

Gateway Cities Council of Governments

State of the COG *“Celebrating 15 Years of Collaboration”*

Wednesday, June 29, 2011

Weingart Ballroom

The Centre at Sycamore Plaza

5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA

5:30 PM Buffet

6:00 PM Program

PROGRAM

Welcome by Gil Hurtado, President, Board of Directors

Video Presentation: “Celebrating 15 Years of Collaboration”

Recognition of Gateway Cities COG Past Presidents:

Doug Drummond, Long Beach ~ 1996-1998

Marcine Shaw, Compton ~ 1998-1999

Beatrice Proo, Pico Rivera ~ 1999-2000

Bruce Barrows, Cerritos ~ 2000-2001

Keith McCarthy, Downey ~ 2001-2002

Frank Colonna, Long Beach ~ 2002-2004

Edward H. J. Wilson, Signal Hill ~ 2004-2005

Greg Nordbak, Whittier ~ 2005-2006

Larry R. Nelson, Artesia ~ 2006-2007

Elba Guerrero, Huntington Park ~ 2007-2008

Anne M. Bayer, Downey ~ 2008-2009

Gordon Stefenhagen, Norwalk ~ 2009-2010

Address by Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal

Chair of the State Assembly Transportation Committee

Outlook for the Regional Economy

Joseph Magaddino, Director, Office of Economic Research

California State University, Long Beach

Closing Remarks by President Gil Hurtado

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

*Wednesday, June 29, 2011
7:00 p. m. Meeting*

Weingart Ballroom
The Centre at Sycamore Plaza
5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA

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 June 1, 2011, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of June 1st, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated June 29, 2011
- C. May 2011 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement
- D. Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington, Peel & Associates
- E. Seventh Amendment to Agreement Between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and The Dardanelle Group
- F. Second Amendment to Agreement Between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Jones & Mayer for Legal Services
- G. Amendment to Agreement Between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Smith Watts & Company LLC.
- H. Fifth Amendment to Agreement Between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Jerry R. Wood For Engineering Services

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS A THROUGH H.

VIII. REPORTS

- A. Resolution 2011-02 Approving Final Gateway Cities Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)

10 Min

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

- B. Proposed 2011-2012 Gateway Cities Council of Governments Budget

5 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO APPROVED PROPOSED 2011-2012 BUDGET AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2011-03

5 Min C. Election to Fill Vacancy on Metro Gateway Cities Service Council
SUGGESTED ACTION: CONDUCT ELECTION

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

3 Min A. Report from the Conservancy Committee – Oral Report
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

3 Min B. Report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee – Oral Report
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

3 Min C. Report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee – Oral Report
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

5 Min D. Report from the Transportation Committee – Oral Report
1. Nomination of Community Members to the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

3 Min E. Report from the Committee on Homelessness – Oral Report
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

3 Min F. California High Speed Rail – Oral Report
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

XIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee

XIV. 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, August 3, 2011, 9:00 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
June 1, 2011**

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Michael Ponce, City of Avalon
Member Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
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 Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Larry Mowles, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Alberto Perez, City of Montebello
Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk
Member Barbara Contreras Rapisarda, City of Pico Rivera
Member Joseph Serrano, City of Santa Fe Springs
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: Ana Maria Quintana, City of Bell
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
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; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Long Beach Director of Government Affairs Tom Modica; Tim Patton, Field Deputy for Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal; Brian Mineghino, Field Deputy for Assemblyman Warren Furutani; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; MTA Executive Officer for Regional Rail Don Sepulveda; MTA Government Relations Director Michael Turner; MTA Regional Manager Jon Grace; MTA Project Manager Adrian Alvarez; SCAQMD Board Member Judith Mitchell; SCAQMD Assistant DEO/Science & Technology Advancement Matt Miyasato; SCAQMD Senior Public Information Specialist Debra Ashby; SCAQMD Senior Policy Advisor Peter Greenwald; SCAG Public Affairs Officer Matt Horton; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director, I-5 JPA; OLDA Executive Director Michael Kodama; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs, League of California Cities; LAEDC Senior Regional Manager Barbara Levine; Lars Clutterham, Chair, Downey Green Task Force; Jeff Fromhertz, Senior Project Manager, Parsons Brinckerhoff Americas; Michelle Boehm, Regional Manager, CH²MHill; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; 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.

First Vice President Dunton 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 Barrows, seconded by First Vice President Dunton, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

South Coast AQMD Board Member Judith Mitchell introduced Matt Miyasato, Assistant DEO/Science and Technology Advancement, who gave a presentation on the Air District's Zero Emission Container System Program. Mr. Miyasato reviewed maps showing the location of higher concentrations of pollution and the severe health consequences thereof. He said the District is looking for zero emission technologies that have wide regional applicability: heavy-duty battery trucks; battery buses; electric cars; and overhead catenary electric buses.

Mr. Miyasato said there are two broad families of zero emission technologies for goods movement: fixed guide-ways and electric trucks. He said a dedicated roadway with wayside power would be a possible mix of the two technologies. A fixed guide-way system could involve electric trains, an overhead catenary, maglev, and linear induction motors.

Member Rapisarda asked about the applicability of these technologies to cargo ships and cruise lines. Mr. Miyasato responded that the first order of business is to get sulfur emissions reduced. AQMD Senior Policy Advisor Peter Greenwald said that shore power allows ships to idle by plugging in to an electric source without using their diesel power.

AQMD Board Member Mitchell said that the Gateway Cities are particularly affected by particulate matter because of the ports. She urged cities to take the position that alternative technology vehicles be studied in the Environmental Impact Reports for the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF) and Southern California International Gateway (SCIG). She said the Long Beach City Council had adopted a model resolution that could be used. Member DuBois said she wanted Board Member Mitchell to know that the COG has been keenly studying alternative technologies for goods movement.

It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member Barrows, that the Board adopt a resolution urging that alternative technology vehicles be studied in the Environmental Impact Report for the ICTF and to encourage all member cities to do likewise. The motion was approved unanimously.

Michael Turner, MTA Government Relations Director, addressed the Board, asking for support for a fall sale of Proposition 1B bonds by the State. If the State does not pass a budget on time, he said, projects like car pool lanes on I-405, I-5 improvements, and light rail projects could be shut down. If the State does not sell bonds in the fall, these projects could be severely jeopardized. Mr. Turner said the budget revision shows an uptick in revenues, but there is a need to make sure this issue stays front and center in order to keep funding for these projects in place. He referred the Board to a brochure, which listed all of the MTA projects dependent on Proposition 1B funding. He asked cities to communicate with their members in the state legislature regarding this issue.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Davis, that the President send a letter to the Governor urging that the State pass a budget that includes a fall sale of state Proposition 1B bonds. The motion was approved unanimously.

Barbara Levine, LAEDC Senior Regional Manager, provided an update on the regional economy. Overall, she said, things look like they are getting better in the region. However, she said, there is a threat of other states poaching our businesses. She said spending is up on equipment, but on housing, it is down. So, it is still a mixed picture. She said retail sales are up, but labor has not picked up. On the negative side, fuel costs are going up. She said film production is up and the leisure/hospitality industry is looking good. International trade is leading the recovery, but Ms. Levine said she is very concerned about aerospace and defense industries.

Second Vice President Daniels said the consensus at a recent conference held at SCAG is that the recovery must start with small business, but is being held back by intrusive regulation throughout the state.

It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member Davis, 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 project is on schedule for a draft EIR/EIS to be released in February. He said CALSTART has been engaged in the study of alternative technology vehicles. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, 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 traffic modeling is well underway, as is work on the strategic plan to compile all transportation projects in the region under one umbrella. He said it was going to be a very active year. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She asked that the Board approve the appointments of Pico Rivera City Manager Ron Bates and Long Beach Director of Governments Affairs Tom Modica to fill vacancies on the Transportation Committee. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to appoint Ron Bates and Tom Modica to the Transportation Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois discussed the structure and function of the Environmental Committee to be appointed as part of the development of the Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan. It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by First Vice President Dunton, 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 City Managers Steering Committee had named Bellflower City Manager Mike Egan as their representative to the Committee on Homelessness. He said Mr. Egan will also chair the Leadership Entity for the program. He reported that staff is working with the County Chief Executive Office on the contract for the Homeless Action Plan implementation. He said staff had met yesterday, at the request of the County, with the Corporation for Supportive Housing, which the contract with the County calls for the COG to work with on the goal of increasing the supply of permanent supportive housing. It was moved by Member Sziebl, seconded by Member DuBois, 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 COG legal staff is currently drafting a joint powers agreement to cover high-speed rail planning for the corridor. He said that a meeting was held with MTA staff about working with the JPA on this, and that a meeting is being set up with SCAG for later in the month. It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Serrano, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said the Carmenita Road project had been awarded for construction, having come in about \$10 million below budget. She discussed the phases of the I-5 project, which is projected to take four years for completion. It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by First Vice President Dunton, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said a pension reform panel meeting would be held the next day at the League's Division meeting. She said the League and the California Redevelopment Association are supporting bills by Senator Wright and Assembly Member Alejo regarding redevelopment reform. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member Perez, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He said SCAG would be scheduling at least three subregional workshops in August on the Regional Transportation Plan. It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member Davis, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mike Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said the SCAG/MTA/OCTA study of the Pacific Electric right of way is looking at a final set of alternatives, including buses, light rail, and low speed maglev. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Lima, 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 is still open until the end of July. She said that nominations were open for the annual Clean Air Awards until July 1. She said a consultation meeting on a draft energy policy would be held at the AQMD headquarters on June 9. It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Aguirre, 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 there would be a massive project in mid-July that would close I-405 from I-10 to I-101 for one weekend. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by First Vice President Dunton, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach.

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 that he had received expressions of interest from Members Perez and Serrano to fill the two vacancies on the Committee on Homelessness. It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Barrows, to appoint Members Perez and Serrano to the Committee on Homelessness. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C
May 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

June 22, 2011

[PMIA Average Monthly Yields](#)

Account Number:

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF	▲
TREASURER	▼
16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVA	▼
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Transactions

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

May 2011 Statement

Account Summary

Total Deposit:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Beginning Balance:	<input type="text" value="1,158,197.97"/>
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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
June 23, 2011

I and the firm Edington, Peel & Associates continue to provide a range of services in support of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. These include 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 and have provided follow up concerning matters discussed at the conference.

*On June 22, I attended two sessions regarding energy security. The first was sponsored by the Bipartisan Policy Center. It was moderated by former Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-ND). Former National Security Adviser Jim Jones was the lead speaker, with panelists from the Biotechnology Industry Organization, ANGA and Tesla Motors. Later that morning, I attended a "Hybrid on the Hill" briefing hosted by CALSTART and the Hybrid Truck Action Group. It was focused on energy security, reducing fuel use and creating jobs. Among the speakers was Bill Van Amburg, senior vice president of CALSTART.

*As I have reported earlier, both the Senate and House have indicated they are not including any earmarks in the FY12 appropriations process. Rep. Roybal-Allard still accepted requests and I am in regular touch with her office on behalf of Gateway Cities.

*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, and Sen. Barbara Boxer, chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, have indicated they hope 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.

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM E**

**Seventh Amendment to Agreement
Between Gateway Cities Council of
Governments and The Dardanelle Group**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Seventh Amendment to Agreement Between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and The Dardanelle Group

Background

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments has contracted with the Dardanelle Group since 2001 for assistance with Phase I and Phase II of the Truck Impacted Intersection Project. The attached agreement extends the term of the agreement until December 31, 2013, which is the anticipated completion date for all Phase II projects as approved recently by the MTA, the funding agency for Phase II. Services provided under this contract are reimbursed through the grant proceeds that fund the Truck Impacted Intersection projects.

Recommended Action

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the attached seventh amendment to the agreement with the Dardanelle Group for services related to the Truck Impacted Intersection Project.

**SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND
THE DARDANELLE GROUP**

The **AGREEMENT** entered into as of November 15, 2001 by and between THE DARDANELLE GROUP, Inc. (**CONSULTANT**) and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (**COG**) is hereby amended as follows:

TERM

This Agreement shall terminate no later than December 31, 2013, unless extended by both Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this SEVENTH AMENDMENT to the AGREEMENT as of July 1, 2011.

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS

BY: _____
Gil Hurtado
President

ATTEST:

Richard R. Powers, Secretary

THE DARDANELLE GROUP, INC.

BY: _____
Kathleen Jackson, President

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM F**

**Second Amendment to Agreement
Between Gateway Cities Council of
Governments and Jones & Mayer for
Legal Services**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Second Amendment to Agreement Between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Jones & Mayer for Legal Services

Background

Since March 2005, Jones & Mayer has provided legal services to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, with Richard D. Jones assigned as the COG's General Counsel. In June 2008, the Board amended the original three-year agreement to June 30, 2011. An amendment to the agreement extending the term for another three years is attached. As was the case with the original agreement, the Board reserves the right to terminate the agreement at will.

Recommended Action

Approve the attached second amendment to the agreement with Jones & Mayer for legal services.

**SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND JONES & MAYER**

The **AGREEMENT** entered into as of March 2, 2005, and amended as of July 1, 2008, by and between GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS and JONES & MAYER is hereby amended as follows:

TERM

This Agreement shall terminate no later than June 30, 2014, unless extended by both Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this AMENDMENT to the AGREEMENT as of July 1, 2011.

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS

BY: _____
Gil Hurtado
President

ATTEST:

Richard R. Powers, Secretary

JONES & MAYER

BY: _____
Richard D. Jones, Esq.

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM G**

**Amendment to Agreement Between
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
and Smith Watts & Company LLC.**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Amendment to Agreement Between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Smith Watts & Company LLC.

Background

Since August of 2007, the COG has contracted with Mark Watts for legislative advocacy services at the state level. The current contract with Smith, Watts & Company, LLC, is now due for renewal. The attached amendment to the agreement with Smith, Watts & Company would extend the agreement for a two-year period, which matches the term of the current agreement. Either party may terminate the agreement with 30 days advance written notice. All other terms and conditions of the agreement, including compensation, remain the same.

Recommended Action

Approve the amendment to the agreement with Smith, Watts & Company, LLC.

**AMENDMENT TO THE
AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
BY AND BETWEEN
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND
SMITH, WATTS & COMPANY, LLC**

THE AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES ("Agreement") made and entered into as of September 1, 2009, by and between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Smith, Watts & Company, LLC, is amended as follows:

Section 1. Term of Agreement. This Amendment shall be effective as of July 1, 2011, and shall terminate on June 30, 2013.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to the Agreement to be executed as of July 1, 2011.

**GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS**

GIL HURTADO
President

ATTEST:

RICHARD POWERS, Secretary

SMITH, WATTS & COMPANY, LLC

MARK WATTS
Principal

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM H**

**Fifth Amendment to Agreement Between
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
and Jerry R. Wood for Engineering
Services**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Fifth Amendment to Agreement Between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Jerry R. Wood For Engineering Services

Background

Since August 6, 2003, the Gateway Cities COG has contracted with Jerry R. Wood for consultant engineering services. Mr. Wood's current work includes services related to the I-710 EIR/EIS project; the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Major Corridor Study; and coordination of various COG engineering projects, including the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Integration project.

The agreement with Mr. Wood is now subject to renewal and the attached amendment extends the term of the agreement to June 30, 2012 for the services included in the scope of work attached to his contract. Funding for Mr. Wood's services is included in the FY 2011-12 Budget, including a \$200,000 contribution from MTA, which matches what was provided by the MTA in FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11.

Recommended Action

Approve the attached fifth amendment to the agreement for consultant engineering services with Jerry R. Wood.

**FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE
AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES
BY AND BETWEEN
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND
JERRY R. WOOD**

THE AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES ("Agreement") made and entered into as of July 1, 2006, by and between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, a joint powers authority organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of California ("Agency") and Jerry R. Wood, an individual ("Consultant"), is amended as follows:

Section 1. Term of Agreement. This Amendment shall be effective as of July 1, 2011, and shall terminate on June 30, 2012, subject to Section 20 of the Agreement dated July 1, 2006.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Fourth Amendment to the Agreement to be executed as of July 1, 2011.

**GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS**

GIL HURTADO
President

ATTEST:

RICHARD R. POWERS, Secretary

**VIII. REPORTS
ITEM A**

**Resolution 2011-02 Approving Final
Gateway Cities Sustainable Communities
Strategy (SCS)**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Resolution 2011-02 Approving Final Gateway Cities 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 the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in combination with the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). In 2010, the Gateway Cities COG and SCAG entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the preparation of a subregional SCS. The SCS Policy Development Committee and COG staff have been working with all the participating cities, a consulting team, SCAG, and the LA County MTA to develop the subregional SCS.

Issue

The COG Board approved submitting the draft Gateway Cities SCS to SCAG in May. The Final Gateway SCS is being presented now for approval by the Board; it is due to SCAG this month.

The Gateway Cities SCS is not required to meet a specific target for GHG reduction. However, SCAG must meet regional reduction targets set by the California Air Resources Board as follows:

- By 2020, reduce per-capita GHG emissions 8% below 2005 levels
- By 2035, reduce per-capita GHG emissions 13% below 2005 levels.

Emissions from heavy-duty trucks, emission reductions from changes in vehicle fuels or technology, energy efficiency measures, and green building standards are not part of the scope of SB 375.

The analysis contained in the sub-regional SCS indicates that the combined efforts of the Gateway Cities in transportation, travel demand management, and land use planning, along with regional transportation projects affecting the Gateway Cities, will result in GHG emission reductions greater than the regional targets for both target years.

The SCS was developed through a series of technical workshops with the Planning Directors and Public Works Officers of the Gateway Cities, hosted by the COG. The COG consultants used a combination of methods to estimate the reductions resulting from each of the categories of city efforts. SCAG management and staff have been very supportive of the development of the Gateway Cities SCS. They have provided tools, data, training, and

staff to attend workshops and work one-on-one with the cities to develop land-use plans that reflect current General Plans. LA County MTA staff has also been very helpful in providing tools, data, and information on regional projects that will help reduce GHG within the Gateway Cities.

The COG staff and consultants held an informational briefing for interested stakeholders from the environmental, climate change, affordable housing, and business communities on February 28th, 2011. About 50 organizations were invited to this briefing. These groups and the general public were also invited to attend any one of four public informational open houses on the SCS in late April/early May, held in the evenings in Cerritos, Long Beach, Pico Rivera, and Commerce. Each of these open houses was lightly attended. In addition, in April the COG issued a press release about the draft SCS. Comments were received on the draft SCS from member cities, SCAG, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and a few members of the public.

The key remaining milestones in implementing SB 375 are as follows:

- June 2011: Final subregional SCS due from the GCCOG to SCAG
- Summer 2011: SCAG incorporates Gateway Cities SCS into regional SCS (2012 RTP/SCS)
- December 2011: SCAG releases draft 2012 RTP/SCS for public comment
- April 2012: SCAG approves final 2012 RTP/SCS
- May-June 2012: Federal review of 2012 RTP/SCS.

The adoption date of the final RTP/SCS is driven by federal transportation planning laws. They specify that federal transportation funds will be withheld from Southern California if the RTP is not shown to conform to air quality standards before the prior conformity finding expires in June 2012. Thus, it is not possible to extend any of the deadlines shown above. A resolution covering the issues related to adoption of the SCS is attached.

Recommendation

Approve the resolution regarding the adoption of the Gateway Cities Sustainable Communities Strategy; direct staff to submit the final Gateway Cities SCS to SCAG in accordance with the terms of our Memorandum of Understanding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE GATEWAY
CITIES SUB-REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES STRATEGY PREPARED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SENATE BILL (SB) 375**

WHEREAS, the California Government Code and Public Resources Code pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 375 (2008) require each of the metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) in the state to prepare a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP);

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the MPO required to prepare an SCS for six counties including Los Angeles County;

WHEREAS, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) is a duly recognized and legally established sub-regional council of governments within Los Angeles County in the SCAG region;

WHEREAS, pursuant to SB 375, Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(C) provides that a sub-regional council of governments and the county transportation commission may work together to propose the SCS; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of January 6, 2010, the Gateway Cities COG Board of Directors voted to accept delegation to prepare the sub-regional SCS;

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Gateway Cities COG entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SCAG regarding the preparation of the sub-regional SCS, including the Framework and Guidelines for Sub-regional Sustainable Communities Strategy adopted by SCAG April 1, 2010;

WHEREAS, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments has collaborated with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, as well as with its member jurisdictions, SCAG, and other stakeholders to prepare an SCS in accordance with the terms of its MOU with SCAG and with state and federal law;

WHEREAS, the sub-regional SCS is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378 in that it does not constitute a "project" for CEQA purposes. Furthermore, the sub-regional SCS is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) in that it will not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment;

WHEREAS, the land use strategies included in the Gateway Cities SCS have been developed in consultation with all jurisdictions in Gateway Cities. Further, the Gateway Cities COG finds that the land use strategies are feasible and that the referenced jurisdictions intend to implement them by 2035; and

WHEREAS, the Gateway Cities COG shall facilitate the collection and delivery of additional land use information to SCAG, as needed, for the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy, including but not limited to, more detailed land use information that can assist in subsequent CEQA streamlining;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments approves the Gateway Cities Sub-regional SCS.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 29th day of June, 2011.

Gil Hurtado, President

ATTEST:

Richard Powers
SECRETARY

VIII. REPORTS

ITEM B

Proposed 2011-2012 Gateway Cities Council of Governments Budget

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Gerald M. Caton, Treasurer

SUBJECT: Proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget

As was the case in the previous fiscal year, in recognition of the difficult economic times facing our member cities, the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget for the Gateway Cities Council of Governments contains no increases to the COG basic dues and assessments or to the contributions from the cities participating in the freeway corridor projects. On the expenditure side, there are no increases in any of the COG labor accounts and basic operating expenses have been held at or below last year's levels. With the completion of the Gateway Cities Sustainable Communities Strategy, the SCS related assessments have been discontinued, with the exception of a small assessment to fund the ongoing maintenance of the sub-regional demographic database by California State University, Long Beach.

Following up on the adoption by the Board this past spring of the Gateway Cities Homeless Action Plan, the COG will be entering into the implementation phase of the program with funding of \$2 million from the County of Los Angeles. Those funds are reflected in this budget and will be used in three key areas: homeless prevention; implementation of a First Responders program; and a focus on increasing the stock of permanent supportive housing. On this latter project, the COG will be working closely with the Corporation for Supportive Housing.

The COG will continue to provide engineering and staff support to two major freeway corridor projects. The draft Environmental Impact Report for the I-710 project is expected to be completed in early 2012. Work is continuing on identifying candidates for "early action" projects in the I-710 corridor, and "hot spots" projects in the SR 91/I-605/I-405 corridor. The years of work done by the I-710 Project Committee and the SR 91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee resulted in the commitment by MTA to provide \$590 million each to the two freeway corridors for projects over the next decade. In addition, the MTA will continue to provide supplemental funding for the COG's engineering support to the two freeway corridor projects.

Construction of improvements at intersections throughout the subregion will continue this year under Phase II of the Truck Impacted Intersection Project. When all projects have been completed, over 50 intersections in virtually all of the cities in the subregion will have been improved by way of the funding received by the COG.

The Budget includes the continuation of the Coordinated Monitoring Plan project, which involves a series of technical studies aimed at determining site-specific levels of toxic metals (also known as TMDL studies) within the Los Angeles River watershed. This project is funded by contributions from our cities in the watershed, as well as the City of Los

Angeles, County of Los Angeles, and cities in the San Gabriel Valley. The work is being performed by consultants retained by the COG and by the City and County of Los Angeles.

Recommended Action

It is recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2011-2012 ANNUAL
BUDGET OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS.**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors of the Gateway cities Council of Governments (the "Board") does hereby find, determine, and declare as follows:

- a. Pursuant to the Bylaws of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, the Board is required to adopt a budget annually.
- b. A Proposed Budget has been prepared and presented to the Board.
- c. The Board has publicly examined the 2011-2012 Proposed Budget.

SECTION 2. The 2011-2012 Annual Budget is hereby approved and adopted, as presented in the Proposed Budget, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 3. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to transfer funds between accounts so long as total appropriations are not exceeded.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be effective as of July 1, 2011.

SECTION 5. The President is hereby authorized to affix his signature to this Resolution signifying its adoption, and the Secretary, is directed to attest thereto.

SECTION 6. The Secretary to the Board shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 29th day of June 2011.

Gil Hurtado, President

ATTEST:

Richard Powers, Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss

VIII. REPORTS
ITEM C

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

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Election to Fill Vacancy on Metro Gateway Cities Service Council

Background

In September 2002, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors adopted a policy for the establishment of Service 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 Service Council members.

At this time the seat for one vacancy, 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.

Timely applications were received from two elected officials. The elected officials are:

Council Member Ana Maria Quintana, City of Bell
Council Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk
Council Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount

Attachments

- Metro Gateway Cities Service Council Nominating Policy and Procedure

Recommended Action

It is recommended that the Board of Directors select one applicant for the vacant seat on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council.

Attachment 1

Gateway Cities MTA Service 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.

IX. REPORTS

ITEM D-1

Nomination of a Community Members to the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Transportation Committee

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

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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 June 6 through June 20, 2011. The vacancy was announced on the COG website, the MTA website, by newspaper advertising and by personal contact. Two applications were received from Mr. George Bass and Ms. Cynde Soto.

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

Attachments

- Gateway Cities MTA Service 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.

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