

**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
March 5, 2008**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gene Daniels at 4:35 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Frank Gurule – Cudahy, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe's Office, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit, Gene Daniels - Paramount.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Bonnie Lowenthal – Long Beach, Elba Guerrero – Huntington Park, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Anne Bayer – Downey, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach, Bill Pagett – Paramount.

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Heit – Gateway Cities COG, Nancy Pfeffer – Gateway Cities COG, Alex Clifford – Gateway Service Sector General Manager, Wally Shidler – Gateway Service Sector Council, Yvette Kirrin – I-5 JPA, Roy Reynolds – PRS Strategies, Sumire Gant – Long Beach, Sam Morrissey – Wilbur Smith Associates, Sharad Mulchand – Metro, Michelle Smith – Metro, Shahrzad Amiri – Metro, Diego Cardoso – Metro, Philbert Wong – Metro.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the February 6, 2008 meeting were approved.

Roy Reynolds introduced Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) technology and discussed its potential as an alternative for the West Santa Ana Branch Pacific Electric right-of-way. He reviewed the off-line nature of the stations and the on-call automated, single-use vehicles. He reviewed the potential for goods movement and private sponsorship. He answered questions about the PRT technology.

Shahrzad Amiri, MTA Director, San Gabriel Valley Area Team, presented the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan (MCGMAP) goals and objectives. She introduced Wilbur Smith project manager, Sam Morrissey who gave a presentation on the MCGMAP Action Plan recommendations. He discussed the challenge and the relationship of the plan and the activities of other agencies such as the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan. He reviewed the modal split and the trucking aspect of the plan and strategies to reduce the number of trucks (land-use strategies, on-dock rail). Morrissey reviewed suggested project scenarios highlighting \$1.4 billion worth of Freeway/highway projects in the Gateway Cities subregion. Morrissey reviewed next steps including east/west

non-freeway freight movement corridor, looking at user fees and other nontraditional funding sources.

Nancy Pfeffer gave a report on the GCCOG response to the SCAG RTP. She discussed the recommendation for SCAG to utilize the “baseline forecast” for the RTP, and not consider the “growth forecast” for this current RTP development. Pfeffer also outlined the COG response to the potential conflict and relationship between the SCAG High Speed Rail Transit (HSRT) system and the potential alternatives with the I-710 EIR/EIS. She mentioned the 3/19/06 special meeting of the SCAG Transportation and Communication Committee to discuss the RTP.

Gateway Service Sector General Manager, Alex Clifford discussed the results of the Gateway Sector public hearings and the comments received affecting Metro bus service in the subregion. The GCCOG response letter was discussed.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director gave the I-5 update. She reviewed the I-5 710-605 environmental process that is not currently fully funded. She discussed the Carmenita process and the upcoming cost increase and the request for additional funds from the MTA.

Jerry Wood, COG Transportation Engineer, gave updates on the I-710 project where the review of scheduling has occurred and project planning has begun. Wood went on to discuss the 91/605/405 project and the issuance of a draft report. The OCTA/MTA draft report is under review by the partnering agencies and will be presented to the GCCOG Transportation Committee next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 pm.