

# GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

Chair – Diane DuBois, MTA Director

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

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Recommended Action</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>Call to Order – Self Introductions</b>	
<b>II.</b>	<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	
<b>III.</b>	<b>Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2010</b>	Approve
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Reports:</b>	
1.	MTA Board Highlights – Oral Report	Receive & File
2.	California High Speed Rail	Receive & File
3.	Metro Gateway Cities Governance Council Report David Hershenson	Receive & File
4.	Railroad ROW Update	Discussion/Action
5.	Update – I-5 JPA	Receive & File
6.	Update – I-710 EIR/EIS	Receive & File
7.	Update – SR 91/ I-605/I-405 Major Corridor Study	Receive & File
8.	Update – Orangeline Development Authority	Receive & File
9.	Communications	Receive & File
10.	New Business/Date of Next Meeting	Receive & File
11.	Adjournment	

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## **Item III**

# **Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of October 6, 2010**

## **Transportation Committee Minutes of**

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**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  
October 6, 2010**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane DuBois – Lakewood, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit, Gil Hurtado – South Gate, Ray Dunton – Bellflower, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Gordon Stefenhagen – Norwalk, Mohammad Mostahkami – South Gate, Bill Pagett - Paramount.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach, Julie Moore – Office of Supervisor Knabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Heit – Gateway Cities COG, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Metro, Bo Burick – RBF, Yvette Kirrin – I5 JPA, Desiree Portillo-Rabinov – MTA, Jon Grace – MTA, Jerry Wood – Gateway Cities COG staff, Dave Hershenson – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Alex Clifford – MTA, Mike Gilla – CHSRA, Chelsea Dickerson – CHSRA.

Minutes of September 1, 2010 were approved.

Director DuBois reviewed the September Board Highlights. She highlighted the California Transportation Commission approval of the five construction packages for I-5. She reviewed the MTA finalizing the funding package for the installation of PTC for Metrolink. She discussed the impact of the lack of a State Budget and its potential impact on projects under construction. She discussed the potential for MTA to have to bail out the state for funding.

She discussed the funding actions that support the implementation of Measure R. She deferred the CARB target report to a little later in the agenda. She discussed the Board room decorum item and expressed hope that meetings would be more civil.

She reviewed the funding plan and the bond plans as well as the release of \$825 million worth of bonds (Buy America Bonds) purchased because of the favorable interest rates,

She brought up the preliminary award of the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Feasibility Study underway – the first new Measure R project in the Gateway Cities subregion.

She discussed the Tier I bus service changes and reported on the changes in the Gateway Cities area. She went on to discuss the Knabe, Villaraigosa and DuBois Motion to look at OCTA impacts on LA County and look at Hot Lane potential . Report due in 90-days.

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The last item was the approval of an upgrade for the changeable message signs to be compatible with the new rail lines.

She then launched into the CARB targets approval and reviewed the Gateway Cities COG Board action, the action that the SCAG Regional Council took and the MTA Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee targets and the MTA Board. She reviewed the actions that she took in defense of the GCCOG recommendation at the committee and at the full Board. At the Board, a substitute Motion was offered supporting SCAG recommendation, it failed and the MTA Board voted to support the SCAG position. She thanked the COG members who spoke at the SCAG meeting. There was a discussion about the dynamics at the Regional Council and Gateway Cities representatives not being allowed to participate in the discussion.

Jon Grace, of the MTA introduced Desiree Portillo-Rabinov who discussed the FY11 Call for Projects (CFP). She indicated that the CFP is expected to be \$100 million and the funds will be available in FY 16-17. Goods Movement has been taken out of RSTI and there are Sustainability criteria. She reviewed the FY11 CFP schedule and reviewed projects. RSTI has a \$6 million cap per project. Goods Movement – taken out of RSTI. MTA has a 17.5 % cap, other modes 35% MTA participation. TDM will it be new and innovative in FY16-17, Mohammed Mostahkami asked for a clarification about LA taking or reserving 15% for the bicycle mode. Avoid costly expenses for sketchy projects. There was discussion on how to refine the projects and make them more competitive considering the small amount of money.

Mike Gillam and Chelsea Dickerson from the California High Speed Rail Authority – (CHSRA). Gillam discussed the objectives and extent of the system. He did an overview of the international HSR status. He reviewed the implementation process and environmental activity for CHSRA and the funding. Director DuBois asked why it made sense to go to Riverside to get to San Diego. He reviewed benefit from the project – constructions jobs and reduction in GHG. He reviewed the corridor and the two alternatives. He showed aerial and at-grade alternatives. He discussed Los Angeles-San Diego alternative. Lastly he reviewed the business plan \$4-5 billion Local funding. Record of Decision/Notice of Determination needed by 9-12 to continue with access to ARRA fundng.

Current status includes trying to mitigate local concerns and still keep the project schedule. Questions were asked about other lines, Eastside Phase II, Orangeline and about priority for power and impact on the grid as well as the ambitious construction schedule. All segments are underway simultaneously, regardless of funding. Construction staging is not being examined. Jerry Wood indicated that he would return in November to discuss specific impacts and results.

David Hershenson, Metro Service Sector discussed the area service operations meeting would occur with the first meeting taking place Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Karen Heit and Mohammed Mostahkami gave a brief report on the Railroad ROW issues and the frustration on trying to get rail crossing graffiti done.

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Yvette Kirrin discussed the notice of the approval of the CTC segmenting the I-5 Corridor work into five segments as well as the frontloading of the projects. The Governor vetoed a bill that would have allowed Caltrans to start construction before all properties are acquired. The acquisition of properties is awaiting the approval of the State Budget. Carmentia has been delayed because of the property acquisition effort. Jerry Wood gave an update on

Mike Kodama, Executive Director, gave an update on the OLDA project and the award of an Environmental Justice Grant to the City of South Gate. He discussed OLDA activities towards defining the project through the SCAG Alternative Analysis.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

## **IV. Reports**

### **2. California High Speed Rail (41 Page Document Attached)**

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### **3. Gateway Cities Service Sector Report – David Hershenson, MTA**

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September 23, 2010

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Dear Mr. Hillmer:

I regret to inform you that I must resign my position with the Gateway Cities Governance Council due to personal circumstances beyond my control, effective immediately.

I greatly enjoyed my experience on the Gateway Cities Governance Council, and will miss working with you, other Metro staff members, and my fellow Governance Council Representatives. I would appreciate it if you could please pass along my gratitude to the Metro staff that worked with me, and my fellow councilmembers, for their all their support and assistance during my tenure.

I am confident that Cynde Soto will do an outstanding job taking over as Gateway Cities Governance Council Chair, as she has done filling in for me during my recent absence. I wish you and the council all the best, and thank you for all you've done for me and our council to provide the residents, students, employees and others in the Gateway Cities region with the best possible public transit.

Sincerely,

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