

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

*Wednesday, December 1, 2021  
6:00 p. m. Meeting*

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

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**AGENDA**

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** To address the Board of Directors on any agenda item or a matter within the Board's purview, please provide written comments by 3 p.m., December 1, 2021, the day of the meeting, via email to [info@gatewaycog.org](mailto:info@gatewaycog.org). All written comments timely submitted will be distributed to the Board members and will become part of the official record. You may also make oral public comment during the Public Comment period on the agenda.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA** - This is the time and place to change the order of the agenda, delete or add any agenda item(s).

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The Board of Directors/Executive Committee will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or an item that is not on the agenda but within its subject matter jurisdiction. The Board of Directors cannot discuss or take action on any item not on the agenda. The limit for each speaker is three minutes unless otherwise specified by the Chair. Please use the "Raise Hand" feature on Zoom to indicate that you wish to make a comment. If you are calling in, please dial \*9 to use the "Raise Hand" feature.

**V. MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

- A. Recommendation by the City Managers Steering Committee to Appoint Ernie Hernandez, Lynwood City Manager to the Transportation Committee

SUGGESTED ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION

**VI. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

- A. Report on the I-710 Ad Hoc Committee

**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 Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated December 1, 2021 (Pg. 5) - Approve
- B. Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of November 3, 2021 (Pg. 21) – Approve
- C. Local Agency Investment Fund Statement - (Pg. 29) Receive & File
- D. Report from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy – No Report
- E. Report from the Economic Development Working Group – No Report
- F. Report from the Gateway Water Management Authority – No Report
- G. Report from the I-710 Corridor Project – No Report
- H. Report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee – No Report
- I. Report from PATH (COG Homeless Program Implementation Agency) – (Pg. 31) Receive & File
- J. Air Quality/Climate Program Update – (Pg. 42) Receive & File
- K. Gateway Cities COG Housing Program Report – (Pg. 77) Receive & File
- L. Matters from the I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority – No Report
- M. Matters from the League of California Cities – (Pg. 105) Receive & File
- N. Matters from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) – (Pg. 109) Receive & File
- O. Matters from Eco-Rapid Transit (WSAB) – (Pg. 116) Receive & File
- P. Matters from the South Coast AQMD & CARB – (Pg. 119) Receive & File

- Q. Matters from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council – No Report
- R. Matters from the Metro Eastside Transit Corridor (Gold Line) Phase II – No Report
- S. Matters from the Port of Long Beach – (Pg. 121) Receive & File
- T. Matters from Metro – No Report
- U. Resolution No. 2021-04 - A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Making the Legally Required Findings to Authorize the Conduct of Remote Teleconference Meetings During a State of Emergency – (Pg. 126) Approve
- V. Consulting Agreement Between Gateway Cities COG and IBI Group for Parametric Modelling of Land Use Change Scenarios – (Pg. 130) Approve
- W. Consulting Agreement Between Gateway Cities COG and CivicHome for Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust Fund Study – (Pg. 209) Approve
- X. Extension of Southern California Regional Energy Network Regional Partnership through 2022 – (Pg. 251) Approve
- Y. Gateway Cities Council of Governments Amendment Number Two to Professional Services Agreement with Sumire Gant Consulting – (Pg. 267) Approve

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:**

APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS A THROUGH Y.

#### **VIII. REPORTS**

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| 10 Min | <p>A. Home to Employment Project - Presentation by SHARE!</p> <p>SUGGESTED ACTION: RECEIVE &amp; FILE REPORT</p>  |
| 5 Min  | <p>B. I-710 Ad Hoc Committee Timeline – Presented by Elizabeth Alcantar, Chair</p> <p>SUGGESTED ACTION: APPROVE I-710 AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</p>   |
| 10 Min | <p>C. Report from Transportation Committee – Metro Director Fernando Dutra, Chair – Oral Report</p> <p>1. West Santa Ana Branch Project – Locally Preferred Alternative Decision</p> <p>SUGGESTED ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE WSAB CITY MANAGERS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND RECEIVE &amp; FILE REPORT</p> |

10 Min      D.      Homelessness Program Update – Presentation by Gilbert Saldate,  
Homelessness Program Manager

1. COG Letter to LA County Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness

SUGGESTED ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION AND RECEIVE & FILE  
REPORT

**IX.      MATTERS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**X.      ADJOURNMENT**

NOTICE: New items will not be considered after 8:00 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, January 5, 2022, 6:00 PM.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS 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 Warrant Register**

**Gateway Cities Council of Governments**  
Check/Voucher Register - Warrant Register  
From 11/4/2021 Through 12/1/2021

| Warrant No. | Payee                   | Warrant Amount | Fund Title   | Fund Code | Transaction Description                |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|--|
| 103121-1    | Joel Arevalos           | 1,443.46       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Joel; Pay Date: 10/31/2021   |
|             | Total Joel Arevalos     | 1,443.46       |              |           |  |
| 103121-10   | Antonio Lima            | 112.56         | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Lima; Pay Date: 10/31/2021   |
|             | Total Antonio Lima      | 112.56         |              |           |  |
| 103121-12   | Ali Saleh               | 112.56         | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Saleh; Pay Date: 10/31/2021  |
|             | Total Ali Saleh         | 112.56         |              |           |  |
| 103121-13   | Edward H. Wilson        | 112.56         | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Wilson; Pay Date: 10/31/2021 |
|             | Total Edward H. Wilson  | 112.56         |              |           |  |
| 103121-2    | Genoveva Cisneros       | 3,490.14       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Cisner; Pay Date: 10/31/2021 |
|             | Total Genoveva Cisneros | 3,490.14       |              |           |  |
| 103121-3    | Karen Z. Heit           | 2,746.41       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Heit; Pay Date: 10/31/2021   |
|             | Total Karen Z. Heit     | 2,746.41       |              |           |  |
| 103121-4    | Sandra Mora             | 1,428.16       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Mora; Pay Date: 10/31/2021   |
|             | Total Sandra Mora       | 1,428.16       |              |           |  |

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| 103121-5    | Marisa K. Perez                        | 3,602.01       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Marisa; Pay<br>Date: 10/31/2021  |
|             | Total Marisa K. Perez                  | 3,602.01       |              |           |  |
| 103121-6    | Nancy Pfeffer                          | 4,302.19       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Pfeffe; Pay<br>Date: 10/31/2021  |
|             | Total Nancy Pfeffer                    | 4,302.19       |              |           |  |
| 103121-7    | Gilbert A. Saldate                     | 1,464.55       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Saldat; Pay<br>Date: 10/31/2021  |
|             | Total Gilbert A. Saldate               | 1,464.55       |              |           |  |
| 103121-8    | Melani V. Smith                        | 4,004.07       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Melani; Pay<br>Date: 10/31/2021  |
|             | Total Melani V. Smith                  | 4,004.07       |              |           |  |
| 103121-9    | Mahogany C. Smith-Christopher          | 1,799.66       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: MSCChr; Pay<br>Date: 10/31/2021  |
|             | Total Mahogany C.<br>Smith-Christopher | 1,799.66       |              |           |  |
| 19344       | William J. Davis                       | 112.56         | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Davis; Pay<br>Date: 10/31/2021   |
|             | Total William J. Davis                 | 112.56         |              |           |  |
| 19345       | Raymond Duntton                        | 112.56         | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Duntton; Pay<br>Date: 10/31/2021 |
|             |  |                |              |           |  |

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|              | Total Raymond Dunton | 112.56         |            |           |                         |
| Report Total |                      | 24,843.45      |            |           |                         |

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| 111521-1    | Joel Arevalos           | 1,778.37       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Joel; Pay Date: 11/15/2021   |
|             | Total Joel Arevalos     | 1,778.37       |              |           |  |
| 111521-10   | Emma J. Sharif          | 112.56         | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Sharif; Pay Date: 11/15/2021 |
|             | Total Emma J. Sharif    | 112.56         |              |           |  |
| 111521-2    | Genoveva Cisneros       | 3,333.73       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Cisner; Pay Date: 11/15/2021 |
|             | Total Genoveva Cisneros | 3,333.73       |              |           |  |
| 111521-3    | Karen Z. Heit           | 2,688.30       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Heit; Pay Date: 11/15/2021   |
|             | Total Karen Z. Heit     | 2,688.30       |              |           |  |
| 111521-4    | Sandra Mora             | 1,763.07       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Mora; Pay Date: 11/15/2021   |
|             | Total Sandra Mora       | 1,763.07       |              |           |  |
| 111521-5    | Marisa K. Perez         | 3,831.97       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Marisa; Pay Date: 11/15/2021 |
|             | Total Marisa K. Perez   | 3,831.97       |              |           |  |
| 111521-6    | Nancy Pfeffer           | 4,425.53       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Pfeffe; Pay Date: 11/15/2021 |
|             | Total Nancy Pfeffer     | 4,425.53       |              |           |  |

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| 111521-7    | Gilbert A. Saldate                     | 2,469.30       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Saldate; Pay<br>Date: 11/15/2021                 |
|             | Total Gilbert A. Saldate               | 2,469.30       |              |           |  |
| 111521-8    | Melani V. Smith                        | 4,588.35       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: Melani; Pay<br>Date: 11/15/2021                  |
|             | Total Melani V. Smith                  | 4,588.35       |              |           |  |
| 111521-9    | Mahogany C. Smith-Christopher          | 2,571.81       | General Fund | 001       | Employee: MSCChr; Pay<br>Date: 11/15/2021                  |
|             | Total Mahogany C.<br>Smith-Christopher | 2,571.81       |              |           |  |
| 19346       | City of Paramount                      | 257.50         | General Fund | 001       | Spectrum Internet for<br>November 2021                     |
|             | Total City of Paramount                | 257.50         |              |           |  |
| 19347       | DDWERKS, INC                           | 392.40         | General Fund | 001       | Company Envelopes,<br>Foam Logo Board                      |
|             | Total DDWERKS, INC                     | 392.40         |              |           |  |
| 19348       | Abila                                  | 2,659.76       | General Fund | 001       | Annual Maintenance &<br>Support for Accounting<br>Software |
|             | Total Abila                            | 2,659.76       |              |           |  |

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| 19349       | Elizabeth Alcantar       | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, November 3, 2021  |
|             | Total Elizabeth Alcantar | 125.00         |              |           |   |
| 19350       | Alex Vargas              | 3,845.22       | Homeless     | 010       | Outreach Srves relating to Reg Coord Grant            |
|             | Total Alex Vargas        | 3,845.22       |              |           |   |
| 19351       | Ariel Pe                 | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, November 3, 2021  |
|             | Total Ariel Pe           | 125.00         |              |           |   |
| 19352       | City of Artesia          | 42,167.96      | Orange Line  | 012       | WSAB Transit Corridor Project                         |
|             | Total City of Artesia    | 42,167.96      |              |           |   |
| 19353       | AI Austin                | 100.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Committee on Homelessness Nov 4, 2021 Mtg |
|             | Total AI Austin          | 100.00         |              |           |   |
| 19354       | Gerald Caton             | 8,100.00       | General Fund | 001       | Economic Development Consulting Services              |
|             | Total Gerald Caton       | 8,100.00       |              |           |   |

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| 19355       | Craig Accountancy          | 269.37         | General Fund | 001       | Professional Services Rendered                         |
|             | Total Craig Accountancy    | 269.37         |              |           |  |
| 19356       | Maria Davila               | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for BOD Mtg, November 3, 2021                  |
|             | Total Maria Davila         | 125.00         |              |           |  |
| 19357       | Ed Eng                     | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, November 3, 2021   |
|             | Total Ed Eng               | 125.00         |              |           |  |
| 19358       | EideBailly                 | 500.00         | General Fund | 001       | Financial Software Consultation                        |
|             | Total EideBailly           | 500.00         |              |           |  |
| 19359       | Emerson & Associates       | 6,010.00       | General Fund | 001       | Advocacy Advisory Svcs for billing period Dec 30, 2019 |
|             | Total Emerson & Associates | 6,010.00       |              |           |  |
| 19360       | Fernando Dutra             | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, November 3, 2021   |
|             | Total Fernando Dutra       | 125.00         |              |           |  |



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| 19361       | Herber Marquez                     | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Board of Directors mtg, November 3, 2021         |
|             | Total Herber Marquez               | 125.00         |              |           |  |
| 19362       | Jan Cicco                          | 7,175.95       | Homeless     | 010       | Regional Homeless Plan Oct 15-Nov 15                         |
|             | Total Jan Cicco                    | 7,175.95       |              |           |  |
| 19363       | Joe Angel Zamora                   | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, November 3, 2021         |
|             | Joe Angel Zamora                   | 100.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Committee on Homelessness on Nov 4, 2021 Meeting |
|             | Total Joe Angel Zamora             | 225.00         |              |           |  |
| 19364       | Law Offices of Jones & Mayer       | 2,502.50       | General Fund | 001       | Professional Legal Services Rendered                         |
|             | Total Law Offices of Jones & Mayer | 2,502.50       |              |           |  |
| 19365       | Jorgel Chavez                      | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, November 3, 2021         |
|             | Total Jorgel Chavez                | 125.00         |              |           |  |

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| 19366       | Koa Consulting         | 14,855.00      | Arterials    | 003       | Engineering Services for Period Sept 26-Oct 30       |
|             | Koa Consulting         | 10,105.00      | I-710        | 005       | Engineering Services for Period Sept 26-Oct 30       |
|             | Koa Consulting         | 11,610.00      | 91/605       | 025       | Engineering Services for Period Sept 26-Oct 30       |
|             | Total Koa Consulting   | 36,570.00      |              |           |  |
| 19367       | Luis Roa               | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, November 3, 2021 |
|             | Luis Roa               | 100.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Committee on Homelessnes                 |
|             | Total Luis Roa         | 225.00         |              |           |  |
| 19368       | Margarita Rios         | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for BOD Mtgs, November 3, 2021               |
|             | Total Margarita Rios   | 125.00         |              |           |  |
| 19369       | Nancy K. Michali       | 4,000.00       | Orange Line  | 012       | WSAB City Mgr Technical Advisory Support Srvcs       |
|             | Total Nancy K. Michali | 4,000.00       |              |           |  |
| 19370       | Naresh Solanki         | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, November 3, 2021 |
|             | Total Naresh Solanki   | 125.00         |              |           |  |

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| 19371       | Oralia Rebollo          | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, November 3, 2021   |
|             | Oralia Rebollo          | 100.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Committee on Homelessness, Nov 4, 2021 Mtg |
|             | Total Oralia Rebollo    | 225.00         |              |           |  |
| 19372       | City of Paramount       | 257.50         | General Fund | 001       | Spectrum Internet December 2021                        |
|             | Total City of Paramount | 257.50         |              |           |  |
| 19373       | City of Paramount       | 4,605.95       | General Fund | 001       | Office Space/Lease for the Month of December 2021      |
|             | Total City of Paramount | 4,605.95       |              |           |  |
| 19374       | PARS                    | 250.00         | General Fund | 001       | Administration 457 Def Comp                            |
|             | PARS                    | 310.00         | Homeless     | 010       | Rep Fees Retirement Program                            |
|             | Total PARS              | 560.00         |              |           |  |
| 19375       | Rodger's Catering       | 291.83         | Homeless     | 010       | Catering for Home Employment Lunch Mtg Dec 9, 2021     |
|             | Total Rodger's Catering | 291.83         |              |           |  |

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| 19376       | Marisela Santana       | 100.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Committee on Homelessness November 4, 2021      |
|             | Marisela Santana       | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for the Board of Directors mtg, November 3, 2021    |
|             | Total Marisela Santana | 225.00         |              |           |   |
| 19377       | Sean Ashton            | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, November 3, 2021        |
|             | Total Sean Ashton      | 125.00         |              |           |   |
| 19378       | SHARE                  | 62,500.00      | Homeless     | 010       | Innovation Plan Work Completed for Rental Assistance        |
|             | SHARE                  | 21,770.32      | Homeless     | 010       | Innovation Plan Work Completed for September 2021           |
|             | SHARE                  | 22,467.24      | Homeless     | 010       | Innovation Plan Work Completed for the month of August 2021 |
|             | SHARE                  | 21,908.98      | Homeless     | 010       | Innovation Plan Work Completed for the month of July 2021   |
|             | Total SHARE            | 128,646.54     |              |           |   |

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| 19379       | Smith, Watts & Hartmann LLC       | 3,500.00       | General Fund | 001       | Consulting Services for the Month of October 2021    |
|             | Total Smith, Watts & Hartmann LLC | 3,500.00       |              |           |  |
| 19380       | Smith, Watts & Hartmann LLC       | 3,500.00       | General Fund | 001       | Consulting Services for the Month of November        |
|             | Total Smith, Watts & Hartmann LLC | 3,500.00       |              |           |  |
| 19381       | Studio One Eleven                 | 1,500.00       | Homeless     | 010       | Affordable Housing Digital Hub Cas Studies           |
|             | Total Studio One Eleven           | 1,500.00       |              |           |  |
| 19382       | Suely Saro                        | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, November 3, 2021 |
|             | Total Suely Saro                  | 125.00         |              |           |  |
| 19383       | Sumire Gant Consulting            | 5,175.00       | SoCalRen     | 009       | Professional Consulting Srcs SOCALREN Project        |
|             | Total Sumire Gant Consulting      | 5,175.00       |              |           |  |
| 19384       | TGIS Catering Services, Inc       | 3,225.37       | Homeless     | 010       | Kick off Gateway Cities Roadmap Homeless Plan event  |
|             |                                   |                |              |           |  |

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|              | Total TGIS Catering Services, Inc    | 3,225.37       |              |           |  |
| 19385        | Roberto Uranga                       | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, November 3, 2021 |
|              | Total Roberto Uranga                 | 125.00         |              |           |  |
| 19386        | Vilma Cuellar Stallings              | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Board of Directors Mtg, November 3, 2021 |
|              | Total Vilma Cuellar Stallings        | 125.00         |              |           |  |
| 19387        | Sharon Weissman                      | 125.00         | General Fund | 001       | Stipend for Board of Directors mtg, November 3, 2021 |
|              | Total Sharon Weissman                | 125.00         |              |           |  |
| EFT-11032... | Internal Revenue Service             | 5,892.07       | General Fund | 001       | Federal Taxes for period ending 10/31/2021           |
|              | Total Internal Revenue Service       | 5,892.07       |              |           |  |
| EFT-11042... | Employment Development Depart.       | 1,938.67       | General Fund | 001       | State Taxes & SS for period ending 10/31             |
|              | Total Employment Development Depart. | 1,938.67       |              |           |  |

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| EFT-11052... | John Hancock USA                   | 2,376.85       | General Fund | 001       | 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Deposit  |
|              | Total John Hancock USA             | 2,376.85       |              |           |   |
| EFT-11052... | John Hancock USA                   | 4,934.84       | General Fund | 001       | PARS Retirement Fund Deposit  |
|              | Total John Hancock USA             | 4,934.84       |              |           |   |
| EFT-11172... | Elan Cardmember Service            | 3,448.58       | General Fund | 001       | Zoom subscription - \$15.81<br>Adobe subscription - \$14.99<br>Port Virtual Conference - \$30.00<br>Abila – purchase of checks - \$877.78<br>Whittier Daily - \$10.00<br>ICLEI Membership - \$2500.00 |
|              | Total Elan Cardmember Service      | 3,448.58       |              |           |   |
| EFT-11192... | AT&T Teleconference Services       | 30.71          | General Fund | 001       | Monthly Charges for Teleconference Line   |
|              | Total AT&T Teleconference Services | 30.71          |              |           |   |
| EFT-11192... | John Hancock USA                   | 2,375.79       | General Fund | 001       | 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Deposit for 11/15/2021   |
|              | Total John Hancock USA             | 2,375.79       |              |           |   |
| EFT-11192... | Internal Revenue Service           | 6,892.07       | General Fund | 001       | Federal Tax for the Payroll of 11/15/2021   |
|              | Total Internal Revenue Service     | 6,892.07       |              |           |   |

**Gateway Cities Council of Governments**  
Check/Voucher Register - Warrant Register  
From 11/4/2021 Through 12/1/2021

| Warrant No.  | Payee                                | Warrant Amount | Fund Title   | Fund Code | Transaction Description                 |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|---|
| EFT-11192... | Employment Development Depart.       | 2,438.67       | General Fund | 001       | State Tax for the Payroll of 11/15/2021 |
|              | Total Employment Development Depart. | 2,438.67       |              |           |   |
| EFT-11242... | AT&T                                 | 225.54         | General Fund | 001       | Monthly Telephone Charges 10/1-11/11    |
|              | Total AT&T                           | 225.54         |              |           |   |
| EFT-11242... | Staples Credit Plan                  | 761.09         | General Fund | 001       | Purchase of Office Supplies             |
|              | Total Staples Credit Plan            | 761.09         |              |           |   |
| EFT-11242... | Sparkletts Water                     | 140.90         | General Fund | 001       | Monthly Rental                          |
|              | Total Sparkletts Water               | 140.90         |              |           |   |
| EFT-11292... | Konica Minolta                       | 1,081.50       | General Fund | 001       | Rental/Lease for Konica Copier          |
|              | Total Konica Minolta                 | 1,081.50       |              |           |   |
| Report Total |                                      | 328,563.12     |              |           |   |



**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**ITEM B**  
**Approval of Minutes**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF  
GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Gateway Cities Council of Governments 16401 Paramount Blvd.**  
**Paramount, California**  
**November 3 2021**  
**Zoom Conference**

GCCOG Chair Cinde Cassidy called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. GCCOG Office Assistant Joel Arevalos took roll call.

| #   | Name                                | City/Agency                              | Present        | Absent   |
|-----|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|----------|
| 1.  | Tony Lima                           | Artesia                                  | X              |          |
| 2.  | Cinde MacGugan-Cassidy (E)          | Avalon (President)                       | X              |          |
| 3.  | Ali Saleh (E)                       | Bell (1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President)    | X              |          |
| 4.  | Raymond Dunton (E)                  | Bellflower                               |                | X        |
| 5.  | Maria Pulido                        | Bell Gardens                             | X              |          |
| 6.  | Naresh Solanki                      | Cerritos                                 | X              |          |
| 7.  | Oralia Rebollo (E)                  | Commerce                                 | X              |          |
| 8.  | Emma Sharif                         | Compton                                  | X              |          |
| 9.  | Elizabeth Alcantar                  | Cudahy                                   | X              |          |
| 10. | Sean Ashton (E)                     | Downey                                   | X              |          |
| 11. | Luis Roa                            | Hawaiian Gardens                         | X              |          |
| 12. | Marilyn Sanabria (E)                | Huntington Park                          |                | X        |
| 13. | Cory Moss                           | Industry                                 |                | X        |
| 14. | Ed Eng (E)                          | La Mirada                                | X              |          |
| 15. | Ariel Pe                            | Lakewood                                 |                | X        |
| 16. | Suely Saro (E)                      | Long Beach                               |                | X        |
| 17. | Roberto Uranga                      | Long Beach                               | X              |          |
| 18. | Marisela Santana                    | Lynwood (2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President) | X              |          |
| 19. | Heber Marquez                       | Maywood                                  | X              |          |
| 20. | Kimberly Cobos-Cawthorne            | Montebello                               |                | X        |
| 21. | Margarita Rios                      | Norwalk                                  | X              |          |
| 22. | Vilma Cuellar Stallings             | Paramount                                | X              |          |
| 23. | Raul Elias                          | Pico Rivera                              |                | X        |
| 24. | Joe Angel Zamora (E)                | Santa Fe Springs                         | X              |          |
| 25. | Edward Wilson (E)                   | Signal Hill                              | X              |          |
| 26. | Maria Davila (E)                    | South Gate (Immediate Past President)    | X              |          |
| 27. | William Davis                       | Vernon                                   | X              |          |
| 28. | Fernando Dutra (E)                  | Whittier                                 | X              |          |
| 29. | Luke Klipp (for Herlinda Chico) (E) | LA County BOS Office of Sup. Hahn        | X              |          |
| 30. | Kimberly Ortega                     | LA County BOS Office of Sup. Solis       | X              |          |
| 31. | Gabriela Cid                        | LA County BOS Office of Sup. Mitchell    |                | X        |
| 32. | Sharon Weissman                     | Port of Long Beach                       | X              |          |
|     |                                     | (E) Executive Committee                  | <b>Total =</b> |          |
|     |                                     |  | <b>23</b>      | <b>9</b> |

ALSO PRESENT: Nancy Pfeffer, Genny Cisneros, Marisa Perez, Karen Heit, Melani Smith, Mahogany Smith-Christopher, Joel Arevalos, Sandra Mora – COG Staff; Ivy Tsai, COG Attorney; Norman Emerson, Emerson & Associates; Michael Kodama, Eco-Rapid Transit; Danielle Soto, AQMD; Gregory Farr, Caltrans; Karen Lee, City of Artesia; Tyler Bonanno-Curley; Jose Eduardo Chavez, CRC; Guadalupe Camberos, Los Angeles County; Mark Dierking, Steven Lee – Metro; Nina Turner, Noel Hacegaba, Shana Espinoza – POLB; Sarah Patterson, SCAG; Luke Klipp, Office of Supervisor Hahn.

Chair Cassidy asked if there were any amendments.

There were no public comments at this meeting. Chair Cassidy read information related to providing public comments to the Board.

Under Matters from the President, Chair Cassidy thanked board members, staff, and consultants for working so hard.

Under Matters from Staff, Executive Director Nancy Pfeffer gave an update on COG activities. She stated that the Governor signed Senate Bill 4, the Broadband for All Act, in early October. The COG supported this bill, which was introduced by Senator Lena Gonzalez. Ms. Pfeffer commented about the recent developments related to the congestion at our ports. She shared that there was a call with senior staff from the Port of Los Angeles, focused on the community impacts of the current goods movement situation. She acknowledged Member Santana, COG Second Vice-President, for arranging this call.

Ms. Pfeffer stated that in October, the Port of Long Beach hosted members of the COG for a boat tour of the Port's facilities. She thanked Member Weissman for making the arrangements.

Ms. Pfeffer recapped actions by the Biden Administration to address the supply chain challenges at the Ports. This included a Supply Chain Disruption Task Force, which supported the move for the Ports to work 24/7 in order to address the bottlenecks.

Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order directing a number of state agencies to work with the Biden Task Force on near and long-term supply chain-related actions. The Governor and US Transportation Secretary Buttigieg announced that the State and US DOT would work jointly to “kickstart construction” of logistics-related projects including “railyard and truck electrification.”

Ms. Pfeffer stated that the Biden administration has a new Justice 40 policy that is supposed to direct 40% of federal infrastructure investments into underserved communities such as ours. The state's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure, or CAPTI, expresses similar goals.

A couple of weeks ago, the COG Officers and Director Dutra had a Zoom call with Senator Lena Gonzalez, who chairs the Senate Transportation Committee. The COG asked for her help in following up on the recent joint request from Metro and the COG to the California Air Resources Board and California Energy Commission to deploy a substantial number of zero emission trucks to the I-710 corridor and the Department of Finance's list of proposed new budget expenditures relating to the supply chain situation, including "electrification of the goods movement system... and workforce development."

Ms. Pfeffer concluded with a brief summary of the I-710 Ad Hoc Committee. At the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Committee received an update on the Metro motion supporting zero-emissions clean trucks in the 710 corridor and the Port tour, as well as engaging in an exercise using prompts about their roles in the Corridor as residents and officials. COG staff will bring a draft of guiding principles for the Corridor to the Committee's next meeting on November 15th. That meeting will include public comment and Spanish translation.

Member Ahston expressed his appreciation for the Port of Long Beach tour arranged by Member Weissman.

Member Dutra commented that Member Weissman is trying to put together another tour in the spring.

Member Rebollo suggested a future tour be scheduled on a weekend.

Chair Cassidy moved to the Consent Calendar.

Chair Cassidy asked to approve the Consent Calendar Items A-U. Member Lima moved the item; Member Ashton seconded it. COG Staff Arevalos performed a roll call and the item was approved.

Chair Cassidy moved to Report A by Jose Eduardo Chavez, who gave a presentation on the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Mr. Chavez gave an overview of the current timeline and stated that the Commission's deadline for preliminary maps is November 15<sup>th</sup>. He reviewed the weighted criteria that would be used when drawing the district maps. He reviewed the resources that the Commission has offered for users to draw maps and identify communities of interest. Mr. Chavez also stated that there is in person assistance available to provide input. Additional ways for the community to provide input include via website, email, mail, and map drawing tool.

Chair Cassidy thanked Mr. Chavez and asked if presentations could be made to individual cities. Mr. Chavez responded that the Commission could do this.

Chair Cassidy moved to Report B by Dr. Noel Hacegaba, Deputy Executive Director of Administration and Operations, who gave a report on the Port of Long

Beach Supply Chain Status and Solutions. Dr. Hacegaba gave a brief overview of current supply chain challenges and stated that the backlog could remain until Summer 2022 or early 2023. He stated that there was a record cargo volume in 2021 at the Port, and that there are vessels in port (102), anchor (76), and at berth (26) due to lack of capacity at terminals and warehouses. In response, the Port has activated vacant land to store containers such as STOR at Pier S and the Long Beach Container Terminal.

He stated that the Alameda Corridor moves 22% of all containers via train – one train replaces 1,200 trucks. The Port is also working with industry to expand operations. For example, the Port launched with TTI, a 24-hour cargo terminal to make it easier for trucks to access the facility. He stated that the Port hopes to expand hours of operation by working with the warehouses, distribution centers, and trucking companies to join them.

Dr. Hacegaba presented the 2020 air emission inventory including a 90% reduction in diesel particulate matter, as compared to 2005 levels, while container throughput increased by 21%. He stated that 100% of cargo handling equipment will be zero emissions by 2030, and 100% zero emission drayage trucks by 2035. The Ports received \$70 million in federal and state funds to demonstrate zero emission technology in the port, together with funding from partners. On November 8, the Harbor Commission will consider a \$10 per TEU fee on all loaded containers with exemptions for zero emission and low-NOx trucks. If approved, funds raised will be used to incentivize the purchase of zero emission and low-NOx trucks.

The Port has increased funding for community sponsorships under the leadership of the Harbor Commission, and encourages community organizations to apply twice per year. Dr. Hacegaba concluded with emphasizing the economic engine of the Port to the surrounding communities – job and business creation.

Member Weissman added that the Port sends the community sponsorship information to all the newspapers in the Southeast region. She asked that elected officials/city staff provide her with a list of non-profits in their communities. Member Weissman will make sure that the organization receives the press release directly. In addition, if a COG member has a City newsletter, she asks that the city consider including information about the community sponsorship program.

Member Dutra requested a copy of the presentation and asked if there was a link for the latest update on the Port's supply chain situation. Dr. Hacegaba responded that there is a link on the Port's website. There is also a 24/7 task force that focuses on these issues. He also acknowledged Members Weissman, Saro, and Uranga for their leadership on the COG.

Chair Cassidy moved to Report C by Metro Director Fernando Dutra, who gave an update on Metro activity. He commented on the proposed Metro Board motion on the I-710 trucks from last month. He met members from CEHAJ, the coalition who

has been active on public health issues related to the I-710. As a result, several changes were made to the motion. The leadership of Supervisor Janice Hahn further strengthened the motion. He acknowledged Luke Klipp and Jamie Hwang from Supervisor Hahn's staff for their work, and Supervisors Solis and Mitchell for their support.

The I-710 trucks motion would set aside \$50 million to fund a new clean truck program to replace diesel trucks with zero-emissions trucks. Metro will also conduct aggressive Federal and State advocacy to secure funding for this effort, including those 1,000 Zero Emissions trucks included in the FY22 California State budget. Metro staff will report back to the Board on this in February and May 2022, and he will update the committee afterwards.

Director Dutra thanked John Moreno and City Managers for their technical work on West Santa Ana Branch. Metro staff is finalizing a funding plan for West Santa Ana Branch this month and he stated that he hopes the plan will include options how to get the project built from Artesia to downtown Los Angeles. He will invite Metro staff to give a presentation on the funding plan at the next Transportation Committee meeting on December 1, and the Metro Board is expected to select a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in January 2022.

He concluded with a brief update on the partners included in Metro's Fareless System Initiative (FSI). Director Dutra thanked LAUSD who signed an agreement and covers students from Bell Gardens, Maywood and South Gate. Other agreements being considered include -

- Whittier Union High School District - board will vote on November 9.
- El Rancho Unified School District - board will vote on November 16.
- Time Community Schools in Montebello is finalizing an agreement.
- Participation from Montebello Bus and Norwalk Transit.

He concluded with announcing that Long Beach Transit Board approved joining FSI at their meeting yesterday.

Member Weissman asked that Metro develops some sort of program to provide technical expertise for cities that don't have the staff or have the information needed to submit grant applications. Member Dutra responded that he would bring this issue up with Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins.

Chair Cassidy moved to Report D by COG Director of Regional Development Melani Smith, who gave a presentation on the Affordable Housing Digital Information Hub. Ms. Smith recapped the COG's prior funding for the creation of the hub on the COG website (<https://www.gatewaycog.org/initiatives-and-projects/housing-and-homelessness/housing>). The goal was to showcase case studies on housing projects in the region. The hub is organized in three priorities: planning, producing, and preserving housing.

Ms. Smith described each of the priorities in detail. She also highlighted a section of the hub that highlights case studies on housing innovation. Each case study includes its challenges, solutions, and the key components to success. Case studies included projects located in Signal Hill, Los Angeles, Bellflower, Long Beach and Lakewood.

The hub also includes a housing continuum section, which shows the range of housing options, from emergency shelters to homeownership and everything in between. Ms. Smith stated that each part of the housing continuum serves a unique need in the housing market. The housing continuum info graphic for the Gateway Cities aims to describe the overall housing condition and needs of residents in the subregion at different income levels and across various housing markets.

Chair Cassidy acknowledged the great work by Ms. Smith.

Member Sharif asked for copy of the presentation to share with her councilmembers as housing is a big issue. Ms. Smith responded that the information is located on the COG website and offered her help to walk through the information.

Member Wilson thanked Ms. Smith for her work and expressed gratitude that the Zinnia project was included.

Member Rios shared that Norwalk approved a 60-unit affordable housing project for veterans. She inquired how she could get this project included on the hub.

Member Saro thanked Ms. Smith for her work and shared that cities are finalizing their housing elements. She is interested in hearing what other cities are doing to address challenges cities are facing.

Member Ashton asked if she could attend the Eco Rapid board meeting and give this presentation.

Member Dutra acknowledged Ms. Smith's incredible work and inquired if the AMI information was from the recent Census. Ms. Smith responded that it was using HUD data and that the sources are cited at the bottom of the continuum page.

Ms. Pfeffer also acknowledged Ms. Smith's wonderful work on this and was pleased to have so much feedback and interest from COG board members.

Chair Cassidy asked for a motion to receive and file reports A-D.  
Member Ashton moved the item; Member Lima seconded it.

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of November 3, 2021

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Under Matters from the Board of Directors, Member Dutra asked Ms. Pfeffer if she could provide the redistricting maps for the Gateway Cities region to COG members.

Adjournment: Chair Cassidy adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pfeffer, Executive Director



**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**ITEM C**  
**October 2021 Local Agency**  
**Investment Fund Statement**

California State Treasurer  
**Fiona Ma, CPA**



Local Agency Investment Fund  
P.O. Box 942809  
Sacramento, CA 94209-0001  
(916) 653-3001

November  
23, 2021

[LAIF Home](#)  
[PMIA](#)  
[Average](#)  
[Monthly](#)  
[Yields](#)

Account Number:

40-19-045

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

October 2021 Statement

| Effective Date | Transaction Date | Tran Type | Confirm Number | Web Confirm Number | Authorized Caller | Amount |
|----------------|------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 10/15/2021     | 10/14/2021       | QRD       | 1687174        | N/A                | SYSTEM            | 185.47 |

**Account Summary**

Total Deposit:

185.47

Beginning  
Balance:

304,578.50

Total Withdrawal:

0.00

Ending Balance:

304,763.97

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM I**

**Report from PATH (COG Homeless  
Program Implementation Agency)**



## November '21

November '21

| Age Range           | Male      | Female    | Transgender/ Gender Non Conforming | Unknown/ Refused | November '21 | YTD (July'21 - June '22) |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 0 - 17 (Minors)     | 0         | 0         | 0                                  | 0                | 0            | 4                        |
| 18 - 24 (Youth)     | 1         | 2         | 0                                  | 0                | 3            | 19                       |
| 25 - 64 (Adults)    | 53        | 48        | 0                                  | 0                | 101          | 350                      |
| 65 + (Older Adults) | 8         | 3         | 0                                  | 0                | 11           | 42                       |
| <b>Total:</b>       | <b>69</b> | <b>55</b> | <b>0</b>                           | <b>0</b>         | <b>124</b>   | <b>321</b>               |

| Categories               | November '21 | YTD (July' 21 - Jun '22) |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Veteran                  | 3            | 8                        |
| Domestic Violence        | 29           | 69                       |
| Mental Illness           | 39           | 110                      |
| Alcohol/ Drug Use        | 41           | 88                       |
| Chronic Health Condition | 28           | 94                       |
| HIV/ AIDS                | 0            | 5                        |
| Chronically Homeless [3] | 52           | 93                       |
| Developmental Disability | 2            | 21                       |
| Physical Disability      | 8            | 33                       |
| <b>Total Categories:</b> | <b>202</b>   | <b>521</b>               |

| Race/ Ethnicity            | November '21 | YTD (July' 21 - Jun '22) |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| White                      | 83           | 198                      |
| Black/ African American    | 18           | 29                       |
| Hispanic/ Latino           | 17           | 141                      |
| Asian                      | 1            | 5                        |
| US Indian/ Alaska Native   | 2            | 16                       |
| Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander | 1            | 6                        |
| Multiple Races             | 3            | 9                        |
| Unknown/ Refused           | 3            | 15                       |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>128</b>   | <b>419</b>               |

| Services Linked [4]              | November '21 | YTD (July' 21 - Jun '22) |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Alcohol & Drug Use TX            | 5            | 7                        |
| CBEST referral                   | 0            | 3                        |
| Crisis & Bridge Housing referral | 1            | 6                        |
| Direct Transportation            | 8            | 18                       |
| Employment referral              | 2            | 2                        |
| Housing Search apps              | 1            | 2                        |
| ID/ DL Voucher                   | 15           | 60                       |
| LA-HOP tickets                   | 167          | 492                      |
| Legal Services referrals         | 0            | 2                        |
| Mental Health referrals          | 1            | 8                        |
| Motel/ Hotel Vouchers given      | 1            | 4                        |
| Primary & Health Care            | 13           | 31                       |
| Sober living referral            | 1            | 0                        |
| Ride Share (Uber/ Lyft)          | 21           | 51                       |
| Bus Pass                         | 0            | 0                        |
| <b>Total:</b>                    | <b>236</b>   | <b>686</b>               |

Please note that information is tracked as it becomes available. Many clients are initially unwilling to share personal info.

| Housing  | November '21 | YTD (July'21 - June '22) |
|--|--------------|--------------------------|
| Coordinated Entry System (CES) Assessments Completed | 32           | 145                      |
| Connected to a case management/housing Nav           | 8            | 43                       |
| Total number linked to Crisis & Bridge Housing       | 2            | 16                       |
| Total number permanently housed                      | 3            | 25                       |
| <b>Total:</b>  | <b>45</b>    | <b>229</b>               |

| Contacts                                   | November '21 | YTD (July' 21 - Jun '22) |
|--|--------------|--------------------------|
| Unduplicated Contacts                      | 98           | 386                      |
| Total Services Provided                    | 196          | 653                      |
| Total number of businesses contacted       | 39           | 168                      |
| Total number of community meeting attended | 31           | 185                      |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>364</b>   | <b>1392</b>              |

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- [1] Unduplicated Contacts: indicates the number of new unique people that our outreach team has contacted.
- [2] Total interactions: The number of contacts that our outreach team has made (includes multiple contacts with participants).
- [3] Chronic Homelessness: The person has lived in a place not meant for human habitation, safe haven, or emergency shelter for 1 year or a total of 12 months over the course of 3 years and the head of household has a disabling condition.
- [4] Services Linked: outreach has connected the individual to this service.
- [5] Total Contacts: The monthly & YTD number include the following data (total interactions, total number of businesses contacted, and total number of community meetings attended).
- [6] Percentage of YTD unduplicated contacts with a mental illness or substance abuse disorder.
- [7] All referrals for services only count those attained
- [8] Age, Category, and Race/Ethnicity only refers to those newly outreached during the stated period
- [9] Total number of community meetings attended includes all homeless meetings attended by PATH staff working in Gateway COG cities

## Narrative

### **COG Overview**

The funding from COG allows PATH to provide a robust outreach approach with consistent engagement to some of the region's most vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness as well as be a resource for City leadership. The following is an overview of the accomplishments for March 2020 in each City.

### **Highlights by City**

#### **LCA 1 MDT**

##### **Bell-**

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled.  
Conduct weekly outreach

##### **Bell Gardens-**

MDT continues to follow up with referrals, appointments, and any outreach services needed throughout the week  
Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled.

##### **Commerce-**

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled.  
Conduct weekly outreach

##### **Cudahy-**

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled.  
Conduct weekly outreach

##### **Huntington Park-**

MDT conducts ongoing follow up appointment for intensive case management on a weekly basis  
Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled.

##### **Maywood-**

MDT continues to follow up with referrals, appointments, and any outreach services needed throughout the week  
Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled.  
MDT participant housed via SHARED housing collaborative

##### **South Gate-**

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled.  
MDT conducts outreach with South Gate Police Department

##### **Vernon-**

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled.  
MDT conducts weekly outreach

##### **Unincorporated East LA-**

MDT conducts outreach and continues to follow up with referrals, appointments, and any outreach services needed throughout the week  
Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled  
MDT participant agreed to go into inpatient substance use treatment

MDT participates in LCA 1 case conference with partner agencies (HYC, LAHSA, DMH, DHS) fff

## Narrative, continued

### **HWC:**

**EAST LA:** MDT continues to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled outreach.  
HYC Outreach conducted: 11/4

**SOUTH GATE:** MDT continues to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled outreach.  
HYC Outreach conducted: 11/3, 11/10, 11/17

**HUNTINGTON PARK:** MDT continues to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled outreach.  
HYC Outreach conducted: 11/3, 11/10, 11/17

**COMMERCE:** MDT continues to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled outreach.  
HYC Outreach conducted: 11/4

**BELL GARDENS:** MDT continues to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled outreach.  
HYC Outreach conducted: 11/2, 11/9, 11/16

**CUDAHY:** MDT continues to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled outreach.  
HYC Outreach conducted: 11/2, 11/9, 11/16

**BELL:** MDT continues to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled outreach.  
HYC Outreach conducted: 11/2, 11/9, 11/16

**MAYWOOD:** MDT continues to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled outreach.  
HYC Outreach conducted: 11/2, 11/9, 11/16

**VERNON:** MDT continues to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled outreach.  
HYC Outreach conducted: 11/3, 11/10, 11/17

### **Success Story:**

**Date:** 11/12/21

**Outreach team:** HYC has been working with 49-year-old female client located in East Los Angeles for about a year. She was enrolled into our Street Outreach program. Shortly after that she was enrolled into HYC Housing Navigation. HYC was also able to link client into a Detox program for 60 days and successfully completed. Client has been enrolled into E.H.V. and was matched. HYC was able fill and complete her application. In November client was approved for her E.H.V. Now HYC is helping client look for a one-bedroom apartment.

## **LCA 2 MDT**

### **La Mirada-**

MDT conducts weekly to bi-monthly outreach and continues to follow up with referrals, appointments, and any outreach services needed throughout the week

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled.

MDT participates in LCA 2 case conference –monthly-with partner agencies

### **Montebello-**

MDT conducts weekly to bi-monthly outreach and continues to follow up with referrals, appointments, and any outreach services needed throughout the week

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled.

MDT participates in LCA 2 case conference –monthly-with partner agencies

### **Pico Rivera-**

MDT conducts weekly outreach and continues to follow up with referrals, appointments, and any outreach services needed throughout the week

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled

MDT participates in LCA 2 case conference –monthly-with partner agencies

### **Santa Fe Springs-**

MDT conducts weekly outreach and continues to follow up with referrals, appointments, and any outreach services needed throughout the week

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled

MDT participates in LCA 2 case conference –monthly-with partner agencies

MDT and DHS Vaccination team had joint collaborative outreach

### **Whittier & Unincorporated Whittier-**

MDT conducts weekly outreach multiple times per week and continues to follow up with referrals, appointments, and any outreach services needed throughout the week

MDT participates in LCA 2 case conference –monthly-with partner agencies

## **WFD**

### **La Mirada**

- Increase in activity at La Mirada blvd/ Imperial Hwy Shopping Center

- Hot Spots Outreached This Month: 3

- o Santa Gertrudes/Imperial Highway Shopping Centers

- o La Mirada on Beach Blvd

- o La Mirada Regional Park

### **Montebello**

- Hotspots Outreached: 1

- o City Hall/Library

### **Pico Rivera**

- Working with client from the City of Pico Rivera and are in recovery rehousing

- Hotspot Outreached 5

- o Whittier Blvd/ Durfee Rd (Big 5/Shakey's)

- o Washington Blvd Reservoir

- o Slauson San Gabriel Riverbed



## **Narrative, continued**

### **Santa Fe Springs**

- Working with Santa Fe Springs clients at Project HomeKey Whittier Site
- Joint Outreach
  - o 11/4/2021 with PATH in SGV Riverbed
- Hotspots Identified 5
  - o Slauson San Gabriel Riverbed
  - o Lakeland Park
  - o Telegraph Rd Dollar Tree (Formerly CVS)
  - o Carmenita Rd, the storm drain by Painter and Del Taco
  - o Target-Walmart Parking Lot (Telegraph Road)

### **Whittier**

- Weekly SPA 7 Care Coordination (Zoom Meeting) (Thursday 1:00pm-2:30 pm)
- Weekly SPA 7 Leadership Call (Thursdays 2:30pm)
- Weekly LAHSA Executive Leadership Call (Fridays 4:00 pm)
- 10/23/2021: Whittier Uptown Halloween Celebration
- 10/28/2021: Public Health Trunk or Treat
- 11/3/2021: Public Health Food Drive
- Joint Outreaching:
  - o DHS providing COVID resources
- Hotspots Identified 7
  - o Greenleaf/Whittier Blvd (Chevron and Smart and Final)
  - o Whittier Blvd/Painter Ave
  - o Greenway Trail at 5 points
  - o Greenway Trail off Lambert/Calmada
  - o Norwalk Blvd/ Washington Blvd (Bank of America)
  - o Home Depot (Lambert/Washington)
  - o Lee Owens Park

### **Community Events**

Whittier First Day is also doing health outreach with targeted populations who have been affected by COVID19. These include communities such as homeless neighbors, low income, non-English speaking, Latino/a/x, Black/African American, and families with school age children. Our teams are trained to provide information on COVID19 testing and vaccination as well as hand out supplies. For the month of May we had provided services to 132 members of the community.

### **Success Stories**

“Jay” was not a believe in COVID. He believed it was a hoax. Even after catching flu-like symptoms, he refused to get tested for COVID 19 and stated that he will get through it on his own. Though he did not believe it himself he did not want to feel responsible for harming others so he asked to be isolated just as a precaution; many of his friends in the streets of La Mirada were vulnerable to getting sick and he did not want to lose them. WFD outreach team provided him with masks and information on how to best prevent the spread of any disease which he was fortunate enough to take to heart.

Sadly one of Jay’s close friends on the streets contracted COVID and was hospitalized. Jay wanted to visit her but due to the local guidelines, he was not able to visit her. While she did recover, this scared Jay. Jay now participates in weekly COVID testing and as of 11/4/2021 Jay did his part in getting his first COVID vaccine dose and is now encouraging others

**Narrative, continued**

**Training/Webinars**

- Motivational Interviewing: Homelessness and Nonviolent, Nonjudgemental Solutions
- COVID Vaccination Rollout (WFD)
- Nonviolent Communication Training (WFD)
- COVID19 Managing Misinformation

\*Training has no specific date as staff can access and complete at any time

**Agency/LCA 3: Kingdom Causes Bellflower**

**Report Month and Year: November 2021**

***City Highlights and Hotspots:***

**Bellflower**

**HotSpots: 11**

No new hotspots

**City Highlights:** Neighbors receiving vaccines in the community and at the shelter  
KCB sends outreach teams weekly and specifically on Wednesdays in partnership w/DMH, also on Fridays  
KCB participates in these meetings: City council, AD-HOC committee for New Hope Shelter

**Downey**

**Hotspots: 6**

No new hotspots

**City Highlights:** Working with PATH to cover Apollo Park.  
KCB sends outreach teams weekly on Tuesday and Thursday  
KCB participates in these meetings: Clergy Council Meeting and Outreach Coordination

**Norwalk**

**Hotspots: 7**

No new hotspots

**City Highlights:** About to house two Norwalk neighbors into an interim PHK site.  
KCB sends outreach teams weekly on Monday or Wednesday  
KCB participates in these meetings: Norwalk Homeless Task Force, Jovenes case conferencing

**Paramount**

**Hotspots: 4**

No New Hotspots

**City Highlights:** Outreach team coordinates local outreach needs with Steve  
KCB sends outreach teams weekly on Monday or Wednesday  
KCB participates in these meetings: none at this time, but does connect with city staff about outreach

**Compton**

**Hotspots: 7**

No new hotspots

**City Highlights:** Manny attended some SPA 6 outreach case conferencing meetings. KCB continues to visit Compton bi-weekly. Manny is trying to do collaborative outreach with LAHSA.  
KCB sends outreach teams weekly on Tuesday or Thursday  
KCB participates in these meetings: Community Design Team, Homeless Sub Committee, Spa 6 Outreach Planning

## Narrative, continued

### **Lynwood**

#### **Hotspots: 4**

No new hotspots

**City Highlights:** KCB visits Lynwood bi-weekly, but will be visiting the city weekly starting October.

KCB sends outreach teams biweekly and typically on Tuesdays or Thursdays

KCB participates in these meetings: engages in spa 6 meeting- CDT and Outreach planning for Spa 6

### **Artesia**

#### **Hotspots: 6**

No new hotspots

**City Highlights:** Did outreach with DMH to Artesia.

KCB sends outreach teams weekly on Wednesdays.

Outreach and directors met with a former Artesia City Council member to get advice and help with strategy for outreach

KCB participates in these meetings: none at this time, but does coordinate with some city staff for outreach

### **Cerritos**

#### **Hotspots: 4**

No new hotspots

**City Highlights:** increasing awareness of hotspots and needs in the city.

KCB outreaches once a week in Cerritos, typically Wednesdays

KCB participates in these meetings: none at this time, but historically KCB has attended special planning meetings by request of the city

### **Meetings & Collaborations:**

Mondays – Weekly OPHS Team Meetings from via Zoom 10:00 – 12:00pm

Mondays-Weekly Collaborative COVID Outreach 8:00-10:00am

Mondays-Bi-Weekly Housing Navigation call w/LAHSa 9:00-10:00am (Jose attends)

Tuesdays- Bi-Weekly Internal City-Specific Prevention and RRH Programs Case Conference from 1:30 - 3:00 PM (Becky, Ashley, Lilliana, and Naomi attend)

Tuesdays-Weekly Internal Executive Leadership Meeting 9:00am-10:00am

Tuesdays-Weekly Collaborative COVID Outreach (Manny and Javvy attend)

Tuesdays- Food distribution pickup at PATH LB Office 7:30am (Javvy attends)

Wednesdays- Bi-Weekly ICMS/DHS Call 10:00-11:00 am (Ashley and Naomi attend)

Wednesdays- Bi-Weekly evening Housing Support Group meetings via Zoom (Becky and Volunteer MSW Student facilitate)

Wednesdays- Collaborative outreach with DMH for Bellflower Public Safety's Priority List 8:00am-12:00pm (Manny and Javvy attend)

Thursdays- Weekly SPA 7 Care Coordination Zoom Meeting 1:00-2:30pm (Javvy and Jose attend)

Thursdays- Weekly COG Leadership/Extended Leadership update from 2:30 - 3:30 PM (Chrissy, Marley and Ashley attend)

Saturdays- Saturday Morning Breakfast & Showers (Post Covid Relaunch) for homeless neighbors at Calvary Baptist Church in Bellflower 7:00-10:00am

Spa 6 Coordination Meeting via Zoom 1:00-2:00pm (Manny attended)

11/3/2021- Norwalk Homeless Task Force Monthly Meeting from 9:00 - 11:00 AM (Manny attended)

11/4/2021 COG Committee on Homelessness via zoom 5:30-7:00pm (Chrissy and Ashley attend)

11/9/2021 LAHSa All Populations Meeting via zoom 10:00-11:00am (Marley attended)

11/9/2021 Caring Connections Zoom with BUSD 7:30am (Ashley and Manny attended)

11/12/2021 Spa 6 Outreach Meeting via Zoom 1:00-2:30pm (Manny Attended)

## Narrative, continued

11/17/2021 YCES Care Coordination Meeting via Zoom (Marley presented on KCB and Lilliana attended)  
11/17/2021 LCA 3&4 Case Conferencing via Zoom 1:30-3:00 PM (Manny hosted, Javvy and Jose attended)  
11/17/2021 Spa 7 Older Adults Cross Sector Meeting 10:00-11:00am (Ashley hosts, Lilly and Marley attend)  
11/18/2021 Bellflower Ministerial Association Meeting with local clergy 10:00am (Becky hosts)  
11/22/2021 Spa 6 CDT meetings via zoom 1:30-3:00pm (Marley and Ashley attend)  
11/23/2021 Bellflower New Hope Ad-Hoc Meeting at City Hall 3:00-4:00pm (Manny, Alexis, Jose attend)  
11/25/2021 SLAARP Meeting 1:00-3:30pm zoom (Ashley attends)

### **Success Story:**

KCB has had some small successes over the last month that we would like to share. KCB was granted UW Flex Funds for older adults in Spa 7, the program should roll out in the next month. KCB also continues to help lead the Older Adult convenings for Spa 7.

We have about 5 EHV matches that received their vouchers in hand and are now able to look for housing. We have 2 participants waiting to be done with the housing process at PATH Villas in South Gate.

### **Needs:**

An affordable housing unit in our LCA 3 region.

Hygiene kit donations.

More access to shower services during the work week for people who are street homeless in LCA 3.

Another shelter for homeless families in LCA 3-Help advocating to the family service agency in SPA 7, they are in need of more shelter, case management and interim housing until they can find a unit to lease up in.

Trash pick up services offered to local recurring encampments and hotspots in LCA 3, to help homeless neighbors feel supported and seen, but also to create healthy accountability to keep our cities clean and cared for when they are staying on the street- they are members of the community as well.

### **LCA 3 MDT**

#### **Artesia-**

MDT outreaches Bi-monthly and continues to follow up with referrals, appointments, and any outreach services needed throughout the week.

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled

MDT participates in LCA 3 case conference –monthly-with partner agencies

#### **Bellflower:**

MDT serves referrals for specialty services (substance use, medical, mental health) as requested

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled

MDT participates in LCA 3 case conference –monthly- with partner agencies

2 MDT participants were linked to shelter in Bellflower

#### **Cerritos-**

MDT canvasses once a week and continues to follow up with referrals, appointments, and any outreach services needed throughout the week.

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled

MDT participates in LCA 3 case conference –monthly- with partner agencies

## **Narrative, continued**

### **Downey-**

MDT canvasses once a week and continues to follow up with referrals, appointments, and any outreach services needed throughout the week.

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled.

MDT participates in LCA 3 case conference –monthly-with partner agencies

MDT collaborated with HOST and Sheriff for joint outreach

### **Norwalk-**

MDT canvasses once a week and continues to follow up with referrals, appointments, and any outreach services needed throughout the week.

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled.

MDT participates in LCA 3 case conference –monthly-- with partner agencies

Publics Spaces team (PATH MDT) and LAHSA had join collaborative outreach in San Gabriel River Bed

### **LCA 4 MDT**

### **Lakewood-**

MDT canvasses once a week and continues to follow up with referrals, appointments, and any outreach services needed throughout the week.

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled.

MDT participates in LCA 4 case conference –monthly with partner agencies

### **Hawaiian Gardens-**

MDT once a week and continues to follow up with referrals, appointments, and any outreach services needed throughout the week. MDT provides outreach services every Tuesday at Way Out Ministries.

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled.

MDT participates in LCA 4 case conference –monthly- with partner agencies

MDT participant was approved for a unit

MDT assisted a participant return home to Alabama

### **Signal Hill-**

MDT canvasses once a week and continues to follow up with referrals, appointments, and any outreach services needed throughout the week.

Continue to respond to LA-HOP requests as needed and regularly scheduled.

MDT participates in LCA 4 case conference –monthly- with partner agencies

MDT participant linked to interim housing

**If you have any questions about this report or contract please contact:**

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**Thank you for your partnership with PATH in ending homelessness in your community.**

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**ITEM J**  
**Air Quality/Climate Program Update**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Mahogany Smith-Christopher, Assistant Planner

**SUBJECT:** Air Quality/Climate Program Update

**AB 617**

On Wednesday, October 20, 2021, South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) hosted a voluntary meeting for Community Steering Committees (CSC) members of all AB 617 designated communities including areas of the Gateway Cities, East Los Angeles, West Commerce, West Long Beach and Southeast Los Angeles (SELA). AQMD staff solicited feedback from participants on how to improve the implementation of the AB 617 program, best practices and recommendations for improved communication and building trust with community stakeholders. In follow-up, AQMD staff hosted a briefing on Monday, November 8, 2021, with all South Coast AQMD's CSC's to discuss potential AB 617 legislation changes, with participation by Executive Officer Wayne Nastri. This provided CSC members an additional opportunity to provide specific recommendations for legislative consideration.

COG staff will continue participating in the SELA CSC via the quarterly meetings and will monitor additional meetings hosted by AQMD as it relates to the Gateway region. The next CSC quarterly meeting will be held in January 2022. The final SELA CERP is accessible online here.

Please find additional information on the AB617 process at:

- Community Air Protection Incentives (Air Resources Board)
- East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce CERP (South Coast AQMD)
- Wilmington, West Long Beach, Carson CERP (South Coast AQMD)

**Urban Tree Canopy Project**

On November 5, 2021, the COG provided the final report for the City of Paramount Urban Tree Canopy Prioritization Project, completed by project partners, Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience and TreePeople to Paramount city staff. The final report is the culmination of research, data gathering and engagement efforts in Paramount. You can now access this report at: [Paramount UTC Prioritization Report | Powered by Box.](#)

The project team held its second planning meeting with the City of Vernon in November. For prior cities, the project team held a tree summit as venue for community engagement. However, since Vernon has few residents and many businesses, the tree summit venue did not fit for this community. In coordination with the city, the project team decided to use the term Community Roundtable as opposed to tree summit and identified a tentative date in January.

The project team will begin working with its last city of the project, Montebello, in January 2022.

For more information on the project, visit the COG's Urban Tree Canopy project page here: <http://www.gatewaycog.org/initiatives-and-projects/air-quality/urban-tree-canopy-project>.

### **Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Program**

The COG will be hosting a virtual Gateway Cities Energy Action Awards (GCEAA) Ceremony on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, to highlight energy champions based on the GCEAA framework. Register [here](#) to attend. In preparation for this event, cities must confirm and submit their updates for the twelve energy and sustainability strategies on the GCEAA Tracker by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Awardees will also be recognized at the January Board meeting. City staff may email COG consultant Sumi Gant at [sumi@sumiregantconsulting.com](mailto:sumi@sumiregantconsulting.com) for more information.

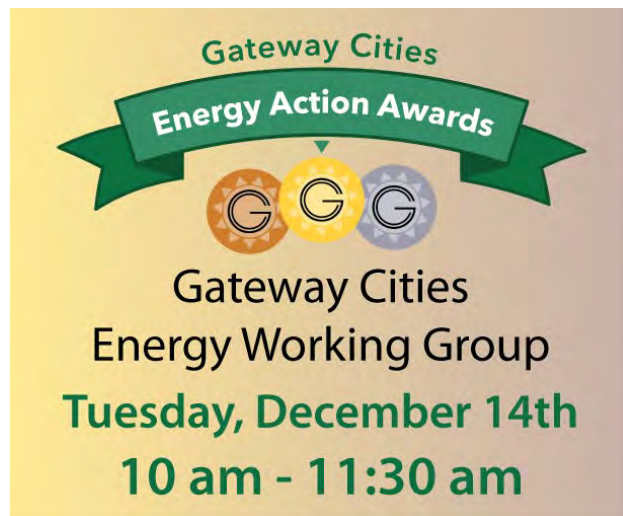
For more information on the Energy Working Group (EWG) and GCEAA, please visit the [COG's SoCalREN webpage](#) and see the attached GCEAA Framework.

### **Recommended Action**

Receive and file this report.

### **Attachments**

- South Coast AQMD All CSC Briefing Discussion on Potential Legislative Changes to AB617- AQMD Staff Summary Notes
- Paramount Final Report
- Gateway Cities Energy Action Awards Framework





**South Coast AQMD All CSC Briefing**  
**Discussion on Potential Legislative Changes to AB617**

Monday, November 8, 2021

Meeting Notes Summary

**Wayne Natri - Opening Comments**

Welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance, apologized for the short meeting notice, and referenced the recent Oct 20<sup>th</sup> all- community discussion during South Coast AQMD's program "pause."

Summarized his recent meeting with Assemblymember (ASM) Christina Garcia wherein he requested CERP development timeframe adjustments and funding to go directly to community organizations. ASM Garcia expressed interest in advancing those interests.

Emphasized that CSC member input would help and be shared at his upcoming November 15 meeting with ASM Garcia. If community members are interested, he offered to meet with the CSC and the Assembly Member. He expressed that South Coast AQMD is looking aggressively for additional funding for communities and reminded participants that we took on additional communities without an increase in funding.

**Participant Q&A/Discussion (in order of speakers)**

1. Jesse Marquez, WCWLB

- There were no attachments on the email invitation that requested legislative change suggestions from CSC members, so the CSCs could not read ahead of time and comment. His organization has specific recommendations, the WCWLB CSC has additional recommendations, statewide CSCs have had requests, and Dr. London had recommendations. Are you looking at all of those or just AQMD recommendations?  
✓ Wayne: Challenge with London report is that it had minimal CSC response, so we cannot represent that input and we are not comfortable representing communities beyond South Coast's boundaries. A conference call could be arranged to speak directly to ASM Garcia and other legislators. For us to be effective, we need to be a unified voice for change with other communities and districts.
- CA legislators are closed right now so what would be discussed will be considered for next year's budget/legislative cycle.

2. Magali Sanchez, WCWLB

- Concern about selection of CSC members. One thing that the London report showed is that at least 100 people provided feedback in writing, feedback was sent back to them, more feedback was requested. Depends on the CSC area and in our WCWLB community, interacting with all the others, some CSCs were formed with community groups asking them how to best represent the community. We used guidelines and

hard requirements (i.e., 2 representatives from group, 5 from another group), found out that it wasn't the case with each CSC.

- Each CSC is unique. For WCWLB, it would be very important for them to have meetings before the meeting with the elected official to summarize some talking points.

✓Wayne: He was there in the formation of the Year 1 communities and it included fair and equal representation; Legislation is very specific with its requirements, and with the legislation written as is, we are pursuing larger more powerful changes, as opposed to programmatic suggestions which could be outlined in CARB's guidelines, outside of legislation. Resource needs and timelines for CERP development are important to address in the legislation.

### 3. Chris Chavez, WCWLB

- State agencies and local governments need to respect the CERPs. Referenced Rule 1109.1 as example of deadlines for BARCT and what implementation means. SCAQMD should be able to get it done and achieve the emissions reductions, so need more clarification about that. In conversations with ASM Garcia, they expressed interest on the permitting side and not necessarily land use. Looking at the legislation and moving from criteria pollutants and turning to toxics reductions. Criteria vs toxic air pollutants addressed in AB 617.

✓Wayne: Good point regarding local jurisdictions and a cleanup of the language would be helpful to hold other responsible agencies accountable. Give everyone a chance to see the difference between the statutory language and legislative intent. Ensure that those agencies have the resources to support the CERPs. BARCT is part of CARB's implementation of AB 617 and Chris should recommend specific language changes. When we look at BARCT, not only did we meet the requirement, but fulfilled the spirit of AB 617. We got emission reductions beyond 2023, which is an AB 617 plus. We think we went above and beyond the original BARCT intentions for Rule 1109.1.

### 4. Paula Torrado, SLA

- We are in alignment on basic concerns (i.e., timeline, budget, technical assistance for communities). There are other things that need to be addressed such as competing priorities and using resources responsibly and not at the expense of the other communities and relationships. Big technical fixes are needed.
- Haven't heard rulemaking in the South LA community. Process needs to be more accessible, go beyond community outreach and awareness. The metrics we want to see with the CERPs are actionable, attainable, and enforceable. Participatory budgeting is needed.

✓Wayne: We are in alignment on key concerns, but I don't want to limit anyone's thoughts. We welcome all ideas. Some things we can back each other on more than others. We want to support rules that benefit everyone, what CARB is trying to do on toxics is where can we take district approaches statewide.

5. Nikki Okuk, SELA – Chris and Paula covered the spirit of her comments; commenting as a CSC member:
  - Small fleets; funding for clean truck, truck owner/operators in the community should be prioritized
  - ✓Wayne: More funding is necessary with additional communities. Community education would be helpful.
6. Joseph Hower, WCWLB
  - Need increased funding
  - How does the AQMD process work?
  - Need more education on the limitations of the District’s authority and how emissions work.
7. Shayda Azamian, ECV
  - Participatory Budgeting; need for clearer CERP requirements; mechanism for land use processes to be part of the AB 617 process; polluting developments; and coherent tie-in to CERP.
  - Regulatory strategies that address pollution across the regulatory area and specific to community boundary area.
  - ✓Wayne: How do we do that? You are getting at comprehensive pollution burden and there are thoughts throughout the country on how to address that. Could be a legislative approach and require a lot of thought. All great ideas, but to pass legislation we must pass both houses and get the legislation to be passed. Will be a challenge but opportunity ahead trying to figure out how to address this.
8. Sylvia Betancourt, WCLWB
  - Not okay with short meeting notice; improving health – how do we claim that? Tangible emissions reductions? Is it a question of money, reprioritizing funding, participatory budgeting?
  - We have no baseline health marker so how can we say we did or didn’t have a health benefit? Sounds like a question of funding, so how do we prioritize what our community needs. Perhaps participatory budgeting is where we can address this. Other folks are not available today but would echo those same comments. There are other data sources that could be pulled to get a public health baseline. Was it really effective for the children where sources have been placed near schools and homes? It is important to know the direct impact of the sources and the program.
  - ✓Wayne: Appreciate your frustration. We know there are health benefits with emission reductions. We know we can reduce premature deaths by reducing diesel particulate matter. There are considerations for how much we can do and how we quantify health benefits through a legislative approach. We have a huge obligation to reduce emissions but I am not opposed to supporting community health studies. We are willing to advocate for those kinds of funds.
9. William Koons, WCWLB

- No last-minute CSC meetings; CSC agendas and presentations are very late.
- CSC involved in budget input into AQMD funding and expenditures; follow-through on CSC suggestions and input. Not necessarily approval, just provide feedback on input; help with community projects (i.e., Dominguez Channel emergency portable monitors to residents).
- Funding for CSC participation in emergency clean-up measurements, public input, etc. Since inspectors only go out once a day, perhaps the CSC and community members can assist with 24/7 monitoring; funding for better information flow – from SCAQMD to community since we only meet quarterly now; agree with funding for health-based metrics.
- Better information flow to CSC members that CSC could have
  - ✓ Wayne: We recently provided WCWLBB contact information to the Joint Information Center (JIC) for receiving community updates.
  - ✓ Recent monitors used for the Dominguez odors were outside the umbrella of AB 617, from other agencies. JIC, communications team from all agencies involved with this effort, such as the Department of Public Health, put out reports, and hold city town hall meetings. JIC has not been as productive as should have been. We are talking with appropriate entities to get other agencies involved. We are not the incident commander, but are part of the operational group, and in addition we have our own enforcement authority.

10. Valerie Dobesh, SBM

- Agreed with Jesse's comment on health aspects.
- Would like to incorporate wellness/mental health aspects of trees and green spaces
  - ✓ Wayne: In our role as an Air Quality Management District, our staff are not focused on trees. You should work with organizations that can help educate about trees and plant trees. Our existing resources must be used for achieving our mandates. You could find a way to include a process for funding, without diverting our focus which is driven by state and federal mandates. Reach out to interested organizations. If you have information on those organizations then we could get in contact with you and collaborate.

11. Erica Blyther, SELA/WCWLBB

- I don't know the point of this meeting. I thought it was to discuss legislative changes. The 10/20 meeting was to listen to the community. I hope we are focusing on CSC goals and not just legislative changes. Racial concerns are an important focus as well, and health-based metrics.
- Improved communications; listening; focus on CSC goals/perspectives
  - ✓ Wayne: We listened to the CSC and offer an avenue to speak directly to the legislators, to hear specific changes to advocate for.

12. Ana Gomez, ELABHWC

- Wanted to confirm what the emergency meeting is about.
  - ✓ Wayne: expressed purpose to hear CSC thoughts and meet with CSC directly to discuss potential legislative changes

13. Shayda Azamian, ECV

- What are the next steps?
- How CSC can be connected and a bridge to ASM Garcia?

Wayne asked if CSC members wanted to directly meet w/ ASM moving forward?

**\*\*CSC Interest:**

- Interested hands raised: Jesse Marquez, Paula Torrado, Ana Gomez, Erica Blyther, Jennifer Lahoda, Shayda Azamian
- Staff will contact those interested and start proposing times, and a plan

**\*\*Staff Action:** Look at proposed dates to meet directly with ASM Garcia in a joint meeting for all CSCs.

1. Jesse Marquez, WCWLB

- Categories of things still need to be discussed; more funding re: new CSCs, but also need to backtrack; list of eligible communities is too large.
  - i. Get down these ideas on paper before we meet with ASM Garcia; need to see statutory language.
  - ii. 16 communities selected, 300 more communities still on the list
- Need to establish a budget, based on community size; need a number up front.
  - ✓ Health Assessment Strategy – need a baseline. Wayne: Asked if Jessie and his team priced out a study.
- Mr. Marquez went to Public Health Dept to seek a \$5,000 grant, which was not enough; couldn't wait for millions of dollars for a 5-year study. Suggested a Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER), as he learned from LA County CDC, designed for emergency studies.
  - ✓ Wayne: yes, we should meet again to get into more detail and look at what proposed language changes would look like.
  - ✓ Throughout state, not a lot of support for AB 617, until we get to a point where we have hundreds of designated communities. How do we gain that political support now?

2. Sylvia Betancourt, WCWLB

- Concerned that the emission reductions may not improve health. Exploring an assessment on the front lines would be a good start; must be a measure for that.
- We need to look broadly at a region. Can't claim that emission reductions result in health improvements when activity levels are increasing. The number of asthma exacerbations is going up again after falling in the past. WCWLB on zoom have shown her the sources of pollution outside their windows. If frontline communities aren't experiencing any improvements, then that's where we need to look. To make a claim at improved health there needs to be measurable evidence.
  - ✓ Wayne doesn't disagree; bring in experts and funding.

3. Joe Hower, WCWLB

- Focus on cancer risk.

**Wayne Closing Commitments:**

- Provide a better lead time to report back to CSCs
- Send notes to those on the call (& other CSC members who could not attend)
- Schedule joint meeting with elected leaders and legislative staff



**FINAL REPORT**

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT TREE CANOPY PRIORITIZATION



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We are grateful to all of the participants from the City of Paramount who helped plan and participate in the tree summit. We hope this project helps you in further growing Paramount's urban forest.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience, TreePeople, and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments partnered to conduct tree canopy prioritization in the City of Paramount. This process utilized high resolution, high accuracy tree canopy data as a foundation to engage the public in identifying their priorities for tree planting in the city. Analysis of tree canopy data showed that the City of Paramount has 15% existing tree canopy cover. The analyses also found that Paramount has great opportunity to increase its tree canopy, with 45% of the land area of the city shown to be Possible Tree Canopy. However, 32% of the possible area is in places with impervious surfaces, such as concrete or asphalt, that would require modification to be a good place for trees.

The project partners held a series of planning meetings with the City of Paramount and conducted multiple forms of outreach to engage community participation in a virtual “tree summit,” which took place on June 10, 2021. Participants were presented with the numerous ways that their city could benefit from increased tree canopy, engaged in a discussion and several interactive activities about their personal experiences and values around trees, and were invited to take a survey to choose their top ten priorities for tree planting.

There were 37 surveys collected, with the majority (73%) of respondents indicating that they were residents of Paramount and a smaller number (39%) indicating that they work or study in Paramount. Respondents had the opportunity to vote to prioritize 20 specific tree benefits across eight categories. Participants identified “Improve Air Quality and Reduce Noise,” “Beautify Neighborhoods,” and “Increase Equity for Residents” as their top priority categories for tree planting. Among the specific benefits, the highest priorities were Air Quality, Low Tree Canopy, Park Improvement, Heat, and Toxic Release Sites. Each of the benefits voted on by participants was associated with a spatial variable (e.g., “Heat” was associated with high-resolution surface temperature data available through NASA).

Using the results from the survey, priority weightings were calculated for each spatial variable at the parcel level. These rankings were mapped to provide a visual of where participants’ combined priorities are located. The results revealed that the highest tree planting priority areas for Paramount were in the the central eastern, southeastern, and northwestern parts of the city. Many of these areas border the I-710 or I-105 freeways, reflecting priorities to improve air quality and reduce noise. The lowest priority areas were mostly located in the central southern part of the city. In addition to the maps, tables were produced to provide rankings for each individual parcel in the Possible Tree Canopy boundaries. This dataset includes a comprehensive listing of over 7,000 parcels in the City of Paramount, along with their priority score and percent of possible area for increasing tree canopy.

The survey also asked participants about their demographics and their perceptions of tree planting and care in Paramount. Responses to the demographics questions showed that some groups were not represented or under-represented in the survey results. For the perceptions questions, there were 90% who agreed that planting more trees is a priority, though 60% believed there are barriers to planting and 92% recognized that there are barriers to taking care of the trees in Paramount; in particular, Land Ownership, Land Availability and Water-related barriers.

This project can help guide the City of Paramount in future urban forestry strategies. The City may look to focus their tree planting efforts in high priority locations that also rank high on the Possible Tree Canopy - Vegetated scale. The City may also consider educational campaigns and incentives to reach out to specific communities and to increase tree canopy on private lands. Finally, the City may wish to pursue funding programs to help replace some of the impervious surfaces with tree canopy.

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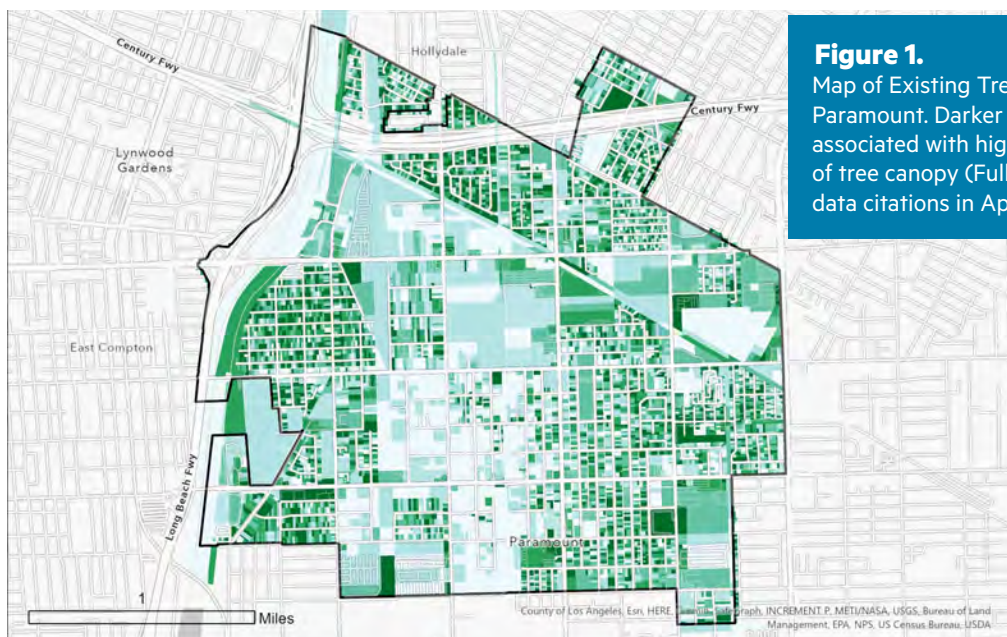
# Background

The Gateway Cities in Southeast Los Angeles County is a densely-populated region with many under-resourced, low-income, and transit-dependent residents. This population experiences increased vulnerability to extreme heat days and temperatures that are expected to accelerate with climate change. Urban heat can be mitigated with relatively inexpensive nature-based solutions, allowing residents to continue trends toward increased sustainability and usage of active transportation, while protecting public health and critical infrastructure. For example, TreePeople's Los Angeles Urban Cooling Collaborative found that one in four lives lost during heat waves could be saved in Los Angeles if we strategically increase urban tree canopy and cool surfaces, especially in low-income communities and communities of color (de Guzman et al. 2020).

Urban forestry is one strategy to increase cities' resilience. In addition to reducing the urban heat island effect, urban trees can help prevent flooding and runoff, and remove pollutants before water enters rivers and oceans. Trees filter air pollutants, which can improve air quality and produce public health benefits. Increasing the urban forest has also been associated with socioeconomic improvements, such as reduced crime and improved social interactions (NRC 2013).

Many of the benefits that trees provide are correlated with the size and structure of the tree canopy, which is the layer of branches, stems, and leaves of trees that cover the ground when viewed from above. Recognizing these benefits, numerous cities have goals to increase tree cover, which often come without implementation plans or considerations of equity. Including community stakeholders in planning and using accurate data to inform decision-making is a way to increase the success of urban forestry programs and thus the resilience of communities.

Loyola Marymount University's Center for Urban Resilience, TreePeople, and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments partnered with the City of Paramount to conduct a community-based tree planting prioritization process with residents and other city stakeholders. This follows an established approach (Locke et al. 2011) that has previously been implemented in the Cities of Commerce and Lynwood (LMU CUREs & TreePeople 2019, LMU CUREs et al. 2020). Participants were able to vote on the benefits of trees most important to them individually, and then this information was compiled to produce a collective map of priority locations for tree planting.



**Figure 1.**

Map of Existing Tree Canopy for Paramount. Darker colors are associated with higher percentages of tree canopy (Full-sized map with data citations in Appendix)



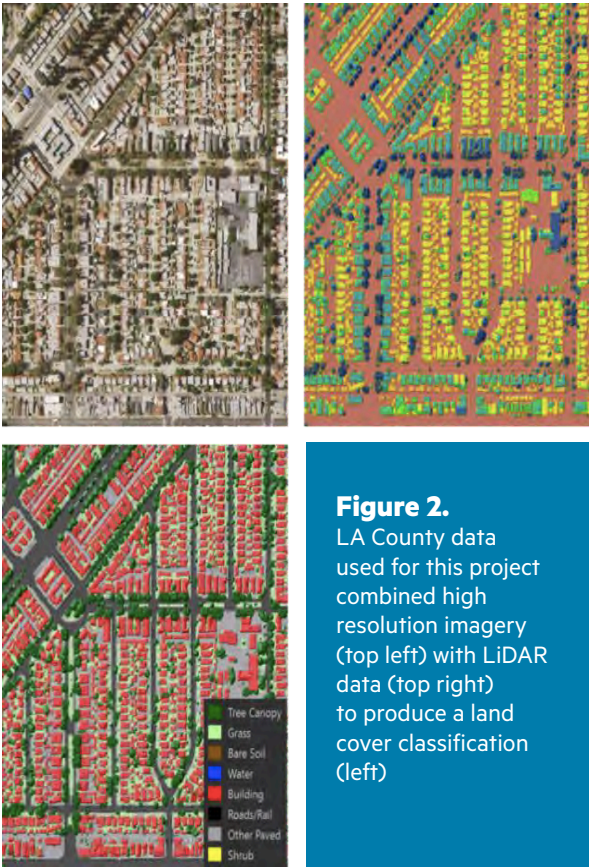
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# Tree Canopy Data

Data acquired from the Los Angeles County Tree Canopy Assessment (Galvin et al. 2019) were used to provide a baseline understanding of the existing and possible tree canopy in Lynwood, CA. This countywide assessment combined 2016 spatial imagery and LiDAR data to produce an 8-category land cover analysis (Figure 2) from which the tree canopy assessment could be derived.

The tree canopy assessment is a parcel-level analysis of both *Existing* (the land currently covered by tree canopy) and *Possible* (the land area where it is possible to plant new trees—excluding roads, buildings, etc.). An example of how this is mapped is shown in Figure 3.

Possible Tree Canopy combines *Possible Vegetated* and *Possible Impervious*. The Possible Vegetated area includes grass and shrub areas where it may be possible to plant new trees, and the Possible Impervious includes asphalt or concrete surfaces, other than roads or buildings, where it may be possible to plant new trees if improvements are made.



**Figure 2.** LA County data used for this project combined high resolution imagery (top left) with LiDAR data (top right) to produce a land cover classification (left)

**Figure 3.** An example of tree canopy cover calculated at the property parcel level



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# Paramount's Environment

The City of Paramount is located on 4.84 square miles in southeast Los Angeles County, CA. In 2016, the City was found to have elevated levels of hexavalent chromium due to industrial activity, and is still under regular monitoring by the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Paramount is home to 54,000 residents and situated within three highway corridors: I-710 to the west, I-105 to the north and CA-91 to the south. The City has two large stationary sources regulated by the state's Cap-and-Trade program. Information from the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen 4.0) shows that the majority of Paramount is classified in the highest categories of pollution burden, ranging from 83%-99%, meaning that residents of these communities are most affected by many sources of pollution and are especially vulnerable to pollution's effects (CalEPA OEHHHA 2021). Increasing Paramount's tree canopy is one way to help mitigate some of the impacts of these environmental burdens.

The City of Paramount already has shown a demonstrated commitment to the environment. This is evident in the recent adoption of the City's first Climate Action Plan (CAP), and through many other programs and initiatives that can be found on the City of Paramount Environmental Information Portal. Particularly relevant to this report, Paramount has been recognized for its work on urban forest management, earning a 2019 Green Leadership award from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and being named Tree City USA by the Arbor Foundation for the past three consecutive years (Figure 4). Paramount maintains an urban forest of 8,000 trees on City-owned land.

**Figure 4.**

Paramount has been recognized as Tree City USA by the Arbor Foundation





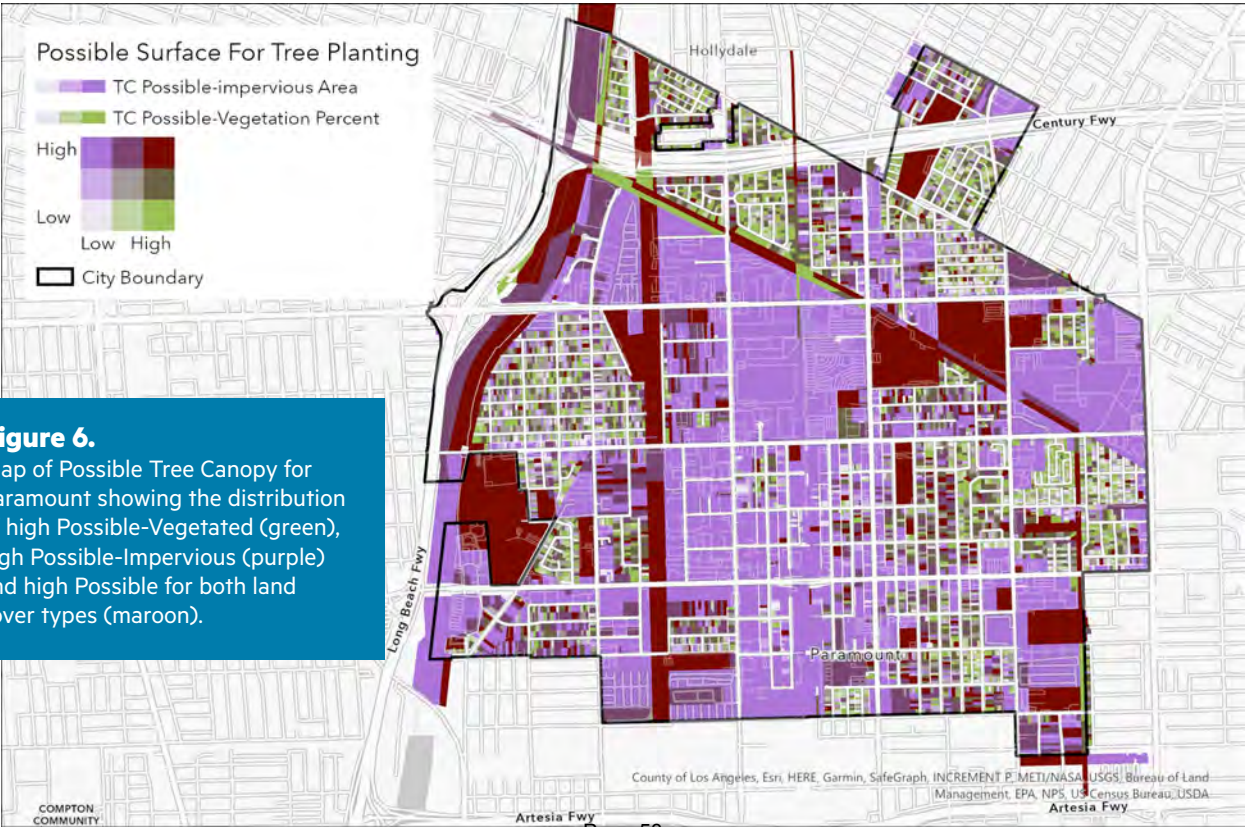
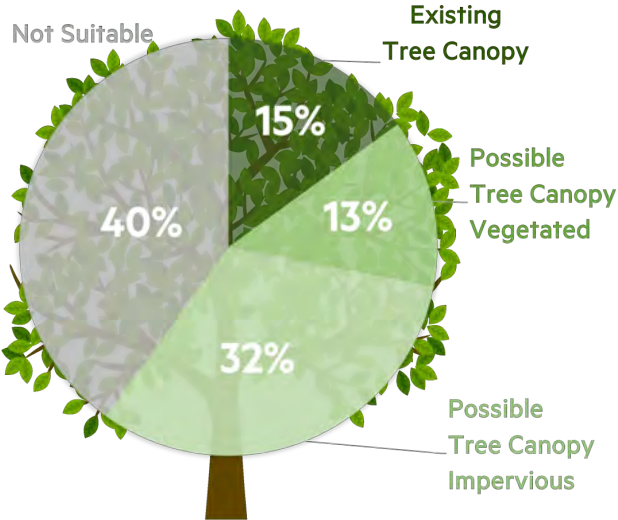
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# Paramount's Tree Canopy

As shown in Figure 5, Paramount was found to have 15% of its land area covered by Existing Tree Canopy, with 45% of the land area found to be Possible Tree Canopy. The remaining 40% of the land area was deemed “not suitable,” meaning that these areas are highly unlikely candidates for tree planting—typically roads, rails, or buildings are found in not suitable areas. For comparison, at 15% Existing Tree Canopy the City of Paramount is below the 18% average tree canopy cover found across Los Angeles County. However, it is aligned with the 15% average tree canopy cover found for the Gateway Cities.

Of the 45% of land area deemed to be possible tree canopy, only 13% is categorized as vegetated, with the remaining 32% categorized as impervious. Figure 6 shows how the possible tree canopy areas are distributed in Paramount.

**Figure 5.**  
Tree canopy metrics for Paramount, CA



**Figure 6.**  
Map of Possible Tree Canopy for Paramount showing the distribution of high Possible-Vegetated (green), high Possible-Impervious (purple) and high Possible for both land cover types (maroon).

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# Community-Based Prioritization

The data on Paramount's Existing and Possible Tree Canopy provided one layer of information about the urban forest. To help the City of Paramount develop priority locations for future tree planting, the project team of LMU CUREs, TreePeople, and the COG partnered with the City to conduct a collaborative tree canopy prioritization process, which consisted of three stages: 1) planning with City partners, 2) a public "tree summit" to gather community input on priority locations for tree planting, and 3) development of maps and a report to the City.

The aim of this process was to engage residents and other stakeholders to provide their input on where the City should prioritize areas for increasing tree canopy based on desired benefits: for example, reduced impervious surface, mitigation of flooding, or vulnerable populations. By combining tree canopy data with other spatial data of interest, each participant was able to choose their personal priorities, and see how those compared to the priorities of the group. The final map can be used by the City of Paramount in

their decision-making about where to plant future trees. This type of joint knowledge production can contribute to successful implementation of programs and increased community resilience.

To conduct this process, the project team worked closely with the City of Paramount (Figure 7). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all meetings and most community engagement occurred virtually. Five meetings were held throughout March, April and May 2021 with City staff, including the City Manager and staff representatives from the departments of Planning and Public Works. The project team also provided a briefing for the Paramount Vice Mayor. The goals of these meetings were to better understand the history of urban forestry in Paramount; to gain insight on the urban forestry goals and current priorities; and to hear any concerns or other information that could help guide the project. The content of these meetings served to inform development of community engagement plans and the Paramount Tree Canopy Survey.



**Figure 7.**

Screenshot from a project planning meeting in Spring 2021 with representatives from the project team and the City of Paramount.

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# Paramount Tree Summit

The public tree summit was held on June 10, 2021. Project partners promoted the events through their websites and social media channels, and TreePeople offered a free fruit tree to those who attended to incentivize attendance. The tree summits were led by TreePeople and LMU CUREs, and included a welcome from the City of Paramount’s mayor as well as participation from City staff. Goals of the events were to introduce the project to the public, to discuss the value and benefits of tree canopy, and to survey participants on their priorities for increasing tree canopy in Paramount. Participants were guided through a number of interactive experiences, including an opportunity to identify an important tree in their life and a word cloud exercise (Figure 9).

Participants were then directed to the Paramount Tree Canopy Survey, where they could choose their priorities for tree planting (Figure 8). Members of the project team were available to answer any questions for the approximate 5-10 minute duration of the survey. The tree canopy survey was offered in both English and Spanish, and was shared by TreePeople at the Paramount Farmer’s Market for an additional three weeks after the summit to encourage completion. The full survey can be found in the Appendix.

**Figure 8.**  
Examples of priorities that could be chosen by Paramount Tree Canopy Survey respondents.

| I Want to Plant Trees To...                         | Specifically, I Want to Improve... | This Means the Tree Planting Team Will...   |
|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Beautify Neighborhoods & Promote Outdoor Activities | Low Tree Canopy                    | Plant trees on streets with few or no street trees, to beautify the neighborhood & provide shade for pedestrians.   |
|   | Park Improvement                   | Plant trees in parks to promote community recreation and health.  |
|   | Pedestrian & Bicycle Routes        | Plant trees along pedestrian and bicycle routes to promote active transportation and community health, following the Bellflower-Paramount Active Transportation Plan. |
| Improve Air Quality & Reduce Noise                  | Air Quality Index                  | Plant trees in areas with the poorest air quality scores to help improve the air quality.   |
|   | Toxic Release Sites                | Plant trees near facilities that emit toxic pollution to help reduce the impacts of the pollution.  |

## How do you want to see trees benefit your community?

**Figure 9.**  
Results from a word cloud exercise at the Paramount Tree Summit. Participants identified “clean air” and “shade” as important benefits of trees.





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# Priorities Identified by Participants

Participants were given a list of 20 possible tree benefits to choose from when identifying their priorities for tree planting. The benefits listed were not a comprehensive list of all the possible benefits of trees; rather, they were carefully chosen for their applicability to the City of Paramount.

Criteria for inclusion were that:

- 1) The item listed would address a social or environmental challenge faced by residents.
- 2) The item listed was able to be mapped at a fine resolution so that priorities could be calculated and shown on maps.

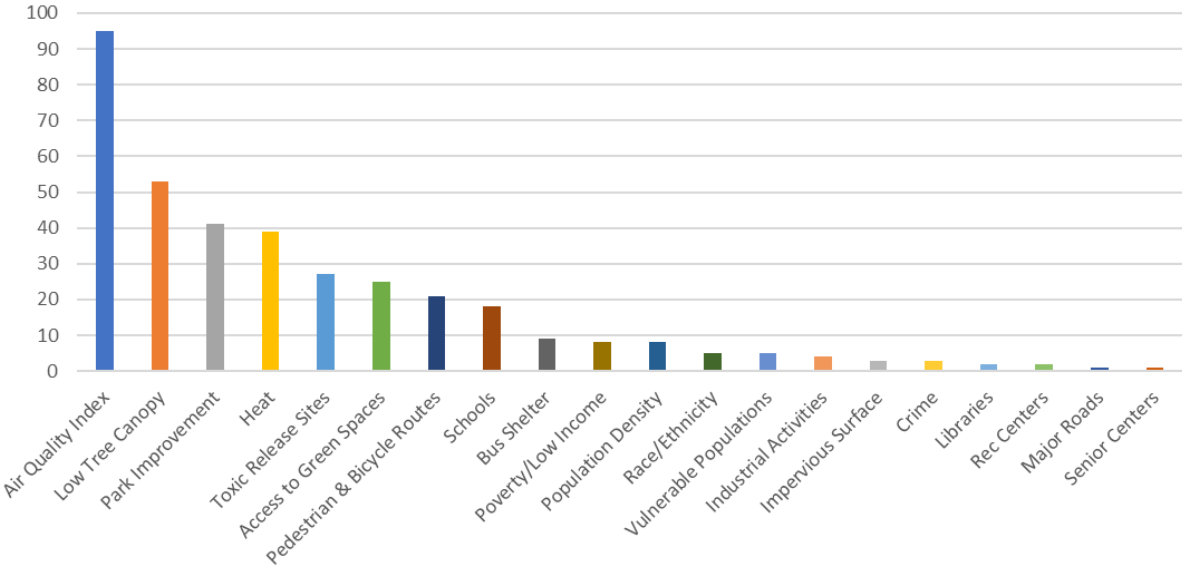
The 20 benefits were grouped into 7 categories: Beautify Neighborhoods & Promote Outdoor Activities, Improve Air Quality & Reduce Noise, Increase Equity for Residents, Prevent Flooding &

Increase Infiltration, Protect Critical Community Places, Reduce Crime, and Reduce Heat (see Figure 7 and Appendix).

Each participant was given 10 votes, and these could be distributed however the survey taker deemed appropriate. Thus, all 10 votes could be used for one benefit, the votes could be evenly distributed among 10 separate benefits, or some combination therein.

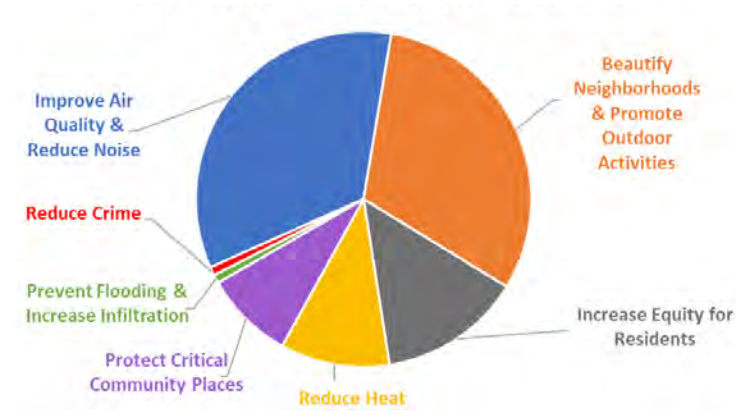
When the survey results were analyzed by *specific benefit*, results from the 37 surveys showed that participants most frequently identified Air Quality Index as the highest priority. This is followed by Low Tree Canopy, Park Improvement, Heat, and Toxic Release Sites. Figure 10 shows how the specific benefits were prioritized.

**Figure 10.**  
Tree canopy priorities by specific benefit, as chosen by Paramount Tree Canopy Survey respondents.



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When summarizing by *category*, the priorities follow a similar pattern. The highest priority for tree planting was Improve Air Quality and Reduce Noise with 34% percent of the votes in this category (Figure 11). This was followed by Beautify Neighborhoods and Promote Outdoor Activities with 31% of the votes, Increase Equity for Residents (14%), Reduce Heat (11%), Protect Critical Community Places (9%), Prevent Flooding & Increase Infiltration (1%) and Reduce Crime (1%).



**Figure 11.**  
Tree canopy priorities by category, as chosen by Paramount Tree Canopy Survey respondents.

Map of Priorities

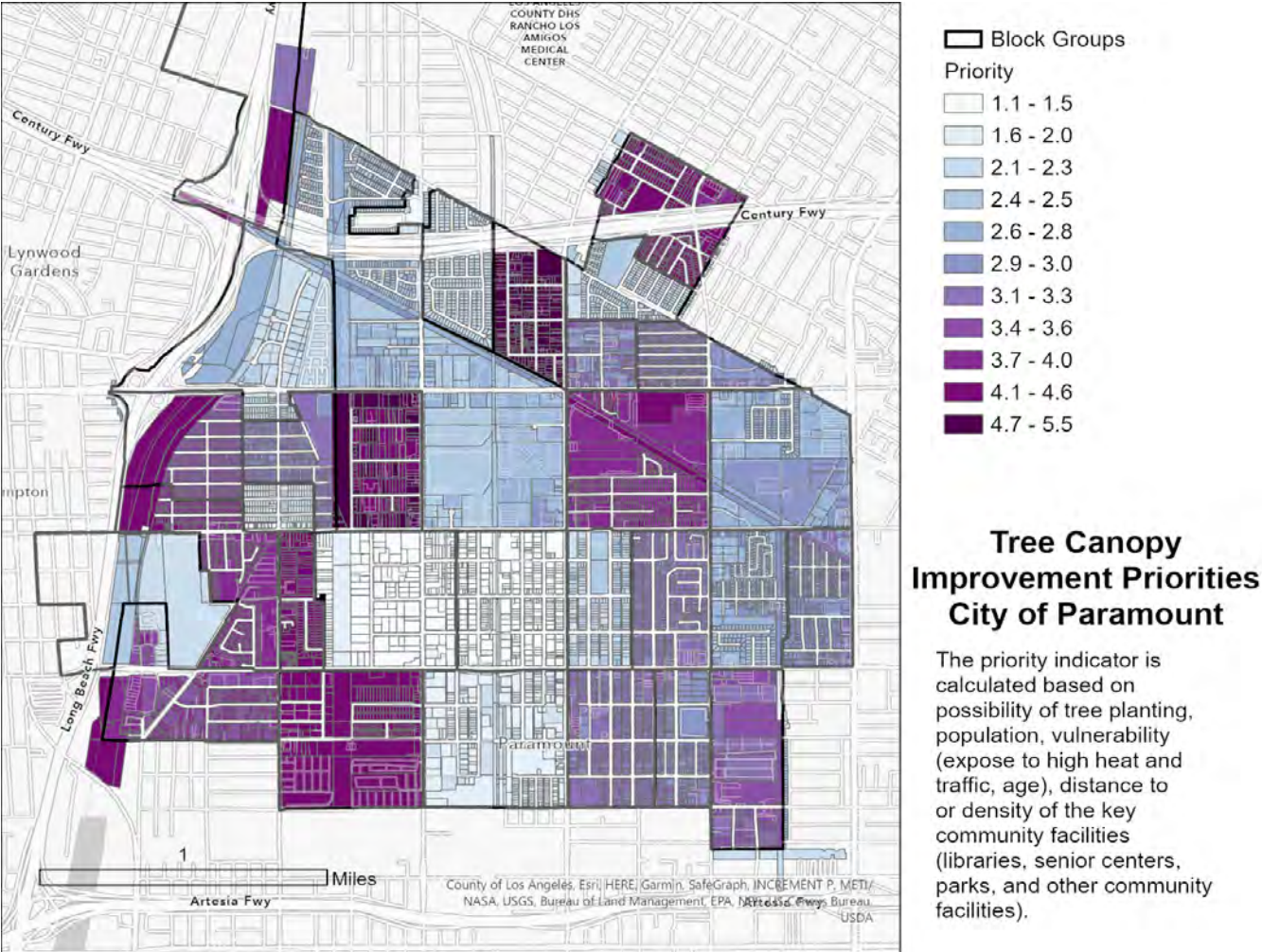
The priority data collected from the survey were then combined with the tree canopy data to develop maps and tables of priority locations for planting. As mentioned earlier, each priority had an associated spatial variable that could be mapped at a fine resolution. Data were acquired for each of these variables. For example, for Heat, surface temperature data was acquired from NASA’s ECOSTRESS program. For Pedestrian and Bicycle Routes, a spatial map was created from the Bellflower-Paramount Active Transportation Plan.

Each variable was given a different weighting to account for the information gathered from the survey. Air Quality was weighted the highest and Senior Centers and Major Roads were weighted the lowest. The weighted priority variables were processed in an ArcGIS model to produce a map of areas where tree summit participants collectively prioritized planting trees. Figure 12 on the next page shows the overall priority map for increasing Paramount’s tree canopy. As shown, many of the

high priority areas for planting trees are in the central eastern, southeastern, and northwestern parts of the city. Many of these areas border the I-710 or I-105 freeways, reflecting priorities to improve air quality and reduce noise. The lowest priority areas are found in the southern central part of Paramount.

This priority map can be used alongside the Possible Tree Canopy maps (Figure 6) to determine best places for tree planting. In addition to the maps, a table was created to provide a comprehensive listing of the priority scores for planting locations for all parcels in the City of Paramount. These are provided in an Excel file along with this report (see Appendix) and can help to guide future plantings by the City.

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**Figure 12.** Final prioritization map of the results from the Paramount Tree Canopy Survey. The collective responses from participants showed their highest priority areas for planting trees are in the central eastern, southeastern, and northwestern parts of the city. The lowest priority areas are found in the southern central part of Paramount.

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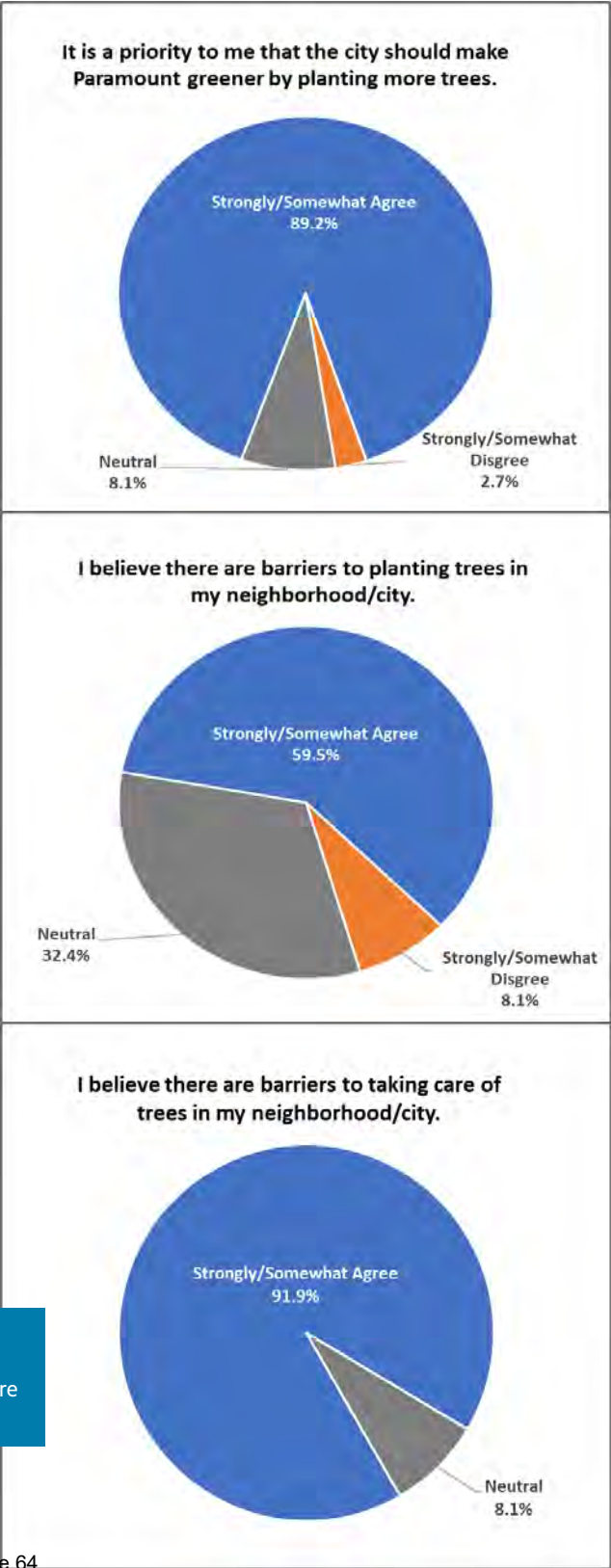
# Perceptions of Urban Forestry in Paramount

In addition to identifying priorities, participants were asked about their perceptions of tree planting and care in the City of Paramount. Respondents were given a set of statements regarding the importance of tree planting in Paramount, and barriers that are faced by urban forestry in the city.

Respondents ranked this series of statements on a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 was strongly agree and 5 was strongly disagree. As shown in Figure 13, nearly 90% of participants chose Strongly or Somewhat Agree that the city should make Paramount greener by planting more trees. However, nearly 60% believe that there are barriers to planting trees, and an overwhelming 92% believe there are barriers to taking care of trees in their neighborhood/city.

Those who agreed that there were barriers were asked to provide specific examples in a write-in response. As shown in Table 1 on the next page, the majority of the barriers listed could be grouped together as related to Land Ownership, Land Availability, or Water. Additional notable responses were related to the importance of maintenance (e.g. upkeep, tree trimming, no budget for maintenance).

Twelve participants also provided final remarks, which are provided in the Appendix for review.






**Figure 13.** Responses to the Paramount Tree Canopy Survey questions about perceptions of tree planting and care in the city.



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**Table 1.**  
Barriers to Tree Planting & Care Identified by Paramount Tree Canopy Survey respondents.

| Category  | Examples of Barriers   |
|---|--|
| <br><b>Land Ownership</b>    | Refusal from private property owners<br>Landlords<br>Permission from city government |
| <br><b>Land Availability</b> | Highly industrial/concrete areas<br>Not enough open ground space<br>Parking lots     |
| <br><b>Water</b>             | Drought friendliness<br>High price of water<br>Water                                 |

Participant Characteristics

There were 37 respondents to the City of Paramount Tree Canopy Survey. Of the 37 survey respondents, 27 (73%) live in the City of Paramount, and 14 (38%) work or study in the City of Paramount. A subset of those who work in the City of Paramount identified their employer (Figure 14).

The survey also asked participants to identify personal demographic information. These questions were intended to better understand how well the survey participants represented the overall demographics of the City of Paramount. Participants were asked to identify their age range, ethnic identity, racial identity, and gender identity. The next page shows these results.



**Figure 14.**  
Organizations listed as employers by participants in the Paramount Tree Canopy Survey

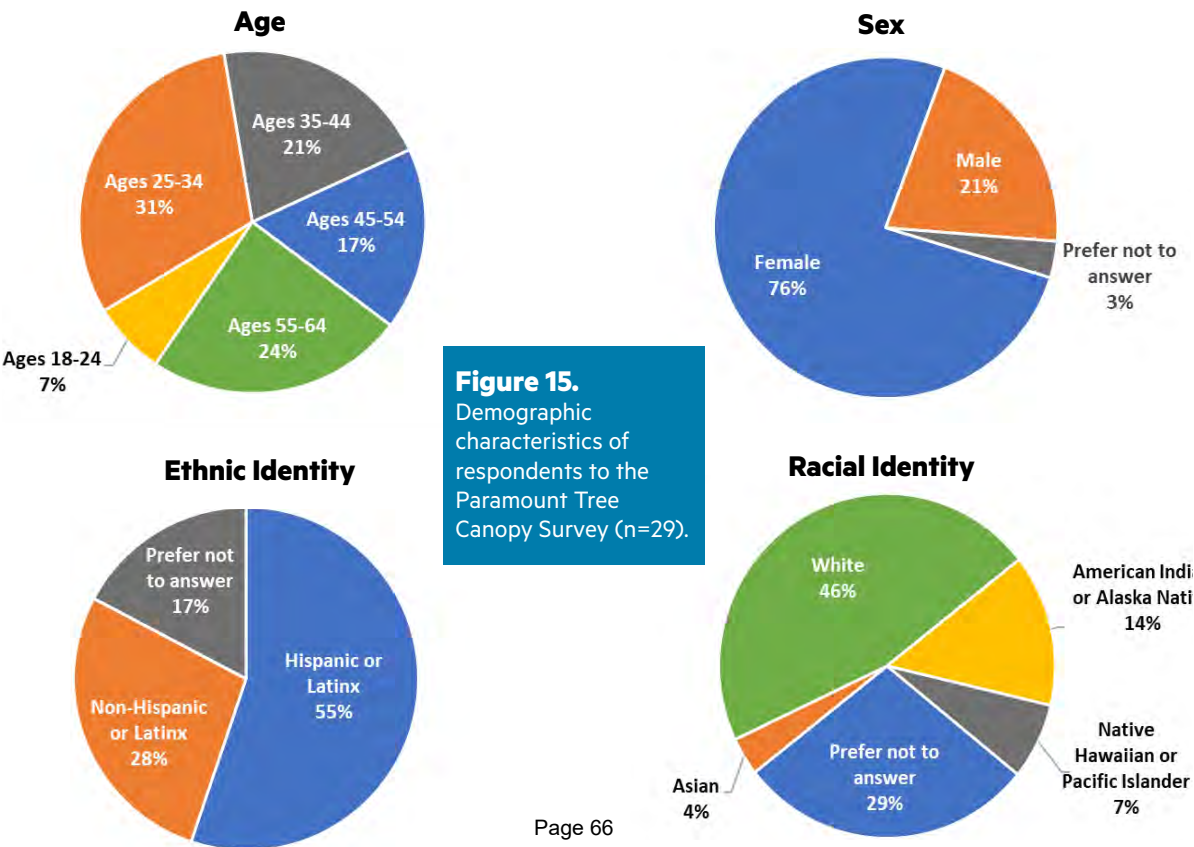
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Figure 15 shows the demographic representation of survey participants and Table 2 shows 2019 U.S. Census data for Paramount. A direct comparison between the U.S. Census data for Paramount and the survey data is not easily made, as the survey allowed respondents to choose all that applied for racial and ethnic identity questions, and large percentages chose not to respond.

For the age and sex categories, the age ranges chosen by respondents align well with the median age of Paramount residents, but the survey respondents were 76% female, meaning that males were not well represented. The White and Asian respondents were well aligned with Census data, but all other races and ethnicities were either over-represented (e.g. American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander) or under-represented (e.g. Black or African American, Hispanic or Latinx). While this could be due to many respondents choosing not to answer the question, follow-up outreach may be necessary to reach residents in communities that were not well represented here.

**Table 2.**  
U.S. Census 2019 demographic data for the City of Paramount

| U.S. Census Race & Ethnicity Data for Paramount, CA |       |
|---|-------|
| White alone   | 47.2% |
| Black or African American alone                     | 9.1%  |
| American Indian and Alaska Native alone             | 0.4%  |
| Asian alone   | 3.1%  |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone    | 0.7%  |
| Two or More Races                                   | 2.7%  |
| Hispanic or Latino                                  | 81.0% |
| White alone, not Hispanic or Latino                 | 5.5%  |
| U.S. Census Age & Sex Data for Paramount, CA        |       |
| Male  | 50.4% |
| Female  | 49.6% |
| Median Age (Years)                                  | 30.9  |



## SUMMARY & NEXT STEPS

# Next Steps

The City of Paramount has demonstrated success in urban forestry initiatives. This is evidenced in their designation as Tree City USA and through other awards and recognitions. Yet this report shows that there is great opportunity for the City of Paramount to increase its urban forest. Analysis of the tree canopy data showed that 45% of the land area of the city may be feasible for planting trees. Through the community-based prioritization process, it was found that the highest priority areas for planting are located in the southeastern, southern central, and northern central areas of the city. This spatially represents the most chosen benefits of trees for survey participants, including Air Quality, Low Tree Canopy, Park Improvement, Heat, and Toxic Release Sites.

In the near to medium term, the results can help the City of Paramount focus their planting efforts. By utilizing the Possible Tree Canopy maps alongside the Priority map, City leaders can pursue planting in high priority parcels that also score high on the Possible Tree Canopy - Vegetated map. This may involve reaching out to private property owners through educational campaigns and incentive programs. In the longer term, this report and the associated tools can aid in furthering urban forestry planning and initiatives in the city. It is notable that the

majority of Possible Tree Canopy is covered by impervious surfaces, and that Land Availability was recognized by many respondents as a barrier to planting more trees. Paramount may consider pursuing state or other funding sources to replace some of these surfaces with vegetation, including trees.

Paramount's prioritization is part of a regional effort by the project team to conduct prioritizations in the cities of Commerce, Lynwood, Vernon, and Montebello. The work in Paramount will be strengthened by being part of this Gateway Cities initiative.

The prioritization approach allowed for the use of a high resolution, high accuracy assessment of tree canopy in the City of Paramount as a foundation of a data-driven community engagement process. This helped to increase community awareness of the importance of urban trees; involve residents and other stakeholders in decision-making regarding the urban forest; and provide maps and other information that can support the city to grow its urban forest. Together, this approach can contribute to a greater sense of stewardship for the trees in Paramount and have an impact on the long-term success and resilience of urban forestry efforts.





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## APPENDIX

### Project Team List

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Map 2: Possible Tree Canopy in Paramount

Map 3: Tree Canopy Priority Map for Paramount

Paramount Tree Canopy Survey (English & Spanish)

Survey Respondents' Final Remarks

### DATA FILES

Excel: Table of Parcels with Tree Canopy Prioritization Score

KMZ: Paramount Parcel Level Tree Canopy Prioritization



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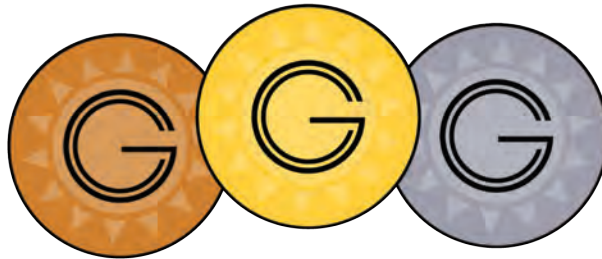
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Gateway Cities Council of Governments

# Energy Action Awards



## COMING DECEMBER, 2021



### **GOLD**

Energy Champion



### **SILVER**

Energy Champion



### **BRONZE**

Energy Champion

**CALLING ALL  
GATEWAY CITIES  
to be recognized in the  
first Gateway Cities  
Energy Action Awards**

**June 15th:** Kick-off

**July 31st:** Corrections due

**November 15th:**

Last day to complete  
additional activities to  
achieve final level



## 2021 GATEWAY CITIES ENERGY ACTION AWARDS

The Gateway Cities Energy Action Awards (GCEAA) are designed to recognize cities for your actions to improve energy efficiency and sustainability and to provide motivation to continue your progress going forward.

### AWARD TIMELINE

The GCEAA was introduced at the June 15<sup>th</sup> EWG meeting, and award presentations will take place at the December meeting. Cities will have until November 15<sup>th</sup> to continue to compete for points for awards to progress to higher levels. It is anticipated that the GCEAA will be awarded annually.

### AWARD MODEL AND POINTS

The GCEAA keeps it simple by recognizing actions that cities have been encouraged to complete over the past few years. Each activity will count for one point regardless of when the activity was completed (enrolling in SoCalREN this year or five years ago will count as one point) or the number of times each city has completed that activity (completing one energy efficiency project this year or completing multiple projects five years ago will count as one point).

Twelve activities that Gateway cities have already been encouraged to complete in the past few years will be used as measures for this year. Each activity will be awarded one point if completed:

1. Enrolled in SoCalREN
2. Enrolled in Beacon Program
3. Member of SoCalGas Local Government Partnership (LGP)
4. Attended at least one Energy Working Group
5. Served as an Energy Working Group Presenter or Panelist
6. Officially requested or completed a Comprehensive Energy Analysis (CEA)
7. Officially requested or completed Benchmarking
8. Completed at least one Energy Efficiency Project\*
9. Completed Energy Action Plan (EAP)
10. Completed Climate Action Plan (CAP)
11. Received at least one Categorical Beacon Award
12. Received at least one Overall Beacon Award

Each city has the possibility of completing all twelve activities, with some having a head start based on their activity to date, but all cities have the possibility of rising at least one level of recognition before the 2021 awards based on the number of activities completed.

\* Examples provided in Attachment A

## AWARD LEVELS

The three award levels are identified as Gold, Silver and Bronze. The following table shows how activity points are clustered, and which cities have reached that level as of June 15, 2021 based on all activity to date. Each city will have an opportunity to confirm or amend our records to reflect their current activity level.

| LEVEL       | ACTIVITIES       | CITIES  |
|-------------|------------------|---|
| Gold        | 9 – 12 completed | None yet  |
| Silver      | 6 – 8 completed  | Downey (7)<br>Lakewood (6)<br>Long Beach* (6)<br>Norwalk (7)<br>South Gate (7)  |
| Bronze      | 3 – 5 completed  | Artesia (5)<br>Bell (3)<br>LA County (4)<br>Lynwood* (5)<br>Maywood (4)<br>Montebello* (3)<br>Paramount (5)<br>Pico Rivera (4)<br>Signal Hill (5)<br>Whittier (5)   |
| In Progress | 0 – 2 completed  | Avalon (2)<br>Bellflower (1)<br>Bell Gardens (2)<br>Cerritos (0)<br>Commerce (0)<br>Compton (0)<br>Cudahy (0)<br>Hawaiian Gardens (0)<br>Huntington Park (0)<br>Industry (1)<br>La Mirada (1)<br>Santa Fe Springs (2)<br>Vernon (0) |

- \* The cities highlighted in green will gain an additional point at the June 15<sup>th</sup> EWG when they participate in a city panel to discuss financing energy efficiency projects. Lynwood will then have 6 points, which will move them up to the Silver category.

This allows a city with zero points five months to gain three points to bronze by, for example, enrolling in SoCalREN (1 point), attending an EWG meeting (1 point to attend the June or September EWG meeting) and officially requesting a Comprehensive Energy Analysis (1 point).

### TRACKING AWARD ACTIVITY

Award activities are tracked by city on the attached tracking tool devoted solely to tracking points earned toward the GCEAA (Attachment B). **Cities have until July 30<sup>th</sup> to offer corrections to the attached GCEAA tracker if any activities are listed incorrectly for your city.** As mentioned previously, cities will have an opportunity to complete additional actions for the 2021 awards through November 15<sup>th</sup> after which cities will be notified of their highest level achieved.

### AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of awards are planned to take place at the December EWG meeting, but will also include recognition at the COG Board meeting. Special recognition will be given for any cities that achieve Gold status. At a minimum, awards will include a Certificate of Achievement, recognition on the GCCOG website and social media, and inclusion in a 2021 GCEAA video which will be shared widely.

### QUESTIONS, CORRECTIONS, UPDATES

Questions, corrections and updates to activities may be directed to Sumire Gant, Regional Energy Coordinator, at (562) 397-7849 or by email to [sumi@sumiregantconsulting.com](mailto:sumi@sumiregantconsulting.com).



Attachment A

**GCEAA ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT EXAMPLES**

**Completion of one or more of the following activities will count as one point** toward each city's overall GCEAA activity level. These examples of energy efficiency projects are not exhaustive, so if your city has completed another activity that you believe should qualify, please feel free to submit that project to the COG by Friday, July 30, 2021.

- Install motion sensors, photocells, and multi-level switches to control room lighting systems.
- Replace incandescent lights with more energy efficient lighting, such as compact fluorescents, overhead fluorescent lights or light-emitting diodes (LEDs).
- Upgrade pumps, motors and other energy intensive machinery where feasible.
- Replace agency natural gas fueled appliances and equipment, such as boilers, stoves, water heaters, with high efficiency units.
- Install cool roof systems on existing and new agency buildings.
- Install smart meters on agency buildings.
- Use "de-lamping" techniques to reduce lighting levels at parks, sports fields and parking lots, where appropriate for the location and use, considering security and decorative lighting issues.
- Replace incandescent traffic and crosswalk lights with energy-efficient lighting such as light-emitting diodes (LEDs).
- Replace incandescent and mercury vapor street, parking lot, park and other outdoor lights with energy efficient alternatives, such as light-emitting diodes.



|  <b>GOLD</b><br>Energy Champion | Artesia | Avalon | Bell | Bellflower | Bell Gardens | Cerritos | Commerce | Compton | Cudahy | Downey | Hawaiian Gardens | Huntington Park | Industry | LA County | La Mirada | Lakewood | Long Beach | Lynwood | Maywood | Montebello | Norwalk | Paramount | Pico Rivera | Santa Fe Springs | Signal Hill | South Gate | Vernon | Whittier |
|--|---------|--------|------|------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------|--------|--------|------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|-----------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------|--------|----------|
| Energy Programs  |         |        |      |            |              |          |          |         |        |        |                  |                 |          |           |           |          |            |         |         |            |         |           |             |                  |             |            |        |          |
| Enrolled in SoCalREN   | ★       | ★      | ★    |            | ★            |          |          |         |        | ★      |                  |                 | ★        | ★         |           | ★        | ★          | ★       | ★       | ★          | ★       | ★         | ★           |                  | ★           |            |        | ★        |
| Enrolled in Beacon   | ★       |        | ★    |            |              |          |          |         |        | ★      |                  |                 |          |           |           |          | ★          | ★       | ★       | ★          |         | ★         |             |                  | ★           | ★          |        | ★        |
| Member of SoCalGas LSP   |         |        |      |            |              |          |          |         |        | ★      |                  |                 |          |           |           | ★        |            | ★       |         |            | ★       | ★         |             | ★                |             | ★          |        | ★        |
| EWG Participant  | ★       |        |      |            | ★            |          |          |         |        |        |                  |                 |          |           | ★         | ★        | ★          |         | ★       | ★          | ★       | ★         | ★           | ★                |             | ★          |        | ★        |
| EWG Presenter/Panelist   |         |        |      |            |              |          |          |         |        |        |                  |                 |          |           |           |          |            |         |         |            |         |           |             |                  |             |            |        |          |
| Requested or Completed Comprehensive Energy Analysis   | ★       | ★      |      |            |              |          |          |         |        |        |                  |                 | ★        | ★         |           |          |            |         |         | ★          |         | ★         | ★           |                  | ★           |            |        | ★        |
| Requested or Completed Benchmarking  |         |        |      |            |              |          |          |         |        | ★      |                  |                 | ★        | ★         |           | ★        | ★          | ★       |         | ★          |         |           |             | ★                |             | ★          |        | ★        |
| Completed Energy Efficiency Project  |         |        | ★    |            |              |          |          |         |        | ★      |                  |                 |          |           |           | ★        |            |         | ★       |            |         |           |             |                  | ★           |            |        | ★        |
| Energy Action Plan (EAP)   |         |        |      |            |              |          |          |         |        | ★      |                  |                 |          |           |           | ★        |            | ★       |         |            | ★       |           |             |                  |             | ★          |        | ★        |
| Climate Action Plan (CAP)  |         |        |      | ★          |              |          |          |         |        |        |                  |                 | ★        |           |           |          |            |         |         |            | ★       | ★         |             |                  |             |            |        | ★        |
| Received Categorical Beacon Award  | ★       |        |      |            |              |          |          |         |        | ★      |                  |                 |          |           |           |          | ★          |         |         |            | ★       |           |             | ★                | ★           | ★          |        | ★        |
| Received Overall Beacon Award  |         |        |      |            |              |          |          |         |        |        |                  |                 |          |           |           |          | ★          |         |         |            |         |           |             |                  | ★           |            |        | ★        |
| Energy Champions   |         |        |      |            |              |          |          |         |        |        |                  |                 |          |           |           |          |            |         |         |            |         |           |             |                  |             |            |        |          |
| Gold Level (9 - 12 activities)   |         |        |      |            |              |          |          |         |        |        |                  |                 |          |           |           |          |            |         |         |            |         |           |             |                  |             |            |        |          |
| Silver Level (6 - 8 activities)  |         |        |      |            |              |          |          |         |        | 7      |                  |                 |          |           |           | 6        | 6          |         |         | 7          |         |           |             |                  |             | 7          |        |          |
| Bronze Level (3 - 5 activities)  | 5       |        | 3    |            |              |          |          |         |        |        |                  |                 | 4        |           |           |          |            | 5       | 4       | 3          |         | 5         | 4           |                  | 5           |            |        | 5        |
| In Progress (0 - 2 activities)   |         | 2      |      | 1          | 2            | 0        | 0        | 0       | 0      |        | 0                | 0               | 1        |           | 1         |          |            |         |         |            |         |           |             | 2                |             |            | 0      |          |
|                               | Artesia | Avalon | Bell | Bellflower | Bell Gardens | Cerritos | Commerce | Compton | Cudahy | Downey | Hawaiian Gardens | Huntington Park | Industry | LA County | La Mirada | Lakewood | Long Beach | Lynwood | Maywood | Montebello | Norwalk | Paramount | Pico Rivera | Santa Fe Springs | Signal Hill | South Gate | Vernon | Whittier |

Count / 28

17

11

6

12

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8

7

6

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| LEGEND      |                   |           |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Gold        | 9 - 12 Activities | 0 cities  |
| Silver      | 6 - 8 Activities  | 5 cities  |
| Bronze      | 3 - 5 Activities  | 9 cities  |
| In Progress | 0 - 2 Activities  | 13 cities |

+ LA County

If any of the activities for your city is not accurate, please submit any corrections to [sumi@sumiregantconsulting.com](mailto:sumi@sumiregantconsulting.com) by Friday, July 31, 2021.



**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM K  
Gateway Cities COG Housing  
Program Report**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Nancy Pfeffer, Executive Director  
Melani Smith, Director of Regional Development

**SUBJECT:** COG Housing Program Report

**Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant**

Work Program 1: 6th Cycle Housing Element Development & Implementation  
See consultant agreement on this month's Board Agenda.

Work Program 2: Formation of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund  
See consultant agreement on this month's Board Agenda.

Work Program 5: Subregional ADU Encouragement Strategies  
COG staff is still considering entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and joint scope of work with two other COGs. We are reviewing the draft MOU terms and draft scope of work bullet points received from OCCOG for this project, and conducting research about the cost and scoping of projects similar to the one we are considering, that have been completed for other regions of the State, in order to inform the production of a final scope of work and budget for this project.

Staff have also been formally notified that the COG will be allocated an additional 5% or roughly \$65,800 in REAP funding due to a funding adjustment by SCAG. We are required to propose a new program of work for this funding, or allocate the dollars to one of the programs we have already identified, and to encumber all of the REAP grant funds we have been allocated, and kick off all of our work programs, by April 1, 2022.

**Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program**

PLHA provides funding to eligible jurisdictions for increasing their affordable housing stock, implementing housing-related projects and programs that help to address the unmet needs of their communities. The 2021 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the formula component of the PLHA program was released by HCD and the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) in May of 2021. Gateway Cities that are Non-entitlement or Entitlement cities are eligible to apply to HCD for funding through December 31, 2021.

COG staff have arranged a special meeting with HCD PLHA Staff, during which they will provide an update on the PLHA Program, examples of how other jurisdictions have used the funding, and include a Q&A session during which cities can receive answers to their specific questions. The (virtual) meeting will be on December 7 at 10:00 am. The link to register for the meeting is below, and we hope you will attend and come prepared with

your questions! Register in advance for this Zoom meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link>

### **November Joint Planning Directors/Public Works Officers Committee Meeting**

Planners in the Gateway Cities have expressed an interest in occasional opportunities to tour and learn about new local development projects, and network with each other informally. In response, the COG hosted a mixer for Gateway Cities planners on the evening of November 8<sup>th</sup>, at The Hangar in Long Beach. Staff from nine of the cities in the COG subregion registered to attend the event.

The Quarterly Joint Planning Directors/Public Works Officers Committee Meeting was held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The agenda included a discussion of street vending issues and a proposed amendment to SB946, the Safe Sidewalk Vending Act that the City of Bell Gardens is interested in pursuing. The Committees also heard a presentation about LA County's new Climate Vulnerability Assessment and new Tool available to our cities, as well as an update on Caltrans' Statewide Truck Parking Location Study, and an announcement about a SCAG project looking at Freight Impacts on Disadvantaged Communities.

### **Affordable Housing Speaker Series**

Continuing the quarterly Affordable Housing Speaker Series that was established by the COG with LA County Homeless Innovation funds, on November 17, Brian D'Andrea and Oscar Alvarado, leaders of Century Housing, made a presentation titled, "Tackling Homelessness: From Policy to Action" at the COGs November Homelessness TAC meeting. Information was shared about Century's work in developing a variety of large-scale Transformative Communities throughout the region, including in Long Beach at the Villages at Cabrillo, and One San Pedro, in San Pedro. Presenters also described the Collective Impact Framework approach that has underpinned the work and been an important part of developing and operating these projects.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Elements**

To date, 19 of our 27 Gateway Cities, and the County of Los Angeles, have submitted draft Housing Elements to HCD. 14 of those cities have received comments back from HCD on their draft Elements.

### **Recommended Action**

Receive and file this report.

### **Attachment**

Flyer & Slides for Century Housing Presentation



# GATEWAY CITIES

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## NOVEMBER HOMELESS TAC MEETING

### Tackling Homelessness: From Policy to Action

#### with **Century Housing/Century Villages at Cabrillo**

#### Speakers:

**Brian D'Andrea,**  
Sr VP, Housing

**Oscar Alvarado,**  
VP, Development



Our ongoing Affordable Housing Speaker Series explores practical opportunities for affordable housing development in the Gateway Cities subregion.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**November 17, 2021**  
**2 PM**

**Register  
Online:**

[SAMPLE LINK HERE](#)

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**For more information:**  
[gsaldate@gatewaycog.org](mailto:gsaldate@gatewaycog.org)



# Tackling Homelessness

## *from policy to action*



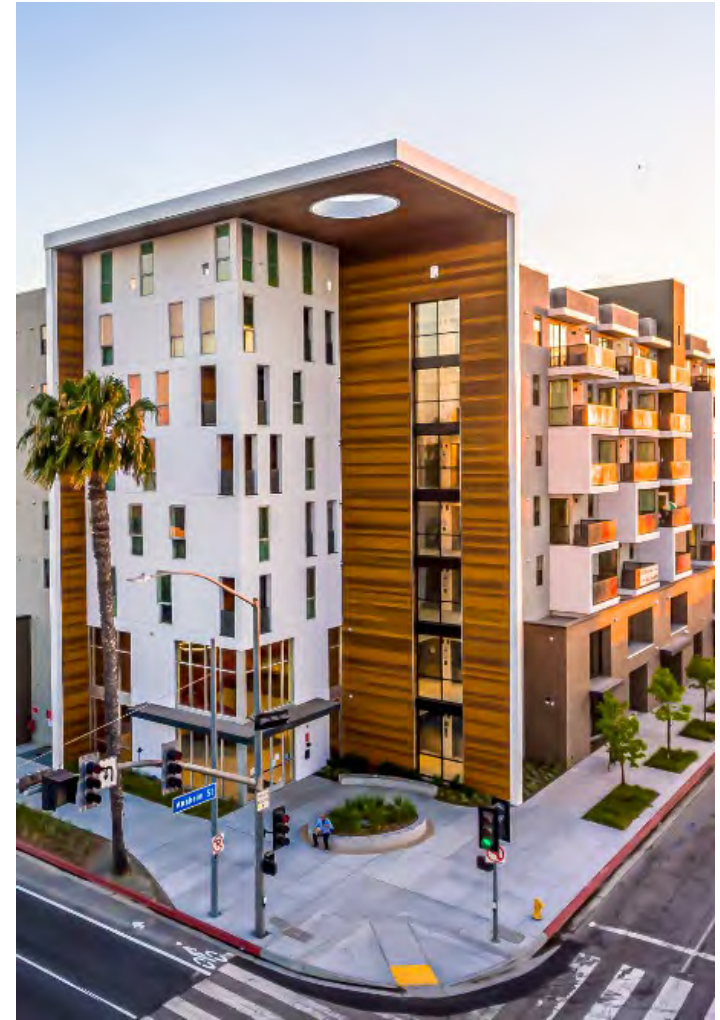
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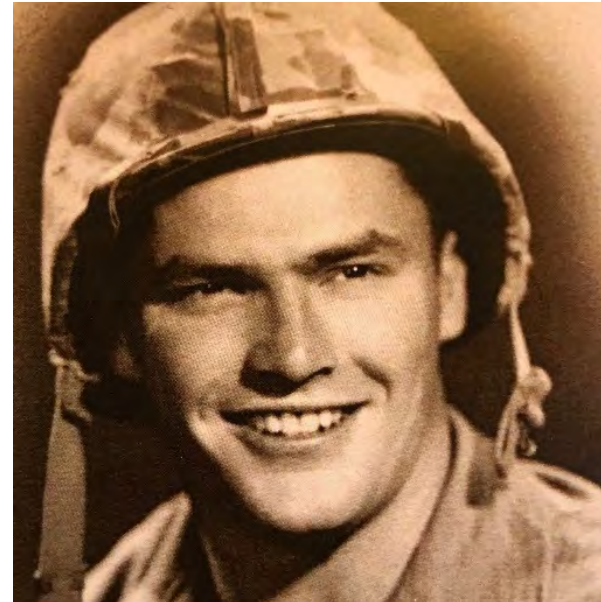




# Century Housing Corporation

We finance, build, and operate  
**exceptional affordable housing**  
so that the people we serve may  
have a **dignified home**, a healthy  
and **hopeful future** and attain  
**economic independence**.





# ABOUT CENTURY

Headquartered in Los Angeles, Century's mission is to invest in homes and communities so that low-income individuals and families may have a dignified living environment, achieve economic independence, and enjoy beautiful and vital places to live and work.

## Unique Story



Founded in 1995, Century Housing is a local mission-driven 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that finances and develops affordable housing. Roots in EJ.

## Financial Strength



Century has invested >\$2.0 billion of capital that has resulted in the creation of more than 47,000 new affordable homes in California. Century is one of a handful of S&P rated Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) in the Nation.

## Vertically-Integrated Operations



Century brings an integrated solution to our PSH assets, braiding real estate development, property management, residential services, and community engagement together with a common purpose.



# REGIONAL PURVIEW: CENTURY'S HISTORY: the CFHP



**3,700+ affordable homes**



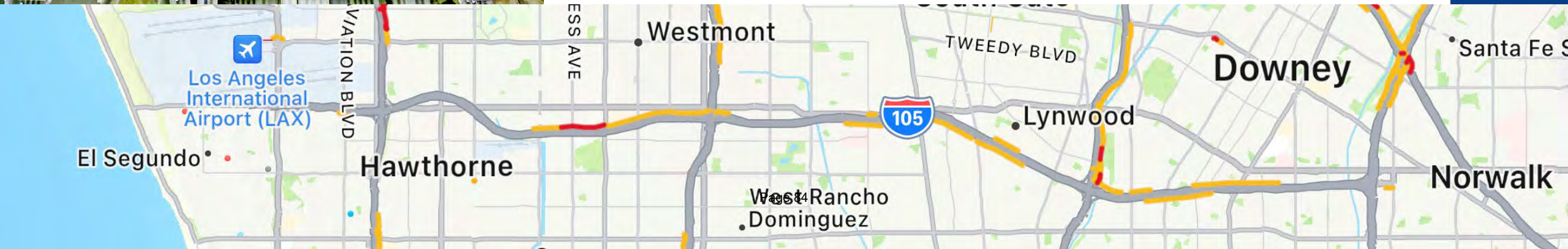
**Procurement and contracting**



**Training and employment**



**After school programming**





# REGIONAL PURVIEW: CENTURY'S PORTFOLIO



## 1,750 affordable homes

Throughout Los Angeles County; concentration within the Harbor Area, including Long Beach. Footprint set to expand by nearly 20% by year end with impending acquisitions.



## Pipeline in excess of 2,600 homes

Consists of affordable and supportive homes in master planned communities and infill sites.



## Focus on supportive housing

Commitment to supportive housing dates back to the origins of Century and the founding influence of the late Judge Harry Pregerson who had a passion for Veterans, children and families experiencing homelessness.



## Master planned communities expertise

Villages at Cabrillo experience has been leveraged into new and exciting communities that have the potential to be regionally transformative.

# Building communities with proven social impact

LISTEN

COLLABORATE

DELIVER

Century works through the lens of a backbone organization acting as a catalyst for conversation between residents, management, services, local officials, and the surrounding community. This generates the clear intent and "buy in" necessary to deliver industry-leading build quality and a lasting presence in the communities we serve.

**Development** Leveraging two decades of experience with master-planned communities and infill development, Century connects residents with services, and each other, by creating beautiful shared spaces and encouraging collaboration between agencies.

**Property Management** The relationship between the plan and the person starts at the property office, where every opportunity is taken to foster a feeling of belonging and hope within thoughtfully maintained assets.

**Community Engagement** Community is built through long-term collaborative relationships and trust between partners and residents.

**Resident Services** Putting clients at the center of the planning process and operations assures that individual successes translate to community-wide economic and social impact.

**CENTURY**  
*Building Community*

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# TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITIES: PRECEDENTS



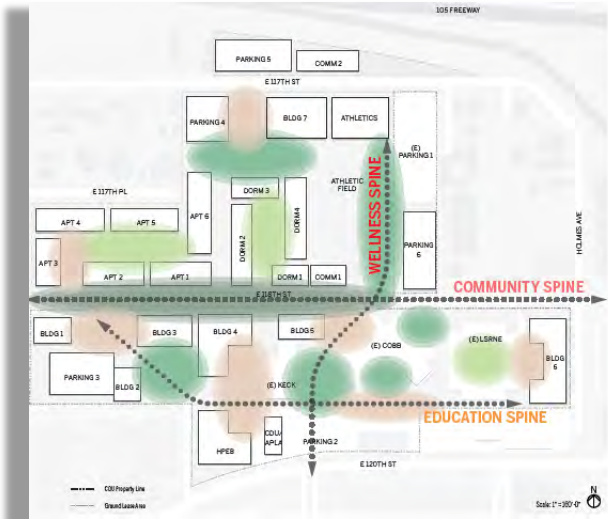
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# Villages at Cabrillo



## Villages at Cabrillo Collaborative Partners



# ABOUT THE VILLAGES

A place-based collective impact approach to combatting homelessness. A 27-acre “container of change” situated within the larger backbone environment of the City of Long Beach.

## Real Estate



27-acres in West Long Beach conveyed under the McKinney Act for the benefit of the homeless. Owned by Century.

## Neighborhood



The Villages is now home to more than 1,500 formerly homeless individuals and families, including more than 650 veterans.

## Collaborative and Integration



Our present collaborative consists of more than 30 public and private agencies, including 12 that are physically based on site. Integrated with the Long Beach continuum of care

## Vertical Integration and Backbone



Century serves as singular owner, manager, developer, overseer and provider of supportive services.





# Anchor Place

## LEED Platinum



# TRANSFORMING A CAMPUS INTO A COMMUNITY





# TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITIES: West LA VA



## DRAFT COMMUNITY PLAN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PHASES

LEGEND

|                   |         |                                  |
|-------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
|                   | PHASE 0 | 241 HOMES (INCLUDING SHANGRI-LA) |
|                   | PHASE 1 | 603 HOMES (INCLUDING CORE)       |
|                   | PHASE 2 | 440 HOMES                        |
| PHASE 0 – 2 TOTAL |         | 1284 HOMES                       |
|                   | PHASE 3 | 275 HOMES                        |
|                   | PHASE 4 | 132 HOMES                        |
| CUMULATIVE TOTAL  |         | 1691 HOMES                       |

TOTAL UNITS

|             |                                    |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 1,450 HOMES | PRINCIPAL DEVELOPER COMMUNITY PLAN |
| 241 HOMES   | HOMES DEVELOPED BY OTHERS          |
| 1,691 HOMES | TOTAL NORTH CAMPUS BUILD           |







One  
San  
Pedro



# TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITIES:



| HOUSING TYPE               | # UNITS (LOW) | # UNITS (HIGH) |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>RENTAL</b>              |               |                |
| Public Housing / RAD       | 478           | 478            |
| Affordable                 | 423           | 440            |
| Market Rate                | 300           | 330            |
| <b>Total Rental</b>        | <b>1201</b>   | <b>1248</b>    |
| <b>HOMEOWNERSHIP</b>       |               |                |
| Affordable                 | 50            | 110            |
| Market Rate                | 24            | 32             |
| <b>Total Homeownership</b> | <b>74</b>     | <b>142</b>     |
| <b>Total Overall Units</b> | <b>1275</b>   | <b>1390</b>    |





One-for-one replacement of the existing public housing at Rancho will be distributed throughout One San Pedro.



A variety of housing types including courtyard style, townhouse, podium and mid-rise buildings.



Unit configurations include flats and townhouses with new units having appropriate room sizes and with bedroom counts and types that meet the needs of current residents' family sizes.



Units will be in multifamily, multigenerational buildings. A senior-oriented building could be located in the heart of the site.

| SPACE TYPE         | SQUARE FOOTAGE          |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Retail Space       | 30,000 - 40,000         |
| Social Service     | 20,000 - 30,000         |
| Building Amenities | 25,000 - 35,000         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>75,000 - 105,000</b> |

composite site diagram





# CDU / MLK Wellness Collaborative





# TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITIES: CDU/MLK Wellness

Proposed Site Plan



# THE LONG BEACH EXPERIENCE: RECIPE FOR SUCCESS



A bustling and diverse city by the sea in Southern California that features a lively urban core, vibrant local economy driven by the Port (2nd busiest in the nation), and an eclectic mix of neighborhoods.

## Diversity



One of the most diverse cities in America, from socioeconomics, to culture, to economics, to religion, to ethnicity



## A Small BIG City

With 463,000 residents Long Beach is the 43<sup>rd</sup> largest City in the US, bigger than Cleveland, Minneapolis, and New Orleans



## Leadership and Staffing

Strong leadership, part time Council members, highly capable and empowered staff, and a City Manager form of government



## Vertically Integrated City

Health Department, Housing Authority, Local CoC, "Front Door" Access Center, Police/Fire, Local VA



# ABOUT THE LONG BEACH CONTINUUM OF CARE



## Local Continuum Features



- ~Client-centered
- ~Trauma-informed
- ~Committed to Housing First
- ~Committed to Harm Reduction
- ~Data-driven

## City Initiatives and Governance



- ~Mayor's Study Group
- ~Mayor's Everyone Home Task Force
- ~Community-Based CoC Board
- ~Homeless Services Advisory Commission

a highly coordinated system of care with a significant amount off local control, political will, and leadership

## Continuum of Care



One of 4 continuums in LA County. One of only a handful of CoCs with Unified Funding Agency Status. \$8.9 million in annual funding. 10 grantees and 22 projects.



## Housing Authority

Dedicated PHA with approximately 7,498 vouchers



## Health Department

Dedicated health and human services department that is home to the Housing Authority.



## Coordination

Multi-service Center (MSC) serves as front door into the system of care. City interdepartmental team meets regularly. Villages at Cabrillo integral partner.

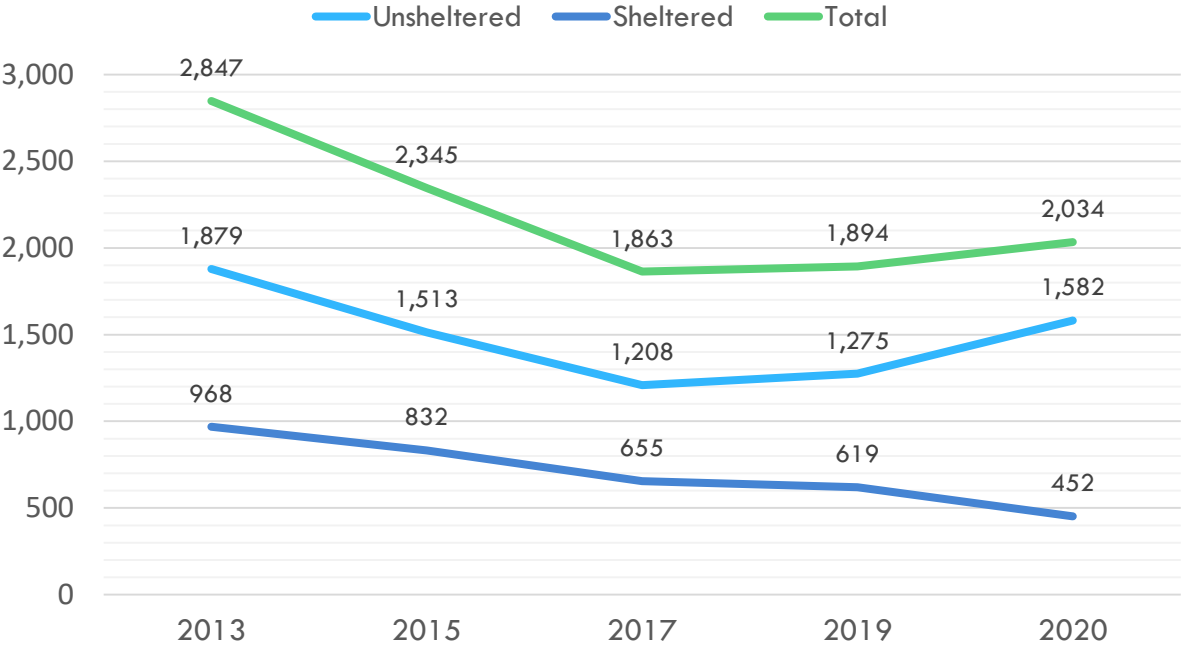


## Other Elements

Long Beach is home to the Long Beach VA, a major State University, Cal State Long Beach, an engaged faith-based community, Fire HEART unit, Police Quality of Life Team

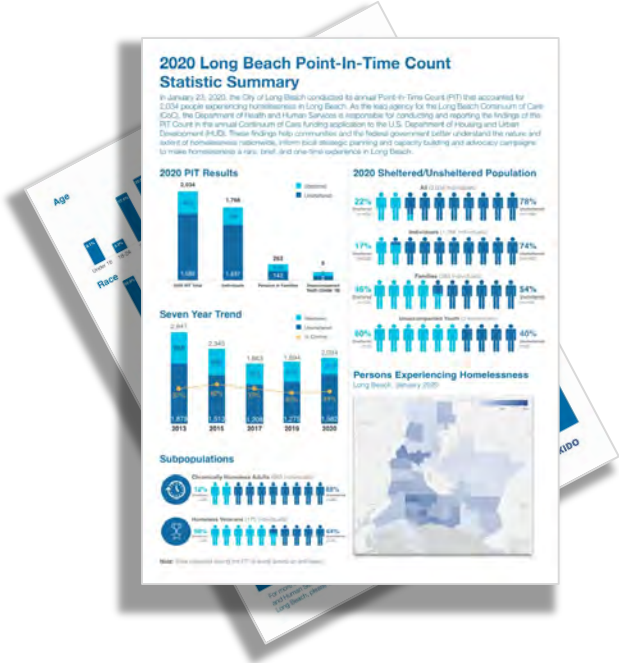
# HOMELESSNESS IN LONG BEACH

Homelessness in Long Beach  
7 year performance



| Population  | 2013  | 2015  | 2017  | 2019  | 2020  |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Unsheltered | 1,879 | 1,513 | 1,208 | 1,275 | 1,582 |
| Sheltered   | 968   | 832   | 655   | 619   | 452   |
| Total       | 2,847 | 2,345 | 1,863 | 1,894 | 2,034 |

| Changes Over Time     |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| 2013 thru 2020 Change | -28.56% |
| 2015 thru 2020 Change | -13.26% |
| 2017 thru 2020 Change | 9.18%   |
| 2019 thru 2020 Change | 7.39%   |



# LOCAL INGREDIENTS AND TOOLS

- Political will and **leadership**
- Assessment of **local need**: the data
- Community **asset mapping**
  - Residents/advocates
  - Organizations
  - Physical assets (Housing Element)
- Networks and **relationships**
- Use of **State legislation** and resources
- Creating an **action plan**
- Accountability, **oversight** and feedback
- Storytelling and **communication**
- Playing the **long game**

## THE 4 C'S OF SUCCESS



# COLLECTIVE IMPACT: A UNIFYING FRAMEWORK

highly structured, disciplined and collaborative efforts that achieve substantial impact on a large scale , urgent and complex social problem

1. Common **Agenda**
2. Shared **Measurement**
3. Mutually **Reinforcing** Activities
4. Continuous **Communication**
5. **Backbone** Support
6. **BONUS** ~ **Authentic Engagement**



*Channeling Change: Making Collective Impact Work*

Stanford Social Innovation Review

By: Fay Hanleybrown, John Kania, and Mark Kramer



# BACKBONE ORGANIZATION

## The Backbone Role

- Guide vision and strategy
- Support aligned activities
- Establish shared measurement practices
- Build public will
- Advance policy
- Mobilize funding



# SHARED MEASUREMENTS → SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT





# WHERE TO START: QUESTIONS TO ASK

- Who is your **champion**?
- Do you have a **backbone**?
- Is **lived experience** represented?
- **Rallying** the community
- Establishing **a plan** and a goal
- Identifying **development partners**
- Be **bold** but...
- Be OK with being **a hummingbird**
- Celebrating **wins**
- Communicating **successes**



# Q&A and THANK YOU

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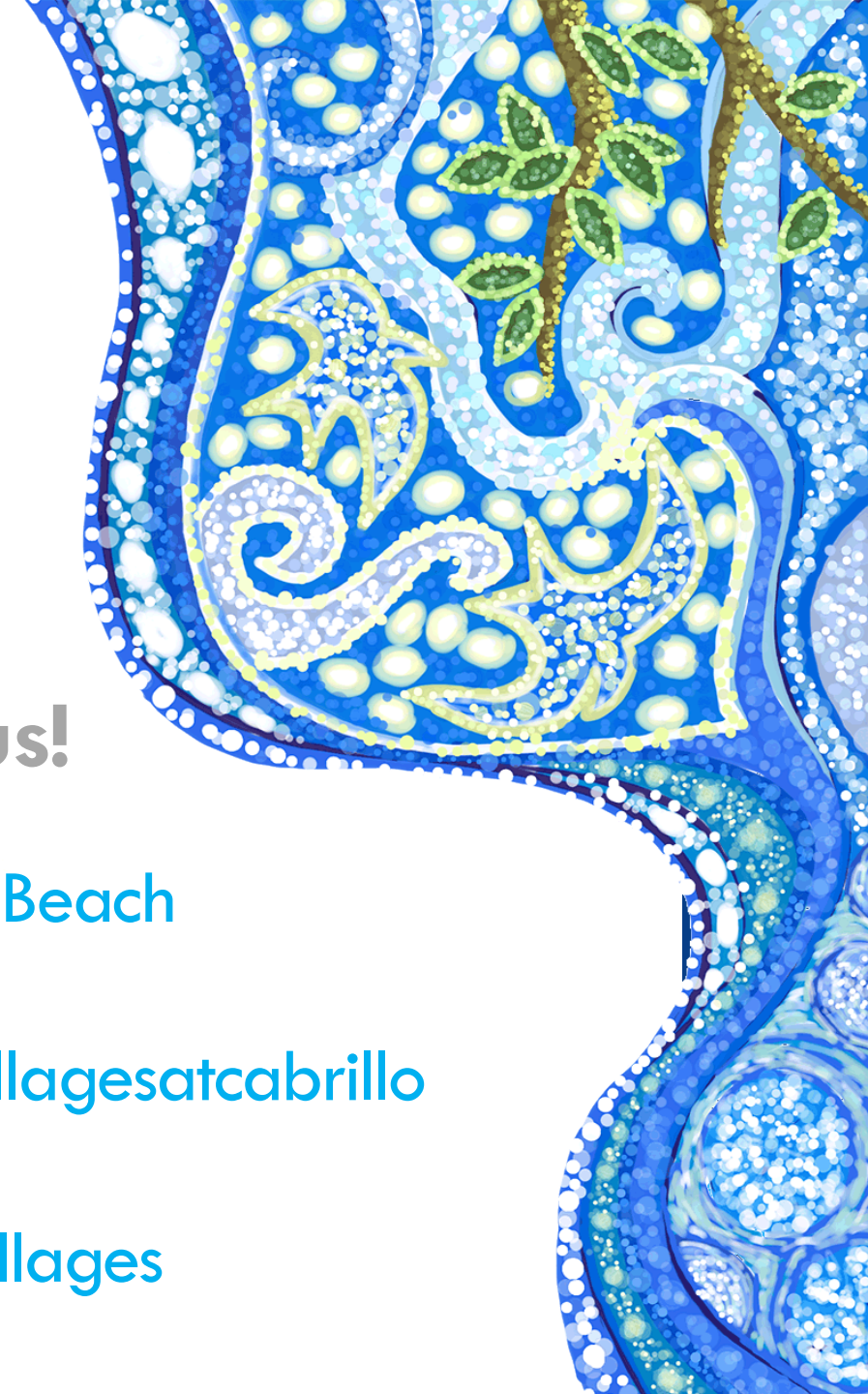
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**Matters from the League of**  
**California Cities**



TO: Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors

FROM: Kristine Guerrero, Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities [kguerrero@cacities.org](mailto:kguerrero@cacities.org)

SUBJECT: League of California Cities and Los Angeles County Division December 2021 Legislative and Advocacy Report

### **Events and Education**

**Cal Cities 2021 Legislative Report and New Law Affecting Cities Webinar-** Wednesday, December 1, 9:00-10:30am. More than 700 new laws are coming to California next year. Topics include local land use authority and affordable housing; broadband infrastructure deployment and funding; disaster response and resources; climate resiliency funding; organic waste implementation; public safety reform and cannabis; and Brown Act flexibility. Register at: [www.calcities.org/home/education-and-events](http://www.calcities.org/home/education-and-events)

**Los Angeles County Division All Cities Holiday Reception-** Thursday, December 9, 2021, 6:00-8:30 p.m., California Club. Join cities from throughout the region to network, connect and celebrate the final event of the year. Cohosted by the California Contract Cities Association and the Independent Cities Association. Register at [www.lacities.org](http://www.lacities.org).

**Cal Cities City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar-** December 8-10, Universal City. Designed for city clerks and staff members of all tenures from throughout the state, this conference will expand your knowledge on a wide range of topics relevant to your roles within your city, and foster relationships and communication with your fellow peers. Register at [www.calcities.org/home/education-and-events](http://www.calcities.org/home/education-and-events)

**Cal Cities New Mayors and Council Members Academy-** January 20-21 and January 27-28, virtual. This virtual conference is a must-attend for newly elected officials or seasoned mayors and council members who would like a refresher course on the basic legal and practical framework in which city officials operate. Delve into critical training on important, fundamental topics for local government taught by peers and subject matter experts. Register at [www.calcities.org/home/education-and-events](http://www.calcities.org/home/education-and-events)

### **Cal Cities Responds to State Attorney General's Housing Strike Force**



Following the Attorney General's announcement of the creation of a Housing Strike Force, League of California Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman released the below statement:

"California cities have been taking our state's housing crisis seriously for years and have made significant progress planning for and approving housing across all income levels within their communities. They have been doing this using their own plans, while abiding by the state's myriad of everchanging laws. By the end of next year, all of the state's major regional governments, including cities, will have identified and planned for more than two million units of additional housing statewide. Those two million units are on top of the millions of homes that cities have already planned, zoned, and approved previously.

"The comments made during the Attorney General's press conference today, demonizing all cities for things they do not control will not put roofs over the heads of Californians. Cities do not build homes, and for years have endured whiplash from the state's scattershot approach to passing housing laws that are often in direct conflict with each other and counterproductive to our shared goals to increase housing supply.

"If the state is looking for a real solution to this decades-in-the-making housing crisis, we urge a pause on unproven top-down state mandates and enforcement policies and call on the state to work as a true partner with local governments to get housing built for all Californians."

### **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Heads to President for Signature**

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, investing a historic \$1.2 trillion in America's infrastructure. The bill passed the Senate in August and now heads to President Biden for his signature. It includes \$550 billion in *new* federal investments and will add an estimated two million jobs per year to the national economy.

A [fact sheet](#) prepared by the White House [details what California can expect](#) to receive from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Additionally, the National League of Cities has issued this [press release](#), applauding the passage of the Act.

Overall, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act seeks to:

- Repair and rebuild roads and bridges with a focus on climate change mitigation, resilience, equity, and safety for all users, including cyclists and pedestrians;
- Improve and expand healthy, sustainable transportation, such as passenger rail or buses, for millions of Americans;
- Build a network of electric vehicle (EV) chargers to facilitate long-distance travel and provide convenient charging options;
- Help connect every American to reliable high-speed internet;
- Prepare infrastructure for the impacts of climate change, cyber-attacks, and extreme weather events;





- Deliver clean drinking water to every American and eliminate the nation's lead service lines and pipes; and
- Improve the nation's airports.

California expects to receive:

- \$25.3 billion for federal-aid highway apportioned programs and \$4.2 billion for bridge replacement and repairs over five years;
- \$9.45 billion over five years to improve public transportation options across the state;
- \$384 million over five years to support the expansion of an electric vehicle charging network in the state and the opportunity to apply for \$2.5 billion in grant funding dedicated to EV charging;
- A minimum of \$100 million to help provide broadband coverage across the state;
- \$84 million over five years to protect against wildfires and \$40 million to protect against cyberattacks;
- \$3.5 billion over five years to improve water infrastructure across the state and ensure clean, safe drinking water for California communities; and
- \$1.5 billion for infrastructure development for airports over five years.

For additional information or concerns, please contact Kristine Guerrero at [kguerrero@calcities.org](mailto:kguerrero@calcities.org).

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

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**Matters from the Southern California  
Association of Governments (SCAG)**

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Subject: October 2021 Report

From: Sarah Patterson- SCAG Los Angeles County Regional Affairs Officer

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#### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING



#### ACTION

##### REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES 27 LAST MILE FREIGHT PROJECTS

The Regional Council approved 27 proposals as a part of the Last Mile Freight Program Phase 1 to be awarded \$10 million. The Regional Council also approved a contingency list of projects that can be considered should additional funding become available through the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee.

The Last Mile Freight Program Phase 1 is the initial step towards implementing freight-related clean vehicles/equipment and infrastructure to support cleaner air goals. The focus on last mile freight operations is particularly significant as trucks serving the regional distribution market constitute nearly 90 percent of total truck trips in the region.

Following approval of the project list by the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee, SCAG staff will work closely with the awarded agencies to further define the scopes of work and develop a project initiation schedule and budgets. Read more about the Last Mile Freight Program at [scag.ca.gov/lmfp](http://scag.ca.gov/lmfp).

#### INFO

##### IAN CARLTON SPEAKS ON ASSESSING THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF SENATE BILL 9 ON HOUSING SUPPLY

Ian Carlton, Co-Founder of MapCraft Labs, presented to the Regional Council on research conducted by UC Berkeley's Turner Center for Housing Innovation on a study which used parcel-level data and an economic model to assess the potential impacts of Senate Bill (SB) 9's provisions on housing in the SCAG region.

Signed into law by Governor Newsom in September 2021, SB 9 allows for by-right lot split and duplex developments on single-family residential parcels. The Turner Center study indicates that approximately seven percent of the region's single-family parcels would be financially feasible to develop under SB 9's provisions, approximately 300,000 new homes in the SCAG region; however, this potential supply increase could address a substantial share of the region's housing need and is significant when compared to recent housing production. Carlton concluded that it is unknown how many homeowners will want to take advantage of this program and that jurisdictions have wide implementation authority to create programs that will work for their communities.

## **ACTION**

### **REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES FUNDING FOR THE INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC RECOVERY STRATEGY**

The Regional Council accepted \$3.5 million in one-time funds from the California Workforce Development Board to support the implementation of recommendations in the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy.

The Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy, adopted by the Regional Council in July 2021, is focused on economic recovery from the pandemic and provides opportunities to ensure inclusive economic growth for SCAG's lower-income communities and communities of color. Through Assembly Bill 129, and with support from Senator Susan Rubio (D-West Covina), SCAG was allocated one-time funds to implement several core recommendations of the strategy including:

- Supporting expansion of the number of, and access to, middle-wage jobs
- Strengthening supply chains and access to contracting opportunities
- Construction apprenticeships and training
- Providing regional data
- Addressing human capital needs

More information on the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy can be found at [scag.ca.gov/iers](https://scag.ca.gov/iers).

## **ACTION**

### **REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES UPDATES TO CONNECT SOCAL, FTIP AND PEIR**

The Regional Council approved Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 and 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Consistency Amendment No. 21-05, including the associated transportation conformity determination, as well as Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report Addendum No. 2.

## **CONNECT SOCIAL AMENDMENT NO. 1 & 2021 FTIP CONSISTENCY AMENDMENT NO. 21-05**

Since the adoption of Connect SoCal, the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, in September 2020, several projects included in the plan's Project List have experienced technical changes that are time-sensitive. In addition, the county transportation commissions in the SCAG region have also identified new project priorities in addition to projects that are no longer priorities. The amendments to Connect SoCal and the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) ensure these projects move forward in a timely manner. The amendments will now be forwarded to the appropriate federal and state reviewing agencies for final approval. Learn more about Connect SoCal at [scag.ca.gov/connect-socal](https://scag.ca.gov/connect-socal) and the 2021 FTIP at [scag.ca.gov/ftip](https://scag.ca.gov/ftip).

## **CONNECT SOCIAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ADDENDUM NO. 2**

The Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) Addendum No. 2 analyzes the changes documented in the Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1. SCAG staff has determined that the proposed changes resulting from Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 would not result in a substantial change to the region-wide impacts. It has also been concluded that the projects identified in the amendment are consistent with the analysis, mitigation measures and findings of fact contained in the previously certified PEIR and Addendum No. 1. Learn more about the PEIR at [scag.ca.gov/peir](https://scag.ca.gov/peir).

## **NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT**



## **PRESIDENT LORIMORE VISITS GO HUMAN & LADOT POP-UP AT MAGNOLIA AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, President Clint Lorimore joined SCAG's Go Human campaign and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) for a demonstration of temporary street improvements at Magnolia Avenue Elementary School in Los Angeles County on Walk to School Day and Clean Air Day. The demonstration included "School Streets," creating a student plaza adjacent to the school that was closed to vehicle traffic and open to students and families with opportunities to play in the street and provide feedback. The street was reconfigured as a one-way school pick-up and drop-off zone, with safety improvements like bulb-outs and wave delineators to improve safety and streamline access. Air

quality monitors were placed to assess impacts. SCAG was thrilled to partner with LADOT to showcase and test out these temporary improvements to improve the safety of students and families traveling to school on Walk to School Day, Clean Air Day and every day.

#### **PRESIDENT LORIMORE JOINS ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

On Monday, Nov. 1, President Lorimore was pleased to join leaders and stakeholders from the Inland Empire and beyond for a celebration of the Ontario International Airport's (ONT) anniversary and hear from leaders including ONT Authority Board of Commissioners President and SCAG Regional Council member Alan Wapner. Several other elected officials were present for the occasion celebrating continued expansion and contribution to our regional economic recovery. Airports don't just move people; they are a key part of the global economy moving the things we need and want. Happy anniversary to the Ontario International Airport!

#### **SCAG WELCOMES NEW POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Since June 2021, SCAG has welcomed nine new elected officials to the Regional Council and SCAG's Policy Committees.

##### **COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- Ramon Castro, Imperial County Communities of Concern
- Waymond Fermon, Coachella Valley Association of Governments
- Matt LaVere, Ventura County Communities of Concern
- Gabriel Reyes, San Bernardino County Communities of Concern

##### **ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

- Jonathan Ingram, Western Riverside Council of Governments

##### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

- Michelle Chambers, Los Angeles County Communities of Concern
- Andrew Do, Orange County Communities of Concern
- Jason Gibbs, North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition
- Michael Vargas, Riverside County Communities of Concern

#### **NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

##### **NEW PROGRAM DETAILS: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT**

The 12th Annual Southern California Economic Summit is only a few weeks away. SCAG is bringing together leading voices in business, policy, planning and academia on Thursday, Dec. 2 to develop strategies for kickstarting post-COVID economic growth in the region.

To kick off the event, we are excited to have Senator Susan Rubio (D-West Covina) share updates on economic initiatives in the California legislature. The program also includes an insightful look at the state of the region's economy and the key issues that are affecting the region the most and a panel discussion on the core issues threatening Southern California's ability to stay competitive and resources to kickstart inclusive economic growth.

Don't miss this vital conversation on the region's economic future – reserve your seat today. Elected officials and city managers of SCAG's member jurisdictions may attend for free.

#### **GO HUMAN AWARDED \$1.25M GRANT THROUGH THE CA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Earlier this year, the California Office of Traffic Safety awarded SCAG's Go Human program a \$1.25 million grant to continue initiatives to improve traffic safety and expand community engagement across the region. With this funding, Go Human will continue to cultivate partnerships and strategies across the region, guided by a holistic, equity-centered approach to safety. Read the full press release [here](#). For details on future activities and events, visit [scag.ca.gov/go-human](https://scag.ca.gov/go-human).

#### **SCAG CONGRATULATES ICTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARK BAZA ON HIS RETIREMENT**

SCAG would like to congratulate Mark Baza upon his retirement as Executive Director of the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC). Baza has served in his role since May 2010 and during his time has led the development of the agency's new organizational structure, staffing and work programs. Through ICTC, Baza has been actively involved in supporting regional projects that provide immense value to the county and has always shown great appreciation for the role SCAG plays in supporting Imperial County while considering county-specific challenges. We are deeply thankful for his 30+ years of service in regional transportation planning and steadfast commitment to regional collaboration. SCAG will present Baza with a proclamation at his retirement celebration later this month.

Read the full Executive Director's Report for November 2021 and see past reports on the SCAG website.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

##### **NOVEMBER**

9th Transportation Demand Management  
Technical Advisory Committee

16th Legislative/Communications &  
Membership Committee

18th Technical Working Group

23rd Transportation Conformity Working Group

##### **DECEMBER**

1st Executive/Administration Committee

7th Transportation Conformity Working Group

7th Sustainable and Resilient Communities  
Working Group

9th Safe and Active Streets Working Group

9th Equity Working Group

15th Regional Housing Planning Working Group





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**Matters from Eco-Rapid Transit**  
**(WSAB)**



Eco-Rapid Transit, formerly known as the Orangeline Development Authority, is a joint powers authority (JPA) created to pursue development of a transit system that moves as rapidly as possible, uses grade separation as appropriate, and is environmentally friendly and energy efficient. The system is designed to enhance and increase transportation options for riders of this region utilizing safe, advanced transit technology to expand economic growth that maximizes ridership in Southern California. The Authority is composed of the following public agencies:

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City of Bell

City of Bell Gardens

City of Cerritos

City of Cudahy

City of Downey

City of Glendale

City of Huntington Park

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members of Gateway Cities COG Board of Directors

**FROM:** Michael Kodama, Executive Director

**DATE:** December 1, 2021

**SUBJECT:** ECO-RAPID TRANSIT UPDATE

This past month, Eco-Rapid Transit continued to move forward in support of the selection of Alternative 1 (Artesia Pioneer Station to Los Angeles Union Station) and Design Option 2 (Stop in Little Tokyo) as Metro's Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). Eco-Rapid Transit recognizes the challenge of obtaining sufficient funding to build this project. For our cities, this is a question of fairness and equity. The corridor is adversely impacted by environmental and socioeconomic factors which affect the health, and quality of life of our local residents. As a potential Justice40 project under the Biden-Harris Administration, the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Rail Transit Project has a unique opportunity to not only be considered a high priority Metro project, but also compete successfully for federal funds under the Federal Transit Administration New Starts Program.

The Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors is pleased to announce that we are working with Supervisor Solis and Metro to implement a hybrid community outreach plan that will enable our local residents to have the option to attend and participate in the January 27<sup>th</sup> Metro Board meeting (anticipated date to choose the locally preferred alternative) via remote sites such as city halls and/or community-based organizations in the corridor. It is felt that community participation will be stronger and their voice more effective with the ability to speak on their preferred Alternative from their respective local City Hall instead of having to attend the Metro Board meeting in person. This is an important alternative during the pandemic. It offers an option for many of our residents who do not have internet access or suffer from poor broadband access. If the meetings can be broadcasted on big screens in the council chambers or other city facilities, people can gather in smaller numbers along the West Santa Ana Branch corridor and offer testimony in favor of the WSAB Project and their preferred alternative and design option. More information will be provided to our WSAB cities.

Eco-Rapid Transit appointed Ricardo Reyes of Huntington Park as the new City Manager Representative and are now looking for a new Alternate City Manager Representative.

Eco-Rapid Transit is also working on Draft Transit Oriented Development Plans for the Pacific/Randolph & Florence/Salt Lake Stations. This is a joint project including the cities of Huntington Park, Maywood, Cudahy and Bell. We have set up an ad-hoc committee that will meet in December and January. The project is expected to be completed by February, 2022.

Eco-Rapid Transit Board is working with nine of our cities to develop the WSAB Corridor Governance Plan. This includes the cities of Artesia, Cerritos, Huntington Park, Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Downey, Maywood and South Gate. The Project will look at the



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alternative governance models from the Metro/Eco-Rapid Transit/South Gate Transit Oriented Development Strategic Implementation Plan and evaluate implementing them at the corridor level. The Project will look at the alternative governance models from the Metro/Eco-Rapid Transit/South Gate Transit Oriented Development Strategic Implementation Plan and evaluate implementing them at the corridor level. Potential structures include: an economic development corporation, public private benefit corporation, modified joint powers authority, enhanced infrastructure finance district (EIFD), required entity, not for profit development corporation, or other entity. It will analyze how to use each governance model as a means to address social equity for local businesses and individuals, attract investment and market growth industries to the corridor through value capture and other financing tools. The Plan will develop a coordinated pursuit for corridor funding and policies that balances regional and local objectives from a governance context. The study will include case study examinations of models identified in the TOD SIP (e.g., Greater Sacramento Economic Council and West Line Corridor Collaborative in Colorado), and local models such as Los Angeles Union Station as well as capacity-building opportunities with current organizations in the project area such as Eco-Rapid Transit and the Gateway Cities COG. The plan will include important considerations related to equity, sustainability and resiliency. Developing a corridor governance plan can create greater staff and funding capacity with flexibility to allocate funding to eligible costs corridor-wide in order to address multi-jurisdictional sustainable infrastructure requirements, timing, needs, and/or other factors. It also provides benefits related to economies of scale and other cost efficiencies. The plan will build upon past efforts in the corridor, especially the Metro TOD SIP recommendations related to governance.

**Recommended Action**

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**Matters from South Coast AQMD**

# 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clean Air Awards



South Coast Air Quality Management District

Please join South Coast Air Quality Management District for the virtual 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clean Air Awards to honor those who have made outstanding clean air contributions to the health of our communities and economy.

**Friday, December 3, 2021 at 11:30am**



**Virtual  
Event Only**

To register for this virtual event, please visit  
[www.CleanAirAwards.com](http://www.CleanAirAwards.com) or call 909-396-2432.

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**Matters from the Port of Long Beach**



**TO:** Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors

**FROM:** Port of Long Beach

**SUBJECT:** December 2021 Report

### **Background**

#### **Pier B Rail Facility Project Meeting Set for December 1**

The Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility project team will update the public on the status of the Port of Long Beach project during a virtual community meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 1.

[Click here to register](#). You can join this virtual meeting from a computer, phone and other mobile device. A recording of the meeting will be posted at [www.polb.com/PierB](http://www.polb.com/PierB) for those unable to participate. Requests for translation must be received by November 29. Call Veronica Quezada at (562) 283-7722 for translation or assistance registering for the event. Comuníquese con Veronica Quezada al (562) 283-7722 antes del lunes 29 de noviembre para obtener servicios de interpretación o asistencia con el registro.

The planned Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility is the centerpiece of the Port of Long Beach's \$1 billion rail capital improvement program. It will shift more cargo to "on-dock rail," where containers are taken to and from marine terminals by trains. Moving cargo by on-dock rail is cleaner and more efficient, as it reduces truck traffic. No cargo trucks would visit the facility. Instead, smaller train segments would be brought to the facility and joined together into a full-sized train.

Construction is set to begin in 2023. The first arrival, departure and storage tracks are expected to be completed in 2025, with additional tracks coming online in 2030, followed by project completion in 2032. View the project fact sheet and more information at the project page.

#### **San Pedro Bay Ports Container Dwell Fee Postponed**

The Port of Long Beach and Port of Los Angeles announced delay of consideration for the "Container Dwell Fee" directed at ocean carriers until November 22.

Since the fee was announced on October 25, the twin ports have seen a decline of 26% combined in aging cargo on the docks. This encouraging momentum supports a delay in implementation of the fee.

Under the temporary policy approved October 29 by the Harbor Commissions of both ports, ocean carriers will be charged for each import container that falls into one of two categories: In the case of containers scheduled to move by truck, ocean carriers will be



charged for every container dwelling nine days or more. For containers moving by rail, ocean carriers will be charged if a container has dwelled for six days or more.

The ports will charge ocean carriers in these two categories \$100 per container, increasing in \$100 increments per container per day until the container leaves the terminal.

Before the pandemic-induced import surge began in mid-2020, on average, containers for local delivery remained on container terminals under four days, while containers destined for trains dwelled less than two days.

Any fees collected from dwelling cargo will be reinvested for programs designed to enhance efficiency, accelerate cargo velocity and address congestion impacts.

The policy was developed in coordination with the Biden-Harris Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force, U.S. Department of Transportation, Port of Los Angeles and multiple supply chain stakeholders.

### **Clean Truck Fund Rate**

To support a goal of a zero-emissions truck fleet by 2035, the Port of Long Beach will start collecting its Clean Truck Fund Rate on April 1, 2022, as approved by the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners.

The rate for nonexempt trucks of \$10 per twenty-foot equivalent unit – a standard measure for one 20-foot-long cargo container – was set in March 2020 by the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to encourage the trucking industry to invest in cleaner vehicles and reach zero emissions. Zero-emissions trucks are exempt from the rate, and the Port of Long Beach has approved an expiring exemption for the cleanest natural gas-powered trucks as a transitional step to a future when zero-emissions cargo trucks are widely available.

The Clean Truck Fund rate is expected to generate \$90 million in the first year, or \$45 million per port. As part of the action, the Board approved an initial funding prioritization for both low-nitrogen oxides and zero-emissions trucks, with at least 10% of the funds to be provided to zero-emissions trucks.

Phasing out older, more polluting trucks has been key to clean air gains the San Pedro Bay ports have made since the original Clean Truck Program was launched in 2008. Diesel emissions from trucks have been cut by as much as 97% compared to 2005 levels. Trucks remain the Port's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions and the second highest source of nitrogen oxides, a contributor to regional smog formation.

The Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) has established a goal of zero-emissions trucks by 2035. A key component of the overall strategy to transition to a zero-emissions truck fleet is an updated Clean Truck Program incentivizing the development and adoption of new technology.

Updated in 2017, the CAAP contains a comprehensive strategy to accelerate progress toward a zero-emissions future while protecting and strengthening the ports' competitive

position in the global economy. Since 2005, port-related air pollution emissions in San Pedro Bay have dropped 89% for diesel particulate matter, 63% for nitrogen oxides and 97% for sulfur oxides. Targets for reducing greenhouse gases (GHGs) from port-related sources were introduced as part of the 2017 CAAP Update. The document calls for the ports to reduce GHGs to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. The CAAP was originally approved in 2006.

### **2020 Air Emissions Inventory**

For the first time, the Port of Long Beach has achieved all of the 2023 emission-reduction goals outlined in the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan, despite moving record volumes of containerized cargo.

The Port's annual emissions inventory report found diesel soot is down 90%, smog-forming nitrogen oxides have decreased 62%, and sulfur oxides have decreased 97%, all while container throughput has increased 21%. The pollution levels are all compared to the 2005 baseline, the year before the original San Pedro Bay Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) was adopted.

Several unique factors affected activity, efficiency, and thus emissions in 2020, largely related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These included the stoppage of cruise ship passenger operations in mid-March and fewer oil tankers calling the Port.

The 2017 CAAP Update incorporates numerous strategies to reduce emissions from port-related operations in San Pedro Bay. The Technology Advancement Program nurtures the development of technology to support the development of equipment and reach the CAAP's emissions targets. Approximately 16% of the cargo-handling fleet at the Port, or about 235 pieces of equipment, is powered by electricity today.

Greenhouse gas emissions increased 7% between 2019 and 2020. Officials connected the increase in emissions to cargo-handling equipment and heavy-duty truck activity related to record activity in 2020.

The annual emissions inventory is reviewed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Air Resources Board and South Coast Air Quality Management District. To learn more about the Port's emissions inventories visit [www.polb.com/emissions](http://www.polb.com/emissions).

### **Cargo Volumes – October 2021**

Limited capacity at marine terminals hampered imports at the Port of Long Beach last month, although volumes were still strong enough to mark the Port's second-busiest October amid an ongoing transition to extended operating hours.

Dockworkers and terminal operators moved 789,716 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), down 2.1% from the Port's strongest October on record, achieved in 2020. Imports decreased 4.3% to 385,000 TEUs, while exports increased 6.6% to 122,214 TEUs. Empty containers moved through the Port declined 2.4% to 282,502 TEUs.

The Port of Long Beach enacted a Congestion Dwell Fee on November 1, charging ocean carriers for cargo containers that remain too long on the docks. The program is aimed at

speeding the flow of cargo containers moving through the San Pedro Bay ports complex and reducing a record number of vessels waiting off the Southern California coast. As of November 10, there has been a 20% decrease in loaded import containers that have dwelled at the Port of Long Beach past their respective time limits. The Port of Los Angeles has adopted an identical measure.

Additionally, the Port continues to work with marine terminals and other supply chain partners to expand hours as part of a framework for 24-7 operations.

Consumer spending slightly lagged in early fall, but remains above pre-pandemic levels. Employment is rebounding more quickly than the periods following the dot-com bust and the Great Recession, with full jobs recovery anticipated by mid-2022.

The Port of Long Beach has moved 7,884,565 TEUs during the first 10 months of 2021, up 21% from the same period in 2020. The Port is on pace to move more than 9 million TEUs by the end of this year, surpassing the current record of 8.1 million TEUs achieved in 2020.

### **Transportation Planning Director Appointed**

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners promoted Theresa Dau-Ngo to lead the Transportation Planning Division at the nation's second-busiest seaport.

Dau-Ngo started at the Port of Long Beach in 2013 as Manager of Transportation Development and was named Acting Director of the Transportation Planning Division in March 2021.

The Director of Transportation Planning is responsible for guiding analysis of regional, state and national transportation policies, regulation and legislation; developing immediate and long-term transportation priorities; and assisting with managing Port-related traffic in support of supply chain optimization efforts.

During her time at the Port, Dau-Ngo has received the Engineering Team Award presented to the Port Traffic Flow Task Force in 2017 and the 2016 Visionary Award for Women's Leadership from the Port's Women's Leadership Circle.

Prior to joining the Port, Dau-Ngo was a Supervising Planner with Los Angeles-based Parsons Brinckerhoff Inc., from 2000 to 2013. Earlier in her career, Dau-Ngo worked as a Transportation Planner with Wilbur Smith Associates Inc., San Francisco, and Meyer, Mohaddes Associates Inc., Seal Beach.

She holds a Master of Science Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering, and a Master of City Planning Degree from the University of California, Berkeley, along with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Planning and Development from the University of Southern California. She was also a 2019 participant in Leadership Long Beach.

### **Recommended Action**

Receive and file.

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM U**

**Resolution No. 2021-04 - A Resolution of  
the Board of Directors of the Gateway  
Cities Council of Governments Making  
the Legally Required Findings to  
Authorize the Conduct of Remote  
Teleconference Meetings During a State  
of Emergency**

**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Nancy Pfeffer, Executive Direct  
**BY:** Ivy M. Tsai, General Counsel  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings

**Background**

At its regular meeting of October 6, 2021, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 21-02 authorizing remote teleconference meetings pursuant to AB 361. In order to continue holding teleconference meetings pursuant to this new law, an agency is required, at least every 30 days, to make the following findings by majority vote:

- (A) The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
- (B) Any of the following circumstances exist:
  - (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.
  - (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

On March 4, 2020, the Governor issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency due to the threat of COVID-19, and the state of emergency is still in effect. The California Department of Public Health and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health have issued public health orders during this state of emergency for the purpose of reducing transmission of COVID-19. Such orders have included social distancing requirements. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person due to a number of factors, including the size of the membership of the Board; the number of Board members, staff, and public typically in attendance at meetings; location and space limitations of potential meeting sites; and the high number of daily cases and community transmission, and increased transmission of COVID-19 by the Delta variant. The Department of Public Health has stated that the Delta variant is two times as contagious as earlier variants, remains predominant in Los Angeles County, and continues to lead to increased infections.

Accordingly, staff has prepared the attached resolution to continue to conduct remote teleconference meetings and will include on all future meeting agendas such a resolution until such time as the state of emergency ceases, or as otherwise directed by the Board.

**Recommended Action**

Adopt the attached resolution affirming the legally required findings to continue to conduct teleconference meetings during the state of emergency.



**RESOLUTION NO. 21-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AFFIRMING THE LEGALLY REQUIRED FINDINGS TO AUTHORIZE THE CONDUCT OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, pursuant to California Government Code section 8625, the Governor declared a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, which bill went into immediate effect as urgency legislation; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 adds Subsection (e) to Section 54953 of the Government Code to authorize legislative bodies to conduct teleconference meetings without complying with the requirements set forth in Section 54953(b)(3), provided the legislative body makes specified findings and complies with certain requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health reports a high number of daily cases and community transmission, as well as increased transmission of COVID-19 due to the Delta variant, which is two times as contagious as earlier variants, remains predominant in Los Angeles County, and continues to lead to increased infections; and

WHEREAS, public health officials recommend social distancing as a protective measure to decrease the chance of spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments places high priority on the health and safety of its members, staff, and anyone who attends the meetings of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting of November 3, 2021, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 21-03 authorizing the Board of Directors and all legislative bodies and committees of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments to meet by teleconference; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) requires an agency to reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and make certain findings every thirty days in order to continue to conduct remote teleconference meetings pursuant to Section 54953(e).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments as follows:

1. The Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and finds that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of its members to meet safely in person.

2. The Board of Directors and all legislative bodies and committees of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments shall meet by teleconference pursuant to, and in compliance with the requirements of, Government Code section 54953(e).

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021.

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Cinde MacGugan-Cassidy, President

ATTEST:

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Nancy Pfeffer, Secretary