

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CTITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**Chair - MTA Director Bonnie Lowenthal**

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

**November 7, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Gene Daniels called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bonnie Lowenthal – Long Beach, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Stan Carroll – LA Habra Height, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe's Office, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill,

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Elba Guerrero, Anne Bayer, Frank Gurule , Fred Latham, Bill Pagett, Mohammed Mastakami, Eric Shen

OTHERS PRESENT: Wally Shidler – Gateway Sector Service Council, Alex Clifford – Gateway Sector General Manager, Sharad Mulchand, David Hershenson, Michael Sieckert, Ashad Hamideh – Metro; Richard Powers, Karen Heit, Jerry Wood – Gateway COG; Yvette Kirrin – I-5 JPA.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy to MTA Director Lowenthal, gave an update on the 2007 RTP process and described the potential for projects moving between the Constrained and Strategic Plan elements. The Orange Line Mag-Lev project was cited as needing a funding commitment to remain in the constrained plan. Other GCCOG projects were discussed. GCCOG SCAG representatives will continue to participate in the RTP adoption process. The RTP Draft release date is expected to be December 6, 2007. GCCOG staff will follow-up with a Planning and Public Works Directors Workshop in January.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager, gave the sector report on the reduction of 215,000 hours of system-wide revenue service hours for FY '09. For the Gateway Sector, it could mean the equivalent of cutting one bus line. He will present the service changes after review by the Gateway Sector Council.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy to Director Lowenthal, reported on the continued progress with the CMP fee proposal at the MTA. She presented the draft CMP Fee Feasibility Study Guidelines. Committee Members discussed GCCOG concerns and new issues that were raised by representatives from the building and real estate development industries. There was discussion about the growth forecasts used and the need to review each city's growth calculation for reasonableness. There was a request for a workshop on this issue in January after the draft is mailed out to the cities. There was discussion on how the fee would work with the reality that there is a lack of funding to address deficiencies in the existing system. There was also discussion on the impact

on developers paying the fee, the project not getting built and non-compliance with CEQA.

Jerry Wood reported on the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan (MCGMAP) – A meeting on this project is scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup>. Jerry Wood gave highlights of the draft Executive Summary of Project Recommendations and the relationship to the guiding principles of the 91/605/405. COG staff will continue to work with the cities to make the MCGMAP process relevant to the Gateway Cities.

MTA Planner Ashad Hamideh gave a presentation on the MTA draft program. He detailed examples of existing program examples including the SR-91 toll road in OC. There were questions and discussion about congestion pricing reducing general lane capacity by removing some car pools and the reliance on technology to make the lanes functional.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. without a quorum