

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

Wednesday, June 1, 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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The Board of Directors will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or an item of interest that is not on the agenda. The Board of Directors 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 Board of Directors, and each speaker will only have one opportunity to speak on any one topic. You have the opportunity to address the Board of Directors at the following times:

- 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 May 4, 2011, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of May 4th, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated June 1, 2011
- C. April 2011 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. South Coast Air Quality Management District's (AQMD) Zero Emission Container System – Presentation by Matt Miyasato, Assistant DEO/Science & Technology Advancement, AQMD

15 Min

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

- B. Gateway Cities COG Support for Fall State Bond Sale-Prop. 1-B – Presentation by Mike Turner, Government Affairs, MTA

15 Min

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

- C. Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) Business Assistance Report – Gateway Cities Update –Report by Barbara Levine, Senior Regional Manager – Oral Report

5 Min

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

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

1. Recommendation by City Managers Steering Committee to Appoint Ron Bates, City Manager, Pico Rivera and Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, City of Long Beach to the Transportation Committee

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 Service Council – 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

- A. Appointments to Committee on Homelessness

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, June 29, 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
May 4, 2011**

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:06 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
Member Michael Ponce, City of Avalon
Member Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
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 Larry Mowles, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
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

ABSENT: Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member from the City of Bell
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Michael Mendez, City of Norwalk
Member David Armenta, City of Pico Rivera
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
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; Long Beach Director of Government Affairs Tom Modica; Niki Tennant, District Director for Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal; Max Reyes, Field

Representative for Assemblyman Isadore Hall, III; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; Debra Ashby, Legislative and Public Affairs, South Coast AQMD; Greig Asher, SCAG; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director, I-5 JPA; Kedrin Hopkins, Senior Coordinator, Conservation Corps of Long Beach; Judy Ross, Executive Director, Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership; Jeff Fromhertz, Senior Project Manager, Parsons Brinckerhoff Americas; Juan Carlos Velasquez, Consultant, CH²MHill; Frank Osgood, Author of Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; 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 Aguilar 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 First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Long Beach Director of Government Affairs Tom Modica discussed how the City of Long Beach uses the Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership for the City's training. He introduced Judy Ross, Executive Director, who gave a presentation on the services provided by the Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership (LBNP). She said that LBNP is a management support organization and is itself a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, incorporated in 2000. She said her organization is a resource to communities, which exists to support other nonprofit organizations by offering professional development and training services. She referred the Board to handout materials, which further describe her organization and its activities. She said LBNP also provides full service consulting. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Guerrero, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfaring presented a report on the draft Gateway Cities Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). He said the draft SCS does not remove all uncertainties, but shows that our cities have implemented strategies that have resulted in benefits without the State having to force actions upon them. He said the SCS would serve as a roadmap for Measure R and Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) planning.

Nancy Pfeffer, Director of Regional Planning, gave a PowerPoint presentation on how the SCS was developed and how the results were quantified. She said the draft SCS shows that the subregion will achieve greenhouse gas reductions of 8.43% by 2020 and 14.93% by 2035, exceeding the adopted CARB goals of 8% by 2020 and 13% by 2035.

Greig Asher of SCAG congratulated the COG on its efforts in taking delegation from SCAG to develop its own subregional SCS. The Executive Director complimented SCAG staff for giving the COG and its consultant team everything they needed to complete the study. He also complimented member cities' planning staffs for their assistance.

It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Barrows, to approved the draft Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy and approve its submittal to SCAG. 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 project would be following a very detailed schedule over the next few months. He reported that the RFP for the sound walls feasibility study would be released that week, and that the RFP for the utilities study would be out by the end of the month. He said that the Air Quality Action Plan study was well underway. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Guerrero, 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 Congestion "Hot Spots" Feasibility Study is underway and will be completed in about one year. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Carroll, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She thanked President Hurtado for his letter supporting confirmation of Fran Inman as a member of the California Transportation Commission. She reported that there would be no sale of Proposition 1B bonds this spring. She said this would result in a \$174 million impact on the MTA. She said \$400 million would be at stake if the fall sale were cancelled. She said the I-5 and other projects may be delayed as a result. She reported that the MTA Board of Directors had voted to remove seats from light rail cars to allow for more bicycles to be brought on board. She said the Blue Line was exempted. Member DuBois reported that MTA and Caltrans would be doing a demonstration project to do graffiti and landscaping cleanup on I-710 from SR-60 to I-405. It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Perez, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said the County Chief Executive Officer's Office is currently working on the contract for implementation of the Homeless Action Plan. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Serrano, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Steve Forster presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He said the cities had received the report from Jerry Wood on consolidated shared services. He said the next steps would be discussed the next day at a meeting in La Mirada among the city managers from the corridor cities. It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Guerrero, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said several segments of the project are about bid ready; with the Carmenita Road Bridge already out to bid. She said the I-5 had received a grant of \$14 million in Measure R funds for Phase II mitigation. It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Davis, to receive and file the report. The motion as approved unanimously.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said the Bob Hope Airport ground access study is moving forward. It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Marquez, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Debra Ashby presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. She reported that the electric lawn mower exchange program was underway and that an event would be held in Long Beach on May 14th. She referred the Board to flyers on the event. She said that nominations are open for the annual Clean Air Awards. She said she was leaving material on the Carl Moyer program for cities that may be interested. It was moved by Member Serrano, seconded by Member Guerrero, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said that MTA is looking into safety issues on the Blue Line. He said new passes would be more difficult to counterfeit and there has been an increase in law enforcement presence. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Nordbak, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kedrin Hopkins presented a report from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach. He said the Corps is now accepting projects for Proposition 84 funding. He said a total of \$400,000 is available for park projects. He referred the Board to flyers on the Corps' low-income energy assistance program. It was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Member Nordbak, 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.

There were no matters from the President.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C**

**April 2011 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-laif

May 24, 2011

[PMIA Average Monthly Yields](#)

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF
TREASURER
16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVA

Account Number:

Transactions

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

April 2011 Statement

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
4/8/2011	4/7/2011	RD	1311574	JACK JOSEPH	225,000.00
4/15/2011	4/14/2011	QRD	1312185	SYSTEM	1,346.03

Account Summary

Total Deposit:	<input type="text" value="226,346.03"/>	Beginning Balance:	<input type="text" value="931,851.94"/>
Total Withdrawal:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Ending Balance:	<input type="text" value="1,158,197.97"/>

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D**

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

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG
May 25, 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.

I continued close coordination with Gateway Cities COG staff regarding efforts on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG's priorities and interests in the 112th Congress. I have had telephonic and electronic exchanges regarding possible visits with key executive branch and legislative officials regarding possible funding opportunities and have provided information on federal grant programs through which the COG might seek funding. I also continued to work with the staff of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority on the I-5 widening initiative, the COG's number one priority.

I participate on Gateway Cities' behalf in conference calls and email exchanges with the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors. On May 10-11, I represented Gateway Cities COG in the CAGTC annual meeting in Washington, DC. During the conference, I spoke with House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee members Rep. Laura Richardson and Rep. Tom Petri, CAGTC officials, Hill staff, and other conference participants about Gateway Cities COG and its priorities.

As I have reported earlier, both the Senate and House have indicated they will not include any earmarks in the FY12 appropriations process. Rep. Roybal-Allard still accepted requests. While Gateway Cities did not submit requests, I worked with the I-5 JPA in preparation of their request for the I-5 widening project, Gateway Cities' top priority. I am in regular touch with her office.

I have 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), chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, has indicated he hopes to secure passage of the legislation in the first session of this Congress, and the Administration has said that is its goal as well. Funding of the bill remains the most difficult and contentious issue.

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

**South Coast Air Quality Management
District's (AQMD) Zero Emission
Container System – Presentation by Matt
Miyasato, Assistant DEO/Science &
Technology Advancement, AQMD**

South Coast Air Quality Management District's (AQMD) Zero Emission Container System

The South Coast Air Basin covers over 10,000 square miles and is home to approximately 17 million residents, about half the population of the state of California. Our region is also home to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, which provide the economic engine for the region and the state as well as the cargo gateway to the rest of the nation. Unfortunately, the container throughput at these ports imposes disproportionate health impacts on the local area due to the heavy reliance on conventional and inexpensive fossil fuels. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), in collaboration with the Ports and other stakeholders, are pursuing the implementation of zero emission technologies to mitigate the environmental and health damage occurring in the region. Specifically, technologies replacing older heavy-duty diesel engines in container trucks and locomotives are being explored as part of a Zero Emissions Container Movement System. Examples of these technologies and their attributes will be presented and discussed.

VIII. REPORTS
ITEM B

**Gateway Cities COG Support for Fall State
Bond Sale-Prop. I-B – Presentation by
Mike Turner, Government Affairs, MTA**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Diane DuBois – MTA Board Member

SUBJECT: Gateway Cities COG Support for Fall State Bond Sale-Prop. I-B –
Presentation

Background

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority is asking its regional partners to urge the Governor to pass a state budget that includes the sale of bonds in support of Prop. IB commitments. The I-5 Improvement Project is a Gateway Cities transportation priority that will be adversely impacted by the lack of a fall bond sale. Michael Turner, Government Affairs Manager will speak to the Board concerning this matter.

Recommended Action

Authorize Gateway Cities COG Board President to sign letter in support of Fall State Bond Sale-Prop. I-B.

Attachment

Sample support letter

Sample Support Letter

The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capital, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable Governor Brown:

Re: State bond sale – Prop. IB

I am writing to you on behalf of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, representing the 27 cities and 2 million people of southeast Los Angeles County. At the June Board of Directors meeting, our Board expressed concern that the lack of a state budget may cause many important transportation projects to shut down thus eliminating thousands of jobs in California. Furthermore, billions of dollars in transportation improvements that could start construction in the next year creating thousands more jobs may be indefinitely delayed if the State of California does not adopt a budget that fully funds bonds for transportation projects.

Transportation projects and the jobs they create rely on the state's ability to sell bonds. A state bond sale this fall would preserve thousands of jobs and allow local agencies to create thousands more. Southeast Los Angeles County has some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, with several of our member jurisdictions reporting unemployment rates as high as 22%. The fall bond sale will not happen unless the Legislature and the Governor agree on a budget that fully funds transportation.

We urge you to use transportation as a vehicle for driving the state out of the recession. That means adopting a budget that fully funds transportation bonds. The sale of state transportation bonds supports highway, goods movement and transit projects. Tens of thousands of good paying jobs are generated by these projects and are welcome relief for the construction industry, which has been buffeted by unemployment rates approaching 40 percent.

Projects in Los Angeles County like the I-405 High Occupancy Vehicle lane, Exposition Light Rail Line and the Canoga Extension of the Metro Orange Line are under construction. Shutting them down will not only throw more people out of work but cost taxpayers millions of dollars to remobilize. In the Gateway Cities sub-region, favorable bids have been received for the first phase of the I-5 Corridor Improvement Project from the Orange County Line to the I-605. This project eliminates one of the major bottlenecks in the I-5, improving statewide mobility. Lack of bond funds may jeopardize this project.

Mobility is the linchpin of the economy. Moving people and goods more efficiently keeps the state's economic engine running smoothly. The Gateway Cities sub-region is the gateway to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and their success depends upon improved mobility and access. In addition, if the state cannot be a solid funding partner, California could lose potentially billions of federal matching dollars.

We urge you to consider these issues as you deliberate next year's budget and urge you to adopt a budget that fully funds transportation bonds.

Sincerely,

Gil Hurtado, President
Gateway Cities Council of Governments.

cc:

Board of Directors
MTA Board of Directors

IX. 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) were 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, May 23rd, 2011, in Bellflower. Among other actions, the Board approved a resolution authorizing a \$100,000 grant to the non-profit Anahuak Youth Sports League to conduct outreach in several Gateway Cities and unincorporated areas regarding the Alcanza Project, which is part of the Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. The grant will facilitate the participation of underserved communities in Huntington Park, Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, and Compton, among others, in planning for water needs.

Valorie Shatynski, previously the Deputy Executive Officer of the RMC, was appointed by the RMC Board as Interim Executive Officer. The RMC Board plans to interview candidates for Executive Officer immediately following its June 27th meeting.

Recommended Action

Receive and file this report.

**XII. MATTERS FROM PRESIDENT
ITEM A
Appointments to Committee on
Homelessness**



GATEWAY CITIES
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

May 23, 2011

Dear Board Member:

As you may be aware, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments created a permanent Committee on Homelessness in October 2009. The committee is comprised of 7 members, including 4 Board Members, 1 Board member representing the City of Long Beach, 1 Board Member representing the County Board of Supervisors and 1 City Manager.

There are currently two (2) vacancies within the Committee on Homelessness to be filled by Board members. The invitation is to any Gateway Cities COG Board member who would like to serve on the Committee on Homelessness.

Attendance at each meeting pays a stipend of \$100 per meeting. The committee meetings are on an on-call basis.

If you are interested in serving on the Committee on Homelessness please submit a letter of interest by email or fax to the Gateway Cities COG office on or before 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 31, 2011.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Powers or Genny Cisneros at 562-663-6850. Thank you in advance for your interest and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gil Hurtado". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gil Hurtado
President, Board of Directors
Gateway Cities Council of Governments and
Council Member City of South Gate