

**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
May 6, 2009**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Diane DuBois at 4:32 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Diane DuBois – Lakewood, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Bill Pagett, – Paramount, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe’s Office, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Shashank Patil – Port of Long Beach

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Gordon Stefenhagen – Norwalk, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach, Anne Bayer – Downey, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill

OTHERS PRESENT: Alex Clifford – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Sharad Mulchand – Metro, Richard Powers – Gateway Cities, Yvette Kirrin – I-5 JPA, Gerry Alvarez – Metro, Laura Cornejo – Metro, Sheldon Fialkoff - Metro

Councilmember Diane DuBois, MTA Director, reviewed the April Board highlights:

- Using formula allocated American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds the MTA Board authorized the purchase of 15c0 buses.
- Approved an item that authorized the installation of CPUC approved platform mounted between-car barriers.
- The Board approved the replacement of 20 Traction Power Substations (TPSS) for the Blue Line using ARRA funds.

All of the ARRA funded projects will save energy through the purchase of newer more efficient buses and new TPSS units that are more efficient.

- The Board approved the design/build contract for the I-405 HOV lane and expansion of various City streets. ARRA funds were budgeted as replacement for anticipated Prop IB funds.
- Fasana Motion – Proposed allocating ARRA funds to enhance a CDBG grant. Repayment of ARRA funds were guaranteed with future Measure Local Return receipts.
- Molina Motion – Renamed the Gold Line Eastside Linea D’oro Edward Roybal.

Director DuBois discussed the allocation of ARRA streets and highways discretionary funding allocated to the cities. Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy reviewed the Gateway

Cities submissions and announced that to date no Gateway city was in danger of losing funding. There was discussion about five projects that were in jeopardy of violating the MTA May 18th deadline due to an issue with the FTIP amendment process.

A quorum was announced and the minutes were approved.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Service Sector General Manager, discussed the new CEO's goals for bus operations:

- On-time performance is a contract with the rider, buses should not run "hot".
- Reduction in road calls
- Clean buses

Bus operations are to return to basics and apply best practices for improved customer service.

Director DuBois reported on her tour of the Metro Red Line rail maintenance facility and Gateway Service Sector Bus Division 2. She also reported on her trip to the Long Beach transit facility.

Gerry Alvarez, Central Area Team Project Manager, gave an update on the work associated with the environmental phase of the Metro old Lone Eastern Extension (MGLEE). HE discussed the Alternatives Analysis (AA) and the resultant four potential alignments. He reviewed the analysis points that went into the AA and how the 17 options were reduced to four. Staff is looking for comments from the COG and Alignment cities that relate to the scoping process. This comment period would last through September. He then went on to identify various issues with each of the four remaining alignments. There was a brief discussion on each alignment and potential fatal flaws.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director reviewed project progress and the potential for expiring funds.

Jerry Wood, COG Engineer, gave an update on the I-710 Project Committee meeting and the including concurrence with the project alternatives.

Wood went on to report on the development of early action projects for the SR-91/I-405/I-605. The TAC has submitted comments along with Caltrans.

Karen Heit reported that the OLDA Board had interviewed candidates for a new Executive Director and would be making a selection at their next meeting.

Next month's meeting will be June 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.