

**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
May 2, 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: Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Bill Pagett, – Paramount, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe’s Office, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Frank Gurule – Cudahy, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Kerry Cartwright – Port of Long Beach.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Elba Guerrero – Huntington Park, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Larry Nelson – Artesia, Jaime Beccera – Norwalk, Bonnie Lowenthal –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, Sumire Gant – Long Beach.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the April 4, 2007 meeting were approved.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy to Director Lowenthal reported on the continuing development process of the CMP fee proposal at the MTA. She reviewed the activities of the Policy Advisory Committee and the consensus that if fees are adopted, that they be established subregionally and that goals and plans also be made at a subregional level. She also talked about the distribution of the GCOG letter requesting that an alternative be maintained; keeping the current system of Debits/Credits. It was requested that the GCCOG cities be given the current status of their Debits/Credits balances.

Karen Heit also discussed the proposed MTA Metro fare increase and reviewed the new fare structure proposal. She talked about the different “Fare Forums” that had been set up Countywide to encourage and gather public comment. The Gateway Sector forum would be held in Downey on May 9th.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager, gave more information on the Gateway Sector Fare Forum and discussed the outreach effort as well as the extra bus service ordered to make sure residents could attend. Deborah Chankin discussed the vacancy on the Gateway Cities Service Sector Council and passed out applications and recruitment fliers.

Karen Heit reported on the progress with the MTA Call For Projects, the adoption schedule and important dates.

Jerry Wood, GCCOG Transportation Engineer gave an overview of the developments with the OCTA/MTA Intercounty Study; proposals had been received and consultant interviews were held earlier that week. OCTA (lead agency) expected to have a consultant under contract by July.

Karen Heit gave the update on the I-5 project progress. Not much change has occurred since last month. The Carmenita Interchange design work is mostly complete and property acquisitions underway. 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 was pushed back to June because of the MTA Special Board Meeting on fare restructuring.

Lastly, Mr. Wood discussed the meeting of the 91/605/405 TAC and Corridor Cities would be held at the end of May.

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The next Transportation Meeting will be June 6, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.