

# GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

Chair – Diane Dubois, Director, MTA

February 4, 2009, 4:30 PM  
Gateway Cities COG Offices  
16401 Paramount Blvd.  
Paramount, CA

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Recommended Action</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>Call to Order – Self Introductions</b>	
<b>II.</b>	<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	
<b>III.</b>	<b>Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2009</b>	Approval
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Reports:</b>	
1.	January 2009 MTA Board Highlights	Discussion/Action
2.	Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan Environmental Justice and Community Outreach Study - MTA and MIG	Discussion/Input
3.	Economic Stimulus Package - Recap.	Receive & File
4.	Report from Union Pacific – Lupe Valdez	Receive & File
5.	Gateway Cities Service Sector Report Alex Clifford - Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager	Receive & File
6.	Update – I-5 JPA	Receive & File
7.	Update – I-710 EIR/EIS	Receive & File
8.	Update – SR 91/I-605/405 Major Corridor Study	Receive & File
9.	Update – Orangeline Development Authority	Receive & File
10.	New Business/Date of Next Meeting	
11.	Adjournment	

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE COG OFFICE AT (562) 663-6850. NOTIFICATION 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.

**Item III**

**Approval of Minutes for the**  
**Meeting of**  
**January 7, 2009**

**Transportation Committee Minutes of  
January 7, 2009**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Chair – MTA Director Diane DuBois  
Gateway Cities Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd. , Paramount  
January 7, 2009**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Diane Dubois at 4:35 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Diane DuBois – Lakewood, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach, Anne Bayer – Downey, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Bill Pagett, – Paramount, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe’s Office, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Gordon Stefenhagen – Norwalk, Frank Gurule – Cudahy, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Powers – Gateway Cities COG, Karen Heit, Nancy Pfeffer – Gateway Cities COG, Jerry Wood – Gateway Cities COG, Alex Clifford – Gateway Cities Sector, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector, David Hershenson – Metro – Sharad Mulchand, Metro, Jon Grace – Metro, Jolene Hayes – Port of Long Beach, LaDonna DiCamillo – BNSF Railway.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the November 5, 2008 meeting were approved.

Director DuBois urged all Gateway Cities elected officials to have their Mayor or Councilmember with a proxy attend the City Selection Committee meeting following the League of California Cities meeting, Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> at MWD Headquarters located at Union Station. Her selection as MTA Board representative for Gateway Cities would be confirmed by the Committee if a quorum is attained.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy, gave a brief report on the state budget citing the problem with projects funded with state bond funding which are being put on hold. There will be delay with the I-405 HOV Lane (currently out to bid) and there may be an impact on the upcoming release of the I-5 Carmenita Interchange project later this year. The I-5 projects have significant amounts of Prop. IB funding. There was discussion about city-sponsored Prop. IB funded projects that are similarly facing suspension.

Heit gave a Measure R update; the sales tax would begin in July of '09 with the first receipts returning to cities in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of FY10. She addressed a concern about a 3% local contribution for cities receiving regional infrastructure and the expectation that the funds come from Measure R Local Return. The LRTP report was withdrawn from the January Board cycle.

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Jon Grace, MTA Planning Manager for the Gateway Cities Area Team, presented an overview of the upcoming 2009 MTA Call For Projects (CFP) process. He stated the color of money and level of funding hasn't been determined but will probably be within the \$400-600 million range with the majority of the funding being made available in years 2010-2015. Money in the early years will fund Regional Service Transportation Projects (RSTI). Grace then reviewed the Gateway Cities COG cities awards in this area and other categories. He discussed scheduling workshops to help Gateway Cities improve project awards by preparing more competitive applications. There was general discussion about the CFP process and a suggestion that local match requirements be reduced or eliminated. There was also discussion on refining the regional significance criteria to allow for smaller cities to receive awards.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager introduced Gateway Service Sector Manager, Hassan Fahkro who reviewed the upcoming June service changes recommended by the Gateway Service Sector Council. There are scheduled changes to lines 105, 128, 254 and 256, as well as lines 111, 124, 125 and line 711. The service changes reflect the need to reallocate service to where it is needed the most.

Donna DiCamillo, BNSF Railroad, gave an overview of BNSF service in Southern California and stressed the environmental programs the railroad is engaging in to improve air quality, including the utilization of Tier II locomotives. She also discussed the Health Risk Assessments that BNSF is performing in the possible expansion of the Hobart yards. She gave contact information and encouraged calls regarding the railroad and r.o.w.

Karen Heit gave the I-5 update on behalf of Yvette Kirrin, I-5 Executive Director. The Carmenita Interchange plans are nearly complete, and only the Hazardous Waste issues remain outstanding. The JPA is working closely with Caltrans, DTSC and the Water Board to come up with a strategy to resolve these issues, both for the short and long term, as immediate action is necessary to begin construction, while longer term activity can occur over the next few years, to remediate areas of impact.

The Alondra Segment of I-5 is approximately 45% complete with the Plans. The Valley View Segment of I-5 is approximately 10-15% complete with the Plans.

The Cities of Downey, Santa Fe Springs, and Commerce, as well as the GCCOG staff, have reviewed the preliminary draft plan provided for the I-5 north of I-605 to I-710, as part of the I-5 EIR. Comments have been quantified and will be transmitted to Caltrans this week. Based on comments, a new, or "hybrid" alternative may result, that incorporates as many comments and recommendations as possible provided by the JPA.

Jerry Wood, GCCOG Engineer, gave an update on the I-710 project. The local advisory committees have been meeting and working on a regular basis. There are upcoming meetings for both the Community Advisory Committee and the Project Committee. They will be asked to comment on the screen line results.

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Wood gave an update on SR-91/I-605/I-405 Committee activities. The Committee is anticipating moving forward with the initiation of studies to refine projects in preparation for the Measure R funds.

Heit gave an update of Orangeline Development Authority (OLDA) activities. OLDA Directors were trying to arrange meetings with OCTA and MTA to move forward with a feasibility study for the West Santa Ana Branch/Pacific Electric Right-of Way.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

## **IV. Reports**

### **1. January 2009 MTA Board Highlights**

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**TO:** Transportation Committee  
**FROM:** Diane Dubois, MTA Board of Directors  
**SUBJECT:** January 2009 MTA Board Highlights

**Background**

The attached document is a draft of a bulletin I plan on releasing after each months MTA Board meeting. The bulletin will be forwarded to City Clerks and City Managers for distribution to all Gateway Cities Council members The bulletin will highlight Board actions and approvals.

I hope that this committee will find this information useful and provide input that will assist me in making decisions that impact our sub region. Certain items have *SUGGESTED ACTIONS* these are items that either have been or should be discussed at this committee.

**Attachment:**

Draft January MTA Board Highlights

**Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation  
Authority (MTA)  
Board Meeting Highlights  
January 2009**

To All Gateway Cities Council of Government Mayors and City Council Members:

I would first like to thank the Mayors and City Council Members of the Gateway Cities sub region for the opportunity to serve the Gateway Cities on the MTA Board of Directors, and I appreciate your vote of confidence.

Each month I will be sending you a brief recap highlighting MTA Board actions. These highlights may be annotated with any follow-on activities that the COG or individual cities may wish to pursue.

I hope you find this information helpful in assisting in the development of regional and local transportation projects and initiatives. If there are any questions about a particular activity, approval or project, please contact Transportation Deputy Karen Heit at (562) 663-6850.

Sincerely,

Diane DuBois  
MTA Director  
Council Member, City of Lakewood

## Planning Approvals/Activities

The following planning projects were approved for advancement at the Board Meeting:

**General Note:** An Alternative Analysis (AA); the subject of the next three items, is the first step in defining a transit corridor project. The AA provides the most cost-effective fixed guide for investments and alternatives and is a necessary step in competing for federal funding.

- **Agenda Item #6 Westside Extension Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis** – The Board approved two alternatives to move forward to the environmental phase. The environmental phase will take 18 months and cost \$17.2 million. Both alternatives start at the Metro Purple Line (Wilshire/Western) terminus of the subway and continue to Santa Monica. The project currently has a \$4.2 billion commitment in Measure R funding. The MTA will seek federal funding match to advance this project.
- **Agenda Item #7 Regional Connector Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis** – The Board approved the AA for the Regional Connector which connects the Pasadena Gold Line with the Long Beach Blue Line and the Expo.Light Rail Line with the Metro Gold Line Eastern Extension two project alternatives that start from the Metro Center (7<sup>th</sup> and Figueroa) Blue Line station and run through downtown LA; one partially at-grade, one in subway configuration. The environmental phase will last two years and cost \$9.9 million. The project currently has a \$160 million commitment in Measure R funding. The MTA will seek federal funding match to advance this project.
- **Agenda Item #8 Eastside Transit Corridor (Metro Gold Line Eastern Extension – Phase II) Alternatives Analysis** – The MTA approved the AA for this project and authorized the environmental phase. This project begins at the end of the Metro Gold Line Eastern Extension (currently under construction) and has four potential alternatives that will be further analyzed and environmentally cleared. Three of the candidate alternatives terminate in Whittier, and one (SR-60) terminates in South El Monte. The environmental phase will last 18 months and will cost \$12.6 million. The project currently has a \$1.3 billion commitment in Measure R funding. The MTA will seek federal funding match to advance this project.
- **Agenda Item #10 Approval of the 2009 Call for Projects Process** – The Board approved the initiation of the 2009 Call for Projects (CFP) process. This CFP will program discretionary funds in FY 2010 through 2015. The CFP will contain state, local and federal funding. The following table highlights important dates in the schedule:

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Date	Task
February '09	Draft CFP Application Released
February '09	Applicant Workshops
March '09	Final Application Supplement Released
April '09	Applications Due
July – September '09	MTA Staff TAC and Board Review
October '09	Board Approves Recommendation
October '09 –March 2010	Funds programmed into state and federal programs.

**SUGGESTED ACTIONS:** *Cities with transportation infrastructure projects should contact Jon Grace, MTA Project Manager, at (213) 922 4848 to discuss project ideas, studies and pre-application work that can start right away.*

- **Agenda Item #11 Congestion Mitigation Fee Study - Award of Consultant Contract** – As the next step in the Congestion Mitigation Fee Work Program (CMP Fee), the Board authorized the hiring of a consultant (Cambridge Systematics) to assist MTA staff in working with cities to identify local projects with regional benefit, estimate their corresponding costs and confirm growth forecasts for each of the county’s 89 jurisdictions. This step is part of the legally required nexus study to be conducted before the fee can be imposed.

**SUGGESTED ACTIONS:** *Each City should carefully review its redevelopment and program and development plans, as well as potential transportation mitigations, to ascertain the impact of the proposed fee, paying special attention to built-out areas. GCCOG staff will carefully monitor this study effort.*

**MTA Budget/State Funding Approvals/Activities**

**Agenda Item #17 FY09 Budget Amendment – The Board approved a six part budget amendment to address the following issues:**

- Backfill the loss of STA (State Transit Assistance) operations funds in the amount of \$136.3 million using reserves, capital project savings and deferrals. The state reduced the allocation of STA funds to LA County by \$136.3 million. The MTA was able to backfill these funds with other revenues to keep MTA Metro service and the Municipal Operators service whole for FY09.
- Transfer \$23 million in reserves to cover interest payments on outstanding bonds as a result of the volatile financial market.
- Program \$1 million to pay legal fees associated with the leaseback arrangements covered by AIG.

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**Agenda Item #18 FY10 Business Planning Parameters** – The MTA adopts Business Planning Parameters annually as a framework for budget development. Highlights from FY10 include:

Revenues:

- Prop. A \$649 million
- Prop. C \$649 million  
(Prop A&C estimates \$102.5 million less than FY09)
- Measure R \$380.3 million
- TDA \$323.5 million (\$28.5 million less than FY09)
- STA \$0 (\$327 million less than FY09)

Expenditures:

Hiring freeze except for:

- Eastside Extension rail operations
- Measure R implementation
- Prop. IB capital project management
- I-405 HOV land Project management
- Congestion Reduction Demonstration Pricing projects

Operations:

- Rail service hours – 8,286
- Bus service hours – 7,560,000 includes restructuring of 160,000 hours in December and June to eliminate duplicative and unproductive service.

<b>FY10 Budget Status</b>	
Anticipated deficit per 10-year forecast	(134.1)*
Additional revenue losses	(145.6)
<b>Revised deficit</b>	<b>(279.7)</b>
<b>Actions to decrease deficit</b>	
Revenue update (one time revenues/backfills)	122.1
Expense Reductions	41.9
<b>Revised deficit after decreases</b>	<b>(115.7)</b>

\*millions

The Board will entertain further reductions and efficiencies during the budget process to remove this deficit.