

**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
June 1, 2011**

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:01 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
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Michael Ponce, City of Avalon
Member Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Larry Mowles, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Alberto Perez, City of Montebello
Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk
Member Barbara Contreras Rapisarda, City of Pico Rivera
Member Joseph Serrano, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: Ana Maria Quintana, City of Bell
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Ex Officio Member Richard Steinke, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Long Beach Director of Government Affairs Tom Modica; Tim Patton, Field Deputy for

Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal; Brian Mineghino, Field Deputy for Assemblyman Warren Furutani; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; MTA Executive Officer for Regional Rail Don Sepulveda; MTA Government Relations Director Michael Turner; MTA Regional Manager Jon Grace; MTA Project Manager Adrian Alvarez; SCAQMD Board Member Judith Mitchell; SCAQMD Assistant DEO/Science & Technology Advancement Matt Miyasato; SCAQMD Senior Public Information Specialist Debra Ashby; SCAQMD Senior Policy Advisor Peter Greenwald; SCAG Public Affairs Officer Matt Horton; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director, I-5 JPA; OLDA Executive Director Michael Kodama; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs, League of California Cities; LAEDC Senior Regional Manager Barbara Levine; Lars Clutterham, Chair, Downey Green Task Force; Jeff Fromhertz, Senior Project Manager, Parsons Brinckerhoff Americas; Michelle Boehm, Regional Manager, CH²MHill; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; 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.

First Vice President Dunton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by First Vice President Dunton, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

South Coast AQMD Board Member Judith Mitchell introduced Matt Miyasato, Assistant DEO/Science and Technology Advancement, who gave a presentation on the Air District's Zero Emission Container System Program. Mr. Miyasato reviewed maps showing the location of higher concentrations of pollution and the severe health consequences thereof. He said the District is looking for zero emission technologies that have wide regional applicability: heavy-duty battery trucks; battery buses; electric cars; and overhead catenary electric buses.

Mr. Miyasato said there are two broad families of zero emission technologies for goods movement: fixed guide-ways and electric trucks. He said a dedicated roadway with wayside power would be a possible mix of the two technologies. A fixed guide-way system could involve electric trains, an overhead catenary, maglev, and linear induction motors.

Member Rapisarda asked about the applicability of these technologies to cargo ships and cruise lines. Mr. Miyasato responded that the first order of business is to get sulfur emissions reduced. AQMD Senior Policy Advisor Peter Greenwald said that shore

power allows ships to idle by plugging in to an electric source without using their diesel power.

AQMD Board Member Mitchell said that the Gateway Cities are particularly affected by particulate matter because of the ports. She urged cities to take the position that alternative technology vehicles be studied in the Environmental Impact Reports for the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF) and Southern California International Gateway (SCIG). She said the Long Beach City Council had adopted a model resolution that could be used. Member DuBois said she wanted Board Member Mitchell to know that the COG has been keenly studying alternative technologies for goods movement.

It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member Barrows, that the Board adopt a resolution urging that alternative technology vehicles be studied in the Environmental Impact Report for the ICTF and to encourage all member cities to do likewise. The motion was approved unanimously.

Michael Turner, MTA Government Relations Director, addressed the Board, asking for support for a fall sale of Proposition 1B bonds by the State. If the State does not pass a budget on time, he said, projects like car pool lanes on I-405, I-5 improvements, and light rail projects could be shut down. If the State does not sell bonds in the fall, these projects could be severely jeopardized. Mr. Turner said the budget revision shows an uptick in revenues, but there is a need to make sure this issue stays front and center in order to keep funding for these projects in place. He referred the Board to a brochure, which listed all of the MTA projects dependent on Proposition 1B funding. He asked cities to communicate with their members in the state legislature regarding this issue.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Davis, that the President send a letter to the Governor urging that the State pass a budget that includes a fall sale of state Proposition 1B bonds. The motion was approved unanimously.

Barbara Levine, LAEDC Senior Regional Manager, provided an update on the regional economy. Overall, she said, things look like they are getting better in the region. However, she said, there is a threat of other states poaching our businesses. She said spending is up on equipment, but on housing, it is down. So, it is still a mixed picture. She said retail sales are up, but labor has not picked up. On the negative side, fuel costs are going up. She said film production is up and the leisure/hospitality industry is looking good. International trade is leading the recovery, but Ms. Levine said she is very concerned about aerospace and defense industries.

Second Vice President Daniels said the consensus at a recent conference held at SCAG is that the recovery must start with small business, but is being held back by intrusive regulation throughout the state.

It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member Davis, to receive and file the report. 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 project is on schedule for a draft EIR/EIS to be released in February. He said CALSTART has been engaged in the study of alternative technology vehicles. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, 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 traffic modeling is well underway, as is work on the strategic plan to compile all transportation projects in the region under one umbrella. He said it was going to be a very active year. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She asked that the Board approve the appointments of Pico Rivera City Manager Ron Bates and Long Beach Director of Governments Affairs Tom Modica to fill vacancies on the Transportation Committee. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to appoint Ron Bates and Tom Modica to the Transportation Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois discussed the structure and function of the Environmental Committee to be appointed as part of the development of the Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan. It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by First Vice President Dunton, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said the City Managers Steering Committee had named Bellflower City Manager Mike Egan as their representative to the Committee on Homelessness. He said Mr. Egan will also chair the Leadership Entity for the program. He reported that staff is working with the County Chief Executive Office on the contract for the Homeless Action Plan implementation. He said staff had met yesterday, at the request of the County, with the Corporation for Supportive Housing, which the contract with the County calls for the COG to work with on the goal of increasing the supply of permanent supportive housing. It was moved by Member Sziebl, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Steve Forster presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He said COG legal staff is currently drafting a joint powers agreement to cover high-speed rail planning for the corridor. He said that a meeting was held with MTA staff about working with the JPA on this, and that a meeting is being set up with SCAG for later in the month. It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Serrano, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said the Carmenita Road project had been awarded for construction, having come in about \$10 million below budget. She discussed the phases of the I-5 project, which is projected to take four years for completion. It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by First Vice

President Dunton, to receive and file the report. The motion as approved unanimously.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said a pension reform panel meeting would be held the next day at the League's Division meeting. She said the League and the California Redevelopment Association are supporting bills by Senator Wright and Assembly Member Alejo regarding redevelopment reform. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member Perez, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He said SCAG would be scheduling at least three subregional workshops in August on the Regional Transportation Plan. It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member Davis, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mike Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said the SCAG/MTA/OCTA study of the Pacific Electric right of way is looking at a final set of alternatives, including buses, light rail, and low speed maglev. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Debra Ashby presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. She reported that the electric lawn mower exchange program is still open until the end of July. She said that nominations were open for the annual Clean Air Awards until July 1. She said a consultation meeting on a draft energy policy would be held at the AQMD headquarters on June 9. It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Aguirre, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said there would be a massive project in mid-July that would close I-405 from I-10 to I-101 for one weekend. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by First Vice President Dunton, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach.

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

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

President Hurtado announced that he had received expressions of interest from Members Perez and Serrano to fill the two vacancies on the Committee on Homelessness. It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Barrows, to appoint Members Perez and Serrano to the Committee on Homelessness. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.