

# GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

Wednesday, January 5, 2005, 4:30 PM

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Cerritos Senior Center  
12340 South Street  
Cerritos, CA

		<b>Recommended Action</b>
I.	Call to Order – Roll Call by Self Introductions	
II.	Pledge of Allegiance	
III.	Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the Transportation Committee Meeting of November 3, 2004	Approve
IV.	Reports	
	1. Status Report on the Green Line Light Rail from LAX to Norwalk/Santa Fe Spring Transportation Center. by Ray Maekawa, Manager, MTA Southeast Area Team	Receive & File
	2. Update on MTA Long Range Transportation Plan by Ray Maekawa.	Receive & File
	3. Appointment of Sub-committee on MTA Service Sector Governance Council.	Receive & File
	4. Update on MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector by Alex Clifford, General Manager	Receive & File
	5. Update on I-710 Major Corridor Study.	Receive & File
	6. Update on SR-91/I-605 Needs Assessment.	Receive & File
V.	New Business/Date of Next Meeting.	
VI.	Information Item: Workshop for the Metro Bicycle Transportation Strategic Plan (BTSP).	
VII.	Adjournment.	

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## Item III Approval of Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Cerritos Senior Center 12340 South Street, Cerritos  
November 3, 2004

Call to order and roll call: The meeting was called to order by Chair Beatrice Proo at 4:40 p.m. Roll call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Beatrice Proo, Chair; Gene Daniels; Ken Farfsing; Robert Hughlett; Marina Sueiro for Fred Latham; Bill Pagett; Jaime Becerra for James Parker.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: COG President Ed Wilson; COG Vice-President Greg Nordback; Desi Alvarez; Don Knabe; Geraldine Knatz; Greg Korduner; Keith McCarthy.

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Powers, Gateway Cities COG Executive Director; Jack Joseph, Gateway Cities COG; Deborah Chankin, Gateway Cities COG; Wally Shidler, MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector Governing Council; Bonnie Lowenthal, MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector Governing Council; Alex Clifford, MTA; Jeannine Critie, Office of Frank Colonna; David Hershenson, MTA; Ray Maekawa, MTA; Nancy Michali, MTA; Sharad Mulchand, MTA.

A quorum was not present.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Proo.

Report by Nancy Michali, MTA Director of Service Performance and Analysis. Ms. Michali presented an update on "Metro Connections" Bus Service Restructuring. Ms. Michali stated the goal is to complete implementation of the new service structure by the year 1020. The new service structure will need to accommodate more transit dependent persons as both the youth and senior populations are expected to increase. Since the last report to the Transportation Committee, potential regional and sub-regional bus service hubs have been identified. The proposed regional centers in the COG area are Huntington Park/Vernon, Downtown Long Beach and the Norwalk Transit Center. Sub-regional centers under consideration include the Compton "Artesia" Blue Line Station, Bell Gardens/Downey, Lakewood and Whittier. In response to a question, Ms. Michali explained that regional and sub-regional centers should have rail access.

There was discussion of the Santa Fe Springs Metro Link station and its function as a transit hub, the lack of connectivity between that location and the Green Line in Norwalk and the need for expanded parking. In response to questions, Chair Proo invited Ray Maekawa, Manager of MTA Southeast Area Team, to discuss the possible extension of the Green Line close this gap. Mr. Maekawa described the extension options that were reviewed in a 1993 EIR completed by the MTA. Mr. Maekawa explained that the COG may want to consider its position on the extension prior to the next MTA Long Range Transit Plan. Mr. Maekawa stated that there will be vigorous competition for limited available funds. It was agreed that he should come back for a more detailed presentation on this subject at a future meeting.

Ms. Michali explained that the “Community Centers” would be those without rail access and might be hubs for express bus service, for example. These centers will be identified during service planning. In response to questions, Ms. Michali explained that the Gateway Cities Service Sector will convene the service planning process.

Committee members Keith McCarthy and Ed Norris for Desi Alvarez arrived during Ms. Michali’s presentation. A quorum was then present.

Report by Alex Clifford, General Manager of the MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector. Mr. Clifford reported that the first service planning meeting had been convened last month and was well attended and well received. Members Sueiro and Becerra echoed Mr. Clifford’s assessment that the meeting was productive and participants were excited about the potential for cooperative service planning. The next meeting will be held next week and it was agreed that Sector staff will work with COG staff on distributing the information to cities.

Mr. Clifford explained recent service changes and that service hours deleted from low performance lines were able to be reinvested where needed to improve service. He also reported that the Governance Council had participated in a tour of transit hubs in the area: the Norwalk Green Line station, the “Artesia” Blue Line Station in Compton, the Florence Blue Line Station and the intersection of Florence and Pacific. Following the tour, Council Members participated in a transit planning workshop. The next meeting of the Governance Council will be November 10 at 2:00 p.m. Governance Council members Shidler and Lowenthal were in attendance at the Transportation Committee meeting.

Minutes: It was moved by Member Farfsing, seconded by Member Hughlett and approved unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

New Business/Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2004. It was noted that one member would not be available on this date due to the National League of Cities meeting. Chair Proo stated that the Committee will meet if there is business to conduct.

Chair Proo congratulated COG Executive Director on his presentation to a UCLA sponsored invitation-only symposium on goods movement. Mr. Powers reported that the symposium drew an amazing assortment of participants, although there was an absence of industry participants. The emphasis was on transportation and air quality. Our sub-region and its issues have gained national attention. The magnitude and complexity of the issues are great. No conclusions were reached but many creative ideas surfaced. Mr. Powers expressed his hope that someone will compile and advance these ideas. Chair Proo offered to share the conference report with Committee members as soon as it becomes available.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

IV. Reports  
Item 4  
MTA Gateway Cities Service  
Sector Governance Council

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director

**SUBJECT: MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council**

### **Background**

In 2002, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) decided to decentralize the management of bus operations with the establishment of five "service sectors." One of those, known as the Gateway Cities Service Sector is almost coterminous with the Gateway Cities COG (it excludes the City of Montebello and includes certain additional unincorporated areas.) The COG was recognized by the MTA as the "convening coalition" assigned with the task of nominating members to a Sector Governance Council.

The COG adopted the attached Nominating Policy and Procedure which is consistent with the MTA's Sector By-laws and Guidelines. In accordance with this procedure, the Sub-Committee solicited applications, interviewed candidates and nominated four public transit user members. The COG Executive Committee elected three elected official members from among the elected official applicants. These seven nominees were then forwarded to the MTA Board for its approval. The first Gateway Cities Service Sector Council was convened and sworn into office in July 2003.

### **Issue**

In order to provide for staggered three-year terms as specified by the MTA Sector By-Laws, the initial members drew straws for two- and three-year terms respectively. The members drawing two-year terms were Councilmember Larry Nelson of Artesia, Ms. Jacqueline Rynerson of Lakewood and Mr. Wally Shidler of unincorporated Los Angeles County. The terms of these three members will expire in July 2005.

In order to nominate members for the full three-year term beginning in July 2005, the COG must initiate the nominating process. Nominations should be acted upon by the COG Board of Directors in May 2005 for action by the MTA Board of Directors in June 2005. Since this is only the COG's second experience with the Sector Governance Council nominating process, and since the COG has since changed from monthly Executive Committee meetings to monthly Board of Directors meetings, it is recognized that minor adjustments to the attached written procedure may be in order.

### **Attachments**

Gateway Cities MTA Service Sector Council Nominating Policy and Procedure.

**Recommended Action**

It is recommended that the Chair of the Transportation Committee appoint a Subcommittee to conduct the Sector Council Nominating process and that the Subcommittee return in February with a schedule for the process and with any recommended revisions or clarifications to the Policy and Procedure.

Item IV. 4  
MTA Gateway Cities Service  
Sector Governance Council  
Attachment

## **Gateway Cities MTA Service Sector Council Nominating Policy and Procedure**

### **Council composition**

The Council will be initiated with seven members including a majority of public transit users and not to exceed three (3) elected officials. The COG (acting as the convening coalition) reserves the right to expand the Council to nine (9) members at a future date as it deems appropriate, in which case the members shall not exceed four (4) elected officials.

### **Nomination procedure**

All applications received will be reviewed by the MTA Sector Subcommittee of the Transportation Committee. The Subcommittee will recommend seven candidates to the Executive Committee for nomination to the Sector Council. The Executive Committee's nominations will be forwarded to the MTA Board of Directors for review and approval. In selecting among the applicants, the Subcommittee will strive for diversity of perspectives, expertise, geographic representation, and transit use including consideration of populations with special transit needs such as the elderly and the disabled.

### **III. Outreach**

Applications will be accepted for a minimum period of three weeks. Notice of available applications will be posted on the COG website and mailed to all mayors, councilmembers, county supervisors, city managers and municipal transit providers in the Sector area as well as the Gateway Cities Partnership. A press release will also be issued.

Item VI.  
Workshop for the  
Metro Bicycle Transportation  
Strategic Plan (BTSP).



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To the Members of the Gateway Cities Area,

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is pleased to invite you to participate in a workshop for the Metro Bicycle Transportation Strategic Plan (BTSP).

### Who Should Participate?

Staff involved or interested in planning for bicycle facility improvements in their community.

### Why Attend?

- **Funding:** The Metro BTSP can help your community obtain funds from the California Bicycle Transportation Account and/or the MTA Call for Projects.
- **Training:** We will draw from experiences around California to gain knowledge of planning and designing transportation systems, including the successful integration and promotion of bicycling in transportation infrastructure.
- **Planning for your community:** The BTSP offers opportunities for planning enhanced integration of bicycles with transit, completion of a regional off-street trail/path network, and assistance with potential funding needs.

Bikeway planning experts Mia Birk and Michael Jones of Alta Planning + Design will lead the training and facilitate the discussion.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2005

**Location:** City of Long Beach – Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
333 West Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**\*Parking:** Validation will be provided for the Broadway Parking Structure

**Time:** 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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