

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CTITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Chair - MTA Director Diane DuBois**

**Gateway Cities COG Office
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723
February 2, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: MTA Director Diane DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Representative – Supervisor Don Knabe's Office, Ken Farfsing, Eric Shen

OTHERS PRESENT: Niki Tennant – Assemblymember Lowenthal's Office, Richard Powers, Jerry Wood, Nancy Pfeffer, Karen Heit – COG staff, David Hershenson – MTA. Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Victor Moreno – Caltrans, Yvette Kirrin – I-5 JPA, Michael Kodama – OLDA.

The January 5th meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Director DuBois gave the MTA Board highlights focusing on the Unified Project Cost Control item. She reviewed the various cost impact milestones. She reviewed the two Motions that changed the Unified Cost Control Measure to return for subregional review. She also discussed the Capital Project Contingency Escrow idea that would help to reserve funding for projects in the latter years of Measure R.

Karen Heit discussed the Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Procurement and MTA development of a two-prong approach that would allow the MTA to proceed with the "normal" FTA procurement guidelines if the MTA requested relief from the guidelines was rejected.

Vincent Moreno, Caltrans Maintenance came to address the issue of graffiti and vandalism along the I-710. He is doing an assessment of the graffiti and vandalism on the UP and Caltrans ROW. He described the Ventura County vandalism collaborative that he hoped would be emulated here. He discussed the Ventura truss bridge and the approach used there; it has graffiti, illegal pedestrian use and homeless encampments, and other issues that require resolution. He talked about the relationship between the bridges and drug traffic and other crime. Moreno discussed the need to address the issues holistically involving the cities, Caltrans, property owners and the railroad. The Ventura model requires a collaborative to get things accomplish. He let the TC know

that there is repair work going on bridge abutments along the I-710 and some landscape improvements, although this is hampered by the state budget. He would like to return as the assessment underway is finished.

Dave Hershenson, discussed the State of the Transportation meeting that MTA Chair, Supervisor Knabe, gave in January, the meeting featured MTA projects and activities in the Fourth District (South Bay and Gateway COGs). He then went on to discuss the service changes and the region-wide meeting that was held in downtown LA. He also announced Alex Clifford's departure from the MTA to METRA in Chicago. A specific question was asked about the elimination of Line 612 for the upcoming service changes.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director, announced that Carmenita construction bid RFP would be out March 1 and under construction by the end of the year. She discussed the construction mitigations for the I-5 and the process that is going to occur for approval. Director DuBois asked about the submission of earmarks requests.

I-710 Project Committee Co -Chair Hurtado reviewed the PC Committee and the interest from the public with the Air Quality Action Plan, Chair Hurtado also discussed the recommendation by the PC to move forward with Early Action projects – soundwalls at various locations. Jerry Wood, COG Engineer, discussed the action taken to move the “Early Action” projects and that the AQAP was going to commence this week. He went on to discuss the Utility plans, the south contract has been awarded and the north is going out to bid. Mr. Powers discussed the soundwalls being consistent with the I-710 design standards,

Wood went on to discuss the SR-91/I-605/I-405 and the expectation that the contract be awarded sometime this month.

Mike Kodama, OLDA Executive Director, discussed the E-76 for the Bob Hope Airport ground access study that would provide planning and mobility information for the northern corridor of the OLDA alignment. He also talked about the SCAG Pacific Electric Right of Way/West Santa Ana Branch Alternatives Analysis and the comments and issues raised by the OLDA Board.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35