

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Chair – MTA Director Bonnie Lowenthal
Gateway Cities Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd. , Paramount
June 6, 2007**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Chair Lowenthal at 4:38 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Lowenthal – Long Beach, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Bill Pagett, – Paramount, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe's Office, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Elba Guerrero – Huntington Park, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Larry Nelson – Artesia, Kerry Cartwright – Port of Long Beach, Ken Farfing – Signal Hill, Frank Gurule - Cudahy.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharad Mulchand - Metro, Michael Sieckert, – Metro, Karen Heit – Gateway Cities COG, Deborah Chankin – Gateway Cities COG, Jerry Wood – Gateway COG, Sumire Gant – Long Beach, David Hershenson – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Barry Mason – Gateway Cities COG, Shashank Patil – POLB, Wally Shidler – Gateway Service Sector Governance Council.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the May 2, 2007 meeting were approved.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy to Director Lowenthal reported on the continued progress with the CMP fee proposal at the MTA. She gave an overview of the MTA response to the COG letter that was included in the Transportation Committee packet. She explained the MTA assertion that until a CMP Fee program is articulated, there can be no fair comparison. The CMP Fee examples from Contra Costa and Western Riverside counties were discussed.

Chair Lowenthal explained the dynamics of how the Metro bus/rail fare increase decision was made. She explained how the Los Angeles Mayor's proposal was offered as an alternative to the structure presented by staff. When the proposal failed a structure proposed by Chair Molina and others was presented and adopted. The adopted structure has less aggressive increases. There was discussion about fare buy-downs by the cities and the future possibility of distance-based fares when the TAP program is in place.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager, gave the sector budget report and discussed the need for more mechanics for fare boxes and bus maintenance. He also discussed the fare approval condition to examine the

worst 25 Metro bus lines and the criteria for determining those lines. Lastly, he passed out the FY '08 Work Plan. Mike Sieckert briefly presented the June '07 service changes.

An emergency vote was taken to place an item on the agenda that arose after the public notice was made. Deborah Chankin explained that the proposed '07 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) included a SCAG –generated recommendation on Transportation Control Measures (TCMs). The two SCAG recommended TCMs were High Speed Rail Transit (HSRT) and truck only lanes. These measures were adopted by the SCAG Regional Council, however, they were not prominently featured in the report. Additionally, they were not reviewed by the Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) or the Transportation and Communications Committee.(TCC).She went on to describe the SCAG consultation process and how the approval of this item did not follow procedure. SCAG concurred and agreed to hold the approval of the two TCMs over. There was discussion about the pros and cons of the items and the potential impact on the Gateway Cities, a motion was made to recommend approval of the letter to SCAG Chair Gary Ovitts, on this issue.

The Transportation Committee met the new Gateway Sector Governance Council Member Harley Rubenstein.

Jerry Wood, GCCOG Transportation Engineer gave an overview of the developments with the OCTA/MTA Intercounty study; proposals were in the process of being evaluated. OCTA expected to have a consultant under contract by July.

Karen Heit gave the update on the I-5 project progress. The I-5 project EIR/EIS from the 605 south to OC was signed off by Caltrans and sent to FHWA. Carmenita Interchange design work is mostly complete and property acquisitions underway

Jerry Wood gave an update on the I-710 EIR/EIS process, MTA Board approval of the award of contract is tentatively scheduled for the June meeting approval.

All received and file items were moved and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.