

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Chair – MTA Director Bonnie Lowenthal  
Gateway Cities Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd. , Paramount  
September 19, 2007**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Chair Lowenthal at 4:31 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Lowenthal – Long Beach, Len Gorecki, – Paramount, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe's Office, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit, Anne Bayer- Downey, Frank Gurule – Cudahy.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Elba Guerrero – Huntington Park, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Kerry Cartwright – Port of Long Beach, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharad Mulchand - Metro, Karen Heit – Gateway Cities COG, Deborah Chankin – Gateway Cities COG, Shashank Patil – David Rubinaw – SCAG, Richard Powers – Gateway Cities COG, Alex Clifford – Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the August 1, 2007 meeting were approved.

David Rubinaw – SCAG, gave a report on the upcoming 2008 RTP. He reviewed the process for plan adoption, the 35-year time frame for the 2008 RTP, and the projects to be identified in the plan. He indicated that that escalating project costs will be scrutinize carefully and cited that highway programs were at issue.

He went on to discuss regional growth expected in the RTP timeframe as well as traffic delay and speed denigration. He discussed \$238 billion in regional funding trying to cover \$239 billion in project costs. He went on to outline upcoming workshops and the expectation that the draft RTP be released in November.

Several questions were asked; including how unfunded transit projects would be handled and how the draft plan would be communicated to the cities.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy to Director Lowenthal, went over the financial update for the MTA Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) where the anticipated \$5 billion in new revenue has dwindled to an anticipated \$4 billion. The difference is due to higher anticipated transit capital and operations costs and increased project costs. The planning process anticipates additional projects in the last 10 years covered by the plan.

Heit gave a brief overview of the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan (MCGMAP) she briefly summarized the issues presented to the MCGMAP consultant team by the GCCOG. Jerry Wood, COG Transportation Engineer, presented the MCGMAP recommendations in the format of the twelve recommended “bundles” of

improvements. These recommendations were made in absence of community impact analysis, potentially resulting in loss of freeway adjacent homes and businesses. COG Executive Director Richard Powers explained that the COG’s recommendation is to push the MTA and consultant team towards alternatives other than widening freeways and expanding freeway r.o.w.s. Wood presented the alternative for a freight movement corridor utilizing rail lines or utility lines. Questions arose concerning getting the railroads involved in working towards a collaborative model.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager, gave an overview of the service changes that were adopted by the MTA Board. The changes will take place in December. The Gateway Service Sector held public hearings and several recommendations were placed for further study

There was no activity on the MTA Call for Projects, approval of funding expected to occur later in September.

There was no update on the I-5 project progress.

Jerry Wood gave an update on the I-710 EIR/EIS progress, project start-up is imminent, awaiting approval of funding agreements.

All received and file items were moved and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.