

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Chair – Diane DuBois, MTA Director

October 6, 2010, 4:30 PM
Gateway Cities COG Offices
16401 Paramount Blvd.
Paramount, CA

Item No.	Description	Recommended Action
I.	Call to Order – Self Introductions	
II.	Pledge of Allegiance	
III.	Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2010	Approve
IV.	Reports:	
1.	MTA Board Highlights – Oral Report	Receive & File
A.	MTA Board Support for Air Resources Board GHG Targets	
2.	FY '11 Call for Projects – Jon Grace, MTA	Receive & File
3.	California High Speed Rail Mike Gillam and Dave Thompson	Receive & File
4.	Gateway Cities Service Sector David Hershenson - MTA	Receive & File
5.	Railroad ROW Update	Discussion/Action
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.	Communications	Receive & File
11.	New Business/Date of Next Meeting	Receive & File
12.	Adjournment	

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Item III

Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of September 1, 2010

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September 1, 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
September 1, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Diane DuBois at 4:38 p.m. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane DuBois – Lakewood, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit, Gil Hurtado – South Gate, Julie Moore – Office of Supervisor Don Knabe, Mohammad Mostahkami – South Gate, Gordon Stefenhagen – Norwalk; Bill Pagett – Paramount, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Ray Dunton - Bellflower

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Heit – Gateway Cities COG, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Metro, David Hershenson – MTA, Richard Powers – Gateway Cities COG, Yvette Kirrin – I-5 JPA, Jerry Wood – Gateway Cities COG, Ramin Massoumi – DKS Associates, Nancy Pfeffer – Gateway Cities COG, Tony Moreno – La Mirada

Minutes approval was delayed until a quorum was reached.

Director DuBois gave the July Board highlights and reviewed Board actions. She reviewed the actions by the Board necessary to revise Measure R transit project guidelines. There currently is a one-year notification that may cause delays in implementing the 30/10 initiative. She discussed a Board item that approved the initiation of transit court and the various reasons that the transit public and the agency would be better served by the development of the Court. The start-up costs would be recouped in the greater percentage of the fines retained and not utilizing Transit Service Bureau deputies time in going to Court. She reviews the item explaining the BRC recommendations relating to service improvement that were adopted by the Board. This is expected to be an on-going process.

The minutes approved as presented.

Trini Jimenez from BNSF Railroad gave a PowerPoint presentation on BNSF railroad and the SCIG project. He discussed the percentage of goods carried by BNSF, the Railroad's environmental record and compliance with EPA issues. He then moved to the SCIG project discussing its attributes and environmental benefit as well as the commitments to reduce the project's impacts. He discussed the commitment to utilizing clean trucks and the work force training commitment, 1/3 of all jobs would be to local residents. Jimenez cited industrial routes to access the facility, goal to eliminate truck miles from I-710, optimizing capacity. The project has been in the making since 2005, draft EIR due in late 2010 or early 2011. Questions were asked about the City of Long Beach and Carson being kept informed, BNSF did outreach to 1100 homes and were

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able to collect support cards. A question was asked about policing trucks to keep them out of residential neighborhoods. BNSF is looking at various programs to monitor trucks. Question was asked about CHSRA and the BNSF lines. Jerry Wood discussed the difficulty to deal with BNSF to discuss the shared track project. Encourage Mr. Jimenez to get BNSF to the table to discuss the r.o.w. with the locals. Jimenez will be happy to help put together an agenda.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy, gave an overview of the CFP and the estimated \$100 million minimum, the money is scheduled for 2016-17. Suggestions made to fully fund reduced funded projects or fund meritorious projects from the last call. There was a suggestion that the funds be apportioned subregionally as there is so little funding available. The issue of the expense of producing the PSR or PSRE was discussed. Given the categories and the competitiveness perhaps the call be delayed or funded differently.

Nancy Pfeffer, Director of Transportation, gave an overview of the sustainable corridors Compass Blueprint grant that SCAG and MTA took the leadership in the application process. She named some of the participating agencies and the idea behind selecting corridors for further study. The COG may be tasked with selecting a corridor to study for an estimated \$500k., set performance goals and audit the corridor for sustainable activities. The MTA consortium is applying for \$5 million.

David Hershenson, MTA Service Sector Council reported that the gateway service sector held it's public hearing for the upcoming service changes. The City of Norwalk has chosen to host a municipal operators coordination meeting. He announced the Phase II public meetings and the comments. He discussed the Regional Connector and the impact on the Metro Blue Line, he discussed the upcoming public hearings for the projects.

Heit discussed the efforts underway to try and get the UP bridgework painted during the full freeway closures. Working with both Caltrans and UP to make this happen while the freeway is closed.

I-5 update, Caltrans is going to ask the TC to delay the project because of ROW certifications. The issue with the delay is potential loss of Prop. IB CMIA funding. Caltrans is allowing design and construction sequence simultaneously to meet funding guidelines. Caltrans sent out appraisal notifications for full-takes without notifying the I-5 JPA. The full takes will go out by December. There was a discussion on the level of maintenance and whether the cities' standards are higher than C/T.

Jerry Wood, Transportation Engineer, gave the overview of the I-710 Project Committee Meeting and the delay's that will be caused by the extra work. He went on to discuss the RFP for the SR-91/I-605/I-405 feasibility study and the potential for award for the Feasibility Study in September. He also talked about the AQAP and the ITE integration Plan projects that are awaiting contract initiation.

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He went to discuss the mounting issues with the CHRSA that are still not involved. Jerry Wood indicated that the situation is getting critical and the time is running out. The cities want to review the draft EIR before it is release, requesting a staff person be assigned to Southern California.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

IV. Reports

1A. MTA Board Support for Air
Resources Board GHG Targets

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October 6, 2010

TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Diane Dubois, MTA Director

BY: Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy

SUBJECT: MTA Board Support for Air Resources Board GHG Targets

Issue

Last month, the COG Board voted to send a letter to SCAG requesting the Regional Council recommend the Air Resources Board (ARB) adopt lower targets for the reduction of Green House Gases (GHG). At the meeting of September 2, after much discussion, the Regional Council voted to recommend GHG targets of 6% in 2020 and 8% for 2035. The Gateway Cities COG position was to recommend a 2020 range of 4% - 8% with the initial 2020 target set at 4%. These lower targets were based upon the White Paper prepared for the COG. The COG recommended a greater target could be achieved if funding for transit is restored and other conditions are met.

The MTA Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee weighed in on the issue at its meeting of September 16. The staff recommendation was to support the ARB targets. There was discussion concerning the need to support the ARB targets and encourage the return of funding for transportation initiatives. The MTA staff position, supported by the Committee, was to show the agency's commitment to SB 375 by supporting the ARB's targets. There was recognition that there will be obstacles to meeting these targets and that the targets are draft.

I explained that the GCCOG's lower target recommendation was predicated on the results of the White Paper that indicated that if 80% of the GC jurisdictions used a wide variety of land use and transportation strategies it would be possible to meet the goal of 4% reduction in GHG by 2020. I also pointed out that the achievement of the targets is based upon land use strategies an area where the MTA does not affect policy. The vote at the Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee was 4-1.

The item was pulled from the Consent Calendar at the full MTA Board meeting September 23, and discussed. The Board of Supervisors had not voted on the targets and there was some discussion whether or not it was appropriate for the MTA to support the targets when the Regional Council comprised of local elected officials voted for lower targets. A substitute motion to support the SCAG recommendation failed and the original support vote passed.

There was discussion indicating that there would be a chance to revisit the targets in five years.