

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Chair - Anne M. Bayer, President Board of Directors
Gateway Cities COG Office
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723
November 5, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: President Bayer called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne Bayer – Downey, Gene Daniels – Paramount. Frank Gurule – Cudahy, Ray Harris – Supvr. Don Knabe’s Office, Ken Farfsing – City Manager’s Steering Committee, Bill Pagett – Paramount, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Gordon Stiefenhagen - Norwalk, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach

OTHERS PRESENT: Sumire Gant – Long Beach, Alex Clifford – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Yvette Kirrin – Executive Director, I-5 JPA, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Sector Governance Council, Shard Mulchand – Metro, Lupe Valdez, Andy Perez – Union Pacific Railroad. Richard Powers, Jerry Wood, Nancy Pfeffer, Karen Heit – GCCOG.

Minutes were approved.

Richard Powers gave a report on the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) revisiting the support position on Long-Combination Vehicles (LCVs). The LCV issue has been repackaged as a fuel conservation method and is being urged for adoption in SAFETEA-LU reauthorization. The draft letter reaffirms the GCCOG position. Recommendation was made to send the letter on to the GCCOG Board for execution.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy gave an update on LA County one-half cent sales tax Measure R. Vote tallies indicated the Measure was moving towards approval although there were outstanding votes yet to be counted. The actual outcome of the Measure would not be finalized until December 4th. She gave an overview of the Measure R projects in the Gateway Cities as well as estimates of the 15% Local Return. There was a discussion of the loss of state transit operations funds and whether Measure R receipts would backfill a deficit, instead of underwriting lower senior and student fares.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Cities Sector General Manager gave a report on the continued parking issues associated with the Metro Green Line Norwalk and

Lakewood stations. He indicated that discussions with the City of Norwalk were ongoing and that a consultant had been hired to look at possible solutions. The City of Norwalk was taking the lead with this project. To date a parking survey was taken to determine where people were coming from and their parking location preference. He discussed the possibility of renting a church parking lot to handle some of the need.

Clifford highlighted December '08 service changes which include additional service on Line 62/460.

Lupe Valdez and Andy Perez from Union Pacific (UP) Railroad gave an update on UP activities in the Gateway Cities area. They requested help in prioritizing sub-regional issues with the railroad. They reported on meetings with Montebello and Whittier concerning quiet zones and the need to provide for access and assistance with removing graffiti from rail bridges. This is a problem with Paramount, Compton, Huntington Park, and South Gate. There was discussion on the railroad not allowing or coordinating city or Caltrans crews access to railroad structures.

Andy Perez would like to give a report at a later meeting on the ICTF Expansion and the Health Risk Assessment.

Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director I-5 JPA, gave a report on the development of an Economic Stimulus package for submission to Congresswoman Grace Napolitano. Caltrans was looking at packaging utility relocations that could meet the Economic Stimulus Guideline of being ready to bid in 120 days. The JPA had submitted technical comments to Caltrans on the I-605- I-710 north for development of a hybrid design.

Jerry Wood reported on the I-710 TAC taking up Early Action projects. Many of the specialized studies have been done in the past few months and are ready for TAC comment. The I-710 consultant team was developing the parameters for the Health Risk Assessment report.

Wood continued with the report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Major Corridor Needs Assessment and ongoing work to identify "Hot Spots" to receive Measure R sales receipts. Mr. Powers added that the priorities for receiving the funding would be locally developed and there would be consensus in moving forward with individual projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.