

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard
Paramount, California
September 1, 2010**

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

PRESENT: President Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
First Vice President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Second Vice President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Immediate Past President Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy
Member Anne M. Bayer, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Gustavo Camacho, City of Pico Rivera
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Fernando Ramirez, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Susan Tripp, City of La Mirada
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member from the City of Montebello
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Ex Officio Member Richard Steinke, Port of Long Beach
ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City

Managers Steering Committee; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; Santa Fe Springs City Manager Fred Latham; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; South Gate Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Long Beach Public Affairs Manager Tom Modica; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershenson; SCAG Public Affairs Officer Matt Horton; SCAQMD Senior Public Affairs Officer Derrick Alatorre; I-5 JPA Executive Director/Authority Engineer Yvette Kirrin; Jose Torres, Lead Senior Supervisor, Conservation Corps of Long Beach; Richard Lambert, Building Industry Association; Andy Henderson, Building Industry Association; Lan Saadatnajadi, Vice-President, HDR/PB Los Angeles; Frank Osgood, Author of Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Thomas Duarte; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Engineer Jerry Wood; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Second Vice President Daniels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Executive Director requested the Board to amend the agenda to consider a letter addressing action to be taken tomorrow at the SCAG Regional Council meeting on proposed regional greenhouse gas targets under SB 375. It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to find that the issue regarding SCAG's consideration of regional greenhouse gas targets had come to the attention of the Board after the posting of the agenda and that action was needed to be taken that could not wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, and to add the item to the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing addressed the Board regarding a proposed letter to be presented at SCAG's Regional Council meeting the next day regarding the SCAG staff recommendation that SCAG accept a target of an 8% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2020 predicated on 11 conditions. Mr. Farfsing cited the 2009 technical analysis done on behalf of the COG which demonstrated that even a 4% reduction by 2020 would be an ambitious goal for the COG to achieve. Mr. Farfsing said that SCAG is proposing to accept an 8% target with a series of "preconditions" that are highly unrealistic, such as the State restoring previous levels of funding for transportation and transit during the nine-year period up to 2020.

Mr. Farfsing referred the Board to the draft letter proposed to be presented to SCAG and requested one amendment. He said the recommendation is for the Board to send a letter recommending that SCAG request a 2020 range of 4%-8% with the initial target set at 4%. He said the last sentence in the third to last paragraph should read: "A target higher than 4% could potentially be achieved

with additional funding support from the State and federal governments.”

Member Wilson asked if the SCAG conditions would also apply to the 4% target. Mr. Farfsing responded that they would only apply if 8% is the top of the range.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to send the letter to SCAG with the amendment requested by Mr. Farfsing.

SCAG Regional Affairs Manager Matt Horton said there is no subregional target, just a regional one.

Richard Lambert, Building Industry Association, said that the Building Industry Association had communicated its concern that the CARB target is too high. He said CARB had rejected their concern, saying that SCAG needed to be in line with the other MPOs in the state, rather than addressing the science.

There being no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Putnam, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report recommending approval of an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the California High-Speed Rail Authority extending the MOU for two months to the end of November for completion of the technical analysis of the proposed High-Speed Rail alignment through the Gateway Cities. It was moved by Immediate Past President Stefenhagen, seconded by Member Lima, to approve the amendment to the MOU with the California High-Speed Rail Authority. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the consultants are working on changes that will delay completion of the EIR by six to twelve months. He said the Air Quality Action Plan study is underway. Mr. Wood reported that the ITS Implementation Plan will be put out to bid by MTA next month. It was moved by Member Dobson, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said interviews with consultants who submitted responses to the RFP for the feasibility studies would be held by the MTA later in the month. It

was moved by Member Aguilar, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the MTA Board meeting highlights along with a letter from new Chairman Don Knabe would be distributed soon. Member DuBois reported that legislation is underway that would change the notification requirement for the Measure R expenditure plan from one year to 60 days. She said the Blue Ribbon Committee's recommendations were approved by the MTA Board and notice of them will be sent out by email. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Santa Fe Springs City Manager presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said that the four geographical alliances of stakeholders have held two meetings. He said help is needed to reach out to stakeholders to attend a very important meeting this month. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Santa Fe Springs City Manager Fred Latham presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He said Supervisor Knabe had been briefed on the project and that briefings for the Congressional representatives on the cities' positions would be held next week. He said the Administrative Committee had significantly elevated the level of its concern regarding issues that are not being addressed by the High Speed Rail Authority. He said the city managers would be meeting with the executive director of the High Speed Rail Authority in September or early October. It was moved by Member O'Donnell, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said Caltrans is taking the request to delay the schedule for the first project to April to the California Transportation Commission since Caltrans does not yet have possession of all the properties. She said legislation allows Caltrans to go ahead with design certification before taking possession of all rights-of-way in order to make the project eligible for federal funding. It was moved by Member Dobson, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

Karen Heit presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said the Authority and the City of South Gate had received an environmental

justice grant to do more outreach in the communities. It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Derrick Alatorre presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He distributed invitations to the Annual Clean Air Awards Program. He said that the leaf blower program would be returning in February, with public announcements to come in October or November. It was moved by Member O'Donnell, seconded by Member Aguilar, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

David Hershenson presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said Metro is holding public hearings on the Eastside Corridor Phase II project tonight in Montebello and tomorrow night in Santa Fe Springs. He said the Regional Connector will allow people to travel on the Blue Line all the way to where the Gold Line ends. It was moved by Immediate Past President Stefenhagen, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jose Torres presented a report from the Long Beach Conservation Corps. He provided an update on the Corps' weatherization project, saying they are still hiring technicians and staff. He said the Corps had received a grant from Wal-Mart that provides matching funds up to \$1,500 for landscaping with drought resistant plants. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

There were no matters from Board members.

There were no matters from the President.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.