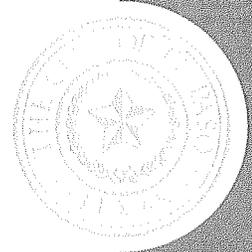


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DATE: March 18, 2010

TO: City Council Members 

CC: Sylvia B. Firth
Joyce Wilson, City Manager

FROM: Mayor John F. Cook

SUBJECT: Report on Washington, DC trip on March 7-15, 2010

My visit to Washington was very productive as I was able to schedule many meetings/events with the following organizations:

- TEAM El Paso with members of The Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce
- Texas Border Coalition
- 3rd Annual Transportation and Infrastructure Convention hosted by TEX-21
- National League of Cities
- Individual meetings scheduled by our federal lobbyists

TEAM El Paso

The purpose of the annual visits to Washington with TEAM El Paso is to meet with elected officials and key personnel to express the community's unified position and concerns on a wide array of issues. Below is a summary of some of the meetings I attended with the group.

On Monday, March 8, 2010, TEAM El Paso started the day by meeting with our Washington lobbying firm Murray, Montgomery & O'Donnell to coordinate meetings. We then proceeded to meet with U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials to express our position and concerns in regards to the border followed by a meeting with Senator John Cornyn. On Tuesday, March 9, 2010, we attended a dinner with Congressman Silvestre Reyes where I was fortunate to sit next to him and used the opportunity to share my vision for El Paso with him.

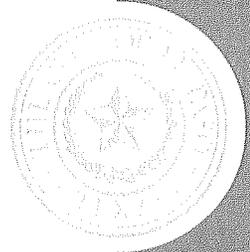
Texas Border Coalition (TBC)

The Texas Border Coalition is the collective voice of a group of cities and counties located along the border of Texas and Mexico that advocates on issues that affect border cities. As a member of the coalition, I started by attending the quarterly meeting and dinner on Monday, March 8, 2010. Most of the meetings scheduled by the coalition were Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

We met with the following people:

Staff of Senator Hutchinson
Rob Alison from the Office of Mexican Affairs
Assistant Secretary of State Janice Jacobs
Congressman John Carter

Staff of Senator Chuck Schumer's
Congressman David Price
Congressman Ciro Rodriguez



3rd Annual Transportation and Infrastructure Convention hosted by TEX-21

TEX-21 hosted the 3rd Annual Transportation and Infrastructure Convention which started on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 until Friday, March 12, 2010. The City of El Paso co-sponsored the summit and this gave us the opportunity to also send my Chief of Staff Sylvia B. Firth and Deputy City Manager Jane Shang as well. The summit focused on the future transportation needs of our country and addressed all modes of infrastructure and its priorities.

National League of Cities (NLC)

National League of Cities is an organization that represents municipal governments throughout the United States and serves as an advocate to promote the cities. As a member, I attended the Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, March 14, 2010 and was also informed that I had been appointed to the Transportation Infrastructure and Services Committee. I also attended the Large Cities Council meeting on Monday, March 15, 2010. The main discussions revolved around economic recovery, transportation infrastructure and legislative priorities.

As a request from NLC, I had the pleasure to record a public service announcement with Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke on the importance of people participating in the census.

Individual meetings scheduled by our federal lobbyists

I met with Kate Hallahan, Clerk of the House Transportation - HUD Appropriations Committee and Laura Hoagshead, Transit staff on the Committee to address the issue of the apartment shortage in El Paso due to the unprecedented growth we are facing because of the expansion at Ft. Bliss. I also met with representatives from the Federal Transit Administration to discuss transportation infrastructure.

In conclusion, the trip was a success as we were able to speak to key legislators and advocate for our community. We were very well received and our comments were well taken.



ACCOMMODATIONS

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2033 M. St. NW
Washington, DC 20036-3305
(202) 530-3600
(800) 829-5034
METRO STOP: Foggy Bottom (Blue and Orange Lines)
Dupont Circle (Red Line)

From Dupont Circle METRO Station

Location: Connecticut Avenue & 19th St., NW, Washington, DC.
Approximately 3 blocks to St. Gregory Luxury Hotel & Suites.

New Hampshire Avenue, NW crosses Dupont Circle. Follow New Hampshire Avenue, NW to 21st Street, NW. Turn LEFT on 21st Street, NW. St. Gregory Luxury Hotel & Suites will be on your LEFT.

From Foggy Bottom METRO Station

Location: 23rd & I Streets, NW, Washington, DC.
Approximately 3 blocks to St. Gregory Luxury Hotel & Suites.

Follow 23rd Street, NW 1 block north to the Circle. New Hampshire Avenue, NW crosses the Circle. Follow New Hampshire Avenue, NW to M Street, NW. Turn RIGHT on M Street, NW. St. Gregory Luxury Hotel & Suites will be on your LEFT.



MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, March 7th 2010

Throughout The Day **Travel to D.C./Check-in at hotel**
The St. Gregory Luxury Hotel & Suites
2033 M. St. NW
Washington, DC 20036-3305
(202) 530-3600
(800) 829-5034
METRO STOP: Foggy Bottom (Blue and Orange Lines)
Dupont Circle (Red Line)

Evening **Dinner on own**

Monday, March 8th 2010

8:30 a.m. to **Meeting with the Johns** (City Lobbyists) at their office
9:30 a.m. Contacts: Sylvia Firth & Taylor Moreno
Murray, Montgomery & O'Donnell; (202) 742-4410
101 Constitution Ave, NW – 9th Floor
TEAM El Paso Lead(s): Gus Rodriguez & Mayor John Cook
Attendees: All

10:30 a.m. to **Meeting with CBP Officials**
11:30 a.m. Tom Winkowski, Assistant Commissioner, CBP
Douglas Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Private Sector
Ronald Reagan Building
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (Enter on the 14th Street side of bldg)
TEAM El Paso Lead(s): Kathleen Walker, Richard Dayoub, Mayor John Cook
Attendees: Rene Hurtado, Terry Bilderback, Mark Smith, Sam Irrinki, Ralph Richards, Hector Gutierrez, Gus Rodriguez, Congressman Reyes' Staff:
Luis Torres

1:00 p.m. to **Meeting with U.S. Chamber of Commerce**
2:00 p.m. Issues: Transportation, Immigration, Border Security, Health care
TEAM El Paso Lead(s): Gus Rodriguez, Rene Hurtado
Attendees: All
1615 H Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20062
Contact: Jessica Heilweil, Senior Coordinator, Political Affairs
(202) 463-5898; jheilweil@uschamber.com

EVENING Dinner on own



Tuesday, March 9th 2010

10:30 a.m. to **Meeting with Staff for Senator Hutchison (Each Issue 15 Minutes)**

11:30 a.m. Military: Dave Davis
Healthcare: Cameron Krier
Energy: Troy Lyons
Transportation: Patrick Mullane
Border Affairs/Homeland Security: Matthew Acock (Legislative Director)
TEAM El Paso Lead(s): Gus Rodriguez, Rene Hurtado
Healthcare/Mental Health: Bertha Gallardo/Gary Larcenaire
Border Affairs/Transportation: Ralph Richards, Terry Bilderback
Attendees: All
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-4304; (202) 224-7641

12:00 p.m. to **Senator John Cornyn**

12:30 p.m. 517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Contact: Megan Moore, (202) 224-7680; (202) 224-2934
Tel.: (202) 224-2934, Fax: (202) 224-5009
METRO STOP: Union Station (Red Line)
TEAM El Paso Lead(s): Mayor John Cook, Gus Rodriguez
Attendees: Richard Dayoub, Rene Hurtado, Ralph Richards, Terry Bilderback, Bertha Gallardo, Kathleen Walker, Gary Larcenaire

12:30 p.m. to **Meeting with Staff for Senator Cornyn (Each Issue 15 Minutes)**

1:30 p.m. Military: Dave Hanke/Grace Smitham
Border Issues/Transportation: Shay Wester
Energy: Robin Millican
Healthcare: Emily Dillard
TEAM El Paso Lead(s): Gus Rodriguez, Rene Hurtado
Healthcare/Mental Health: Bertha Gallardo, Gary Larcenaire
Border Affairs/Transportation: Ralph Richards, Kathleen Walker
Attendees: All
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-4304; (202) 224-2934

2:30 p.m. to **Meeting with Senator Jeff Bingaman & Staff**

3:00 p.m. Contact: Virginia White – Virginia.White@bingman.senate.gov
Washington D.C. Office
703 Hart Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C. 20510-3102



Phone: (202) 224-5521

TEAM El Paso Lead(s): Gus Rodriguez, Ralph Richards

Attendees: Terry Bilderback, Mayor John Cook, Richard Dayoub, Rene Hurtado, Sam Irrinki, Oscar Padilla, Mark Smith, Hector Gonzalez, Kathleen Walker

Meeting Focus: Transportation, Border Affairs

3:15 p.m. to **Meeting with Staff for Senator Udall**

3:45 p.m. Matt Nelson and Kevin Cummins, Border Security & Transportation

Contact: Laura Davidson

110 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington D.C. 20510-3102

(202) 224-9429

TEAM El Paso Lead(s): Gus Rodriguez, Ralph Richards

Attendees: Terry Bilderback, Mayor John Cook, Richard Dayoub, Rene Hurtado, Sam Irrinki, Oscar Padilla, Mark Smith, Hector Gonzalez, Kathleen Walker

Meeting Focus: Transportation, Border Affairs

PENDING Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Contact: Christine Schaffer; Christine_schaffer@hutchison.senate.gov

284 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510-4304

Tel.: (202) 224-1978

METRO STOP: Union Station (Red Line)

TEAM El Paso Lead(s): Mayor John Cook, Gus Rodriguez

Attendees: Richard Dayoub, Rene Hurtado, Ralph Richards, Terry Bilderback, Bertha Gallardo, Kathleen Walker, Gary Larcenaire

7:00 p.m. **Dinner with Congressman Silvestre Reyes**

Contact: Liza Lynch – Scheduler, (202) 225-4831

liza.lynch@mail.house.gov

Location: Old Ebbitt Grill

675 15th Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20005; (202) 347-4800

Contact:

TEAM El Paso Lead(s): Gus Rodriguez, Richard Dayoub

Attendees: All

Wednesday, March 10th 2009

8:30 a.m. to **Coffee with Senator Udall**

9:00 a.m. Contact: Laura Davidson

110 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington D.C. 20510-3102

(202) 224-9429



TEAM El Paso Lead(s): Ralph Richards. Gus Rodriguez
Attendees: Sam Irrinki, Oscar Padilla, Mark Smith, Hector Gonzalez

9:00 a.m. to **Congressman Ciro Rodriguez**
9:30 a.m. Contact: Maria Campos/Scheduler & Cesar Blanco/CoS
Rayburn Bldg. Room 2351
Washington, DC 20510-4304; (202) 225-4511
Location: Rayburn Building, Room 2351
TEAM El Paso Lead(s): Mayor John Cook, Rene Hurtado
Healthcare/Mental Health: Bertha Gallardo/Gary Larcenaire
Border Affairs: Richard Dayoub
Transportation: Terry Bilderback
Attendees: All available

10:30 a.m. to **Meeting with Staff for Congressman Reyes and**
Noon **Congressman Rodriguez (Each Issue 15 Minutes)**
Rayburn Building Room 2456
Transportation D.C. Staff: Rene Munoz; Alex Sifuentes
Healthcare D.C. Staff: Bryan Young; Alex Sifuentes
Military D.C. Staff: Rene Munoz/Norm Cannon; Julie Merberg
Energy D.C. Staff: Robin Llyod; Alex Sifuentes
Border Affairs D.C. Staff: Rene Munoz; Luis Torres
TEAM El Paso Lead(s): Gus Rodriguez, Rene Hurtado
Healthcare/Mental Health: Bertha Gallardo, Gary Larcenaire
Border Affairs/Transportation: Richard Dayoub, Terry Bilderback
Attendees: ALL

12:30 p.m. to **Congressman Harry Teague's Legislative Director**
1:00 p.m. Contact: Peter Ambler
1007 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515; (202) 225-2365
Location: 1007 Longworth
TEAM El Paso Lead(s): Gus Rodriguez, Ralph Richards
Attendees: Terry Bilderback, Mayor John Cook, Richard Dayoub, Rene Hurtado, Sam Irrinki, Oscar Padilla, Mark Smith, Hector Gonzalez, Kathleen Walker
Meeting Focus: Transportation, Border Affairs, Military, Energy

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Mission:

**To make Legislative
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AGENDA

TBC Quarterly Meeting and Lobby Trip to Washington, DC.

Confirmed TBC attendees as of 4 March 2010:

Eagle Pass Mayor Foster
McAllen Mayor Cortez
Del Rio Mayor Valdez
El Paso Mayor Cook (St. Regis)
Laredo Mayor Salinas (separate hotel; Monday dinner only)
Hidalgo Mayor John David Franz
Hidalgo County Judge Rene Ramirez (Capital Hilton)
Pat Townsend, Mission EDA
Richard Perez, Mission EDA
John McClung, Texas Produce Association
Sylvia Firth, City of El Paso
Tecló Garcia, City of McAllen
Sofia Hernandez, Hidalgo County (Capital Hilton)
Joe Vera, Hidalgo City Manager
Monica Weisberg-Stewart, TBC Immigration Committee Chair

Sunday, March 7, 2010

TBC members begin to arrive in Washington, D.C.

Hotel:

Washington Marriott
1221 22nd Street NW
Washington, DC 20037
1-202-872-1500 phone
1-202-872-1424 fax
1-800-393-3053 toll-free

Ask for the "Texas Border Coalition" government/group rate of \$226 per night.

Monday, March 8, 2010

TBC members continue to arrive in Washington, DC

3:00 p.m. TBC Quarterly meeting

ViaNovo Washington, DC office
633 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Fourth Floor
(202) 783-0199

(If there's time between the TBC quarterly meeting and dinner, newly arrived members can head back to the hotel to register and drop their bags.)

7:30 p.m. Dinner (each member pays for their own dinner)

Capital Grille
601 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
(202) 737-6200

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

7:30 a.m. Breakfast briefing for Hill and agency visits

Washington Marriott
1221 22nd Street NW
1-202-872-1500

9:30 a.m. Arjun Mody, Legal Counsel/Border Affairs*
Staff of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison
Russell SOB, Room 284
202-224-5922

Arjun_mody@hutchison.senate.gov

*Senator Hutchison will join the meeting if possible

10:30 a.m. Jeff Morehouse, Legislative Director
Staff of Cong. Culberson (R-Houston)
Longworth HOB, Room 1514
(202) 225-2571
Jeff.morehouse@mail.house.gov

11:00 a.m. Cong. Raul Grijalva (D- AZ)
Longworth HOB, Room 1440
Contact: Bertha
202-225-2435

11:00 a.m. Leon Fresco, Chief Immigration Counsel
Staff of Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
Hart SOB, Room 313

Leon_Fresco@Judiciary-dem.senate.gov

- 1:00 p.m. Mark Carrié, Legislative Aide for Border Affairs
Staff of Cong. Solomon Ortiz (D-Corpus Christi)
Rayburn HOB, Room 2110
202-226-1567 direct/202-225-7742 main
Mark.carrie@mail.house.gov
- 1:00 p.m. Rob Allison, Office of Mexican Affairs
Stewart Tuttle, US-Mexico Border Affairs Coordinator
Mexico Desk, US State Department
2201 C St. NW, Room 3909
Contact: Rob Allison
202-647-9895
AllisonRS@state.gov
TuttleSD@state.gov
- 2:00 p.m. Assistant Secretary of State Janice Jacobs
Head, Bureau of Consular Affairs
2201 C St. NW
Contact: Ian Brownlee
202-647-7408
BrownleeIG@state.gov
- 2:30 p.m. Adam Elias, Legislative Aide for Border Affairs
Staff of Cong. Owens (D-NY)
Rayburn HOB, Room 2366
202-225-4611
Adam.elias@mail.house.gov
- 3:45 p.m. Cong. David Price (D-NC)
Chairman, Homeland Security Subcommittee, House Approps. Cmte.
Rayburn HOB, Room 2162
Contact: Teresa Saunders
202.225.1784
Teresa.saunders@mail.house.gov
- 4:00 p.m. Cong. Sylvestre Reyes (D-El Paso)
Rayburn HOB, Room 2433
Contact: Liza (“Leeza”) Lynch
(202) 225-4831
Liza.lynch@mail.house.gov
- 5:15 p.m. Senator John Cornyn
Hart SOB, Room 517
Contact: Megan Moore
202-224-7680
Megan_moore@cornyn.senate.gov
(30 minute meeting)

5:45 p.m. Congressman Ciro Rodriguez (D-San Antonio)
Rayburn HOB, Room 2351
Contact: Maria Campos
202-225-4511
maria.campos@mail.house.gov

6:00 p.m. Congressman John Carter (R-Round Rock)
Cannon HOB, Room 409
Contact: Casey Hogan
202-226-6788

3rd Annual Transportation and Infrastructure Convention

March 10-12, 2010 | Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, March 10

9 to 10 a.m.	Registration Union Station, Columbus Club
10 to 10:30 a.m.	Opening Statements Master Of Ceremonies— John Horsley, Executive Director, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) (c)
10:30 to 11:45 a.m.	Moving the Goods: Rail Policy and the Future of Freight Movement in the United States Moderator— Bill Withuhn, Curator Emeritus, Technology and Transportation, Smithsonian Institution (c) Amy Hawkins, Vice President, Government Affairs, BNSF Railway (c) Marque Ledoux, Assistant Vice President, Government Relations, Norfolk Southern Corporation (c) Karen Phillips, Vice President, Public and Government Affairs, CN (c)
11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Up in the Air : The Future of Aviation Catherine “Kate” Lang, Acting Associate Administrator, (FAA), Office of Airports (c) Gina Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Los Angeles World Airports (c) Sharon L. Pinkerton, VP, State and Local Government Affairs, Air Transport Association of America (c)
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Keynote Luncheon Daniel R. Elliott III, Chair, Surface Transportation Board (c)
1:30 to 1:45 p.m.	Break
1:45 to 2:30 p.m.	Meeting the Demand: The Future of Freight Leslie Blakey, Executive Director, Coalition for America’s Gateways & Trade Corridors (c) John P. Campbell, P.E. SR/WA, Director, Right of Way Division, Texas Department of Transportation (c) Garry Golden, Lead Futurist, Oliver Kaizen (c)
2:30 to 3:45 p.m.	Staying on Track: Passenger Rail and Transit in America U.S. Congresswoman Corrine Brown, D-FL, Chair, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials (c) Robert Eckels, Chairman, Texas High Speed Rail & Transportation Authority (c) J. Charles Gray, Chair, Board of Directors, GrayRobinson, P.A., Former Chairman of Florida State Turnpike Authority (c) Bill Millar, President, American Public Transportation Association (APTA) (c) Mark E. Yachmetz, Associate Administrator for Railroad Development (FRA) (c)

3:45 to 4:00 p.m.

Refreshment Break

4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Maritime Freight: Connecting the World

U.S. Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, D-MD, Chair, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation (c)
Oscar Bazán, Marketing Manager, Market Research and Analysis Office, Panama Canal Authority (c)
Ezzat M. Elsadek, Advisor to the Chairman, Suez Canal (c)
Cornel Martin, President and CEO, Waterways Council, Inc. (c)
Mahmoud A. Rezk, Vice Director of Planning, Research and Studies, Suez Canal Authority (c)

Thursday, March 11

8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Keynote Breakfast

U.S. Congressman John Mica, R-FL, Ranking Member, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee (c)
Rayburn B-338

9:00 a.m. to Noon

A view from the Hill: Transportation Policy in the 111th Congress

U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (D-PA) (c)
U.S. Congressman Joe Barton (R-TX) (c)
U.S. Congressman Tim Bishop (D-NY) (c)
U.S. Congressman John Boozman (R-AR) (c)
U.S. Congresswoman Corrine Brown (D-FL), Chair, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials (c)
U.S. Congressman Anh “Joseph” Cao (R-LA) (c)
U.S. Congressman John Carter (R-TX) (c)
U.S. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) (c)
U.S. Congresswoman Donna Edwards (D-MD) (c)
U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall (R-TX) (c)
U.S. Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX) (c)
U.S. Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Chair, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment (c)
U.S. Congressman Rick Larsen (D-WA) (c)
U.S. Congressman James Oberstar (D-MN), Chair, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee (c)
U.S. Congressman Pete Olson (R-TX) (c)
U.S. Congressman Thomas E. Petri (R-WI) (c)
U.S. Congressman Ted Poe (R-TX) (c)
U.S. Congressman Nick Rahall (D-WV), Vice Chair, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee (c)
U.S. Congresswoman Laura Richardson (D-CA) (c)
U.S. Congresswoman Jean Schmidt (R-OH) (c)

Noon to 1 p.m.

Luncheon

National Multi-Modal Transportation Steering Committee Update
Joe Philipp, Chair, National Transportation Steering Committee, Councilmember, City of Irving, TX (c)

1:00 to 2:15 p.m.

Transportation Priorities: International Perspectives

Enrique Alejo, Trade Commissioner, Trade Commission of Spain (c)
Thierry Buttin, Sustainable Development and Transport Counselor, Embassy of France (c)
Steve Clark, PE, Rail Business Leader, America Region, Arup Corporation (c)
Dr. Da Hsuan Feng, PH.D., Senior Executive Vice President, National Cheng Kung University (Taiwan) (c)
Susan Fennell, Mayor, City of Brampton, Ontario, Canada (c)
Christian Kohlhase, First Secretary, Transport, Building and Urban Affairs, Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany (c)

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Special VIP Tour of the U.S. Capitol facilitated by the office of U.S. Congressman Pete Sessions

Or

Special VIP Tour of the Smithsonian Institution – National Museum of American History, “America On The Move” Transportation Exhibition, largest in the museum - escorted by Bill Withuhn, Curator Emeritus, Technology and Transportation

(Attendees to sign-up)

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Reception
Library of Congress, Madison Hall

Friday, March 12

8 to 8:30 a.m.

Security Check

9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Keynote Breakfast
Ray LaHood, U.S. Secretary of Transportation (c)
Senate Russell Caucus Room 325

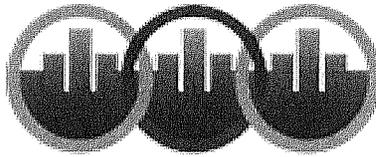
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Presentation by U.S. DOT Administrators

David T. Matsuda, Acting Administrator, U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) (c)
Therese W. McMillan, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) (c)
Victor Mendez, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (c)
Joseph C. Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) (c)

11 to 11:15 a.m.

Closing Remarks



National League of Cities

Large Cities Council Agenda

Marriott Wardman Park – Washington D.C.

Date: March 15, 2010

Time: 7:15 to 9 a.m. **Room:** McKinley

Arrival	Breakfast
Opening Remarks – Welcome	<i>Carl Brewer</i> , Mayor, Wichita KS <i>Dan Besse</i> , Council Member, Winston-Salem, NC
NLC Board Greetings	<i>Nancy Carter</i> , Council Member, Charlotte NC <i>Myron Lowry</i> , Council Member, Memphis TN
Discussion with the White House	<i>David Agnew</i> , Deputy Director White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs This discussion will focus on economic recovery and the administration's continuing efforts on job creation. Participants are encouraged to share how the economy has impacted their cities, including budget cutting measures that have been taken and how federal action can assist in stabilizing city budgets.
High Speed Rail	<i>Richard Alarcon</i> , Council Member, Los Angeles Council Member Alarcon will brief the group on development of a high speed rail system for an underserved community in Los Angeles. Participants will also learn how Los Angeles applied for stimulus money to fund the project. The council member will also update the group on NLC's efforts on high speed rail.
Legislative Update	<i>Leslie Wollack</i> , Principal Legislative Counsel, National League of Cities
Council Business/Conclusion	<i>Carl Brewer</i> , Mayor, Wichita, KS <i>Dan Besse</i> , Council Member, Winston-Salem, NC



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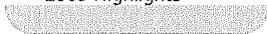
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2010 Congressional City Conference Agenda Preliminary Schedule & Special Events Listing (Subject to Change)

Download: 2010 Congressional City Conference Program Guide

The Conference will provide a range of education, networking, and strategy sessions to maximize the value of the event for city officials. This preliminary schedule provides an outline of major events during the conference to help delegates make travel plans.

Friday, March 12, 2010

<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
5:00 PM 7:00 PM Desk Registration	Convention Registration

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Participants who arrive on March 13 can select from a variety of Leadership Training Institute Seminars. These seminars are available for an additional fee. Participants must be registered for the main conference in order to register for an LTI Seminar.

<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
7:30 AM 5:00 PM Desk Registration	Convention Registration
8:00 AM 6:00 PM Leadership Training Institute Information Desk	Virginia Suite Foyer
8 :00 AM 9:00 AM L01 - Smarter Cities: The 21st Century Governance Model	Park Room 8219
9 :00 AM 12:00 PM L03 - Dynamic Leadership: A Baker's Dozen for Effective Leadership Government	Maryland Suite A, B, &
9 :00 AM 12:00 PM L04 - Advancing Your Agenda to Successful Completion	Virginia A, B, & C
9 :00 AM 12:00 PM L05 - Communication Strategies: Building Support for Community Initiatives	Delaware Suite
9 :00 AM 5 :00 PM L01 - Smarter Cities: The 21st Century Governance	Shuttle /IBM

9 :00 AM	5 :00 PM	L02 - Addressing Infrastructure Needs After the Stimulus Package - ARRA	Delaware Suite A
1 :30 PM	5 :00 PM	L06 - A Call to Order: Effective Parliamentary	Maryland Suite A, B, & C
1 :30 PM	5 :00 PM	L07 - Everyone Wants to Be Heard: The Discipline of Listening	Virginia A, B and C
1 :30 PM	5 :00 PM	L08: Managing Competing Interests in Challenging Economic Times	Delaware Suite B

Sunday, March 14, 2010

City officials gather at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel for leadership meetings, policy discussions and legislative briefings. Observation or participation in these meetings is included in the main conference fee.

		<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
7:00 AM	6:00 PM	Leadership Training Institute Information Desk	Virginia Suite Foyer
7:30 AM	5:00 PM	Registration Desk	Convention Registration
7 :30 AM	9 :00 AM	First Tier Suburbs Council Steering Committee	Lincoln Room 3
7 :30 AM	9 :00 AM	Women In Municipal Government (WIMG) Board of Directors Meeting	Hoover
8 :00 AM	5 :00 PM	Enterprise Program & Federal Agency Table Tops	Executive Corridor
8 :45 AM	12:00 PM	Human Development (HD) Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting	Washington Room 2
8 :45 AM	12:00 PM	Information Technology and Communications (ITC) Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting	Washington Room 4
8 :45 AM	12:00 PM	Public Safety and Crime Prevention (PSCP) Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting	Washington Room 3
9 :00 AM	12:00 PM	L10 - Public Leadership In the New Normal after the Economic Downturn	Delaware Suite B
9 :00 AM	12:00 PM	L11 - Managing Communication Style Differences	Maryland Suite A, B, and C
9 :00 AM	12:00 PM	L12: Thinking, Planning & Acting Strategically: A Case Simulation for Local Government Leaders	Marriott Ballroom Salon 3
9 :00 AM	12:00 PM	L13 - The High Performance Government: Council and Staff in Partnership	Virginia A, B, and C
9 :00 AM	5 :00 PM	L09 - From Yelling to Jelling: How Neighborhoods & City Hall Can Work Together	Delaware Suite A
9 :30 AM and East	4:30 PM	NLC Board of Directors' Meeting	Thurgood Marshall North
10:00 AM	2 :00 PM	NLC Advisory Council Meeting	Thurgood Marshall West
11:00 AM	1 :30 PM	Youth Delegate Orientation	Washington Room 1

12:00 PM	1 :30 PM	First Tier Suburbs Council Meeting	Lincoln Room 6
12:00 PM	1 :30 PM	L17- Leadership Luncheon	Marriott Ballroom Salon 1
1 :30 PM	4 :30 PM	Community and Economic Development (CED) Policy and Advocacy Meeting	Washington Room 2
1 :30 PM	4 :30 PM	Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting	Washington Room 3
1 :30 PM	4 :30 PM	Finance, Administration, and Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting	Washington Room 4
1 :30 PM	4 :30 PM	Transportation Infrastructure and Services (TIS) Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting	Washington Room 6
1 :30 PM	5 :00 PM	L14 - Leadership Lessons for Dr. Seuss: Encouraging Creative Leadership in Local Government	Maryland Suite A, B, & C
1 :30 PM	5 :00 PM	L15: Dealing with Difficult People: Managing Conflicts and Differences	Virginia A, B, and C
1 :30 PM	5 :00 PM	L16: Realistic Solutions To Meet the Challenges of Local Economic Development	Marriott Ballroom Salon 3
4 :00 PM	5 :30 PM	National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) Member Networking Open House	Lincoln 4
4 :30 PM	5 :30 PM	Louisiana Municipal Association Caucus	Lincoln 2
4 :30 PM	5 :45 PM	Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual, and Transgender Local Officials (GLBLO) Business Meeting	Taft
5 :00 PM	6 :30 PM	ICMA - RC Reception	Thurgood Marshall South
5 :30 PM	6 :30 PM	Alabama League of Municipalities Delegates' Caucus	Lincoln 5
5 :45 PM East	7 :30 PM	National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Board of Directors Meeting	Thurgood Marshall North & East
6 :00 PM	7 :30 PM	Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual, and Transgender Local Officials (GLBLO) Reception	Marquee Lounge - Omni Shoreham
8 :00 PM	9 :30 PM	Asian Pacific American Local Officials (APAMO) Business Meeting	McKinley

Monday, March 15, 2010

NLC's leaders and general session speakers set the stage for the action to come by outlining the opportunities and challenges and by building capacity to make a difference with Congress on key federal issues.

		<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
7 :00 AM	5 :00 PM	Registration	Convention Registration Lobby Level
7 :15 AM East	8 :45 AM	Celebrate Diversity Breakfast*35 Fee	Thurgood Marshall North & East

7 :15 AM	8 :45 AM	University Communities Council (UCC) Steering Committee Breakfast Meeting	Washington Room 5
7 :30 AM	8 :45 AM	Youth and Local Elected Officials Networking Breakfast	Washington Room 1
7 :30 AM	9 :00 AM	City Futures Panel on Community & Regional Development	Lincoln Room 4
7 :30 AM	9 :00 AM	City Futures Panel on Democratic Governance	Lincoln 3
7 :30 AM	9 :00 AM	Large Cities Council Meeting	McKinley
7 :30 AM	9 :00 AM	Missouri Municipal League Breakfast	Hoover
8 :00 AM	5 :00 PM	NLC Enterprise Programs and Federal Agency Tabletop Exhibits	Executive Corridor
9 :00 AM 2, & 3	10:30 AM	Opening General Session	Marriott Ballroom Salon 1,
9 :00 AM	2 :00 PM	National Organization to Insure a Sound Controlled Environment (NOISE) Aviation Noise Policy Summit	Lincoln 2
10:45 AM	12:15 PM	City Futures Panel on Public Finance	Lincoln Room 3
11:00 AM	12:30 PM	Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Advocacy 101: Strategies for Lobbying Congress ■ Cities and Climate Change: The Outlook After Copenhagen ■ Federal Programs for Family Economic Stability ■ From Preschool to Post-Secondary: The Federal, State and Local Roles in Supporting Lifelong Learning ■ New Paths and Partnerships in Public Safety 	
11:00 AM	1 :00 PM	Leadership Training Council Meeting	Thurgood Marshall East
12:30 PM	1 :30 PM	City Futures Program Luncheon	Lincoln Room 5
12:30 PM	1 :30 PM	Corporate Partners Leadership Council Meeting	McKinley
12:30 PM	1 :30 PM	Council on Youth, Education and Families Meeting	Lincoln Room 6
12:30 PM	1 :30 PM	Delegates' Roundtable Networking Lunch	Exhibit Hall A
12:30 PM	1 :30 PM	Women in Municipal Government Membership	Thurgood Marshall North
1 :45 PM	3 :15 PM	High Speed Rail Focus Group	Thurgood Marshall South
1 :45 PM	3 :15 PM	University Communities Council (UCC) Membership Meeting	Washington Room 2
1 :45 PM Shoreham	3 :15 PM	Western Municipal Association Meeting	Diplomat Ballroom - Omni
1 :45 PM	3 :15 PM	Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Broadband Connection ■ 5 Years After Katrina: The State of Federal Emergency Management and Recovery ■ Health and Wellness: Prescription for Healthier Cities ■ Successful Neighborhood Stabilization Programs ■ Water Infrastructure Legislative and Administrative Proposals 	

2 :00 PM	3 :30 PM	Christian Public Officials Caucus (CPOC)	Lincoln 2
2 :30 PM	3 :45 PM	Hispanic Elected Officials (HELO) Board of Directors Meeting	Washington Room 4
3 :45 PM	5 :00 PM	Monday Afternoon General Session	Marriott Ballroom Salon
5 :00 PM	6 :00 PM	Hispanic Elected Local Officials (HELO) Membership Business Meeting	McKinley
5 :00 PM	6 :30 PM	Iowa League of Cities Reception	Hoover
5 :00 PM	6 :30 PM	Kentucky League of Cities Legislative Briefing	Lincoln 2
5 :00 PM	7 :00 PM	North Carolina League of Municipalities' Caucus	Lincoln 5
5 :15 PM	6 :15 PM	New Members & First Time Attendee Orientation	Washington Room 1
5 :30 PM	6 :30 PM	Association of Washington Cities Reception	Washington Room 3
5 :30 PM	6 :45 PM	Florida League of Cities Reception	Lincoln 4
5 :30 PM	7 :00 PM	Kansas Congressional Reception	Off Site
5 :30 PM	7 :00 PM	League of Arizona Cities and Towns Reception	Lincoln 3
5 :45 PM	6 :45 PM	National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials General Membership Meeting	Maryland Suite A, B & C
6 :00 PM	7 :30 PM	League of California Cities Reception	Lincoln 6
6 :30 PM	8 :00 PM	Asian Pacific American Local Officials (APAMO)/Hispanic Elected Local Officials (HELO) Joint Reception	Ardeo Restaurant – 3311 Connecticut Ave. NW
6 :30 PM	9 :30 PM	Maine Municipal Association Delegates Dinner	Off – site
7 :00 PM	9 :30 PM	National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials East Leadership Reception and Banquet	Thurgood Marshall North &

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

The President and his Cabinet members and Congressional leaders are invited to discuss their priorities and the ways in which Washington can partner with cities and towns to meet the challenges facing the country. The program will wrap up with the opportunity to view NLC's federal legislative agenda and to confirm plans for Capitol Hill visits on Wednesday.

	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
7 :00 AM	Democratic Municipals Officials Breakfast	Thurgood Marshall West & South
7 :15 AM	Small Cities Council Steering Committee Meeting	Lincoln Room 4
7 :30 AM	Republican Mayors and Local Officials	Washington Room 1
8 :00 AM	NLC Enterprise Programs and Federal Agency	Executive Corridor

Tabletop Exhibits

9 :00 AM	10:15 AM	Tuesday Morning General Session	Marriott Ballroom Salon
10:45 AM	12:15 PM	Mini-Plenary Sessions	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The New Normal: Leading Into the New Future? ■ The New Normal: Regionalism ■ The New Normal: Economic Development in Difficult Times: How Cities and Towns Can Help Grow Their Businesses and Jobs 	
12:15 PM	1 :30 PM	Youth Delegates Lunch Session	Washington Room 1
12:15 PM	1 :45 PM	Community and Economic Development (CED) Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee Work Session	Lincoln Room 5
12:15 PM	1 :45 PM	Delegates' Roundtable Networking Lunch	Exhibit Hall A
12:15 PM	1 :45 PM	Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee Work	Lincoln Room 4
12:15 PM	1 :45 PM	Finance, Administration, and Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee Work Session	Lincoln Room 6
12:15 PM	1 :45 PM	Human Development (HD) Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee Work Session	Washington Room 3
12:15 PM	1 :45 PM	Information Technology and Communications (ITC) Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee Work	Washington Room 5
12:15 PM	1 :45 PM	International Council Lunch and Meeting	Thurgood Marshall West
12:15 PM	1 :45 PM	Public Safety and Crime Prevention (PSCP) Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee Work Session	Lincoln Room 3
12:15 PM	1 :45 PM	Small Cities Council Roundtable Networking Lunch	Thurgood Marshall South
12:15 PM	1 :45 PM	Transportation, Infrastructure and Services (TIS) Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee Work Session	Lincoln Room 2
1 :45 PM	3 :15 PM	Workshops	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Court Report: Important Cases for Municipalities ■ Marketing Cities and Towns for Economic Development ■ The New Energy, Environment and Conservation Block Grant Program: Fueling Local Innovation ■ Putting People to Work ■ What's Ahead for Federal Transportation Policy 	
3 :45 PM	5 :00 PM	Tuesday Afternoon - Closing General Session	Marriott Ballroom Salon
5 :00 PM	6 :00 PM	Colorado Municipal League: Colorado Issues Briefing	Lincoln 3
5 :00 PM	6 :30 PM	Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Briefing and Policy Caucus	Truman
5 :00 PM	6 :30 PM	League of Minnesota Cities Policy Briefing	McKinley
5 :15 PM	6 :30 PM	League of Oregon Cities Briefing	Taft

6 :00 PM	7 :30 PM	Mississippi Congressional Appreciation Reception	U.S. Capitol - Mike Mansfield Room S-207
6 :15 PM	7 :00 PM	Delegates Reception Foyer	Marriott Ballroom 1 &
7 :00 PM	8 :00 PM	Capitol Steps Performance & 3	Marriott Ballroom Salons 2

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Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Attendees spend Wednesday lobbying for cities and towns on Capitol Hill.

	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	
8 :00 AM	9 :30 AM	Alabama League of Municipalities Breakfast with Senators	Thurgood Marshall Ballroom
8 :00 AM	9 :30 AM	Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Breakfast Meeting with CT's Congressional Delegation	U.S. Capitol Building

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