

**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
June 3, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: Councilmember Diane DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Dian DuBois – City of Lakewood, Anne Bayer – City of Downey, Gene Daniels – City of Paramount, Stan Carroll – City of La Habra Heights, Frank Gurule – City of Cudahy, Ray Harris – Office of Supervisor Don Knabe, Ken Farfsing – City Managers’ Steering Committee, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate Public Works, Bill Pagett – Paramount Public Works, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit,

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Gordon Stefenhagen, Fred Latham, Eric Shen

OTHERS PRESENT: Alex Clifford, David Hershenson – MTA. Yvette Kirrin – I-5 Executive Director, Jerry Wood – COG Engineer, Wally Shidler – Gateway Service Sector Council.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the May 6, 2009, meeting were approved.

MTA Director Diane DuBois, reviewed highlights of the May MTA Board Meeting These highlights that would be sent out by email at a later date:

Director DuBois shared that the ARRA funding issues with the City of South Gate and four other cities had been resolved as well as an issue with a funding swap with the City of Santa Fe Springs. Other highlights included:

- The Board voted to extend the period for exercising the option to purchase additional rail cars from this manufacturer. An additional two months was provided to allow for Ansaldo Breda to negotiate assurances that will compensate the Agency in the event of contract failure.
- The Long Range Transportation Plan/FY2010 Budget workshop was held on May 11th and the focus of the financial plan was the anticipated loss of \$6.6 billion in tax revenue over the 20 year period attributable to the sluggish economy.
- There is an anticipated loss of revenue that will reduce the agency’s ability to bond and slow project implementation. Funds used for bonding will have to backfill the state created loss of transit operating funds.

- MTA plans to leverage funds using the Subway-to-the-Sea as the priority project for federal funding.
- The FY10 budget was adopted – total of approximately \$3.95 billion. The adopted budget reflects the revenue loss. All Measure R projects will be referred to a July workshop for discussion.
- A Motion by Mayor Villaraigosa was passed to have the MTA take an active role in the California High Speed Rail (CHSR) planning activities. There was discussion about how or if CHSR plans can work with the OLDA high speed transit project.
- A Motion was passed to have an independent audit of the Transit Access Pass (TAP) program identified countywide implementation issues and program costs.

There was a discussion of support for AB 1243 (Lowenthal). This bill forms a committee with representatives from the COG, the state, and the CHP to review truck safety enforcement and make recommendations to the Secretary of Business, Housing and Transportation on needed changes that will allow the utilization of advanced technology. A motion was approved to recommend a support position to the COG Board.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy, gave a report on Gateway Cities ARRA funding applications. No Gateway city lost any funding, all cities had projects in the Caltrans approval process. There was discussion about Caltrans appearing to approve only one project per city and a request was made to survey all Gateway cities to see where they are in the funding process.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Service Sector General Manager, discussed the following activities:

- The MTA finally concluded negotiations with the LA County Sheriff's Department on the new policing contract. The new contract is slightly less and includes funding for the Metro Gold Line Eastside. Therefore there is less police services. There were a number of efficiencies made including lowering the supervisory ratio.
- Negotiations to rent parking spaces from the church adjacent to the Artesia Blue Line station have fallen through , Metro staff is looking for different opportunities.

Councilmember Gene Daniels reported on the interviews for Sector Council public representatives and named Compton City Councilmember Lillie Dobson and Downey Councilmember /COG President Anne Bayer as elected members and the reappointment of Harley Rubenstein and Joanne Eros Delgado as the public members. A motion was passed to recommend these appointments to the COG Board.

A vote was taken to include an emergency item. This item was concerning an anticipated raid on the gas tax receipt returned to the cities. A MOTION was passed to

recommend the COG Board send a letter to the Gateway Cities state representatives to not divert funding.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director reviewed project progress and explained that the Carmenita road project final plans were under review in preparation for bid. She went on to explain that Congressional funding requests were made to get funding for the EIR/EIS effort for the I-605 –I-710 portion of the I-5 freeway

Jerry Wood, COG Engineer, gave an update on the I-710 Project and handed out Fact Sheets that had been developed on the various subject areas of the EIR/EIS. He went on to report on the development and running of the traffic model and how this would shape the design elements. He reported on the need to integrate the I-710 early action recommendations into the LRTP and Measure R funding scenarios. There was discussion about incorporating the I-710 and Sr-91/I-605/I-405 activities into the Measure R workshop. There was a general discussion about the Panama Canal rebuild and how the general decrease in port activity might impact the I-710 project.

Wood went on to report on the development of early action projects for the SR-91/I-405/I-605. The RFP for the Feasibility Study has been reviewed and is ready for funding. It will be a consideration in planning for Measure R studies.

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 July 1.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.