

# GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Chair – Diane DuBois, MTA Director

April 1, 2009, 4:30 PM  
Gateway Cities COG Offices  
16401 Paramount Blvd.  
Paramount, CA

Item No.	Description	Recommended Action
I.	Call to Order – Self Introductions	
II.	Pledge of Allegiance	
III.	Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2009	Approve
IV.	Reports:	
1.	March MTA Board Highlights-Oral Report	Discussion/Action
2.	MTA Call for Projects - Oral Report	Receive & File
3.	MTA Approval of the Redistribution of Economic Recovery Funds (ERF) - Recommendation by the MTA Technical Advisory Committee	Receive & File
4.	Report from Union Pacific Railroad - Lupe Valdez	Receive & File
5.	Gateway Cities Service Sector Report By Alex Clifford, General Manager, Gateway Cities Service Sector	Receive & File
6.	Update – I-5 JPA	Receive & File

7. Update – I-710 EIR/EIS Receive & File
8. Update – SR 91/ I-605/I-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 OURS 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 March 4, 2009**

**Transportation Committee Minutes of  
March 4, 2009**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Chair – MTA Director Diane DuBois  
Gateway Cities COG Office  
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723  
March 4, 2009**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Diane DuBois at 4:34 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Diane DuBois – Lakewood, Anne Bayer – Downey, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Ron Bates – South Gate, Bill Pagett, – Paramount, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe’s Office, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Jolene Hayes – Port of Long Beach, Frank Gurule - Cudahy

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Gordon Stefenhagen – Cudahy, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach

OTHERS PRESENT: Alex Clifford – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Michael Sieckert – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit, Sharad Mulchand – Metro.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy, reviewed the February Board highlights:

- The approval of the funding allocation from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the two funding scenarios. There were questions about the various deadlines and the requirements cities needed to comply with to receive funding.
- The Board approved the Knabe Najarian O’Connor Fasana DuBois Antonovich Motion expanding the Ridership Relief Program other LA County transit operators that raised fares. There were questions about the availability of the funds through social service agencies.
- Review of the Rail Car Storage issues associated with the cost construction of new rail lines.

Director DuBois presented an overview of the 2009 Call for Projects highlighting the schedule and due dates, the additional requirements and the establishment of a goods movement category within Regional Surface Transportation projects. She indicated that letters of support needed to be included in the project application package. She explained that the type and amount of funding would not be known until April, but the estimate was around \$400 million.

Director DuBois further reviewed the MTA Board actions taken on the Economic Stimulus Funds and outlined the two scenarios for funding. There was a discussion about the RSTP process and whether the Caltrans Local Assistance Office could process the applications in time to meet the federal deadlines. The Caltrans

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District Director had indicated that his staff was capable of processing the applications. There was a question about whether projects that are being applied to TEA funds are deducted from the applicant city's application. There was an additional comment about the May 18<sup>th</sup> obligation date following so soon after the STPL application deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager, discussed the parking issues at Norwalk and Lakewood stations. Dave Hershenson reported on the windshield drop survey results. MTA will continue to work with the community and cities to resolve this issue. The City of Bellflower is looking at parking as is Cerritos. The City of Paramount is instituting a park n' ride with a shuttle from the Wal-mart parking lot.

There was no I-5 update.

Jerry Wood, Gateway COG Engineer, gave an update on the I-710 Corridor project. The cargo forecast figures have been accepted and the geometric plans are undergoing refinement and the traffic modeling has been done. The project has moved to alternatives definition and the public participation are underway.

Wood also discussed the SR-91/I-605/I-405 project and the use of Measure "R" funds to help define the projects. The community priorities have been forwarded to Caltrans for review. He commented on SCAG projections on the I-405 study and the transit corridor extension. Metrolink expansion and California High Speed Rail have made presentations before the TAC and community group.

There was no OLDA meeting Karen Heit relayed the on-going search for a new Executive Director. She also pointed that OCTA is slightly behind in acceptance of the Los Angeles/Orange Inter-County Transportation Study. Ron Bates discussed the Executive Director selection.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

## **IV. Reports**

### **Item 3.**

# **MTA Approval of the Redistribution of Economic Recovery Funds (ERF) - Recommendation by the MTA Technical Advisory Committee**

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**TO:** Transportation Committee

**FROM:** Diane DuBois, Director – MTA

**BY:** Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy

**SUBJECT:** MTA Approval of the Redistribution of Economic Recovery Funds (ERF) Funds Recommendation by the MTA Technical Advisory Committee

**Background**

The MTA Board approved the allocation of the Economic Stimulus funds at the March meeting. The TAC was charged with developing a methodology to redistribute ERF that fail to become obligated by the city originally receiving the allocation. The TAC recommended the following:

**First Tier Funds allocated by the March MTA Board Action:**

- Project must be in the Program.Metro.Net database as of February, 2009; (FTIP)
- For each project, project sponsor must submit "Request to Proceed with Construction Package" (RPC) to Caltrans District 7 by April 17, 2009;
- Caltrans District 7 approves the RPC and transmits to Caltrans Headquarters;
- Caltrans Headquarters approves the RPC by issuing an E-76 approval number by May 18, 2009;
- Project sponsors who did not submit RPC(s) to Caltrans District 7 by April 17,2009 are not eligible for second tier funds that may be made available;
- Project sponsors who submit an RPC by April 17, but need to amend the RPC, may do so such that Caltrans Headquarters approves the amended RPC by May 18; and;

*( If for any reason, Caltrans does not approve an **RPC** submitted in good faith for such approval, only the funds in that **RPC** are put at risk;. the agency remains eligible for other Tier 1 and Tier 2 obligations represented by other RPC(s).*

**Second Tier Funds Redistributed from allocations not submitting an RPC by April 17<sup>th</sup>:**

- Unused ARRA funds from Cities who did not submit RPCs by the April 17 deadline are to be aggregated to determine the size of the second tier.

**Cities and the County of Los Angeles may add new projects into the Program Metro.Net database that may be eligible for second tier funds no later that April 24, 2009\* Only allow projects to be added into the database that can be expeditiously amended administratively into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

- Project sponsor must submit RPC to Caltrans District 7 by May 18, 2009;
- Caltrans District 7 approves the RPC and transmits to Caltrans Headquarters;

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- Caltrans Headquarters approves the RPC by issuing an E-76 approval number by June 1, 2009; and Project sponsors who submit an RPC by May 18, but need to amend the RPC, may do such so that Caltrans Headquarters approves the amended RPC by June 1.

\* **Added** by the Board of Directors 3/26/09