

**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
May 4, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: MTA Director Diane DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT Diane DuBois – MTA Director, Gil Hurtado – South Gate, Stan Carroll- La Habra Heights, Ray Dunton – Bellflower, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Ken Farfsing –Signal Hill, Bill Pagett – Paramount.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Representative – Supervisor Don Knabe's Office, Eric Shen, Gene Daniels,

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, Yvette Kirrin – I-5 JPA, Tony Mereno –City of La Mirada, Ayman Salana – TRC, Juan Carlos Velasquez CH2MHill.

The February and March Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

Director DuBois gave the MTA Board highlights focusing on two actions, beginning with the Prop. IB bond sale situation. She ran down the potential impacts for the cancellation of the Fall bonds sale. MTA intends to address the COG next month and ask for assistance.

She then discussed the change to the Bicycles-on-Rail policy that would remove the peak hour restrictions and also would require the removal of seats. She went over the Knabe/DuBois Motion and the staff reaction resulting in a change in policy that would not remove seats on the Metro Blue Line.

Jerry Wood, COG Transportation Engineer, gave a presentation on Green Trucks. He attended the fifth annual green trucks conference in Minneapolis. The conference discussed the deployment of Green vehicles. Major firms having green truck fleets include Coca-Cola, Fed-Ex and United Parcel. He cited that there may be a need for legislation to assist with the implementation of green truck corridors. He also discussed Calstart coming to talk about the development of the trucks and a business and implementation plan, including the disposition of used truck batteries. Fueling issues are

important to making the freight movement corridor work, accommodating recharging batteries, CNG and other clean other fuels; no single technology is rising to the top.

Wood went on to discuss the COG Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) a GCCOG initiative to assess the improvement of air quality in the Gateway Cities subregion. He discussed the structure for the study and the participation framework. The AQAP and its elements will appear before the Transportation Committee and ultimately the COG Board over the coming year. He went on the talk about the Compendium of environmental activities and to assess programs that had been implemented and the impact on subregional air quality. Richard Powers mentioned the cross-over between the various transportation projects and the SCS and that there would be some common area.

Nancy Pfeffer, COG staff, gave a presentation about the Gateway Cities COG Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). She began with a discussion of the starting point for Green House Gas (GHG) reduction. She went on to discuss the transportation strategies and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategies and their GHG reduction impact. She went on to discuss the SCAG sustainability tool and how it applies with the way cities designate their land use. She went on to describe the reduction of GHG using the various tools. The sum is the Gateway Cities is able to meet the GHG goals through the techniques chosen. Interactive impacts are land use working with transportation. The regional transportation projects are somewhat speculative in their ability to be financed, also the ability to secure operational funds. Lastly, she discussed the next steps and the COG board sending the project forward to SCAG for inclusion in the SCAG regional SCS. A suggestion was made to “beef-up” the financial and funding section.

Diane DuBois referenced a letter to support the confirmation of Fran Inman to the California Transportation Commission sent by the COG President. Ms. Inman has a firm grasp upon goods movement issues and will be an asset to the Gateway COGs transportation Agenda in the state.

Director DuBois brought up an MTA sponsored initiative to work with Caltrans to clean up the freeways and rid the freeways of the graffiti. She relayed a conversation with Art Leahy concerning the issue and mentioned that a director from the highway group would be coming to the next Transportation Committee to discuss issues with the Transportation Committee concerning the demo.

David Hershenson, spoke about the issues on the Metro Blue Line and the discussions that have occurred at the Governance Council. He relayed a Governance Council presentation from Commander Patrick Jordan of the Transit Service Bureau. There was a discussion of the Transit Court and undercover work, He brought up Cherri Kelly's diligence in reporting conditions and behaviors as well as the efforts of Wally Shidler he brought up new enforcement sting activities from Lieutenant Bethune.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA - Executive Director, gave an update on Alondra and Rosecrans – they are ready to bid providing there is continued funding. Bids for Carmenita are due in

May. Construction mitigations on phase I are almost completed and Phase II mitigations were awarded. Caltrans has announced it has 30,000 trees available for I-5 cities and warranty.

Jerry Wood gave a report on the I-710 Corridor updating the release date for the I-710 EIR/EIS to be released early next year. The utility studies are underway and another one is ready for release. He went on to discuss the Sr-91/I-605/I-405 projects and the feasibility study currently underway and the potential for the Gateway Cities Transportation Strategic Plan.

Richard Powers discussed the CHSRT project and the administrative entity. He offered to work towards establishing a structure for the cities to work within to keep the project moving along.

Karen Heit, gave a presentation on the Alternative s Analysis for the OLDA project including the addition of Low-speed Mag-Lev and street car to move forwards. The project selection was expected in June 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45.