

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CTITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Chair - MTA Director Diane DuBois**

**Gateway Cities COG Office  
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723  
October 5, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: MTA Director Diane DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT Diane DuBois – MTA Director, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Mohammad Mostakhami – South Gate, Ron Bates – Pico Rivera, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Julie Moore – Office of Supervisor Don Knabe, Tom Modica – City of Long Beach, Ray Dunton – City of Bellflower

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit

OTHERS PRESENT: Niki Tennant – Office of Assemblymember Lowenthal, Richard Powers – COG Staff, Jerry Wood – COG Staff, Karen Heit – COG Staff, Nancy Pfeffer – COG Staff, David Hershenson – MTA, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Yvette Kirrin – I-5 JPA, Juan Carlos Velasquez – CH2MHill, Michelle Banks – CH2MHill

Minutes were approved as presented. Director DuBois announced that she would be presenting decisions from two MTA Board Meetings. She announced the August approval of the MTA Green Construction Policy and that the policy would not apply to all MTA funded projects (such as Local Return projects) and that the policy would be phased in through a collaborative process with the cities.. She moved on to the September Board where the Project Labor Agreement /Construction Careers Program was approved – she pointed out that she negotiated for the extension of the CCP employment priority to extend to census tracts with 150-200% unemployment (over the County average). She discussed the MTA taking on the Caltrans owned park-n-ride-lots to make them more attractive to use by commuters. This policy affects most Metro Green Line lots. The Artesia station was mentioned as problem area with vendors – David Hershenson volunteered to pass on to the Sheriff if vendors are a problem.

Karen Heit reviewed the efforts currently underway for the MTA/Caltrans graffiti abatement demo effort. The MTA was in the process of procuring a landscape architect and will engage the I-710 TAC for input. She also indicated that the MTA/Caltrans and UP were going to meet and try and resolve securing access to the rail bridges. Assemblymember Lowenthal's Chief Deputy volunteered to assist with Caltrans and CHP if asked.

Andrew Papson, ICF, Project Manager for the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) reviewed the results of three of the I-710 Project Committee requested reports that may be considered for inclusion into the I-710 Corridor EIR/EIS should Caltrans make that determination. He reviewed the Near-Roadway Modeling Research, the Ultrafine Particle Research and the Community Medical Needs Assessment in details and answered questions. The results of these studies were presented to the Environmental Committee for comment on September 28th.

A question was asked as to where these reports would appear, will they be included as part of the EIR/EIS. The full reports will be available, if accepted by Caltrans as part of the Draft EIR/EIS process. A Motion was made to forward the report summaries on to the GCCOG Board for inclusion into and then on to the project team for

David Hershenson announced the citizen vacancy for the Gateway Cities Sector Service Council was posted on the GCCOG web site.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director, announced that the Carmenita work was underway and traffic will be impacted on the I-5, Rosecrans and Alondra are also moving forward and funding is being sought on the I-5 from the I-605 to the I-710.

Jerry Wood, COG Engineer reported on the I-710 project environmental work which is still due to be released in Spring of 2012.

Karen Heit gave the progress report on the OLDA project, indicating that the Alternatives Analysis was entering the refinement stage and that there would be workshops scheduled for next year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.