

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Chair – Diane DuBois, MTA Director

June 3, 2009, 4:30 PM
Gateway Cities COG Offices
16401 Paramount Blvd.
Paramount, CA

Item No.	Description	Recommended Action
I.	Call to Order – Self Introductions	
II.	Pledge of Allegiance	
III.	Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2009	Approval
IV.	Reports:	
1.	May MTA Board Highlights-Oral Report	Discussion/Action
2.	Support Letter for AB 1234 - Lowenthal	Receive & File
3.	MTA Long Range Plan – Financial Assumptions	Receive & File
4.	Economic Stimulus Funding – Update Gateway Cities Projects Listing	Receive & File
5.	Gateway Cities Service Sector Report Alex Clifford, General Manager Gateway Cities Service Sector	Receive & File
6.	Update – I-5 JPA	Receive & File
7.	Update – I-710 EIR/EIS	Receive & File
8.	Update – SR 91/ I-605/I-405 Major Corridor Study	Receive & File
9.	Update – Orangeline Development Authority	Receive & File
10.	New Business/Date of Next Meeting	
11.	Adjournment	

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Item III

Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of May 6, 2009

**Transportation Committee Minutes of
May 6, 2009**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Chair – MTA Director Diane DuBois
Gateway Cities COG Office
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723
May 6, 2009**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Diane DuBois at 4:32 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Diane DuBois – Lakewood, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Bill Pagett, – Paramount, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe’s Office, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Shashank Patil – Port of Long Beach

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Gordon Stefenhagen – Norwalk, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach, Anne Bayer – Downey, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill

OTHERS PRESENT: Alex Clifford – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Sharad Mulchand – Metro, Richard Powers – Gateway Cities, Yvette Kirrin – I-5 JPA, Gerry Alvarez – Metro, Laura Cornejo – Metro, Sheldon Fialkoff - Metro

Councilmember Diane DuBois, MTA Director, reviewed the April Board highlights:

- Using formula allocated American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds the MTA Board authorized the purchase of 15c0 buses.
- Approved an item that authorized the installation of CPUC approved platform mounted between-car barriers.
- The Board approved the replacement of 20 Traction Power Substations (TPSS) for the Blue Line using ARRA funds.

All of the ARRA funded projects will save energy through the purchase of newer more efficient buses and new TPSS units that are more efficient.

- The Board approved the design/build contract for the I-405 HOV lane and expansion of various City streets. ARRA funds were budgeted as replacement for anticipated Prop IB funds.
- Fasana Motion – Proposed allocating ARRA funds to enhance a CDBG grant. Repayment of ARRA funds were guaranteed with future Measure Local Return receipts.
- Molina Motion – Renamed the Gold Line Eastside Linea D’oro Edward Roybal.

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Director DuBois discussed the allocation of ARRA streets and highways discretionary funding allocated to the cities. Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy reviewed the Gateway Cities submissions and announced that to date no Gateway city was in danger of losing funding. There was discussion about five projects that were in jeopardy of violating the MTA May 18th deadline due to an issue with the FTIP amendment process.

A quorum was announced and the minutes were approved.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Service Sector General Manager, discussed the new CEO's goals for bus operations:

- On-time performance is a contract with the rider, buses should not run "hot".
- Reduction in road calls
- Clean buses

Bus operations are to return to basics and apply best practices for improved customer service.

Director DuBois reported on her tour of the Metro Red Line rail maintenance facility and Gateway Service Sector Bus Division 2. She also reported on her trip to the Long Beach transit facility.

Gerry Alvarez, Central Area Team Project Manager, gave an update on the work associated with the environmental phase of the Metro old Lone Eastern Extension (MGLEE). HE discussed the Alternatives Analysis (AA) and the resultant four potential alignments. He reviewed the analysis points that went into the AA and how the 17 options were reduced to four. Staff is looking for comments from the COG and Alignment cities that relate to the scoping process. This comment period would last through September. He then went on to identify various issues with each of the four remaining alignments. There was a brief discussion on each alignment and potential fatal flaws.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director reviewed project progress and the potential for expiring funds.

Jerry Wood, COG Engineer, gave an update on the I-710 Project Committee meeting and the including concurrence with the project alternatives.

Wood went on to report on the development of early action projects for the SR-91/I-405/I-605. The TAC has submitted comments along with Caltrans.

Karen Heit reported that the OLDA Board had interviewed candidates for a new Executive Director and would be making a selection at their next meeting.

Next month's meeting will be June 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

IV. Reports
Item 2.
Support Letter for
AB 1234 - Lowenthal

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TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Diane DuBois, Director – MTA

BY: Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy

SUBJECT: Support letter for AB 1234 – Lowenthal

Issue

Existing state law requires the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to adopt reasonable rules and regulations that, in the judgment of the CHP, are designed to promote the safe operation of commercial vehicles including inspection, maintenance rules and regulations.

AB 1243 creates the South East Los Angeles County Commercial Vehicle Network Development and Advisory Committee to address truck safety along with other goods movement issues. This bill was introduced by Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal.

Background

The Gateway Cities COG has been active in trying to enhance truck safety regulations and enhance enforcement. As part of the ITS Integration Plan, GCCOG has identified a need for increased enforcement through the use of available advanced technology to reduce the high rate of truck/auto accidents that plague arterials and freeways through the COG subregion. One of the recommendations is to strive towards the creation of high-tech truck inspection stations that monitor truck safety systems.

AB 1243 will do the following:

- Until January 1, 2012, establish the South East Los Angeles County Commercial Vehicle Network Development and Advisory Committee in the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BTH) to develop a work program that will optimize efficiencies and effectiveness of the commercial vehicle enforcement network in southeast Los Angeles County. This effort will be a multi-agency collaborative effort focused on addressing vehicle enforcement issues.
- Require the committee to report annually to the Governor, BTH, the Assembly and Senate Transportation Committees on the progress made towards recommendations developed to improve commercial vehicle enforcement in the Gateway Cities, including weigh-in-motion and Automated Vehicles Identification.
- The committee will consist of three members; appointed by the Secretary of BTH. The Secretary will choose from candidates nominated by the Gateway Cities COG, Caltrans and the CHP. It is anticipated that the legislation will eventually be revised to include a nominee from the MTA as well.

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Recommended Action

The MTA has taken a support position on this bill. It is recommended that the GCCOG also support this legislation. It is suggested that the Transportation Committee review and recommend the attached letter to the COG Board for execution.

Attachments

Draft Letter

AB 1243 as amended 4/14/09

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June 4, 2009

Honorable Bonnie Lowenthal
54th Assembly District
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Lowenthal:

Support for AB 1243, as amended April 14

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) is in full support of AB 1243 – Southeast Los Angeles County Commercial Vehicle Network Development and Advisory Committee.

The COG has taken a leadership role in the development and implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) solutions to many of the goods movement related traffic congestion issues in the COG subregion. The COG has made a commitment to the use of technology in maximizing the capacity of existing transportation infrastructure, reducing congestion thereby improving air quality. The use of technology built upon existing ITS platforms is key to managing commercial vehicle safety. This Bill will create a committee that can make recommendations to allow enforcement to integrate with regional ITS and allow for the implementation of effective safety monitoring and detection systems. The integration of new technology is important to regional mobility as well as safety, another area of COG concern.

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments has partnered with the MTA and Caltrans on several goods movement initiatives in Southeast Los Angeles County and strongly supports this bill. The COG Board of Directors joins me in expressing our appreciation of your efforts in improving safety for the residents of Southeast Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,

Anne Bayer, President
Gateway Cities Council of Governments

cc:

Board of Directors – Gateway cities Council of Governments
Transportation Committee - Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Richard Powers, Executive Director, Gateway Cities
Mark Watts, California Strategy's
Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities

IV. Reports
Item 3.
MTA Long Range Plan
Financial Assumptions

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TO: Transportation Committee

FROM: Diane DuBois, Director – MTA

BY: Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy

SUBJECT: MTA Long Range Plan – Financial Assumptions

Issue

The MTA has resumed the drafting of the 2009 LRTP. The financial assumptions reflect the loss of sales tax revenues, a re-forecasting of expected Measure R sales tax revenues and the loss of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. The assumptions discussed in May did not include any impacts on project implementation or programming, other than the loss of operations revenue.

The Assumptions are:

Assumption Topic	Proposed Assumption
1.Sales Tax Growth (Props. A&C Measure R	Growth Forecasts by UCLA Anderson Forecast (traditional used by MTA and other agencies) is 5.59% in FY09, 4.89% in FY10. MTA Assumes 4.45% in FY11 increasing to 7.55% in FY13 and decreasing thereafter. Estimated loss over the plan period for sales tax \$6.6 billion
2, Bonding and Debt Policy CAP (debt service as % of revenues)	Substantial Prop A&C bonding when needed at 5.5% interest rate. The loss of \$6.6 billion in sales tax revenues will decrease bonding capacity compared to previous forecasts. Assumes MTA Board will increase bonding caps when needed. Measure R bonding limited because of 30-year sunset and fixed project list
3. State Transit Assistance	Per state law, no state funding through FY13. When (if) funding resumes in FY 14 the FY09 baseline will be used. Resultant loss of \$723 Million over prior forecast. No spillover assumed
4. Fare Recovery Ratio (fare revenue as a % of operating costs)	Fares as a % of total costs are assumed to achieve 33% by FY15 and maintained thereafter in proportion to transit operations costs. A 1% decrease from 22% removes approximately \$650 M from the LRTP from FY10 through FY40
5. Leveraged Federal Funds	Assumes an average of \$200 M per year for federal funds with funds first assigned to the Westside Subway Extension. Leadership from the Board will be needed to get this amount from FTA New Starts.

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6. Regional Improvement Program (RIP)	Same as prior forecast
7. Federal Formula Funds	Same as prior forecast
Expenditures	
Metro Enterprise Fund Costs	Consistent with proposed FY10 budget
Capital Project Cost Escalation	1% - FY10, 2% FY11 thereafter based on Caltrans construction index.

The largest change in previous LRTP assumptions is the reduction in expected tax revenues of \$6.6 billion. This includes a projected \$1.74 billion reduction on estimated Measure R revenues. The loss of anticipated tax revenues will reduce the agency's ability to bond for construction. The loss of STA transit operations revenue will force the MTA to allocate more Prop A & C tax revenues to backfill the loss in funding and may require reductions in countywide service. The loss in tax revenue impacts countywide municipal operators as well as Metro bus and rail operations.

Next Steps

Using the assumptions, MTA staff will revise the financial forecast and present the new forecast at a special Board workshop in June. The Draft LRTP is tentatively scheduled for release in September