

**MINUTES 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
November 3, 2010**

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 Alberto Perez, City of Montebello
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier

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 Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Gustavo Camacho, City of Pico Rivera
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Curt Pederson, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Ex Officio Member Richard Steinke, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; South Gate Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Long Beach Director of Government and Strategic Affairs Tom Modica; Paul Taylor, Deputy Chief Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershenson; LACMTA Transportation Planner Adrian Alvarez; SCAQMD Senior Public Affairs Officer Derrick Alatorre; I-5 JPA Executive Director/Authority Engineer Yvette Kirrin; MWD Senior Regional Affairs Representative Luis Cetina; Michael Kodama, Executive Director, Orangeline Development Authority; California High Speed Rail Authority; Katherine Aguilar Perez, Executive Director, Urban Land Institute Los Angeles; Ross Lew, Transportation Manager, TRC; Brion May, Principal, Brion May Consulting; Frank Osgood, Author of Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; 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.

Member Bayer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

The Executive Director discussed a recent article in the Los Angeles Times regarding the Inspector General's audit of the California High Speed Rail Authority. He said the report found no impropriety regarding the COG's subcontract with the High Speed Rail Authority, but was critical of the process used by the Authority to retain consultants. The General Counsel commented that the contract with the COG had actually gone through the Attorney General's office before being executed.

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

Paul Taylor, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, presented an update on Measure R. He said that Measure R constituted a contract with the voters that MTA will deliver the projects listed in the language of the measure itself. After two years, he said, a lot of the planning is out of the way and MTA is now ready to move forward on the projects.

MTA Transportation Planner Adrian Alvarez distributed material on the MTA's Highway Program.

Member O'Donnell asked if Measure R funds for Long Beach projects would be

siphoned off for a train in West Los Angeles. Mr. Taylor responded that they would not in that, as opposed to Propositions A and C, Measure R contractually obligates the delivery of the particular projects stated in the measure.

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

Katherine Aguilar Perez, Executive Director of the Urban Land Institute Los Angeles, gave a presentation regarding her organization. She invited the Board to attend an upcoming Transit Oriented Development Summit. She said her organization brings together professionals in the industry to the Summit with the idea of promoting private/public partnerships for transit oriented developments. She said the Summit brings awareness to cities' stations and communities. She announced that her organization is currently accepting proposals for technical assistance regarding sites for possible transit oriented development.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Director of Regional Planning presented an update on the Gateway Cities Sustainable Communities Strategy. She said the COG had held a very successful kickoff workshop for the cities in October. She said the consultants have provided a detailed data request to cities regarding transportation projects in order to begin the process of compiling the SCS. She said the next workshop is scheduled for November 17th.

It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director asked that the item regarding the demographic data project be continued to next month. It was moved by Member Carroll, seconded by Member Bayer, to continue the item and to include an alternate funding formula based purely on redevelopment agency housing set aside funds. 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 change order for the EIR is being finalized. He said a detailed utilities study is going forward and that SCAG's study of the freight corridor is ongoing. He said he is looking at the SCAG study as to how it relates to I-710. Mr. Wood reported that the Notice to Proceed for the Air Quality Action Plan will be issued this month. It was moved by Member Aguirre, seconded by Member Aguilar, 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 the MTA is finalizing the contract negotiations with the consultants selected for the feasibility study. He said the consultants have a limited Notice to Proceed in order to do traffic counts. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She gave a recap of the recent MTA Board meeting. She said the Regional Connector and Expo Line were approved by the MTA Board. She said the net value of those projects is \$6 billion. Member DuBois asked what the discussion was regarding why the "Subway to the Sea" did not go all the way to the sea. The Transportation Deputy said that Measure R only calls for the subway to go to Westwood. It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said they are in the final stages of producing a Homeless Action Plan and are finishing up the funding mechanism. He said the Committee would be meeting soon. It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He referred the Board to a forty page letter that had recently been sent to the High Speed Rail Authority detailing the cities' concerns regarding the proposed segment through the Gateway Cities region. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said Caltrans had completed the right-of-way acquisition on all of the residential properties. She said there are still pending eminent domain proceedings on commercial properties. She said the initial construction will be on projects to mitigate the traffic in Santa Fe Springs and La Mirada resulting from construction on the freeway proper. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He said SCAG is planning an Economic Recovery Summit. He said he had sample resolutions available for cities to adopt to support SCAG's economic recovery efforts. It was moved by Member Carroll, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mike Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said He said the Steering Committee on the MTA/OCTA study had elected two chairs: Diane DuBois of MTA and Art Brown of OCTA. It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member DuBois, 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 said Rule 1193 is pending an amendment on trash hauling fleets. He said private fleets must be 100% made up of alternative fuel vehicles by 2020. The amendment would permit two one-year extensions of the deadline for small fleets. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member Dobson, 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 the November Governance Council meeting would take place tomorrow at the Downey Gas Company facilities. He said the meeting would regard the June 2011 service changes. He announced a vacancy on the Governance Council and asked for recommendations for candidates to fill the vacancy. It was moved by Member Aguilar, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Long Beach Conservation Corps.

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

Member Carroll said he was surprised that Proposition 22 did so well in Tuesday's election and thanked the General Counsel for his contribution to the League's efforts in support of Proposition 22.

President Hurtado announced how happy he is that the San Francisco Giants are World Series Champions.

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.