

**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  
August 3, 2011**

First Vice President Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**PRESENT:** First Vice President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount  
Second Vice President Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens  
Immediate Past President Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate  
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia  
Member Michael Ponce, City of Avalon  
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 Luis Marquez, City of Downey  
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights  
Member Larry Mowles, City of La Mirada  
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 Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk  
Member David Armenta, City of Pico Rivera  
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  
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

**ABSENT:** President Raymond Dunton, Bellflower  
Member Ana Maria Quintana, City of Bell  
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens  
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park  
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach  
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood  
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; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; Pico Rivera City

Manager Ronald Bates; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Long Beach Director of Government Affairs Tom Modica; South Gate Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; MTA Project Manager Adrian Alvarez; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; SCAQMD Senior Public Information Specialist Debra Ashby; SCAG Public Affairs Officer Matt Horton; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director, I-5 JPA; OLDA Executive Director Michael Kodama; Susan DeSantis, Senior Associate, Arellano Associates; Scott Broten, ICF; 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.

Member Nordbak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, Executive Director of the Southeast Community Development Corporation (SCDC), addressed the Board and requested a letter of support for a grant application for a Regional Technology Initiative. He said the initiative is a free program to lower income people to promote computer use. He said the state legislature had provided funding for technology initiatives and the Public Utilities Commission had set aside \$2.5 million for Los Angeles County. Mr. Zaldivar-Motts said that five groups had come together to propose a program to cover the entire county, under which the SCDC would expand its existing program among its member cities to the entire Gateway Cities region. He said about \$450,000 of the grant would be used in the Gateway Cities area.

Second Vice President Infanzon said he is familiar with the SCDC's program in his city and endorsed the program.

Second Vice President Daniels suggested that Mr. Zaldivar-Motts provide information to the Executive Director and that the matter be placed on the following month's agenda for action by the Board.

There were no matters from staff.

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

MTA Project Manager Adrian Alvarez gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Gateway Cities COG Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP). He provided a status update on the project and reviewed the project's purpose and mission, schedule, and participation framework. Mr. Alvarez said the purpose of the AQAP is fivefold: 1) determine and quantify existing air quality; 2) determine effectiveness of near-term air quality improvements; 3) analyze

possible new air quality improvements; 4) develop a conceptual plan to implement and measure air quality improvements; and 5) work with regional, state, and federal agencies, industry stakeholders, and local communities to develop consensus for the plan. He said the COG and agencies could use the AQAP as a “toolbox” of measures that could be implemented to improve air quality.

The Executive Director commented that the AQAP was the result of the community participation process in the I-710 Major Corridor Study.

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

Member Wilson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said that funding is being released for new projects. He reported that the Conservancy is close to hiring a new executive director. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Immediate Past President Hurtado, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the project is on schedule and that the project is moving forward with certain early action projects, including a feasibility study for sound walls and various utilities studies.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the traffic modeling is basically done. He said the consultants would next be making projections to 2035. He said what will come out of this is a master plan for arterial streets. He said next month SCAG will be invited to report on its goods movement study. It was moved by Immediate Past President Hurtado, seconded by Member Carroll, to receive and file the I-710 and SR-91/I-605/I-405 reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said she expected a “Green Policy” for MTA projects to be approved tomorrow by the MTA Board. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Second Vice President Infanzon, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said staff is working on the final draft of a contract with the County for the Homeless Action Plan Implementation project. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Aguilar, 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 said the High Speed Rail Authority had hired Tim Buresh as its Southern California director. He said Mr. Buresh had formerly worked with the Alameda Corridor Authority. It was moved by Immediate Past President Hurtado, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said the right-of-way acquisition is happening in Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, and Downey. She said the Authority is currently focused on being advocates for residents and businesses that will be impacted by the acquisition process. It was moved by Member Aguilar, seconded by Member Lima, 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 would be holding a number of workshops on the Regional Transportation Plan later this month, including August 16<sup>th</sup> at SCAG and August 23<sup>rd</sup> in Carson. It was moved by Immediate Past President Hurtado, seconded by Second Vice President Infanzon, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Michael Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said OLDA is working with SCAG and MTA on station locations. He said OLDA had met yesterday with SCAG regarding possible low speed maglev. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Immediate Past President Hurtado, 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 a draft Air Quality Energy Policy would be the subject of three upcoming hearings. She said the SCAQMD had instituted a permit amnesty program through the end of the year for companies that are struggling financially. It was moved by Immediate Past President Hurtado, seconded by Member Davis, 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 no service changes this round. He reported that the cost of a day pass had been reduced from \$6 to \$5. It was moved by Immediate Past President Hurtado, seconded by Member Lima, 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.

First Vice President Daniels made a presentation to Immediate Past President Hurtado recognizing him for his outstanding service as President of the Board of Directors.

**Adjournment:** It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.