

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Chair – MTA Director Diane DuBois  
Gateway Cities Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd. , Paramount  
January 7, 2009**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Diane Dubois at 4:35 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Diane DuBois – Lakewood, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach, Anne Bayer – Downey, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Bill Pagett, – Paramount, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe’s Office, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Gordon Stefenhagen – Norwalk, Frank Gurule – Cudahy, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Powers – Gateway Cities COG, Karen Heit, Nancy Pfeffer – Gateway Cities COG, Jerry Wood – Gateway Cities COG, Alex Clifford – Gateway Cities Sector, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector, David Hershenson – Metro – Sharad Mulchand, Metro, Jon Grace – Metro, Jolene Hayes – Port of Long Beach, LaDonna DiCamillo – BNSF Railway.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the November 5, 2008 meeting were approved.

Director DuBois urged all Gateway Cities elected officials to have their Mayor or Councilmember with a proxy attend the City Selection Committee meeting following the League of California Cities meeting, Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> at MWD Headquarters located at Union Station. Her selection as MTA Board representative for Gateway Cities would be confirmed by the Committee if a quorum is attained.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy, gave a brief report on the state budget citing the problem with projects funded with state bond funding which are being put on hold. There will be delay with the I-405 HOV Lane (currently out to bid) and there may be an impact on the upcoming release of the I-5 Carmenita Interchange project later this year. The I-5 projects have significant amounts of Prop. IB funding. There was discussion about city-sponsored Prop. IB funded projects that are similarly facing suspension.

Heit gave a Measure R update; the sales tax would begin in July of '09 with the first receipts returning to cities in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of FY10. She addressed a concern about a 3% local contribution for cities receiving regional infrastructure

and the expectation that the funds come from Measure R Local Return. The LRTP report was withdrawn from the January Board cycle.

Jon Grace, MTA Planning Manager for the Gateway Cities Area Team, presented an overview of the upcoming 2009 MTA Call For Projects (CFP) process. He stated the color of money and level of funding hasn't been determined but will probably be within the \$400-600 million range with the majority of the funding being made available in years 2010-2015. Money in the early years will fund Regional Service Transportation Projects (RSTI). Grace then reviewed the Gateway Cities COG cities awards in this area and other categories. He discussed scheduling workshops to help Gateway Cities improve project awards by preparing more competitive applications. There was general discussion about the CFP process and a suggestion that local match requirements be reduced or eliminated. There was also discussion on refining the regional significance criteria to allow for smaller cities to receive awards.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager introduced Gateway Service Sector Manager, Hassan Fahkro who reviewed the upcoming June service changes recommended by the Gateway Service Sector Council. There are scheduled changes to lines 105, 128, 254 and 256, as well as lines 111, 124, 125 and line 711. The service changes reflect the need to reallocate service to where it is needed the most.

Donna DiCamillo, BNSF Railroad, gave an overview of BNSF service in Southern California and stressed the environmental programs the railroad is engaging in to improve air quality, including the utilization of Tier II locomotives. She also discussed the Health Risk Assessments that BNSF is performing in the possible expansion of the Hobart yards. She gave contact information and encouraged calls regarding the railroad and r.o.w.

Karen Heit gave the I-5 update on behalf of Yvette Kirrin, I-5 Executive Director. The Carmenita Interchange plans are nearly complete, and only the Hazardous Waste issues remain outstanding. The JPA is working closely with Caltrans, DTSC and the Water Board to come up with a strategy to resolve these issues, both for the short and long term, as immediate action is necessary to begin construction, while longer term activity can occur over the next few years, to remediate areas of impact.

The Alondra Segment of I-5 is approximately 45% complete with the Plans. The Valley

View Segment of I-5 is approximately 10-15% complete with the Plans.

The Cities of Downey, Santa Fe Springs, and Commerce, as well as the GCCOG staff, have reviewed the preliminary draft plan provided for the I-5 north of I-605 to I-710, as part of the I-5 EIR. Comments have been quantified and will be transmitted to Caltrans this week. Based on comments, a new, or "hybrid"

alternative may result, that incorporates as many comments and recommendations as possible provided by the JPA.

Jerry Wood, GCCOG Engineer, gave an update on the I-710 project. The local advisory committees have been meeting and working on a regular basis. There are upcoming meetings for both the Community Advisory Committee and the Project Committee. They will be asked to comment on the screen line results.

Wood gave an update on SR-91/I-605/I-405 Committee activities. The Committee is anticipating moving forward with the initiation of studies to refine projects in preparation for the Measure R funds.

Heit gave an update of Orangeline Development Authority (OLDA) activities. OLDA Directors were trying to arrange meetings with OCTA and MTA to move forward with a feasibility study for the West Santa Ana Branch/Pacific Electric Right-of Way.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.