

**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
Weingart Ballroom
The Centre at Sycamore Plaza
5000 Clark Avenue
Lakewood, California
June 29, 2011**

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 7:36 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
Ana Maria Quintana, City of Bell
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 Larry Mowles, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Alberto Perez, City of Montebello
Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk
Member Joseph Serrano, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe

ABSENT: Member Michael Ponce, City of Avalon
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member David Armenta, City of Pico Rivera
Member Angie Castro, 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: Commerce Councilmember Denise Robles; Pico Rivera City

Manager Ron Bates; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; MTA Project Manager Adrian Alvarez; SCAQMD Senior Public Information Specialist Debra Ashby; SCAG Public Affairs Officer Matt Horton; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director, I-5 JPA; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs, League of California Cities; Lars Clutterham, Chair, Downey Green Task Force; Susan DeSantis, Project Manager, Arellano Associates; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; 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 Wilson, seconded by Member Lima, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director introduced Pico Rivera City Manager Ron Bates, who addressed the Board recommending adoption of the final Gateway Cities Sustainable Communities Strategy under SB 375. Mr. Bates recommended adoption of the resolution approving the SCS and asked that staff be directed to submit the final SCS to SCAG.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE GATEWAY CITIES SUB-REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SENATE BILL (SB) 375

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Wilson, to adopt the resolution and direct staff to submit the final SCS to SCAG. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a summary of the proposed FY 2011-12 budget. He said the budget incorporated only one significant change from the previous year, the inclusion of funding from the County of Los Angeles for the Homeless Action Plan implementation.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2011-2012 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to adopt the resolution approving the 2011-2012 Annual Budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Hurtado announced that three nominations had been received for the recently expired term of an elected official position on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. He said the three nominees were Bell Councilmember Ana Maria Quintana, Norwalk Councilmember Cheri Kelley, and Paramount Councilmember Gene Daniels. He invited each of the three nominees to address the Board.

Ballots were distributed to the Board members and collected by the Deputy General Counsel. After tallying the ballots, the Deputy General Counsel announced that there was a high vote recipient, but short of a majority of the quorum, and asked for a decision by the Board as to how to proceed. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member DuBois, to nominate the recipient of the most votes to the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. The motion was approved unanimously. The Deputy General Counsel announced that Norwalk Councilmember Cheri Kelley had thus been nominated to fill the vacancy on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council.

Member Wilson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said that the Conservancy Board is still in the process of selecting a new Executive Director. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

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. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

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. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She reported that there were two vacancies for community members on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council and that two nominations had been received: George Bass and Cynde Soto. She said that the Transportation Committee had voted to recommend that both nominees be approved by the Board. It was moved by Member Dobson, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to approve the nominations of George Bass and Cynde Soto to the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Committee on Homelessness.

There was no report on the California High Speed Rail project.

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 the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said the League and the California Redevelopment Association were proceeding with the filing of a lawsuit with the State Supreme Court regarding the action by the State to abolish city redevelopment agencies. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

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 the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

There was no report from the Orangeline Development Authority.

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. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

There was no report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He reminded the Board that I-405 would be closed from I-10 to I-101 for the weekend of July 15-17. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

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.

There were no matters from the President.

President Hurtado announced that now was the time for the annual election of officers of the Board.

It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member DuBois, to elect First Vice President Dunton as President. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Perez, seconded by Member DuBois, to elect President Hurtado as Immediate Past President. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by President Hurtado, to elect Second Vice President Daniels as First Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Serrano nominated Member Quintana for Second Vice President. Member

Barrios nominated Member Infanzon for Second Vice President. There were no other nominations. President Hurtado invited members Quintana and Infanzon to address the Board.

Ballots were distributed to the Board members and collected by the Deputy General Counsel. After tallying the ballots, the Deputy General Counsel announced that Member Infanzon had been elected Second Vice President.

President Hurtado asked for self-nominations of cities to serve on the Executive Committee. Representatives of the following cities nominated their cities to the Executive Committee: Artesia, Bell, Cerritos, Cudahy, Downey, Lakewood, Montebello, Signal Hill, and Whittier.

The Deputy General Counsel announced that, since there were nine nominations for eight seats, an election would be necessary. Ballots were distributed to the Board members and collected by the Deputy General Counsel. After tallying the ballots, the Deputy General Counsel announced that the following cities were elected to the Executive Committee: Artesia, Cerritos, Cudahy, Downey, Lakewood, Montebello, Signal Hill, and Whittier.

President Hurtado thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as President. First Vice President Dunton said he looked forward to continuing the traditions of President Hurtado.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:25 p.m.