

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Chair – MTA Director Bonnie Lowenthal
Gateway Cities Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd. , Paramount
November 1, 2006**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Chair Lowenthal at 4:34 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Lowenthal – Long Beach, Larry Nelson – Artesia, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Frank Gurule – Cudahy, Ken Farfing – Signal Hill, Bill Pagett, – Paramount, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe’s Office, Gary Milliman, – South Gate.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Elba Guerrero – Huntington Park, Gene Daniels - Paramount, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Kerry Cartwright – Port of Long Beach, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate.

OTHERS PRESENT: Wally Shidler - Gateway Sector Council, Mike Egan, - Bellflower, Alex Clifford – Metro, David Hershenson - Metro, Sharad Mulchand - Metro, Michael Sieckert, – Metro, Richard Powers – Gateway Cities COG, Jack Joseph – Gateway Cities COG, Karen Heit, Jerry Wood – Gateway COG, Sumire Gant – Long Beach, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the August 2, 2006 meeting were approved with a correction to the spelling of Frank Gurule’s name.

Mike Egan, City Manager of Bellflower, gave an overview of the CMP Policy Advisory Committee Meeting (PAC) he attended o behalf of the GCCOG. He highlighted the issue with the program being presented as voluntary despite a significant portion of cities’ gas tax funds being tied to CMP compliance. He presented other significant issues such as the how the regional funds would be leveraged at the state level, favoring areas with higher growth; the types of projects that would be eligible (may not exist in smaller cities). Director Lowenthal stated that the Fee must work for the Gateway Cities and not cause harm before the COG should give it further consideration. There was general discussion and the matter was recommended to the City Manager’s Steering Committee for further actions and recommendations. A motion was passed to: express concerns about this program to the COG Board; refer the issue to the City Manager’s Steering Committee and report back to the next Transportation Committee.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy to Director Lowenthal reported that a Gateway Cities 2007 Call for Projects Workshop had been scheduled for November 14th and that all cities were encouraged to send representatives. Gateway Cities Area

Team Director Ernest Morales had arranged for the modal leads to be present to address specific issues with applications. Notices had been sent out to the cities.

Heit also reported that a local bus/shuttle capital “mini” call for Projects was out and encouraged cities to apply for new equipment for dial-a-rides and local shuttles.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Sector General Manager, discussed the new schedule generated for Metro Connections activities developed after his discussions with the City Manager’s Steering Committee. The new countywide schedule was extended from 11/06 to June ’07 to allow cities more time to examine regional hubs and subregional centers. He also announced that the Consent Decree had expired and that the Bus Riders Union was unsuccessful in gaining an extension. Expiration of federal oversight will allow Metro to more effectively manage its resources. The New Service Plan will be monitored by the federal court until 2010.

He also discussed the Antonovich Motion relating to service sectors, the motion was referred to the sectors who will meet on it once more before returning to the MTA Board. Discussions held included the need for more public outreach and comprehensive separate sector budgets.

Jerry Wood, I-5 JPA Executive Director, gave an update on the I-5 project: The I-5 /605 South EIR/EIS is in public circulation and a public hearing is set in December. If Proposition IB passes this project is a high priority for funding.

Jerry Wood also gave an update on the I-710 EIR/EIS process, announcing that the RFP should be released November 13th.

Lastly Mr. Wood said the SR-91/I-605 Committee met last week to discuss issues with the RSTIS process. This initiative is making progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.