

**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  
September 7, 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, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Mohammad Mostakhami – South Gate, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit, Ron Bates – Pico Rivera, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill,, Julie Moore – Office of Supervisor Don Knabe, Tom Modica – City of Long Beach, Bill Pagett – City of Paramount

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Ray Dunton – City of Bellflower

OTHERS PRESENT: Niki Tennant – Office of Assemblymember Lowenthal, Art Cervantes – Pico Rivera, Richard Powers – COG Staff, Jerry Wood – COG Staff, Karen Heit – COG Staff, Adrian Alvarez - MTA, David Hershenson – MTA, Scott Broten - ICF, Jeffrey Ang-Olson - ICF, Andrew Papson – ICF, Susan DeSantis – Arellano Associates, Elizabeth Hansberg – Arellano Associates.

Minutes were approved as presented. Director DuBois presented the I-710 Freeway Maintenance update and the removal of the Graffiti by the MTA. She thanked the individuals involved at the MTA and Caltrans and thanked Assemblymember Lowenthal for clearing the way with Caltrans at the Sacramento Headquarters.

She then introduced Scot Broten from ICF who presented the order of the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) Workshop items.

First up was Jerry Wood, GCCOG Engineer, who discussed the history of the AQAP and the intent as envisioned.

Jeff Ang-Olsen -ICF, presented the AQAP “Toolkit” and why the GCCOG needs such a plan. He cited the fact that many of the air quality plans in existence do not provide direction for use by local jurisdictions. He then went on to discuss the Early Action Items that came about from the scoping process for the AQAP. He talked about the out-years of the plan and how the plan has a baseline by which future projects will be measured for emissions reductions. This piece of the AQAP will provide local officials with a tool to measure the effectiveness of existing and planned emissions reduction efforts.

Ang-Olsen went over some of the potential new measures for trucks that may result in fewer emissions. He reviewed potential rail measures that may reduce emissions from rail locomotives. He went on to discuss additional measures for all aspects of Port activities including cargo handling, ships and dredging. A question was asked as to the participation of the railroads both regulatory and voluntary. A question was asked about cost effectiveness of the measures which will be evaluated. Stationary sources that are collective such as water heater emissions will be tallied and looked at for remedies. Questions arose about the impact of emission reduction techniques on land use regulations and on economic development.

Scott Broten reviewed the handbook and the materials that were sitting at the tables. He made the distinction between the I-710 Corridor Project environmental efforts and the COG AQAP. He outlined both projects and their scope as well as how they relate. He went on to discuss the relationship between the technical studies and how they fit in with the I-710 EIR/EIS process. He discussed the two different project areas and how they relate. To simplify the process each project is color coded gold for I-710 and blue for AQAP.

He next discussed how the AQ protocol and data gathering occurs for the development of the AQAP. He reviewed the timing and relationship of the AQAP with other plans and regulations from other agencies. He discussed how the AQAP relates to the Gateway Cities Sustainable Communities Strategy and the SCAG - RTP. A question was asked about the use of the MATES modeling and health impacts.

Jerry Wood finished up with a discussion of the implementation and the agency and public participation process. He once again defined the difference between the two different sets of project deliverables. He highlighted the utility of the Community Medical Needs Assessments in improving the knowledge about that state of the health in the various communities.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.