

**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
April 4, 2007**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Gene Daniels at 4:40 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, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Laura Lee – Cerritos, Frank Gurule – Cudahy, Gary Milliman – South Gate, Jaime Beccera – Norwalk Transit.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Elba Guerrero – Huntington Park, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Larry Nelson – Artesia, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Kerry Cartwright – Port of Long Beach.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharad Mulchand - Metro, Karen Heit – Gateway Cities COG, Deborah Chankin – Gateway Cities COG, Jerry Wood – Gateway Cities COG, Alex Clifford – Metro, David Hershenson – Metro, Jack Joseph – Gateway Cities COG, Jen Labrado – CHSRA, Sumire Gant – Long Beach, Betsy Lindsay – CHSRA, Brew Clark – CHSRA, Luis Marquez – Senator Lowenthal, Kip Field – CHSRA, Roderick Diaz - CHSRA .

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the March 7, 2007 meeting were approved.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy to Director Lowenthal reported on the continued progress with the CMP fee proposal at the MTA. The guiding principles were undergoing revision to be presented to the MTA Board of Directors at the April Planning and Programming meeting for approval. There was a general discussion of the City Manager's Steering Committee recommendation to maintain the current system of debits and credits as an elective alternative for cities. A motion was passed to move the recommended proposal on to the GCCOG Board.

Luis Marquez, Field Deputy for State Senator Alan Lowenthal, gave an overview of SB 974, the Container Fee Bill. He read a communication from Senator Lowenthal and discussed the differences between SB 974 and SB 760. He also discussed what the fees would be used for ½ air quality improvement; ½ infrastructure development (excluding truckways and highway improvements), but would include railroads improvements and some on-ramps from the San Pedro Bay Ports area. There was general discussion on how the funds get

allocated and how projects get adopted. The TC recommended a "Support work with author" position, to ensure that projects nearest the ports would receive priority and be generated locally.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager, reported on the implementation of Metro Connections and line segments and line cancellations. He highlighted the assumption of line 275 by Norwalk Transit and the start-up of Line 760 Long Beach Blvd. Rapid bus Line which would start this June. He discussed the continuing process of upgrades and additional enforcement taking place at the Artesia Metro Blue Line Station.

Jerry Wood, GCCOG Transportation Engineer gave an overview of the developments with the OCTA/MTA Intercounty study and shared a map with the all of the active projects that affect the county interface.

Karen Heit gave the update on the I-5 project progress. She distributed the I-5 JPA press conference materials and invited all to attend. The Carmenita project is continuing with property acquisitions and clearance. Certification of the EIR (to the 605) will occur within a few months

Jerry Wood gave an update on the I-710 EIR/EIS process, MTA Board approval of the award of contract is on schedule for April with a Notice to Proceed in May. The I-710 Corridor Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) draft document is partly written and under staff review.

Lastly, Mr. Wood said the SR-91/I-605/405 study was underway.

Brew Clarke from CHSRA gave a presentation on the California High Speed Rail Authority's project through the LOSSAN corridor. He indicated that the project specific environmental analysis was beginning and that there would be project specific scoping sessions April 12 3-5 and 6-8 at the Norwalk Arts/Sports complex. There were questions about BNSF and the West Santa Ana Branch r.o.w., and discussion about conflict with the Orange Line Mag-lev proposal.

Director Lowenthal reported on the resignation of Gateway Cities Sector Governance Board member Cyndy Soto and reviewed the process for her replacement. GCCOG President Larry Nelson proposed a subcommittee of himself, GCCOG Vice-President Guerrero and Director Lowenthal. Director Lowenthal requested a volunteer to serve in her stead, Jaime Becerra, Norwalk Transit, volunteered

All received and file items were moved and approved.

The next Transportation Meeting will be May 2, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.