunton, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use and Environmental Planning for SCAG, gave a report on

SCAG's Climate and Economic Development Project. She said survey results show the most important thing today is jobs. She said that, in the past, when the Regional Transportation Plan has been done, there has never been an economic impact analysis until now, with the new RTP. She said SCAG will conduct a regional economic impact analysis as part of the Sustainable Communities Strategy under SB 375. She said SCAG had held two stakeholder meetings and established committees and focus groups. She said the next stakeholder meeting will be held on January 12 and all are invited. At that meeting, consultants will model suggested policies to see how effective they will be.

It was moved by Member Dobson, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing presented a report from the City Managers Steering Committee recommending that the Board retain the services of California State University Long Beach to develop and maintain a demographic data base for the Gateway Cities. He said the COG currently does not have a demographic data management and forecasting ability, even though the Joint Powers Agreement lists data base management as one of the COG's functions. He said the lack of this data places the Gateway Cities at a disadvantage when applying for state and federal grants. In addition, this data is of critical importance to developing the subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy under SB 375. Mr. Farfsing said the proposed cost of \$60,665 is recommended to be funded by a formula based on a flat rate of \$1,500 per city, with the balance based on a small percentage (less than one-tenth of one percent) of each city's RDA housing set aside funds. He said that this is option 2 in the staff report; with option 1 based strictly on the size of each city's housing set aside.

Member Carroll asked the basis for selecting Cal State Long Beach and if there had been an open bid process. South Gate City Manager Ron Bates responded that the managers wanted a strong academic entity based on how successful Orange County has been with the data base established by Cal State Fullerton. He said they had looked at people who had done research in this area in the COG and found that they are working at Cal State Long Beach. Mr. Farfsing, in answer to Member Carroll, said that this did not go out to bid.

Member O'Donnell said that Long Beach could do this project on its own for its own city but will do this through the COG. He moved that the Board approve option 2 for funding the project.

Member Carroll offered a substitute motion to put the project out to competitive bid. The motion failed for lack of a second.

It was moved by Member Carroll to approve option 1. The motion failed for lack of a second.

It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Aguirre, to retain Cal State Long Beach to perform the project to develop a subregional data base. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Carroll to fund the project using option 1. The motion failed for lack of a second.

It was moved by Member Aguirre, seconded by Member Bayer, to approve the option 2 funding formula. The motion was approved unanimously, with Member Carroll abstaining.

The Executive Director presented an update on the County Energy Program. He said the County had to restructure the program, which originally was to be based on AB 811 liens on the properties of residential homeowners who wished to participate in the program. Because the federal home mortgage corporations did not approve of those liens, the program is now going to be based on grant-funded rebates to homeowners who obtain financing to make energy saving improvements to their residences. He said the County had renamed the program Energy Upgrade California in Los Angeles County and had retained a large team of consultants to administer the program and do marketing and outreach, as well as contractor certification. He said the COG will coordinate with the County's consultants in outreach and communications with our member cities.

It was moved by Member O'Donnell, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member O'Donnell presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He reported that Conservancy Executive Officer Belinda Faustino would be retiring effective May 4, 2011, and that the Conservancy Board had approved a contract with CPS Human Resources Services to conduct the recruitment for a new Executive Officer. It was moved by Member Aguirre, seconded by Member Aguilar, to receive and file the report and to send a letter of commendation to Belinda Faustinos for her service as the Conservancy's Executive Officer. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the change order for the EIR/EIS should be out to URS next week. He said URS is currently working under a limited notice to proceed, and, because of the changes, is about a year behind schedule. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member Aguilar, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the consultants selected for the feasibility study. He said the consultants are working under a limited notice to proceed to do traffic counts. He said the traffic projections will be very interesting. It was moved by Member Aguilar, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Transportation Committee.

Santa Fe Springs City Manager Fred Latham presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said he first wanted to announce that Santa Fe Springs Councilwoman Betty Putnam is retiring effective December 9, and that a reception would be held at 5:00 p.m. that day at the City Library. He reported that the Committee on Homelessness is in the

the process of doing some realignment of the local alliances at the direction of the County and that a draft plan is being finalized. It was moved by Member Aguilar, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Fred Latham presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He said the decision of the federal government to fund the Fresno to Merced segment first takes some pressure off of the segment through the Gateway Cities. He said he expected the High Speed Rail Authority Board to affirm this decision. He said that he then expects the deadlines affecting the local segment to be extended. He said there are two Congressional initiatives regarding high speed rail. He said the Republicans are pushing to take back the funding for high speed rail projects, and that the California delegation is trying to assemble ARRA funds that have been turned back by other states. It was moved by Member Dobson, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the I-5 JPA.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He said next week SCAG will be hosting GIS training and that tomorrow SCAG is hosting an Economic Recovery Summit. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said the Authority has some issues with SCAG regarding the Pacific Electric West Santa Ana Branch study and wants to broaden the perspective of the study. She said the cities of South Gate and Huntington Park had received Environmental Justice grants for planning for the project. She said there would be a workshop in January for elected officials from the Gateway Cities segment of the project. It was moved by Member Infanzon, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

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

Jose Torres presented a report from the Long Beach Conservation Corps. He said the Corps' weatherization project had kicked off on Thanksgiving weekend and that four homes have been done so far. He referred the Board to informational brochures on the project. He said the Corps is also currently doing a project on the catch basins in the City of La Habra Heights. The Executive Director reported that the Conservation Corps had recently dedicated a new recycling facility in the City of Signal Hill. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

President Hurtado announced the appointment of Member Edward Wilson to the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee. He said he wished Member Anne Bayer well on her retirement from the Downey City Council.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C**

**November 2010 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-lai

December 20, 2010

[PMIA Average Monthly Yields](#)

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF	
TREASURER	
16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVA	

Account Number:

Transactions

November 2010 Statement

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
11/5/2010	11/5/2010	RD	1294631	JACK JOSEPH	125,000.00

Account Summary

Total Deposit:	<input type="text" value="125,000.00"/>	Beginning Balance:	<input type="text" value="1,240,350.22"/>
Total Withdrawal:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Ending Balance:	<input type="text" value="1,365,350.22"/>

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D**

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

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG
December 21, 2010

I and the firm Edington, Peel & Associates continued to provide a range of services in support of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. These included participation in a number of meetings, telephonic, email and fax exchanges and other communications.

*As the 111th Congress approached its close, I continued close coordination with Gateway Cities COG staff regarding efforts on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG's priorities and interests. I also continued coordination with the staff of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority on the I-5 widening initiative, the COG's number one priority. I have made plans to meet with senior Gateway Cities COG officials on January 4, 2011 when I will be in Southern California.

*I continued to provide follow up regarding requests for funding in the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations process. As I have reported earlier, Reps. Grace Napolitano and Lucille Roybal-Allard, with whom I have been working, were successful in securing \$1 million for the I-5 widening project in the House version of the FY2011 Transportation/HUD appropriations bill. That funding was included in the omnibus appropriations bill for FY2011 which Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Daniel Inouye hoped to pass. Unfortunately, because of unified opposition by Senate Republicans, as well as by some Senate Democrats, Majority Leader Harry Reid pulled the bill. The result is that there will be a Continuing Resolution stripped of all earmarks, including the I-5 widening money, which will run until March 4, 2011.

*I also 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. There will not be reauthorization legislation approved during this Congress, but Rep. John Mica, incoming chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, has indicated his determination to secure passage of the legislation in the first session of the next Congress.

*I have participated on Gateway Cities' behalf in conference calls and email exchanges with the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

*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.

VIII. REPORTS

ITEM A

**Los Angeles Universal Preschool
(LAUP) Presentation by
Celia Ayala, CEO**



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Gil Hurtado, President
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Hurtado:

Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP), is a non-profit organization that funds more than 330 preschools and is dedicated to increasing access to high-quality, affordable preschool in Los Angeles County. Our dedication is rooted in the belief that advancing children's social, emotional and intellectual foundation nurtures capable children that become contributing members of society.

We would appreciate presenting before the Gateway Cities Council of Governments to discuss the programs we support in the region and how our model goes beyond financing preschool to strengthen program quality, workforce development and families. Our presentation will also provide us with an opportunity to learn how we can work together to increase access and awareness of high-quality preschool opportunities to improve the future prosperity of the Gateway Cities children and communities.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information at (213) 416-1848 or squiroz@laup.net. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Silvestre Quiroz
Public Affairs

help kids
dream big...



...**choose
preschool**

PRESCHOOL IN LA COUNTY

154,879 FOUR YEAR OLDS

91,841 PRESCHOOL SEATS = 59% SERVICE RATE

LAUP IN LA COUNTY (AS OF 7/1/10)

10,809 preschool seats currently in operation

338 funded preschools

\$168,663,000 total investment in since program inception

\$ 41,698,000 annual investment

INCREASING ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY PRESCHOOL

Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to making high quality preschool available to every 4-year old in Los Angeles County, regardless of their family's income. Since 2005, LAUP has touched the lives of about 40,000 preschool-aged children through enriching curricula and nurturing environments aimed to best prepare four-year-olds to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. LAUP funds and supports a mixed model of private, public, non-profit, for-profit, large and home-based preschool providers. Primarily funded by First 5 LA, LAUP has been lauded as a premier organization by the California Council for Excellence.

MORE THAN FUNDING

Continuous Quality Improvement

LAUP's goal is to develop and encourage exceptional preschool classroom environments through quality assessment and our 5-Star Quality Assessment and Improvement System. To qualify for the LAUP network, a preschool classroom must achieve a rating of at least three stars. Every LAUP-funded classroom is reviewed annually for environment (safety, teacher-child interactions, materials, etc.) as well as staff qualifications.

Coaching Model

LAUP coaches have extensive early childhood, financial and community experience and offer advice and guidance to LAUP preschools. The goal is to continuously improve the quality of education and the business operations of the preschools in our network.

Comprehensive Approach

LAUP uses a multi-faceted approach in providing children a great start in life. Through a multitude of program initiatives, LAUP supports the development of the Early Childhood Education workforce, parents' development as advocates for their child's education and the preschool enrollment of children with special needs.

VIII. REPORTS
ITEM B

**COG Board Workshop on Sustainable
Communities Strategy (SCS)**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Ken Farfsing, Chair, SCS Policy Development Committee

SUBJECT: COG Board Workshop on Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)

Background

In January 2010, the Gateway Cities elected to prepare their own sub-regional SCS as allowed under SB 375. The sub-regional SCS will become part of the regional SCS being prepared by SCAG in combination with the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

In August 2010, the Gateway Cities entered into a contract with a consulting team led by Cambridge Systematics to help develop the sub-regional SCS. The goal of our SCS is to demonstrate the Gateway Cities' contribution to total greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions required at the regional level by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

Status

The SCS Policy Development Committee (roster attached) is meeting regularly with the consultants and COG staff to oversee the SCS development. The Committee has held two successful SCS workshops for city staff, one in October and one in November.

For the first phase of SCS development, the cities have been asked to identify certain types of GHG-reducing transportation projects undertaken or ongoing since 2005. (This is the base year for the state targets.) Future requests will focus on land use and other strategies to reduce GHG emissions under SB 375.

The next city staff workshop will be in February. The draft subregional SCS is due to SCAG in April 2011, and the final SCS is due in June 2011. The SCS will be incorporated into the draft RTP to be released by SCAG in the fall of 2011. A master schedule for the SCS process is attached.

Today's workshop will provide the following:

- A briefing on the background, goals, and possible outcomes of the SCS process.
- A presentation by the consultants on the process of developing the subregional SCS.
- Opportunity for questions.

Recommended Action

Receive and file report.

Attachments

- Membership of Gateway Cities SCS Policy Development Committee
- Gateway Cities SB 375 SCS Master Schedule

Gateway Cities SCS Policy Development Committee

Subcommittee of City Managers Steering Committee

City Managers:

- Mike Egan, Bellflower
- Jorge Rifa, Commerce
- Tom Modica, Long Beach
- Ken Farfsing, Signal Hill
- Ron Bates, South Gate

Planning/Community Development Directors:

- Aldo Schindler, Bell Gardens
- Torrey Contreras, Cerritos
- Sonia Southwell, Lakewood
- Brian Saeki, Downey
- Reuben Arceo, La Mirada
- Paul Ashworth, Santa Fe Springs
- Don Dooley, Whittier

Liaison to the Gateway Cities Public Works Officers:

- Steve Forster, Chair, La Mirada

**Gateway Cities SB 375 Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy –
Master Schedule – subject to revision**

2010	Wed, Jan 6, 2010	COG Board Meeting – decision on delegation
	Wed, Jun 30, 2010	CARB issues draft regional targets for all regions
	July 2010	Bid evaluation/selection
	Wed, Aug 4, 2010	COG Board approves consultant selection recommendation
	Mon, Aug 9, 2010	CARB issues proposed final targets for all regions
	Wed-Thu, Aug 25-26, 2010	2-day training on GIS and sustainability planning tool for Gateway Cities
	Fri, Sep 3, 2010	First COG SCS Assessment invoice sent to cities
	Thu, Sep 23, 2010	CARB issues final regional targets for all regions
	Thu, Oct 7, 2010	Gateway Cities SB 375 SCS Kickoff Workshop
	<i>Wed, Nov 17, 2010</i>	<i>Planning Directors/Public Works Officers Workshop "#1" (BMPs)</i>
	December 2010	Status report on preliminary draft subregional SCS due to SCAG
	2011	<i>Wed, Jan 5, 2011</i>
Week of Jan 10, 2011		Public outreach workshop
Week of Jan 24, 2011		Public outreach workshop
Tue, Feb 1, 2011		Second COG SCS Assessment invoice sent to cities
Week of Feb 7, 2011		Public outreach workshop
<i>Wed, Feb 16, 2011</i>		<i>Planning Directors/Public Works Officers Workshop "#3" (Tools)</i>
Week of Feb 21, 2011		Public outreach workshop
February 2011		Status report on draft subregional SCS due to SCAG
March 2011		City Managers/COG Board briefing
<i>Wed, Apr 20, 2011</i>		<i>Planning Directors/Public Works Officers Workshop "#4 & #5" and City Managers/COG Board briefing (Final Draft SCS/RTP/RHNA)</i>
April 2011		Draft subregional SCS due to SCAG
April 2011		Status report on final subregional SCS due to SCAG
<i>Wed, Jun 1, 2011</i>		<i>City Managers/COG Board briefing/workshop "#6" and Board Presentation (Final SCS)</i>
June 2011		Final subregional SCS due to SCAG
Fall 2011	SCAG releases draft 2012 RTP/SCS	
2012	April 2012	SCAG approves final 2012 RTP/SCS
	June 2012	Federal conformity finding for 2012 RTP/SCS to avoid conformity lapse and cessation of federal funding

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IX. REPORTS

ITEM D -1

Nomination of a Community Member to the Metro Gateway Cities Governance Council

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Transportation Committee

SUBJECT: Nomination of a Community Member to the Metro Gateway Cities Governance Council

Background

In September 2002, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors adopted a policy for the establishment of Governance Councils for its newly created service sectors. One of the five sectors coincides almost exactly with the Gateway Cities COG territory. The COG requested and received recognition as the convening coalition charged with nominating Governance Council members.

At this time, the seat for one vacancy, held by a member of the community, will be filled.

Issue

In accordance with the policy and procedures, applications for transit consumer positions were accepted from November 8th through November 30, 2010. The vacancy was announced on the COG website, the MTA website, by newspaper advertising and by personal contact. One application was received from Mr. Richard Burnett.

In accordance with the COG procedure for filling this vacancy, the Transportation Committee will review the application and forward their recommendation verbally to the Board at the meeting.

Attachments

- Gateway Cities MTA Service Sector Council Nominating Policy and Procedure

Recommended Action

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the recommendation of the Transportation Committee and direct staff to submit the Board's nomination to the MTA Board of Directors for final approval.

Attachment 1

Gateway Cities MTA Service Sector Council Nominating Policy and Procedure As amended June 1, 2005

I. Council composition

The Council was initiated with seven members including a majority of public transit users and not to exceed three (3) elected officials. The COG (acting as the convening coalition) exercised its the right to expand the Council to nine (9) members on June 1, 2005. These nine (9) members shall include a majority of public transit users and not exceed four (4) elected officials.

II. Nomination procedure

When one or more vacancies occur, it will be determined how many of the vacancies may be held by elected officials. For elected official vacancies, if any, all applications received will be compiled and forwarded to the COG Board of Directors for its decision. For non-elected official vacancies, if any, all applications will be reviewed by the MTA Sector Subcommittee of the Transportation Committee after all elected official vacancies have been decided. The Subcommittee will recommend candidates for each vacancy to the Board of Directors for nomination to the Sector Council. All of the Board of Director's nominations will be forwarded to the MTA Board of Directors for its review and approval. In selecting among the applicants, the Subcommittee will strive for diversity of perspectives, expertise, geographic representation, and transit use including consideration of populations with special transit needs such as the elderly and the disabled.

III. Outreach

Applications will be accepted for a minimum period of three weeks. Notice of available applications will posted on the COG website and mailed to all mayors, councilmembers, county supervisors, city managers and municipal transit providers in the Sector area as well as the Gateway Cities Partnership. A press release will also be issued.