

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
December 7, 2016**

The Meeting was called to order 4:37pm, roll call taken by self-introduction:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cinde Cassidy – City of Avalon, Sal Alatorre – City of Lynwood, Diane DuBois – MTA Director, Gene Daniels – 4th District, Supervisor Knabe, Dana Pynn – Long Beach Transit, Diana Tang – City of Long Beach, Bill Pagett – Public Works Officers, Mike Egan – City of Norwalk - Chair, City Manager’s Steering Committee, Jose Pulido – City of Cudahy - City Manager’s Steering Committee Mohammad Mostahkami – City of Downey – Public Works Officer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kekoa Anderson, Yvette Kirrin – GCCOG Consulting Engineers, Nancy Pfeffer, Karen Heit, COG staff, Kevin Gilhooley – Regional Affairs Officer – SCAG, Michael Kodama – Executive Director – Eco-Rapid Transit, Cesar Estrada – American War Vet, Tonya Martin Field Representative – Senator Ricardo Lara, Maryam Adhani – City Services Bureau, County of Los Angeles, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector Council, Ayda Safaei – Community Relations Manager - Metro.

There were no amendments to the Agenda, or matters from staff or public comment.

Director DuBois gave a report on the December MTA Board Meeting

The Board approved actions to implement the first phase of the Parking Management Pilot Program (Pilot Program) at the March 2016 Board Meeting. The Board awarded a contract is to procure additional parking equipment and parking management services for the second phase of the Pilot Program at up to thirteen (13) locations for a four (4) year period. The actions approved at the December meeting will allow for implementation of Phase II of the Pilot Program. The program will begin operating in the first quarter of 2017 and is anticipated to generate \$10.1 million in net revenue over four (4) years.

The proposed Pilot Program Phase II will be initially expanded at up to six (6) Metro-owned park and ride locations and at an additional four (4) Caltrans-owned locations pending an amendment of the Operating and Maintenance agreement between Caltrans and Metro (currently in negotiations). Caltrans lots include the Norwalk and Lakewood Green Line Stations:

She went on to discuss the MTA Board approval of amendments to the Measure R highway program – including recommendations made by the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Committee and projects for the I-710 Corridor. The MTA is budgeting \$65,000 in FY16-17 as match to a \$500,000 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant awarded to Metro by Caltrans to perform an evaluation of potential complete street improvements along the arterial highway network that supports the I-710 corridor. This evaluation will target

parallel and intersecting arterials (within one mile of the I-710).

The Board approved the purchase 64 Heavy Rail cars to be used for the opening of the Subway to La Cienega and to replace the oldest cars that have been in service since 1992. The total order is \$180 million with future options to provide more cars in the future.

She went on to discuss the status of the Transit Policing Contract. The Board considered a new multi-Agency contract for Metro System policing that allocates the police resources to the Los Angeles Police Department for the majority of the bus and rail system and allocates resources to Long Beach Police Department for the policing the southern third of the Blue Line. The rest of the County will be covered by the Los Angeles County Sheriff with 58 to 75 officers countywide and is heavily reliant upon local police departments for emergency calls.

The decision on approving the contracts has been postponed until details on the command structure for policing will work and how the other local departments will be involved. The multi-agency concept is sound – but there are still questions and issues as to how local jurisdiction departments will integrate and how the Sheriff will work with local PDs as well as contracted Sheriff. There is an issue with how the command structure will work with multiple agencies.

Director DuBois expressed concerns about how the 58-75 remaining County sheriffs will patrol and ensure safety for MTA bus and rail patrons in jurisdictions outside of LA and Long Beach. She also expressed concern about the police management within a multi-jurisdictional environment. She discussed the potential example of the Blue Line between the City of Long Beach and LAPD jurisdictions.

There was a general discussion about safety on the Blue Line. Sal Alatorre from Lynwood has an issue with the Sheriff not responded to incidents on the Green Line and on buses. Mike Egan from Norwalk wants to talk to MTA Security Chief Alex Wiggins about the policing issue. Egan brought up the single command system with MTA at the helm (civilian oversight of police command) and how that might work.

Director DuBois introduced the next item an MTA receive and file report on the First/Last Mile response to the 3% Local Contribution Measure M requirement. In May of this year Directors Garcetti, Bonin, Kuehl, Solis, Najarian and DuBois submitted a Motion for Board approval that allowed First//last Mile improvements to count toward the now adopted 3% local contribution to major transit initiatives under Measure M. The 3% requirement impacts 17 Gateway jurisdictions that are along planned rail lines. Approximate contributions are on the first page of the report in Agenda packet.

This Motion was amended at the Board meeting to allow for 100% of the local contribution to be in the form of first/last mile – Active Transportation projects that cities would be doing anyway.

A key element of this First/Last Mile response is MTA is going to provide technical

assistance including grant writing to help jurisdictions plan these improvements. Director DuBois discussed the potential for satisfying the requirement for the 3% Local Contribution. This is a positive effort towards building out 1st/Last Mile improvements. Director DuBois suggested MTA staff be invited to the next Transportation Committee Meeting to make a presentation on the First/Last Mile Contribution option.

Director DuBois introduced the next report which Transportation Deputy Karen Heit explained reviewing the PowerPoint presentation attached to the report was presented to the MTA Board at the December 1 meeting. There was no previous briefing and it was not discussed at any MTA committees.

The presentation discusses how MTA staff plans to develop the necessary Guidelines for Measure M.

One of the new recommendations is the creation of an Advisory Council that provides an "Inclusive Forum". This Advisory Council DOES NOT include representation from all of the COGs.

Director DuBois asked that the Transportation Committee recommend to the COG Board that a letter be drafted and signed requesting that all of the LA County COGs and transportation Coalitions (Arroyo-Verdugo, Malibu/Las Virgenes, North County) be represented on this Advisory Council and that the small, Medium, and small/medium city representation be eliminated as population is not a reasonable determinant of policy. She also asserted that the letter state support for the process and independent representation of the Cities of LA and Long Beach and LA County.

Ayda Safaei, Metro Communications & Construction Relations Manager Gateway Service gave the Service Sector report. She will be splitting the task with Robert Calix until someone is hired to replace David Herschensohn. She gave a report on 15-minute peak hour bus service that will be put into effect this Sunday, December 11, She reviewed the lines in the Gateway Cities area.

Nancy Pfeffer gave an update on Cap & Trade auction proceeds. Pfeffer said that revenue has rebounded on the proceeds. The COG is focusing on getting cities prepared for applying for the next round of funding. She discussed the Climate Action Plan grant that the COG had applied for through SCAG, awards are expected in June. She talked about the COG planning session and the need to prepare cities to meet these requirements. She talked about the interest on the part of Assembly Speaker Rendon and Assemblymember Garcia on getting GCCOG cities together and making sure they are ready to apply for Greenhouse Gas Reduction. She also talked about a joint meeting with the Gateway Cities Water Management group to make sure that potential projects get vetted. She monitors the Strategic Growth Council activities and their rulemaking as well we looking for potential source of technical assistance money. There will be a lesson learned workshop for cities on the Affordable Housing and Sustainable communities programs.

Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG Consulting Engineer, gave the I-5 Corridor Report, The Santa Fe Springs bridge construction at Florence will begin in January for 36 months. Florence will be narrowed to one lane in either direction during this period.

Anderson continued with the I-710 Corridor report, there were no meetings this past month as the consultant team and agencies are reviewing the technical documents. There were meetings with the individual cities apprising them of concepts contemplated to address Motion 22.1. Anderson mentioned that there was interest in moving ahead with Rivers and Mountains Conservancy funding when available to do additional greening.

Anderson continued reporting on matters from SR-91/I-605/I-405 Major Corridor. There was committee or TAC meeting. The three environments documents are underway for the following interchanges 605/5, 605/60, 605/91. Director DuBois asked about the STP and the current efforts that are underway in Long Beach. She asked if the work is consistent with the STP. Ayde discussed the outreach effort for environmental outreach for the I605 projects including the combined 605/60.

There was no report from the Eco-Rapid Transit Joint Powers Authority.

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:27