

**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
July 7, 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, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit, Gil Hurtado – South Gate, Ray Harris – Office of Supervisor Don Knabe, Mohammad Mostahkami – South Gate, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Gordon Stefenhagen, Bill Pagett - Paramount

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Heit – Gateway Cities COG, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Metro, Gary Hamrick – Iteris, Bo Burick – RBF, Tom Choe – System Metrics Group, Inc., Sofia Lo – System Metrics Group, Loren Bloomberg – CH2M Hill, Elhami Nasr – Caltrans District 7, Shefa Buyan – Caltrans District 7.

Minutes approval was delayed due to lack of quorum.

Director DuBois reviewed the highlights of the June MTA's Board Meeting. She discussed the Metrolink budget being passed with the first \$17 million of Measure R funds being programmed for PTC. She explained that transit funding allocations were passed without comment. She went on to explain the item concerning potential cost overruns and methodology and read off the potential methodologies that would be employed. There was no decision made on this item. The last MTA Board highlight was the MTA decision to proceed with the environmental process for the SR-710 tunnel project. She discussed the various Board Motions and how some of them had the potential to be detrimental to the integrity environmental process.

Director DuBois discussed the visit from Deputy Assistant Secretary for USDOT, Joel Szabat, who toured the Gateway Cities area and SGV Valley COG regions from the air. Secretary Szabat discussed the upcoming TIGER II grants and anticipated funding levels.

Shefa Buyan, Elhami Nasir – Caltrans District 7, Loren Bloomberg – CH2MHill, and Tom Choe, Sofia Lo – Systems Metric Group discussed the overview of the I-5 Corridor System Management Plan. The CSM Plan is a requirement of CMIA funding. The goal of the plan is to evaluate the benefits achieved by projects. The model they use evaluates the benefit of each project in association with its costs and mobility. They evaluated bottlenecks and collisions at various

locations. The provided a simulation of project improvement behavior. The different scenarios were modeled under existing, and 2020 load scenarios. The model calculates air quality benefits as well as time savings. Project benefit does not include arterial or other freeway benefit. The presentation was interrupted at 4:53 pm by a 5.4 magnitude earthquake.

David Hershenson – gave an overview of the upcoming changes, 753, 711, and 715 Rapid Lines are being eliminated. Most of the hours are being placed back into local service. Line 214 will not have a replacement. He discussed the work of the Blue Ribbon Committee and their recommendations that were finalized yesterday.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director, reported that the Carmenita Interchange still on track to be under construction in late 2011. I-5, I-605 to Orange County, one segment is still on track, the others may be delayed to late 2012. Valley View is not completely grade separated. C/T may want to push the date out to 2012 where there will be lapsing issue. She continued on to discuss the CHSRA activities and how Fred Latham will ask the CHSRA board to consider the shared track (3 + 2 shared tracks). The cities submitted a 90-page matrix of issues with each of the cities. Pico Rivera has the worst issues.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.