

**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
January 18, 2007**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Lowenthal – Long Beach, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Frank Gurule – Cudahy, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Bill Pagett, – Paramount, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe's Office, Gary Milliman, – South Gate, Kerry Cartwright – Port of Long Beach, Jaime Beccera – Norwalk Transit, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Gene Daniels - Paramount.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Elba Guerrero – Huntington Park, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Larry Nelson – Artesia.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharad Mulchand - Metro, Michael Sieckert, – Metro, Richard Powers – Gateway Cities COG, Karen Heit, Deborah Chankin – Gateway Cities COG, Jerry Wood – Gateway COG, Sumire Gant – Long Beach, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit, Dan Rosenfell – Long Beach Transit.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the November 6, 2006 meeting were approved.

Richard Powers reported on the Gateway Cities City Manager's Breakfast and the report given by Ken Frafsing, Art Gallucci, Michael Egan, and Fred Latham about GCCOG issues with the CMP Fee. The Managers requested the attached letter be forwarded to the GCCOG Board for approval and signature. There was discussion about alternatives to the fee and the future of the debits and credits system. Karen Heit reviewed the program process and the additional time allotted to address GCCOG concerns.

The Call for Projects list for the GCCOG was presented and recommended to be sent to the GCCOG Board for approval and signature. A motion was passed to move the project list plus those projects still to be added on to the Board of Directors for signature.

Michael Siekert, Metro Gateway Sector, gave a report on Metro Connections; a letter and CD with service changes would be sent to each city with service changes and potential locations for major bus stops and transit hubs. He announced that a public hearing would be held for Gateway Cities service changes on February 8th at the Gas Co, in Downey at 5 pm. He also reported on

the nighttime relocation of the Elm Street layover in downtown Long Beach at the request of residents.

Karen Heit announced that the MTA Board would be holding a Goods Movement Workshop on January 29th, the agenda had yet to be posted. Kerry Cartwright reported on the role of the San Pedro Bay Ports and the presentation both ports were preparing.

Jerry Wood reported in the I-5 project; there were 400 people at the December public hearing. One individual spoke in opposition of the project. The overall reaction was positive. Wood reported on the allocation of \$387 million in Prop. IB Congestion Mobility Improvement program funds. The project will begin construction next year.

Mr. Wood also reported on the I-710 project; the RFP solicitation period closed January 10th and the proposals were under review with the funding partners. The consultant selection process should culminate in a recommendation to the MTA Board in April and a notice to proceed with the project in May.

Mr. Wood also reported on the 91/605 process; the Major Corridor Study has gone into the RSTIS process and the project has been expanded to include impacts on the I-405 and SR-22.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.