

**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
March 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, , Ray Dunton – Bellflower, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate,

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Representative – Supervisor Don Knabe's Office, Ken Farfaring, Eric Shen, Bill Pagett, Gordon Stefenhagen,

OTHERS PRESENT: , Richard Powers, Jerry Wood, Nancy Pfeffer, Karen Heit – COG staff, David Hershenson, Jon Grace, Adrian Alvarez, Danielle Valentino – MTA. Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Scott Broten - ICF, Chetser Britt, Susan De Santis – Arellano Associates, Michael Kodama – OLDA, Yvette Kirrin – I-5 JPA, Michael Kodama – OLDA, Juan Carlos Velsaquez – CH2MHill

The meeting was called to order, Minutes approval was delayed until a quorum could be reached. Director DuBois began with the OLDA letter to the Pacific Electric Right of Way/West Santa Ana Branch Steering Committee. Michael Kodama, OLDA Executive Director explained the requests made in the letter including the request to evaluate low-speed mag-lev. He discussed the difficulties with the SCAG project management and analysis. A question was asked about the cross-county coordination. He discussed the Santa Ana/Garden Grove street car project and how it might integrate into an LA county project.

There was a discussion about the difference between the characteristics of high-speed mag-lev running in an high speed rail configuration and studying the low-speed mag-lev.

Director DuBois gave her MTA report. She highlighted the need for the MTA to work with the municipal operators. She talked about the Rosa Parks station master plan effort being approved for station development. She went on to explain the Clean Energy Motion that will become part of the clean, renewable energy being built into all MTA projects.

Scott Broten from ICF gave a report on the AQAP. He gave a background on the AQAP and how it came about. He reviewed the components of the AQAP and its relationship to items that were proposed on behalf of the I-710 project. He went on to explain the community participation structure and how it would integrate into the COG structure and how the various sub-committees will work if the Transportation Commission approves the structure. A clarification was made that the AQAP was for the entire COG and the HIA and three other studies will be for the I-710 Corridor. An additional clarification was made concerning the I-710 Fwy. and the I-710 corridor. He wrapped up with a discussion of the schedule emphasizing the need to have approvals of some of the protocols.

Nancy Pfeffer, COG staff, gave an overview of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and its foundation in AB 32 and SB 375. The GCCOG chose to accept plan delegation of the SCS development along with Orange County. She pointed out that Gateway Cities is not growing as rapidly in population and job growth as other areas of the SCAG region, therefore, GHG growth would be less than the region as a whole. She reviewed the governance structure and the adoption schedule. The final SCS is due to SCAG in June for inclusion into the SCAG SCS. She reviewed a palate of sample strategies that can reduce GHG for our subregion. She showed a transportation project map with 300 projects spread around the Gateway Cities and the tons of GHG reduction that are created by these projects and a sample of land use changes that might reduce GHG. She reviewed the public participation process and the focused business, environmental group review.

Director DuBois gave a report on her conversation with Commander Patrick Jordan, of the MTA Transit Security Bureau. She related the Commander's concern about losing 57 uniformed officer s and the loss of the "habitual fare evader" law. She discussed the use of the cell phone fare validators. She related the continuing coordination between Long Beach PD, LAPD and TSB. Jordan had indicated that there were fewer issues with bus lines.

Karen Heit gave a report on the I-710 graffiti and Caltrans finishing a survey of conditions along the I-710.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA, gave a report on all of the Phase I mitigation projects for the projects. There was a conversation with MTA on the \$14 million of additional mitigation projects. Carmenita Interchange will have bids advertised in March and Alondra will bid shortly after. She expressed some concern on the Prop. IB CMIA funding that the state has not allocated bonds for.

David Hershenson, Metro Gateway Service Sector Meeting, he reviewed the transit providers meeting and the various service sector hearings. There is an upcoming service sector changes that will be voted on next week.

Jerry Wood, gave an update on the I-710 and the revision of the project geometrics to address the modeling changes. He discussed the Early action projects that were voted on by the project committee (sound walls) the scope of work is under development. He talked about the utility relocation plans. He discussed the development of the zero emission vehicles.

Wood went on to discuss the 91/605/405 feasibility study that has officially begun, he talked about how the SCS effort and the 91/605/405 plan works together.

Gene Daniels indicated that Union Pacific has fenced off the Blue Line at Willowbrook and the ROW. He requested that staff write a letter thanking UP.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40.