

**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 5, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Diane DuBois at 4:30 p.m. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane DuBois – MTA Director, Gil Hurtado – South Gate, Ray Dunton – Bellflower, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit, Gordon Stefenhagen – Norwalk, Mohammad Mostahkami – South Gate, Bill Pagett - Paramount.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: 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, Yvette Kirrin – I5 JPA, Ross Lew – TRC, Jon Grace – Metro, Steve Huff – RBF Consulting, Gary Hamrick – Iteris, Inc, Lupe Valdez – Union Pacific, Tom Ionta – CH2M Hill

Minutes of November 3, 2010 were approved.

Director DuBois gave a brief overview of the MTA Board activities of December

Lupe Valdez – Director of Public Affairs for Union Pacific Railroad discussed graffiti removal for UP. UP does not paint anything except their own buildings (to meet FRA requirements for visibility). She discussed an arrangement with Caltrans and UP for the deterrence and painting out of graffiti. She described a situation where the County mounted cameras and used lights. Caltrans cannot use lights as it may cause an accident (even for the perpetrator) and Caltrans would be libel. UP is negotiating with Ventura County to have Caltrans to close the Freeway and paint out the graffiti. UP wants a deterrent plan ahead of the graffiti removal. Bill Pagett discussed the cost of painting. Valdez mentioned a Sergeant Tubidoux., who is tracking the graffiti through You Tube were the perpetrators place it. She switched gears to discuss the release of the EIR/EIS for the ICTF. Councilman Daniels brought up the dumping on the shared Blue Line/UP ROW and Chair Jim Young's promise to clean this up. Richard Powers, COG Exec. Dir., brought up Railroad certified flag protection which UP can provide. Powers and Valdez will work on this done.

Stephanie Wiggins, MTA Executive Director – Congestion Reduction Program, gave an update on the existing Congestion Reduction (CR) program. She discussed the CR demonstration project on the I-10 and the I-110. She discussed the toll rates and the low income discount program. She talked about the award of a

Design/Build/Operate/Maintain (DBOM) project which will start construction and the usage marketing will begin.

She discussed the Dubois/Villaraigosa initiative to look at a hot lane/express lane through Orange and LA County on the I-405. She discussed the impacts to LA County from the I-405 widening through Gateway cities and South Bay impacted cities. The SR-91/I-605/I-405 consultant will be assisting with the analysis of the I-405 impacts. Councilman Dutton asked if the LA County transponder will work in both Counties. The answer is no, the difference is the I-10 has a 3-person car-pool that has three positions. Farfing asked about the bottlenecks at the interchanges. There are bottlenecks during the PM peak. There may be an earlier termination of the toll lanes.

Director DuBois discussed the Metro Blue Line safety issues and the safety systems. The remaining solution is education. Get operation Life-saver videos to cities for use on cable channels and city. Heit asked for cities to keep the COG aware of increased available education opportunities. Dave Hershenson will assist with distribution and availability.

Dave Hershenson – discussed the next location for the Governance Council Meetings in Huntington Park at Salt Lake Park. There are several public hearings coming up including one in Huntington Park.

Heit gave an overview of the recruitment for the community member and passed out the application of Richard Burnett, a job developer with the Disabled Resources Center and Long Beach resident. A Motion was presented and passed by acclamation to recommend Mr. Burnett's nomination to the Service Sector Governance Council.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director, gave an update on the JPA activities including the withdrawal of the City of Buena Park from the JPA. She talked about the Carmenita Project possibly being awarded in the summer of 2011 and that there are anticipated project savings which the JPA will look into putting back into the project. She talked about the construction mitigation program that has project savings that will go for additional mitigation.

Jerry Wood COG Transportation Engineer, gave an update on I-710 including the approval of the project change order. He talked about the upcoming scheduled Project Committee meeting at the end of January. The early action projects are moving forward including planning for the various sound wall projects. The AQAP will finally have a kick-off meeting in a week.

Wood went on to discuss the SR-91/I-605/I-405 which is also expected to kick-off this month.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.