

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

*Wednesday, February 2, 2011*

*5:30 p. m. Buffet*

*6:00 p. m. Meeting*

**Gateway Cities Council of Governments**

**16401 Paramount Boulevard**

**Paramount, California**

**AGENDA**

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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 January 5, 2011, is presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of January 5<sup>th</sup>, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated February 2, 2011
- C. December 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

**VIII. REPORTS**

**15 Min**

- A. Leveraging our Transportation Investments with Bike Transit Centers - Presentation by Andrea White-Kjoss, President and CEO of Bikestation Mobis Transportation Alternatives

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

**3 Min**

- B. Consideration of the Date of June 29 for the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Board

SUGGESTED ACTION: SELECT ANNUAL MEETING DATE OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

**3 Min**

- C. Election to Fill Vacancy on MTA Gateway Cities Governance Council

SUGGESTED ACTION: CONDUCT ELECTION

**IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

A. Report from the Conservancy Committee

**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

**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, March 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  
January 5, 2011**

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  
Second Vice President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount  
Immediate Past President Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk  
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia  
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos  
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce  
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton  
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy  
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey  
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens  
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park  
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights  
Member Hal Malkin, City of La Mirada  
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood  
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach  
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach  
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood  
Member Alberto Perez, City of Montebello  
Member Joe Serrano, City of Santa Fe Springs  
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill  
Member William Davis, City of Vernon  
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier  
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe  
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

**ABSENT:** Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon  
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell  
Member Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens  
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood  
Member Gustavo Camacho, City of Pico Rivera  
Member Angie Castro, 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; La Mirada Director of

Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Community Development Director Sonia Southwell; Long Beach Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives Tom Modica; South Gate Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; Nikki Tennant, District Director for Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal; Mike Hollon, Senior Field Representative for Assemblyman Charles Calderon; SCAG Public Affairs Specialist Denise Silva; MTA Project Manager Jon Grace; MTA Transportation Planning Manager Stacy Alameida; MTA Transportation Planner Scott Hartwell; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; League of California Cities Public Affairs Manager Kristine Guerrero; I-5 Joint Powers Authority Executive Director Yvette Kirrin; Steve Huff, Senior Project Manager, RBF Consulting; Tom Ionta, Senior Project Manager CH2M Hill; Chris Wornum, Cambridge Systematics; Celia Ayala, Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles Universal Preschool; Maria Veloz, Vice President for Public Affairs, Los Angeles Universal Preschool; Raul Romero, President, R&R Municipal Solutions; Frank Osgood, Author of Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; 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 Marquez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

The Executive Director welcomed new Board members Robert Garcia and Luis Marquez. He announced that Nikki Tennant, District Director for Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal, Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, would be attending the COG Board and Transportation Committee meetings on a regular basis.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Dobson, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Celia Ayala, Chief Executive Officer of Los Angeles Universal Preschool, gave a presentation regarding her organization's program of financial support for quality preschools. She cited studies that showed that 70% of the brain's connections develop by age five, meaning that preschools can be very critical in a child's development. Thus, she said, investment in children at an early age has a much greater return than in older children. If children start behind in kindergarten, she said, they would continue to lag.

Ms. Ayala said that Los Angeles Universal Preschool is funded primarily through the state tobacco tax. With fewer people smoking, there is less funding available. She said over \$13.5 million has been invested in preschools in the Gateway Cities area, and that they will

invest \$50 million over the next seven years if funds are available.

Ms. Ayala stated that she had four specific asks of cities: 1) sign a preschool pledge; 2) connect parents to preschools through city newsletters and other media; 3) adopt a city resolution to support preschools; and 4) use CDBG funding to support preschools.

Member Barrios asked how the service rate in a city is determined. Ms. Ayala responded that it relates to how many available preschool spaces there are in your city per the number of children residing there.

Member Guerrero asked if there is a sample resolution that cities may use. Ms. Ayala responded that there is a sample resolution available.

Member Dobson asked if Los Angeles Universal Preschool is involved in Compton. Ms. Ayala said that they are, but not as much as they would like. She said more money is needed.

Member Aguirre said that no preschool centers are supported in Maywood. Ms. Ayala said the dollars at the state level are not where they used to be.

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

City Managers Steering Committee Chairman Ken Farfing introduced Chris Wornum of Cambridge Systematics, whose firm is working on the preparation of the subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for the Gateway Cities COG. Mr. Wornum gave a PowerPoint presentation illustrating the process of developing the SCS. He gave some background on SB 375, which requires the adoption of strategies to reduce greenhouse gases in California.

Mr. Wornum explained that Orange County, the only other subregion to take delegation from SCAG to prepare its own SCS, is doing a less aggressive SCS in that it is just putting together a strategy identification to give to SCAG, but will not quantify it. He said the Gateway Cities do not have to do a standalone SCS and can do what Orange County is doing, but that is a choice to be made. He said the challenge is having to get to a benchmark of a reduction in greenhouse gases of 8% by 2020 and 13% by 2035.

Mr. Wornum said it is not clear how much "smart growth" strategies in land use will reduce greenhouse gases. He said SCAG has prepared future scenarios based primarily on cities' general plans. Cities will be asked to evaluate these. He said there is a lot less "head room" for smart growth in Gateway Cities because the region is so built out.

Mr. Wornum discussed the schedule of upcoming workshops on the SCS. He said every city is submitting a list of strategies it has implemented since 2005. The problem, he said, is that SCAG is not providing a 2005 baseline for the subregion.

It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to receive and file the

report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the change order for the scope of work on the EIR/EIS had been approved. He said proposals for the ITS Implementation Plan had been received and that interviews on the utilities study would be held next week. He reported that the I-710 Project Committee would be meeting at the end of the month and that the Technical Advisory Committee would be taking up early action projects. It was moved by Member Malkin, seconded by Member Lima, 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 it was hoped to have a kickoff meeting on the feasibility study on "hot spots" projects during this month. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She reported on the action by the MTA Board of Directors to move forward on the change order for the I-710 EIR/EIS project. She said the Transportation Committee had acted to forward the nomination of Richard Burnett to fill the current vacancy for a member of the public on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council. She said Mr. Burnett works in Long Beach and uses public transit. It was moved by Member O'Donnell, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to endorse the nomination of Richard Burnett to the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said staff and the consultants are readying for a meeting of the Committee sometime in the next two months.

The Executive Director presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He said the cities in the corridor had received Jerry Wood's analysis and that he and the Transportation Deputy had met with MTA and OCTA staff regarding the draft report. The report has now been submitted to the California High Speed Rail Authority.

It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the reports from the Committee on Homelessness and the California High Speed Rail Project. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She reported that the City of Buena Park had left the JPA. She said two projects would be awarded in 2011: Carmenita Road and Alondra Blvd. The 2012 focus will be on two additional segments: Imperial Highway and Norwalk Blvd. It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member Malkin, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said the League would be responding to Governor Brown's announcement that he wants to eliminate redevelopment agencies and realign functions from the state to cities. She said the League's Executive Board would be meeting with the Governor tomorrow. It was moved by Member Malkin, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from SCAG.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said that work is still proceeding on SCAG's alternatives analysis regarding the Pacific Electric West Santa Ana Branch. She said an E-76 had been approved for the Bob Hope Airport project, which is funded by a grant that originated in 1987. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said the meetings of the Sector Governance Council will be moving to the City of Huntington Park and the first meeting will be held a week from tomorrow. He said February 10 had been set as the date for a hearing on the proposed service changes. He announced that MTA Board Chairman Don Knabe would be giving an address on transportation programs on January 12<sup>th</sup> in the City of Cerritos. It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Long Beach Conservation Corps.

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 said that Board members would be receiving a letter giving them the option of direct deposit of their stipend checks. He said he encouraged the Board members to take that option.

**Adjournment:** It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**ITEM B**  
**Approval of Warrant Register**

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM C**

**December 2010 Local Agency Investment  
Fund Statement**

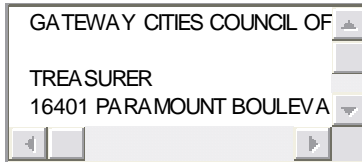
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**P.O. Box 942809**  
**Sacramento, CA 94209-0001**  
**(916) 653-3001**

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January 26, 2011

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Account Number:



**Transactions**

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December 2010 Statement

**Account Summary**

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**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM D**

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

**Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG**  
**January 20, 2011**

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 111<sup>th</sup> Congress came to a close and the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress convened, 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 participated in a meeting with senior Gateway Cities COG officials on January 4, 2011 when I was in Southern California, discussing planning for the coming year. Included was discussion of a possible Gateway Cities trip to Washington, DC in early spring to discuss COG priorities.

\*I continued to provide follow up regarding requests for funding in the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations process. As I reported earlier, a Continuing Resolution stripped of all earmarks, including the I-5 widening money secured by Reps. Grace Napolitano and Lucille Roybal-Allard, 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. Rep. John Mica (R-FL), incoming chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, has indicated his determination to secure passage of the legislation in the first session of this 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**

**Leveraging our Transportation  
Investments with Bike Transit Centers –  
Presentation by Andrea White-Kjoss,  
President and CEO of Bikestation Mobis  
Transportation Alternatives**



**Andréa White-Kjoss**

President and CEO

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“Leveraging our Transportation Investments with Bike-Transit Centers”

A robust infrastructure, both public and private, is in place to support our auto investments. It consists of things such as various types of roadways, gas stations, garages, insurance, car dealerships, and convenient parking. It is unsurprising that the vast majority of southern Californians choose to drive. In order to encourage and enable people to use our transit and bicycling infrastructure, we must systemically plan for and provide facilities that address the needs of bicyclists. Such facilities, called bike-transit centers, are inexpensive and have been proven to increase transit and bicycle ridership significantly.

## **VIII. REPORTS**

### **ITEM B**

**Consideration of the Date of June 29<sup>th</sup>  
fore the 2011 Annual Meeting of the  
Board**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of the Date of June 29 for the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Board

### **Background**

The COG Board of Directors has customarily held its Annual Meeting during either the last week of June or the first week of July. Ordinarily, the Board would set the date of the Annual Meeting at the regular monthly meeting in June; however, this year the schedule for the adoption of the Gateway Cities Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) will be largely affected by the date of the Annual Meeting. In order to finalize the schedule for the adoption of the SCS, the Board is asked to select the date for the Annual Meeting tonight.

### **Discussion**

The Gateway Cities subregional SCS is due to SCAG in June 2011, according to our Memorandum of Understanding with SCAG. If the COG Board meets on June 1, the regular monthly meeting, but not again until July 7, the first Wednesday of the month, the Board's approval of the SCS would have to occur on June 1 to meet the June deadline in the MOU. This would effectively eliminate the month of June to develop and finalize the SCS, including response to any public comments that may be received during public workshops that are expected to be scheduled during the weeks of April 25, May 2, and May 9. It would be extremely helpful to have June 2011 available for the SCS development process, which is very compressed due to the inflexible federal RTP schedule that SCAG must comply with.

If the Board's Annual Meeting were moved to June 29, the Board could approve the subregional SCS at that time, still allowing submittal of the SCS to SCAG the following day to meet the June deadline. June 29 is a fifth Wednesday and should not conflict with any regularly scheduled city council meetings.

### **Recommended Action**

Consider setting the date of Wednesday, June 29, as the date of the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

**VIII. REPORTS**  
**ITEM C**

**Election to Fill Vacancy on Metro  
Gateway Cities Governance Council**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Election to Fill Vacancy on 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, one vacant seat for one un-expired term, held by an elected official, will be filled.

**Issue**

In accordance with the policy and procedures, applications were solicited by direct notification of all mayors and councilmembers as well as municipal transit providers.

Applications will be received until January 31, 2011. Therefore applicants will be announced at the meeting.

**Attachments**

- Gateway Cities MTA Service Sector Council Nominating Policy and Procedure

**Recommended Action**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors select one applicant for the one un-expired termed seat on the Metro Gateway Cities Governance Council.

## **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 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 be 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.

**X. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**  
**ITEM A**  
**Conservancy Committee**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell  
Councilmember Edward Wilson

**SUBJECT:** San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Update

### **Background**

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) was established by State Legislation in which the COG was an active participant. The Gateway Cities are represented on the RMC Board by two members listed above.

### **Issue**

The RMC Board met on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in Rosemead. The Board heard an informational presentation about recovery and restoration efforts in the Los Cerritos Wetlands.

The RMC staff reported that a study of "daylighting" of Compton Creek was completed by the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council, funded by an RMC grant. "Daylighting" involves bringing storm drainage from underground to the surface where doing so can create a community amenity. Some potential daylighting locations are within the Gateway Cities, and RMC staff will follow up with COG staff.

The RMC board approved a resolution approving release of the job description and related documents for the RMC Executive Officer search. The Board expects to interview the top two or three candidates in March. May 4<sup>th</sup> is the official last day of Belinda Faustinos, the current Executive Officer.

### **Recommended Action**

Receive and file this report.

