

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Chair – Diane DuBois, Director, MTA

February 3, 2010, 4:30 PM
Gateway Cities COG Offices
16401 Paramount Blvd.
Paramount, CA

| Item No. | Description | Recommended Action |
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| I. | Call to Order – Self Introductions | |
| II. | Pledge of Allegiance | |
| III. | Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2010 | |
| IV. | Reports: | |
| 1. | MTA Board Recap | Receive & File |
| 2. | Metro Gold Line Eastern Extension Phase II Update – Kimberly Yu, MTA Project Manager | Discussion & Recommendation |
| 3. | MTA Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) - Update Strategic Element Additional Projects | Discussion & Recommendation |
| 4. | Gateway Cities Service Sector Report Dave Hershenson | Receive & File |
| 5. | Union Pacific Long-Train – Lupe Valdez | 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 HOURS 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 January 6, 2010

**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
January 6, 2010**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Diane DuBois at 4:35 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane DuBois – Lakewood; Gordon Stefenhagen – Norwalk; Gil Hurtado – South Gate; Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Ken Farfing – Signal Hill, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe’s Office, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit, Gene Daniels – Paramount; Mohammad Mostahkami – South Gate; Bill Pagett - Paramount.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Heit – Gateway Cities COG, Wally Shidler – Gateway Service Sector Council, Yvette Kirrin – I-5 JPA, Kathy Salazar – Montebello; David Hershenson – Gateway Cities Service Sector; Gary Hammrick – Iteris; Larry Forester.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the November 4, 2009 meeting were approved.

Director DuBois gave a report for the November MTA Board Meeting. She highlighted the introduction of contract for a public/private/partnership (3P) consultant for the I-710 corridor. The item was held over a month. There were presentations on the Harbor Subdivision as well as the actions taken for the Crenshaw Transit Corridor EIR/EIS. She discussed the MTA’s federal advocacy program and outlined the motion she and Director Knabe authored to further highway and goods movement funding. Director DuBois discussed the need for a COG Legislative platform dealing with regional goods movement in a regional context.

David Hershenson, from the Gateway Service Sector gave a report concerning the upcoming service changes. Gateway Service Sector changes are very minor. The service sector had already reduced service earlier in the year.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 Executive Director discussed the Valley View/Alondra and Rosecrans plan review. The I-5 JPA made a decision to close the Rosecrans Bridge for a year during construction. The MTA staff was putting forward construction mitigation funds that should help with that issue and channeling of traffic off and on the freeway.

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She talked about the concern over the continuance on the I-5, I-605- I-710 Caltrans environmental work stopping for lack of funding. There is concern that the I-5 project may lose ground to the I-710.

Ernest Morales gave the I-710 report discussing the possibility of BHT Secretary Dale Bonner presenting the State of California's sponsorship of a 3P project. He discussed the work occurring with the creation of alternative fueled vehicles for the freight movement corridor.

Ernest gave a report on the SR-91/I-650/I-405 and the initiation of the feasibility study that will be part of the MTA budget. Bill Pagett spoke about the ratification of new agreements that reflect the inclusion of the I-405.

Karen Heit gave the Orangeline report and spoke about the SCAG AA and the selection of AECOM as the contractor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

IV. Reports

3. MTA Long Range Transportation Plan - Update Strategic Element Additional Projects

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TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Diane DuBois, MTA Director

BY: Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy

SUBJECT: Long Range Transportation Plan Strategic Element Projects - Update

Issue

The MTA Board of Directors approved the 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in October of 2009. The primary purpose for the plan revision was to extend the time period of the plan by five years and integrate Measure R projects and revenues into the Plan. Many of the projects that are now incorporated into the LRTP constrained (funded element) were previously in the strategic or unfunded element. Inclusion in the LRTP as strategic element project is important as the projects can be included in modeling for air quality improvement and conformity, mobility benefit, and cost effectiveness. Strategic element projects are also given the benefit of being integrated into the countywide mobility plan for the purposes of long-range funds programming. Supervisor Michael Antonovich authored a Motion asking MTA staff to create an additional projects list using the COGs as coordination.

The attached letter has been sent out to Gateway Cities: City Managers/Public Works Officials/Transportation Managers seeking additional projects to be added to the LRTP.

Attachments

- 1) Letter to City Manager/Public Works Officials/Transportation Managers
- 2) Memo to COG Executive Directors from Doug Failing
- 3) Supervisor Antonovich Motion
- 4) Strategic Unfunded Listing

Attachment 1

Dear Gateway Cities: City Manager/Public Works Officials/Transportation Managers:

The MTA Board of Directors approved the 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in October of 2009. The primary purpose for the plan revision was to extend the time period of the plan by five years and integrate Measure R projects and revenues into the Plan. Many of the projects that are now incorporated into the LRTP constrained (funded element) were previously in the strategic or unfunded element. Inclusion in the LRTP as strategic element project is important as the projects can be included in modeling for air quality improvement and conformity, mobility benefit, and cost effectiveness. Strategic element projects are also given the benefit of being integrated into the countywide mobility plan for the purposes of long-range funds programming. Gateway Cities' projects formerly in the strategic element that are now in the constrained portion of the plan are the I-5 I-605-I-710, the I-710 corridor and the SR-91/I-605/I-405 highway corridor. On the transit side, the adopted LRTP constrained plan now includes Phase II of the Metro Green Line Eastern Extension that potentially has a terminus in Whittier (the alignment has not been chosen). The adopted LRTP also includes the West Santa Ana Branch transit corridor project which is the alignment identified by the Orangeline Development Authority (OLDA) project. The inclusion of these projects within the constrained plan makes them a funding priority for the MTA to leverage state and federal funding. The opportunity now exists to plan beyond the projects currently in the strategic plan and add additional projects. For the Gateway Cities area, the following are sample projects that would benefit the subregion and mobility:

- I-5 corridor I-605 -I-710
- Extension of the Metro Gold Line Eastern Extension from the Whittier terminus into Orange into Orange County (with OCTA).
- Orangeline (OLDA) project extension beyond the West Santa Ana Branch ROW.
- City of Long Beach eastern transit corridor connection to downtown and the Metro Blue Line.
- Additional SR-91/I-605/I-405 solutions (including integration with Orange County)
- Extension of the I-710 Freight Movement Corridor beyond the I-5.

These projects represent the type of regional project that will be meaningful for inclusion into a regional system. Please feel free to call Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy, at 562 663 – 6850 to discuss whether a candidate project or program should be nominated for inclusion into the strategic element of the LRTP. The GCCOG will gather these potential projects and submit them to the MTA on behalf of the subregion for inclusion into the strategic element of the LRTP. Per the attached memo, the MTA is asking for submission of additional projects by March 25, 2010. COG staff would like to gather the projects and place them on the March 3, 2010 Transportation Agenda for discussion and priority. Please email candidate projects to kheit@gatewaycog.org by February 17, 2010.