

**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  
June 1, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: MTA Director Diane DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:37 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, Tom Modica – City of Long Beach, Gene Daniels – Paramount.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Representative – Supervisor Don Knabe’s Office, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach.

OTHERS PRESENT: Niki Tennant – Assemblymember Lowenthal’s Office, Richard Powers – COG Staff, Jerry Wood – COG Staff, Nancy Pfeffer – COG Staff, 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 May 4, 2011 Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

Director Diane DuBois gave an accounting of the May MTA Board Meeting. She covered the approval of the FY 2012 budget. Noting that for the second year in a row, MTA was able to approve a balanced budget. She also covered the actions to place rules and protection on the Measure R Capital Contingency account and the use of repaying financing costs associated with Measure R.

She covered the Supervisor Ridley-Thomas Motion to underground a portion of the Crenshaw/LAX line at the Park Mesa section and build a Leimert Park Station. She reviewed the compliance with the grade separation policy for Park Mesa and station spacing guidelines for Leimert/Vernon. The Board voted to include the Leimert Station, if possible, within the existing budget.

She discussed the Villaraigosa/DuBois/Wilson Motion to encourage work at the I-405 at the OC County Line, moving the project forward to study environmental impacts.

Consent calendar was approved with no objections.

Director DuBois introduced Ken Coleman, Metro Director of Highway Programs. Coleman discussed the addition of highway maintenance and enhancements as a special demonstration project. Coleman discussed the freeways as part of the community and the gateway to our communities. He talked about an effort to audit Caltrans maintenance efforts to identify best practices and identify places for improvements. He talked about landscape maintenance and improvements. He discussed the need to work with the communities to create solutions. Strategies include using vegetation as a deterrent for graffiti and securing access to bridges and overcrossings.

The I-110 and the I-710 freeways were identified as project demo areas. He discussed the Caltrans attitude towards construction zones and the lack of care exhibited during construction. Caltrans methodology and reporting systems are at fault for taking too long – reports go to Sacramento before they return to District 7.

Lastly Coleman discussed the need for a community working group to involve the community in identifying solutions. He set a timeline for starting to work through the plan. A question was raised about the limitation of interchanges, landscaping would be confined to interchanges graffiti removal will be all through the freeway. Caltrans permitting process is being challenged as well as their maintenance methodology. Mike Miles will report to the MTA Board on maintenance issues as well as construction. Jerry Wood offered the use of existing working groups for the I-710 Corridor. Tom Modica requested that the I-710 project be extended south of the I-405. Coleman offered to work with Long Beach. Coleman said there was a budget of \$5 million in Prop. C 25%.

Karen Heit introduced the COG Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) framework and identified the need for the Environmental Committee and defined its membership. Scott Broten, from ICF discussed the month's activities with the AQAP Technical Working Groups and the I-710 HIA working group. He indicated that both technical committees are making recommendation on protocols, data needs and research questions. He discussed the upcoming finalization of the Compendium.

Karen Heit introduced the Roundtable Ground rules for conducting the roundtable discussions. There were several minor changes before the ground rules were adopted.

David Hershenson reported on the July 16-17 closure of the I-405 for that weekend. The entire freeway will be closed for 53 hours between the I-10 and the US – 101. Hershenson offered information that all cities could place on their websites.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director, gave a report on the I5 project referencing the Powerpoint that was attached to the agenda. She discussed the Carmenita Interchange contract award and the status of the ROW acquisition. Jon Grace gave a report that the MTA would be moving Prop. IB money from the Alondra portion of the construction project to the Florence Avenue segment to accommodate the lack of bond funding. Questions were asked about freeway closures.

Jerry Wood, COG Transportation Engineer, gave a report on the various studies for the I-710 Corridor project. He indicated that the draft EIR/EIS is still expected to be released in the spring of 2012. He covered the 3P aspect of the Freight Movement Corridor and the activities associated with trying to get green vehicle technology underway.

Wood covered the SR-91/I-605/I-405 project and the traffic modeling that would give some insight into the issues with the Orange County improvements.

Director DuBois spoke about the State of the COG meeting and the need for a TC meeting to address a few items prior to the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mike Kodama OLDA Executive Director, spoke about the Antelope Valley Antonovitch/Najarian Motion 6/27 South Gate 6/28 Garden Grove SCASG workshops on the PEROW/WSAB final alternatives.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.