

**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
July 5, 2017**

First Vice President Pineda called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: First Vice President Jhonny Pineda, City of Huntington Park
Second Vice President Fernando Dutra, City of Whittier
Immediate Past President Ali Saleh, City of Bell
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Cinde MacGugan Cassidy, City of Avalon
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member Jim Edwards, City of Cerritos
Member Christian Hernandez, City of Cudahy
Member Fernando Vasquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member John Lewis, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Roberto Uranga, City of Long Beach
Member Vanessa Delgado, City of Montebello
Member Leonard Shryock, City of Norwalk
Member Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera
Member Joe Angel Zamora, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Maria Davila, City of South Gate
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Joseph Martinez, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis
Member Doug Drummond, Port of Long Beach (ex officio)

ABSENT: President Al Austin, City of Long Beach
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Ivan Altamirano, City of Commerce
Member Emma Sharif, City of Compton
Member Mark D. Radecki, City of Industry
Member Edwin Hernandez, City of Lynwood
Member Joaquin Lanuza, City of Maywood
Member Diane J. Martinez, City of Paramount
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Member Herlinda Chico, Office of Supervisor Janice Hahn

ALSO PRESENT: Whittier Mayor Joe Vinatieri; Whittier City Manager Jeff Collier; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Diana Tang; Sharon Weissman, Board Deputy, Office of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia; La Mirada Director of Public Works Mark Stowell; Nina Turner, Local & Regional Government Relations Liaison, Port of Long Beach; Saeed Ali, Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Tony Mendoza; Tonya Martin, Field Representative, Office of Senator Ricardo Lara; Julia Brown, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Michael Kodama, Executive Director, Eco-Rapid Transit; Kevin Gilhooley, SCAG; Mark Stanley, Executive Officer, San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy; Laura Renger, Principal Manager, Air and Climate Policy, Southern California Edison; Connie Turner, Government Affairs, Southern California Edison; Henry Kartourian, Government Affairs, Southern California Edison; Gaby Collins, Account Director, Southern California Edison; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; GCCOG Transportation Analyst Karen Heit; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer; GCCOG Consultant Engineer/I-5 JPA Executive Director Yvette Kirrin.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Hernandez.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Saleh, seconded by Member Davis, to approve the consent calendar. Member Shryock said that the minutes of meeting of June 7, 2017, should be amended to include the comments from the letter from Supervisor Solis which stated that her opposition to SB 268 (Mendoza) is because of its top-down approach to mandating the structure of the MTA Board of Directors. The recommendation was accepted as an amendment to the motion. The amended motion was approved unanimously.

Whittier Mayor Joe Vinatieri addressed the Board regarding the consequences of recent criminal justice legislation that have resulted in an increase in crime rates and property damage. He referred the Board to AB 109, which transferred the responsibility of housing 45,000 criminals from state prisons to local jails, forcing the release by the jails of thousands of lower-level criminals back into the community. Proposition 47 reclassified many crimes that were previously felonies as misdemeanors. He said that because of changes made by AB 109, a man with a criminal past and recent parole violations, who under the old law would have been incarcerated, was out free when he murdered his cousin and a Whittier police officer. He asked for support of AB 1408 (Calderon), which would reduce to three the number of parole violations could be committed by offenders before they are sent back to jail.

Whittier City Manager Jeff Collier asked that cities adopt resolutions of support for AB 1408 and for other legislation that would tighten up the description of crimes under Proposition 47 that were reduced to misdemeanors. He asked also for letters from cities and the COG to the League of California Cities urging the League to adopt a resolution calling on the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League and other public stakeholders to identify strategies to mitigate the unintended consequences of these changes to the criminal law.

It was moved by Second Vice President Dutra, seconded by Member Davila, to approve the recommendation by the Whittier City Manager. The motion was approved unanimously.

Laura Renger, Principal Manager for Air and Climate Policy, Southern California Edison, gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Transportation Electrification: Reducing Emissions, Driving Innovation". She said Southern California Edison supports California's climate and clean energy goals and is working closely with state agencies to achieve them. She pointed to transportation electrification as the largest near-term opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.

Ms. Renger described the benefits of transportation electrification, and said the electric vehicle charging load is uniquely flexible and may provide significant grid benefits. She said Edison has filed a wide-ranging plan with the PUC to expand electric transportation in its service area. She said the application has a particular focus on targeting pollution in disadvantaged communities. She described the proposed programs in Edison's January application with the PUC, including customer rebates for residential charging station installation; rates designed to incentivize electric vehicle adoption for trucks, buses, and forklifts, and two Port of Long Beach electrification projects.

Ms. Renger said her request if for support from the Board for Edison's application with the California Public Utilities Commission.

After discussion among the Board in which members stated they needed more time to absorb the information, it was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Second Vice President Dutra, to continue this item to the next meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget, saying the budget had been reviewed and approved by the City Managers Steering Committee. He said the budget is balanced on the basis of the Board's previous action approving the recommendation of the committee formed to deal with Measure M Education Campaign deficit that the budget deficit be absorbed by salary savings achieved by the Executive Director position remaining vacant through the end of the calendar year.

It was moved by Member Drummond, seconded by Member Lima, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget as presented.

Several members of the Board inquired as to the status of the recruitment of a new Executive Director. In response to a question from the Board, the Deputy Executive Director recounted the membership of the Executive Director Recruitment Committee, but said there was no report prepared for this evening's meeting. It was the Board's direction that a status report on the Executive Director recruitment be distributed to the Board prior to the August Board meeting.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget was approved unanimously.

Mark Stanley, Executive Officer, San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He reported that Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon had announced that \$100 million is going to move forward on the Los Angeles River, with \$50 million each for the upper and lower river. He said \$2 million of the budget would be for communities. Mr. Stanley announced a movie night event to be held at the confluence of the Los Angeles River and Rio Hondo.

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

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. She said the revised EIR would be released at the end of the month for a 60-day review period. She reported that the MTA is offering assistance to cities to review the EIR. She said the Early Action project to construct sound walls would be moving to construction next year.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. She said I-605 "Hot Spots" projects are moving to the construction phase. She said the Strategic Transportation Plan has moved into the implementation phase and cities are being asked to prioritize their projects.

Yvette Kirrin presented report from the I-5 Consortium Cities JPA. She said the JPA is working with MTA Board Member Garcia to move forward funds from Fiscal Year 2018-19 by one year to initiate work on the EIR for I-5 north from I-605.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Cassidy, to receive and file the freeway project reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Sharon Weissman presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the MTA Board in June approved the Measure M guidelines, but that the Board had taken no action on the local return so that COGs could decide at the regional level what the minimum return to their cities should be. She said the Board approved the ability to decide on a case by case basis approval of projects outside of the one-mile distance from a

freeway. She reported the Board voted to remove the term “level of service” from the Measure M guidelines to give foot, bicycle, and transit modes of transportation the same level of consideration as for automobiles.

Member Cassidy expressed her strong disappointment at the cancellation of the Transportation Committee meeting.

The Deputy Executive Director said there was no report from PATH, but that it is expected that the city-level data from the 2017 Homeless Count would be released by the end of the month.

There was no report on the Cap and Trade program.

It was moved by Member Tercero, seconded by Member Vasquez, to receive and file the committee reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

Kevin Gilhooley presented a report from SCAG. He reviewed the meetings scheduled for the next day at SCAG and reported that the recommendation from the scholarship committee was to award a scholarship to a student from Cerritos.

It was moved by Member Tercero, seconded by Member Edwards, to receive and file the report from SCAG. The motion was approved unanimously.

Michael Kodama presented a report from Eco-Rapid Transit. He reported that three public scoping meetings on the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor had been completed and that written comments were due by August 4th.

There was no report from the South Coast AQMD.

Julia Brown, Metro Communications Manager, presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. She referred the Board to pamphlets which discussed proposed changes in bus service and with information on upcoming public meetings on the proposed changes.

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

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

There were no matters from the President.

The Deputy General Counsel announced that now was the time for the annual election of officers.

It was moved by Member Uranga, seconded by Member Tercero, to elect First Vice President Pineda as President. The motion was approved unanimously

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Davila, to elect Second Vice President Dutra as First Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Tercero, seconded by Second Vice President Dutra, to elect Member Shryock as Second Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board to elect President Austin as Immediate Past President.

The Deputy General Counsel called for nominations to the eight at-large positions on the Executive Committee.

The following cities were nominated for seats on the Executive Committee: Artesia; Avalon; Bell Gardens; Lakewood; Montebello; Pico Rivera; Santa Fe Springs; Signal Hill; South Gate.

Since more than eight cities were nominated, the Deputy Executive Director and Deputy General Counsel distributed ballots to the Board. After the ballots were collected and counted, the Deputy General Counsel announced the following cities had been elected to serve on the Executive Committee: Artesia; Avalon; Bell Gardens; Lakewood; Montebello; Pico Rivera; Santa Fe Springs; and South Gate.

First Vice President Pineda thanked the Board for electing him as President.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.