

**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
April 1, 2009**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Diane Dubois at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Diane DuBois – Lakewood, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Frank Gurule – Cudahy, Anne Bayer – Downey, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Bill Pagett,– 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, Jerry Wood – Gateway Cities COG, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector, David Hershenson – Metro, Jolene Hayes – Port of Long Beach, Yvette Kirrin – I5 JPA, Michael Sieckert – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Lupe C. Valdez – Union Pacific.

Diane DuBois, MTA Director, reviewed the March Board Highlights:

- The execution of a two-month \$10, 620,000 extension with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) to negotiate a new contract for transit policing services.
- Executed a contract modification for on-going systems support services for the TAP system for the Metro Gold Line Eastern Extension and Expo Line. TAP is the smart card technology that will replace paper fare media for LA County transit operations.
- The Board approved a Motion to approve a two-month extension to the option to the AnasoldaBreda contract to purchase additional light rail vehicles. The extension allows the presentation additional information about issues with the existing light rail vehicles order. Director Yaroslavsky amended the Motion to have specific issues with the current car order addressed and Director DuBois amended the Motion to request that an RFP for light rail vehicles be prepared should the existing issues with AnsoldaBreda not be resolved. Both amendments were approved.
- The Board approved the MTA Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) recommendation to redistribute American Reinvestment and Recovery Act economic stimulus funds.

Director DuBois also went over the request to extend the 2009 Call For Projects deadline by five to ten days to move the process away from the ARRA deadlines and other federal funding deadlines. There was discussion about the level of funding for this call and when the funding estimates would be made available, with the assumption of either April or May. There was additional discussion about the time required to prepare PSR and PSRE documents.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy reviewed the MTA TAC recommendation adopted by the MTA Board for the distribution and redistribution of ARRA funds. There was some discussion about needs based distribution instead of first come first serve.

Lupe Valdez, Union Pacific Railroad, gave an update on UP work with various Gateway Cities on ROW and trash issues, including work with the cities of South Gate, Lakewood and the Port of Long Beach. She discussed UP Police removing homeless encampments from the ROWs. UP is concerned about safety with people living in proximity to an active rail line. UP is also working with the cities of Whittier and Maywood on ROW clean-up and the extension of a walkway. She talked about the impact of the recession on shipping as evidenced by the number of parked locomotives and railcars.

Director DuBois discussed her day spent with Alex Clifford, Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager, reviewing the Gateway Service Sector and touring both bus and rail maintenance facilities.

Alex Clifford reported that the Gateway Service Sector approved the upcoming service changes and that a sector-wide quarterly workshop was scheduled for April 9th, at the Sector Office.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 Executive Director, gave an update on the I-5 project, the I-5 I-605 to the OC border design is 60% finished, the Valley View interchange is a little less complete. Caltrans is assessing the risk and there is an unmitigated risk of between \$200-\$300 million that may lay claim to Measure R funds. Carmenita is 100% design complete with utility and ROW relocations almost ready to turn dirt. The I-5, I-605 to the I-710 needs an additional \$18 - \$20 million to complete the environmental work. The I-5 JPA is looking to SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization for additional funding.

Jerry Wood, COG Transportation Engineer, talked about the upcoming I-710 Project Committee (PC) meeting on April 30th. At this meeting the community developed Alternatives would be discussed and reviewed as well as a presentation on the draft geometric plans as refined by the communities. These draft plans would become the foundation for the freeway design. The development of the Air Quality Action Plan would move forward as soon as the federal funding approvals came forth. Many of the items wanted by the community that did not fit the ER/EIS process would find their way into the AQAP.

Wood went on to discuss the activity on the SR-91/I-605/I-405 project. The Committee is working to define projects and priorities for the corridor preparing for the expenditure of Measure R funding.

Shard Mulchand of the MTA described a visit OLDA Board members made to General Atomics to view their test track. He explained the difference between the Transrapide MagLev and the General Atomics MagLev.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.