

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Blvd.
Paramount, California
December 7, 2016**

Second Vice President Dutra called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Second Vice President Fernando Dutra, City of Whittier
Immediate Past President Ali Saleh, City of Bell
Member Cinde MacGugan Cassidy, City of Avalon
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member George Ray, City of Cerritos
Member Christian Hernandez, City of Cudahy
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Edward Eng, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Sergio Calderon, City of Maywood
Member Mike Mendez, City of Norwalk
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Joe Angel Zamora, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Javier Hernandez, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis
Member Doug Drummond, Port of Long Beach (ex officio)

ABSENT: President Al Austin, City of Long Beach
First Vice President Jhonny Pineda, City of Huntington Park
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member Ivan Altamirano, City of Commerce
Member Emma Sharif, City of Compton
Member Fernando Vasquez, City of Downey
Member Mark D. Radecki, City of Industry
Member Roberto Uranga, City of Long Beach
Member Vanessa Delgado, City of Montebello
Member Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Member Janice Hahn, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

ALSO PRESENT: Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Whittier City Manager Jeff Collier; Artesia Administrative Manager Pradeep Elayath; Bell Gardens Director of Public Works Chau Vu; Downey Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; La Mirada Director of Public Works Mark Stowell; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Diana Tang; South Gate Associate Engineer Gladis Deras; Vernon Director of Public Works Derek Wieske; Lance Grindle, Head, City Services, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Elizabeth Alcantar, Field Deputy, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis; Kimberly Ortega, Field Deputy, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis; Saeed Ali, Office of Senator Tony Mendoza; Tonya Martin, Field Representative, Office of Senator Ricardo Lara; Michael Kodama, Executive Director, Eco Rapid Transit; Ayda Safaei, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Gregory Farr, Region Chief, Caltrans; Kevin Gilhooley, Regional Affairs, SCAG; Dan Knapp, Executive Director, Conservation Corps of Long Beach; Irene Quinones, Education Director, Conservation Corps of Long Beach; Cesar Estrada, Director, All American War Veterans; Jerard Wright, Policy Analyst, Move LA; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer; GCCOG Consultant Engineer Kekoa Anderson.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member DuBois.

Member DuBois requested a moment of silence for the victims of the attack on Pearl Harbor 75 years ago, today.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member DuBois, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dan Knapp, Executive Director, Conservation Corps of Long Beach, reported that the Corps is currently serving 100 young people and that they are currently working on trails on Santa Catalina Island. He said graduate students from Cal Poly Pomona are working with the Corps to identify projects along the Los Angeles River in Long Beach.

Mr. Knapp introduced Irene Quinones, Education Director for the Corps, who gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Gateway Cities Charter School, which is administered by the Conservation Corps. She said the school serves students between the ages of 18 and 25, all of whom arrive at the school without a high school diploma. She said the school is WASC accredited and offers a variety of program options for students. She said the school offers student transition support services, including a corps

to career program, transitions to college, and a scholarship program. The school has grown from a graduating class of 30 in 2014 to 137 in June of this year. Ms. Quinones said the most important thing to them is to get more students into the school and to work with the cities to achieve that goal.

Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan presented a report from the City Managers Steering Committee which reviewed the recent Measure M Education Campaign. He said current contributions from member cities and others to this point had left the COG with a current deficit of \$137,967 even though the consultant costs had come in at a below budget amount of \$310,467. He said the City Managers Steering Committee recommended that a subcommittee of the Board be created to recommend a strategy to deal with the deficit in contributions and to report on the lessons learned from the entire Measure M campaign. He said the recommended membership of the subcommittee is the COG President and one board member from each of four major transportation corridors: I-5; I-710; Eco Rapid Transit; and the Washington Blvd. alignment of the Eastside Gold Line Extension.

Second Vice President Dutra noted that only 14 of the 27 member cities had contributed to date and that the purpose of the campaign was not to break the COG budget.

The Executive Director pointed out that legal fees to date of \$37,600 had been incurred and those costs were not included in the report on the consultant team costs.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Egan said the goal would be to come back with a report within 90 days.

It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Cassidy, to approve the recommendation of the City Managers Steering Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said the Conservancy Board did not have a quorum last month, so grant awards from Proposition 1 could not be made. He said they will meet again in January.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Mendez, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the I-710 Project Committee. He said there was no meeting of the TAC in November. He said individual city meetings regarding active transportation projects had been held and that meetings are ongoing with the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy staff.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Mendez, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said there was no TAC meeting last month, but that Caltrans had held

community meetings regarding the various freeway interchange projects. He said the interchanges will be combined into one environmental document for the I-605 corridor.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the MTA Board had approved the first phase of a parking pilot program. She said the issue of transit system policing had come up at the last meeting and the Board is considering a multi-agency approach to be administered by staff at Metro. She said a decision would be made in February.

The Transportation Deputy reported that the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board send a letter to the MTA Board asking that the Advisory Council being organized by Metro be restructured to include all subregional organizations (COGs or transportation coordination groups) be invited to participate.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Cassidy, to approve the recommendation from the Transportation Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Mendez, seconded by Member Hurtado, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director reported that over 100 people had attended the Homeless Summit held at the Cerritos Performing Arts Center on November 30th and that representatives from 17 cities were in attendance.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Saleh, seconded by Member Zamora, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the I-5 Consortium Cities JPA.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

There was no report from Eco-Rapid Transit.

There was no report from the South Coast AQMD.

Ayda Safaei presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. She said routine changes, minor in nature, were being made to the bus system. She said service is being added to lines that are part of the 15-minute network and that these changes will be made as on December 11th.

It was moved by Member Zamora, seconded by Member Hurtado, to receive and file the agency reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

Second Vice President Dutra wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary