

**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
May 5, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Diane DuBois at 4:30 p.m. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane DuBois – Lakewood, Gordon Stefenhagen – Norwalk, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe's Office, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Mohammad Mostahkami – South Gate, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit, Bill Pagett – Paramount, Gil Hurtado – South Gate.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach, Stan carroll – La Habra Heights.

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Heit – Gateway Cities COG, Jerry Wood – Gateway Cities COG, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Metro, Ernest Morales – MTA, Gary Hamrick – Iteris, David Hershenson, Steven Hough – URS, Yvette Kirrin – I5 JPA.

The minutes of April 7, 2010 were approved.

Director DuBois discussed the MTA Board recap and highlighted the MTA Board's adoption of the highway program element to seek additional funds for accelerating highway projects. She discussed the DuBois/O'Connor Motion and the support on the Board. Karen Heit explained the Accelerate Los Angeles County Initiative and discussed the savings potential if the construction schedule is compressed into 10 years. The savings are anticipated to be in the \$3.2 billion range. She passed out an Accelerate LA brochure that summarized the benefit and savings.

David Hershenson – gave the MTA's Blue Ribbon Committee report and indicated that there was a website. He talked about the membership and the goals of the Committee. The report for the Blue Ribbon recommendations would be available in June. He also discussed the Special MTA Board Meeting next Saturday and how it was different from a fare hearing.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director, gave an update on the I-5 projects; the I-5 Carmenita Interchange still expected to go to construction by the beginning of 2011. Design is still under review for the I-605 – I-710 portion of the I-5 project. The project is still estimated to commence for the Prop IB CMIA implementation deadline of 2012.

Jerry Wood, GCCOG Engineer, gave an update on the I-7190 Corridor Project which is still on track although the truck modeling needs an additional run as the

results were higher than expected. There are new developments for Commerce and South Gate that will change the project and require additional time to address these changes. The AQAP contract negotiations are underway and almost complete, a contract award should go to the MTA Board in June.

Jerry Wood talked about the SR-91/I-605/I-405 working towards funding for initial hot spot projects and preparation of PSRs for the SR-91/I-605 interchange, I-5/I-605 Interchange and I-105/I-605 Interchange. The I-405 Orange County widening issue was brought up and it will be incorporated into the SR-91/I-605/I-405 program. The MTA will be coordinated with Orange County on both projects. The Orange County piece is slated for construction early next year and there is a need for coordination. Long Beach is concerned that traffic mitigation funding will be insufficient.

Jerry Wood continued with the CHSRA report and the impact on the individual COG cities. A TAC is meeting regularly and is reviewing concepts and sending individual and COG letters with comments. The review is of 30% plans. The publication of the draft EIR has been deferred by CHSRA to accommodate cities' concerns – CHSRA need's to identify a LPA by 2011 to meet ARRA funding deadlines. He also talked about the Phase II Extension that may come into Gateway Cities.

Karen Heit gave the OLDA report and update on the SCAG Alternate Analysis and the cities that will be involved participating on both a Steering Committee and TAC. She also discussed the addition of the Burbank Airport as a member of the OLDA Board and interest from a City of Los Angeles Council District.

Director DuBois reviewed the correspondence and thanked President Stefenhagen for his quick response to this request.

Gil Hurtado brought up a call from the press regarding the removal of the new divider on the I-710.

Mohammed Mostahkami brought up the graffiti, weeds and dumping on the Union Pacific (UP) ROW. He asked that the COG take a position to get UP to take responsibility. The cities need to develop a plan. There was a lot of discussion on what can be done. Director DuBois suggested that the COG Board take a formal position and join with the SGV COG to get something accomplished. Ideas for a study session included applying for permits for working on the Railroad ROWS. Have a sub-Committee to study ways to resolve the quality of life issues that are a problem with the railroads, also engage the SGV COG and the MTA who has similar issues.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm after a minute of silence in honor of Larry Nelson.