

**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  
September 2, 2009**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Chair Diane DuBois at 4:36 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Diane DuBois – Lakewood, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Gene Daniels - Paramount

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Gordon Stefenhagen - Norwalk, Gil Hurtado – South Gate, Frank Gurule – Cudahy, Bill Pagett – Paramount, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Heit – Gateway Cities COG, Ernest Morales – Metro, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit, Dana M. Coffey – Metro

Councilmember Diane DuBois, MTA Director began the meeting by announcing that the MTA did not have Board of Director's Meeting in August and there was no Board update. She also announced that the Metro Green Line Eastern Extension Phase II presentation was pulled from the agenda by the MTA.

Susan Richan, MTA Project Manager gave an overview of the draft Measure R Local Return Guidelines. She discussed the project development process and the participants. The stakeholder group went through eight iterations. Richan discussed the flexibility of funds and the forms developed to maximize the flexibility. She reviewed the differences between Prop A&C Local Return Guidelines and the Measure R Guidelines, highlighting the flexibility of the Measure R Guidelines. There was a discussion of the Maintenance of Effort requirement under AB 2321 and how Measure R receipts can be used to backfill loss of other local funds. She reviewed the schedule for guideline adoption, with the adoption due in October. Cities can start utilizing the funding as soon as assurances are received by the MTA. Richan discussed the current funding estimates and revenue due date. The estimates were six months and full year estimates. Mohammad Mostahkami spoke about the process and complimented the MTA staff on the process. Karen Heit gave a quick update on the 2009 Call for Projects and the anticipated September adoption.

Heit reviewed the LRTP process to date:

- She reviewed the progress of the Highway Advisory Committee and the development of the LRTP Highway Element. GCCOG representative submitted the timelines and funding requirements for the SR-91/I-605/I-405 “Hot Spot” projects and the I-710 project. The MTA incorporated the schedules into the highway element and identified funding for the projects.
- The COG was represented by City of Lakewood Director of Public Works, Lisa Rapp. Rapp was supported by Jerry Wood, Steve Forrester, Mohammed Mostakhami, Bill Pagett, Desi Alvarez and Karen Heit
- She discussed the potential candidate transit projects for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) “New Starts”. The two highest ranked projects are the Subway western extension and the Regional Connector. She outlined the benefits of the Regional Connector to the Gateway Cities Blue Line.
- She discussed the need for consensus in project selection and in the presentation made to the federal government.
- She reviewed the draft federal advocacy program and the objectives.

Heit discussed the draft 3% contribution to transit outlining some of the issues that would need to be defined or clarified before such a policy should be adopted. Heit discussed the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) and meetings that were held in Commerce and Vernon. There were discussions concerning the alignment, scoping documents and other information not shared. There are flaws with the program EIR/EIS and the project EIR/EIS that require resolution.

Dana Coffey the new General Manager for the Gateway Cities Service Sector Council introduced herself and discussed the working relationship she will establish between the South Bay Service Sector and the Gateway Cities Sector.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director reviewed progress on the I-5 project I-605 to the Orange County Line. The Valley View project is 40% complete and the I-5 project is expected to go to bid by 2010. The JPA is in the process of identifying enhancements that were removed during value engineering and construction engineering.

Jerry Wood, COG Engineer, gave an update on the I-710 traffic modeling. The early action scheduled was reviewed by the TAC. Project Committee meeting and the including concurrence with the project alternatives.

Wood went on to report on the SR-91/I-405/I-605 and the inclusion and identification of projects for the LRTP. The plan is to do the necessary studies to get the projects ready for construction. The MTA is programming funding for these studies. He indicated he would make the Public Works Officer presentation to the Transportation Committee next month.

Karen Heit reported that the OLDA had applied for an FRA grant for Los Angeles/Palmdale planning work. The application was moving through the approval process.

Next month's meeting will be October 7.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48pm.