

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

*Wednesday, August 3, 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 June 29, 2011, are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of June 29<sup>th</sup>, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated August 3, 2011
- C. June 2011 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement
- D. Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington, Peel & Associates
- E. Authorization for Support of Metrans National Urban Freight Conference October 12 – 14, 2011, in Long Beach

**CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:**

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

**VIII. REPORTS**

- A. Gateway Cities COG Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) Update by Susan DeSantis, Arellano & Associates and Scott Broten, ICF

**15 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 – Oral Report

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

- B. Report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee – Oral Report

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

C. Report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee – Oral Report

3 Min

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

D. Report from the Transportation Committee – Oral Report

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**

**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, September 7, 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  
Weingart Ballroom  
The Centre at Sycamore Plaza  
5000 Clark Avenue  
Lakewood, California  
June 29, 2011**

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 7:36 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  
Ana Maria Quintana, City of Bell  
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 Larry Mowles, City of La Mirada  
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood  
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach  
Member Alberto Perez, City of Montebello  
Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk  
Member Joseph 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 Michael Ponce, City of Avalon  
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce  
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens  
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park  
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights  
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach  
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood  
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood  
Member David Armenta, City of Pico Rivera  
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina  
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas  
Ex Officio Member Richard Steinke, Port of Long Beach

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commerce Councilmember Denise Robles; Pico Rivera City

Manager Ron Bates; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; MTA Project Manager Adrian Alvarez; SCAQMD Senior Public Information Specialist Debra Ashby; SCAG Public Affairs Officer Matt Horton; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director, I-5 JPA; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs, League of California Cities; Lars Clutterham, Chair, Downey Green Task Force; Susan DeSantis, Project Manager, Arellano Associates; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; 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 Wilson, seconded by Member Lima, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director introduced Pico Rivera City Manager Ron Bates, who addressed the Board recommending adoption of the final Gateway Cities Sustainable Communities Strategy under SB 375. Mr. Bates recommended adoption of the resolution approving the SCS and asked that staff be directed to submit the final SCS to SCAG.

**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**

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Wilson, to adopt the resolution and direct staff to submit the final SCS to SCAG. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a summary of the proposed FY 2011-12 budget. He said the budget incorporated only one significant change from the previous year, the inclusion of funding from the County of Los Angeles for the Homeless Action Plan implementation.

**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**

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to adopt the resolution approving the 2011-2012 Annual Budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Hurtado announced that three nominations had been received for the recently expired term of an elected official position on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. He said the three nominees were Bell Councilmember Ana Maria Quintana, Norwalk Councilmember Cheri Kelley, and Paramount Councilmember Gene Daniels. He invited each of the three nominees to address the Board.

Ballots were distributed to the Board members and collected by the Deputy General Counsel. After tallying the ballots, the Deputy General Counsel announced that there was a high vote recipient, but short of a majority of the quorum, and asked for a decision by the Board as to how to proceed. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member DuBois, to nominate the recipient of the most votes to the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. The motion was approved unanimously. The Deputy General Counsel announced that Norwalk Councilmember Cheri Kelley had thus been nominated to fill the vacancy on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council.

Member Wilson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said that the Conservancy Board is still in the process of selecting a new Executive Director. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

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. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

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. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She reported that there were two vacancies for community members on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council and that two nominations had been received: George Bass and Cynde Soto. She said that the Transportation Committee had voted to recommend that both nominees be approved by the Board. It was moved by Member Dobson, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to approve the nominations of George Bass and Cynde Soto to the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Committee on Homelessness.

There was no report on the California High Speed Rail project.

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 the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said the League and the California Redevelopment Association were proceeding with the filing of a lawsuit with the State Supreme Court regarding the action by the State to abolish city redevelopment agencies. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

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 the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

There was no report from the Orangeline Development Authority.

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. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

There was no report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He reminded the Board that I-405 would be closed from I-10 to I-101 for the weekend of July 15-17. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

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.

There were no matters from the President.

President Hurtado announced that now was the time for the annual election of officers of the Board.

It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member DuBois, to elect First Vice President Dunton as President. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Perez, seconded by Member DuBois, to elect President Hurtado as Immediate Past President. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by President Hurtado, to elect Second Vice President Daniels as First Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Serrano nominated Member Quintana for Second Vice President. Member Barrios nominated Member Infanzon for Second Vice President. There were no other nominations. President Hurtado invited members Quintana and Infanzon to address the Board.

Ballots were distributed to the Board members and collected by the Deputy General Counsel. After tallying the ballots, the Deputy General Counsel announced that Member Infanzon had been elected Second Vice President.

President Hurtado asked for self-nominations of cities to serve on the Executive Committee. Representatives of the following cities nominated their cities to the Executive Committee: Artesia, Bell, Cerritos, Cudahy, Downey, Lakewood, Montebello, Signal Hill, and Whittier.

The Deputy General Counsel announced that, since there were nine nominations for eight seats, an election would be necessary. Ballots were distributed to the Board members and collected by the Deputy General Counsel. After tallying the ballots, the Deputy General Counsel announced that the following cities were elected to the Executive Committee: Artesia, Cerritos, Cudahy, Downey, Lakewood, Montebello, Signal Hill, and Whittier.

President Hurtado thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as President. First Vice President Dunton said he looked forward to continuing the traditions of President Hurtado.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

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

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM C  
June 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](http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/pmia-laif)

July 26, 2011

[PMIA Average Monthly Yields](#)

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF  
TREASURER  
16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVA

Account Number: 40-19-045

**Transactions**

June 2011 Statement

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
6/6/2011	6/6/2011	RW	1319563	JACK JOSEPH	-100,000.00

**Account Summary**

Total Deposit:	0.00	Beginning Balance:	1,158,197.97
Total Withdrawal:	-100,000.00	Ending Balance:	1,058,197.97

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM D**

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

**Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG - July 27, 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 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. I have had telephonic and electronic exchanges regarding possible funding opportunities. 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 and have provided follow up concerning matters discussed at the annual CAGTC conference held in May. I have also provided information regarding staff changes at CAGTC.

As I have reported, both the Senate and House have indicated they are not including any earmarks in the FY12 appropriations process. Rep. Lucille 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, has laid out his proposal for a scaled down six year measure, and Sen. Barbara Boxer, chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, has released information on her proposal for a two year bill at a higher annual funding level. Both 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 a 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.

On June 27, I attended an event for Rep. Roybal-Allard and had the opportunity to speak with her and her senior staff on Gateway Cities' behalf.

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**

**Authorization for Support of Metrans  
National Urban Freight Conference  
October 12 – 14, 2011, in Long Beach**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Authorization for Support of METRANS National Urban Freight Conference  
October 12-14, 2011, in Long Beach

**Background**

METRANS is a United States Department of Transportation designated University Transportation Center in partnership with the University of Southern California (USC), and California State University, Long Beach (CSULB). Such centers are located in strategic areas throughout the country and have as their mission to solve transportation problems of large metropolitan areas through research, education and outreach.

The Gateway Cities COG is honored to be a part of the METRANS partnership with USC and CSULB and is a member of the METRANS Advisory Board.

**Issue**

It is important for the COG to be supportive of local research universities who provide ongoing research for innovations in our transportation policies.

**Recommended Action**

Approve the request of METRANS for a \$2,000 Sponsorship of the National Urban Freight Conference, October 12-14, 2011 in Long Beach

## **VIII. REPORTS**

### **ITEM A**

**Gateway Cities COG Air Quality Action  
Plan (AQAP) Update by Susan DeSantis,  
Arellano & Associates and  
Scott Broten, ICF**



April 2011

- Q:** What is The Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP)?
- A:** The Gateway Cities AQAP is a long term plan intended to improve air quality and public health through identifying additional measures to reduce emissions. The AQAP was requested by the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee (OPC) and subsequently authorized by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors to evaluate air quality and health impacts. In addition, the AQAP will evaluate the effectiveness of emission reduction measures on the future air quality and health risks in the Gateway Cities.
- Q:** Who is the lead agency in preparing the AQAP?
- A:** The Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) is responsible for preparing the AQAP with administrative management and support from Metro.
- Q:** Why prepare an AQAP?
- A:** When the Locally Preferred Strategy to improve the I-710 was approved by the OPC in November 2004, they determined that air quality was the number one priority and that an AQAP would be an asset in evaluating all of the air quality improvement opportunities in the Gateway Cities.
- Q:** What health risks are of concern to the residents in the Gateway Cities?
- A:** Diesel particulates are a major concern to residents in the Gateway Cities and a known carcinogenic risk. According to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), approximately 33 percent of diesel particulate emissions in the South Coast Air Basin come from exhaust produced by heavy-duty diesel trucks. The I-710 experiences high heavy-duty truck volumes resulting in high concentrations of diesel particulate emissions within the I-710 corridor as well as criteria pollutants (Particulate Matter (PM), Carbon Monoxide (CO), and Nitrogen Oxides (NOx).
- Q:** What is the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS and how does it relate to the AQAP?
- A:** Metro and its funding partners are preparing the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS to analyze alternatives for improving I-710 from Ocean Boulevard in the City of Long Beach to SR-60, a distance of 18 miles. The purpose of the proposed I-710 Corridor Project is to more efficiently and safely accommodate projected traffic volumes forecast for 2035, while improving air quality as a primary objective. The AQAP was requested by the I-710 OPC and subsequently authorized by the Metro Board to evaluate specific air quality and health impacts within Gateway Cities and to recommend specific measures to further improve air quality. The I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS evaluates proposed improvements as a project recommendation, while The Gateway Cities AQAP evaluates the entire Gateway Cities subregion.
- Q:** Doesn't the I-710 Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) include similar studies?
- A:** Yes, an Air Quality and Health Risk Assessment (AQ/HRA) is being prepared for the I-710 EIR/EIS to ensure a thorough examination of air quality and health risk of the alternatives being considered in that EIR/EIS. This is the first time such an Air Quality and Health Risk Assessment (including near-roadway modeling and analysis) has been included in a major freeway study in California. The I-710 EIR/EIS also includes many additional health-related analyses, including noise, community impacts, visual impacts, safety and congestion and mobility. The AQAP is intended to provide additional information to address issues beyond the information being presented in the I-710 EIR/EIS. The AQAP will conduct an HRA for all of the Gateway Cities subregion.

The Gateway Cities  
**Air Quality Action Plan**

# FAQs

**Q:** What is the role of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) and the AQAP Committees in addressing air quality and health issues?

**A:** The roles of GCCOG and AQAP Committees include:

- Developing the AQAP (to be completed in 2012);
- Evaluation and analysis of existing studies, projects and programs;
- Advocacy for adequate funding from all sources for air quality improvement programs;
- Monitoring existing programs and projects for strategies, progress and effectiveness;
- Reporting function for elected officials, staff and communities;
- Suggestions for existing or additional air quality programs;
- Advocacy for health related issues and programs;
- Providing testimony and input to other agencies;
- Working with local communities to implement local air quality improvement strategies and programs;
- Participating in air quality programs where applicable.

Local participation in the AQAP will greatly determine the effectiveness of this process.

**Q:** How has the policy environment changed since the action by the Oversight Policy Committee requesting that the GCCOG prepare an AQAP?

**A:** It has been a time of significant progress in the development of policy, programs, projects, regulations and legislation to address the air quality impacts of trucks, cargo handling equipment, locomotives, shops, and other pollution sources that heavily impact the Gateway Cities. The San Pedro Bay Ports, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), California Air Resources Board (CARB), and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) all have proposed, developed and drafted new regulations and emission reductions programs and projects that are already reducing air pollution. Many of these measures directly and indirectly address the recommendations for air quality improvement initiatives proposed in the I-710 Tier 2 Report (a community based report on recommendations for improvements in the I-710 corridor). These new developments have materially altered the policy debate from the summer of 2004, when many of the issues discussed in the I-710 Tier 2 report were only beginning to be analyzed.

**Q:** How will the AQAP be implemented?

**A:** Any measures proposed for inclusion in the AQAP would require a third party to implement since the Metro and GCCOG have no authority to require, implement or regulate air quality improvement measures. To be effective, the AQAP will require the consent and agreement of other public agencies such as: CARB, SCAQMD, EPA, Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, etc. That is why the I-710 OPC requested the development of an approach to holding public agencies with jurisdiction in the corridor accountable for progress in meeting air quality and public health objectives in the subregion.

**Q:** When can I provide input?

**A:** There will be many opportunities for you to participate in the AQAP. Public meetings will be held through 2011 and 2012. The purpose of these meetings is to provide an understanding of the AQAP and to engage stakeholders in providing feedback and input into the process.

You may also visit Metro's website at [metro.net/gcaqap](http://metro.net/gcaqap) to submit comments and learn about upcoming events or via the Gateway Cities website at [gatewaycog.org](http://gatewaycog.org).

You are also welcome to send comments to Metro or the Gateway Cities Council of Governments:

Via e-mail: [gcaqap@metro.net](mailto:gcaqap@metro.net)

Via letter: Mr. Adrian Alvarez, Project Manager  
Highway Programs  
Gateway Cities/Southeast Area Team  
Metro  
One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop: 99-22-9  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Mr. Richard Powers, Executive Director  
Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
16401 Paramount Boulevard  
Paramount, CA 90723-5427



April 2011

**What is The Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan?**

The Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) is a Corridor-specific study requested by the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee (OPC) in 2004 to "develop suggested steps for initiating the development and implementation of a corridor level Air Quality Action Plan to include not only technical, but also funding, institutional structure and legislative strategies as well as an approach to holding public agencies with jurisdiction in the corridor accountable for progress in meeting air quality and public health objectives in the corridor and the region." It will assess how to continue to improve air quality and public health by addressing both near-term and long-term measures for emission reductions

**Who are the Project Participants?**

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) is preparing the AQAP with administrative management and support from Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

**What are the AQAP Objectives?**

The intent of the AQAP is to continue to seek air quality improvements and reduce health risks in Gateway Cities by establishing a framework to help organize and focus the activities of its member cities toward this common goal. The AQAP will build on air quality improvement projects and programs already underway and evaluate further actions that can be undertaken to maximize effectiveness of those projects and programs. The AQAP will develop conceptual plans to further implement and measure air quality improvements in the region. The framework will address specific measures to minimize negative air quality impacts and health issues, as well as seek and identify funding opportunities and legislative strategies to support and implement any additional measures.

**What are the major components of the AQAP?**

**Compendium** – This Compendium will update two previously prepared compendiums and will provide a comprehensive list of all existing and potential future air pollution reduction measures in the study area that could benefit the Gateway Cities. Additional research will include identification of recent studies, projects and programs and interviews with stakeholder agencies and community groups.

**Quantitative Air Quality Analysis** – This analysis and evaluation covers the total expected air quality impacts and benefits of the measures included in the updated Compendium. It will also provide an analysis of near roadway modeling for the transportation improvements proposed in the I-710 Corridor Project and the potential air quality impacts from an estimated I-710 Construction Staging and Phasing scenario.

**Qualitative Air Quality Analysis for I-710** – The AQAP will also include research of potential air quality impacts from Ultrafines.

**Health Impact Assessment for I-710** – A Health Impact Assessment (HIA) will be performed to assess the improvements proposed in the I-710 Corridor Project, and to make recommendations to evaluate opportunities for improving health indicators related to specific actions or proposals. Three major steps for conducting the HIA are:

- Scoping, where health determinants for evaluation and methods for analyses are identified;
- Conducting the assessments using both quantitative and qualitative analysis;
- Communicating the results of the assessment

As part of the HIA process, prioritized health issues will be evaluated; populations to be analyzed will be identified (e.g., vulnerable populations based on age, place of residence, race/ethnicity, and/or income); and research questions will be prioritized for each health issue. An HIA Advisory Working Group, reflective of the diverse interests, will be formed to make recommendations as part of the HIA process.

The Gateway Cities  
**Air Quality Action Plan**

# Facts

**Community Medical Needs Assessment** – This assessment will evaluate and report on current health conditions and treatment in the Gateway Cities. This will include selection and analysis of indicators related to:

- Health outcomes;
- Factors that contribute to population health (e.g., transportation, environmental quality, housing, etc.);
- Factors that contribute to population health that are not addressed in an EIR/EIS (e.g., access to and quality of medical care, access to healthy food, etc.)

**Gateway Cities Health Risk Assessment (HRA)** –

The HRA will evaluate the impacts to public health as a result of changes from proposed actions in the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) for the Gateway Cities subregion. The HRA will provide policy makers and the general public with additional information regarding which air quality improvement measures may yield the greatest reduction in health impacts. This will provide a catalog of potential benefits to the Gateway Cities communities that result from the suite of measures listed in the Compendium, the HRA report and other details that may be developed by the AQAP process.

**What is the project schedule?**

The AQAP will be developed over a 24 month timeframe.

**When can I provide input?**

There will be many opportunities for you to participate in the AQAP. Public meetings will be held throughout 2011 and 2012. The purpose of these meetings is to provide an understanding of the AQAP project and to provide stakeholders with an opportunity for input and feedback into the process.

You may visit Metro's website at [metro.net/gcaqap](http://metro.net/gcaqap) to submit comments and learn about upcoming events.

You can also visit the Gateway Cities web site at [gatewaycog.org](http://gatewaycog.org) for project information or to submit comments.

You are also welcome to send comments:

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### Frequently Asked Questions about the I-710 Health Impact Assessment

**Q:** What is a Health Impact Assessment?

**A:** According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is "a combination of procedures, methods, and tools by which a policy, program, or project may be judged as to its potential effects on the health of a population, and the distribution of effects within the population." HIAs have also been described as an emerging discipline that evaluates the impact of specific policies and projects on health, where health is broadly defined as a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely by the absence of disease or infirmity.

**Q:** Why are HIAs conducted?

**A:** HIAs are conducted to inform decision-makers about the potential health impacts that may result from implementation of proposed projects, programs, or policies.

**Q:** What major steps are involved in conducting an HIA?

**A:** There are six major steps involved in conducting an HIA:

1. **Screening** – determines the need for an HIA
2. **Scoping** – identifies potential impacts to evaluate and methods for analysis
3. **Assessment** – identifies the status of baseline health conditions and factors that determine health outcomes; evaluates potential positive and negative impacts of the proposed project on those factors and on health conditions
4. **Recommendation** – identifies strategies to manage identified health impacts
5. **Reporting** – communicates development of the HIA report and the findings to stakeholders
6. **Monitoring** – tracks the effect of the decision on health determinants and outcomes

**Q:** What health factors are typically examined in an HIA?

**A:** The public health literature describes many factors that influence health and health outcomes. HIAs analyze how a proposed project or policy affects these factors and thereby health. Examples of factors that might be examined in an HIA are:

- Air pollution
- Noise
- Water pollution
- Traffic safety, congestion and mobility
- Housing
- Jobs
- Neighborhood resources and livability
- Physical activity

**Q:** Has an HIA been prepared for a major freeway project before?

**A:** No. Although HIAs have been conducted in the United States for the past 10 years, it is still an emerging field of study.

**Q:** Is an HIA part of the Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan?

**A:** Yes. One of the components of the Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) study is the Interstate 710 (I-710) HIA. The Gateway Cities AQAP is a long-term plan intended to further improve air quality and public health through the identification of additional measures to reduce emissions. The AQAP was requested by the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee (OPC) and subsequently supported by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board.

The Gateway Cities AQAP and I-710 HIA will study how to further improve air quality and public health in the Gateway Cities subregion.

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# HIA

**Q:** What is a Health Risk Assessment?

**A:** A Health Risk Assessment (HRA) is used to determine if a particular chemical poses a significant risk to human health and, if so, under what circumstances.

**Q:** Will an HRA also be conducted as part of the Gateway Cities AQAP?

**A:** Yes. An HRA will be conducted as part of the Gateway Cities AQAP. It will evaluate the impacts to public health as a result of changes from proposed actions in the AQAP for the Gateway Cities subregion. The HRA will provide policy makers and the general public with additional information regarding which air quality improvement measures may yield the greatest benefits in respect to health impacts. This will provide a catalog of potential benefits to the Gateway Cities communities that result from the suite of measures listed in the Compendium, the HRA report, and other details that may be developed by the AQAP process.

**Q:** Is an HRA also being prepared for the I-710 Corridor Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement?

**A:** Yes, there is an Air Quality/Health Risk Assessment (AQ/HRA) for the I-710 Corridor Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). The I-710 AQ/HRA will perform an analysis of air quality and human health risk impacts for the I-710 Corridor Project, consistent with California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Policy Act (CEQA/NEPA) requirements. A second

analysis will also be prepared to support a transportation conformity determination, consistent with federal and state transportation conformity requirements. The I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS is also evaluating the impacts of the project on other health issues – such as air quality, noise, safety, congestion, property impacts, recreation, and park impacts – on the adjoining communities.

**Q:** How are health issues typically incorporated into an EIR/EIS?

**A:** There are three ways in which health issues are typically incorporated into an EIR/EIS:

- As a health risk assessment for a discrete exposure
- As a discussion of risk factors for health (e.g., air quality, traffic flow)
- As a demonstration of compliance with a health-based environmental law, such as the Clean Air Act.

**Q:** How will the results of the Gateway Cities AQAP - I-710 HIA be used?

**A:** The results of the AQAP, which includes the I-710 HIA, will be used to inform the development of additional measures to further improve air quality in all of the Gateway Cities and will be forwarded to the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee upon completion. The decision to incorporate the results of the I-710 HIA into the I-710 EIR/EIS rests with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the agency of record for the environmental clearance.

**How does an HIA differ from an HRA?**

	Health Impact Assessment (HIA)	Health Risk Assessment (HRA)
Evaluation criteria	May be qualitative or quantitative	Quantitative analyses and evaluation criteria
Relationship between exposure & outcome	May be direct or indirect; relies on best available evidence	Direct
Significance criteria	May or may not be defined within an HIA process	Defines significance criteria
Regulatory acceptance	Relatively new and continuing to develop as a field of analysis	Widely accepted by public agencies

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## AQAP Schedule Six Month Look-Ahead

