

**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
February 7, 2007**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Chair Lowenthal at 4:38 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Lowenthal – Long Beach, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Bill Pagett,– Paramount, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe’s Office, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Sumi Gant – Long Beach

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Elba Guerrero – Huntington Park, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Larry Nelson – Artesia, Frank Gurule – Cudahy, Ken Farfaring – Signal Hill, Gary Milliman – South Gate, Kerry Cartwright – Port of Long Beach.

OTHERS PRESENT:Sharad Mulchand - Metro, Michael Sieckert,– Metro, Richard Powers – Gateway Cities COG, Karen Heit, Deborah Chankin – Gateway Cities COG, Jerry Wood – Gateway COG, Wally Shidler – Gateway Sector Council, Alex Clifford – Metro, Ernest Morales – Metro, David Hershenson – Metro, Jack Joseph – Gateway Cities COG, Hassan Fakhro - Metro.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the January 18, 2007 meeting were approved.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy to Director Lowenthal reported on the CMP Fee process at the MTA. In response to many of the concerns raised by the Gateway Cities, a set of Guiding Principles was developed. Earnest Morales, MTA - Gateway Cities Area Team Director further explained the Principles and how they would guide the development of the Fee program. A Motion was passed to ask that the Guiding Principles be circulated to LA County cities and the Policy Advisory Committee for review before they are approved by the MTA Planning and Programming Committee. Director Lowenthal stated she would propose a Motion at the Committee to that effect.

Heit also reported on the January 29th, MTA Board Goods Movement Workshop; explaining what the various speakers discussed and the high level of interest of the MTA Board. There was a discussion of previous Board actions on developing an LA County Plan and an anticipated plan to from Director’s Lowenthal and Fasana to develop an LA County strategic goods movement plan.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Sector General Manager, reported on the various service changes proposed for June '07. He went over the need to delete poor performing service in light of the operational budget deficit. He discussed the line cancellations and

the additional service hours on some lines. He also reviewed the Gateway sector lines that will have the .50 fare. Councilman Daniels brought up criminal activity at the Artesia Blue Station and the Artesia Transit Center.

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.

Jerry Wood also gave an update on the I-710 EIR/EIS process, the responses to the RFP are in and under review, a recommendation is expected to the MTA Board in April with work to commence in May. The I-710 Corridor Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) is under early development with interviews being conducted with Tier I and II stakeholders. A draft of the results is due in March.

Lastly Mr. Wood said the SR-91/I-605/405 traffic modeling definition work began; the TAC/Board will meet next month. The project would be discussed during the next OCTA/MTA Meeting.

The next Transportation Meeting will be March 1st.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.