

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CTITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Chair - MTA Director, Long Beach Mayor - Robert Garcia**

Gateway Cities COG Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723
October 4, 2017

The Meeting was called to order 4:32 p.m.; roll call was taken by self-introduction:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Garcia – MTA Director, City of Long Beach; Fernando Dutra – City of Whittier, First Vice-President, GCCOG; Christian Hernandez – City of Cudahy, Board Member, GCCOG; Maria Davila – City of South Gate, Board Member, GCCOG; Young-Gi Kim Harabedian – Fourth District, Supervisor Hahn; Debra A. Johnson – Long Beach Transit; Jose Pulido, City of Cudahy, City Manager; Bill Pagett – Public Works Officers; Mohammad Mostahkami – City of Downey – Public Works Officers.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharon Weismann – Transportation Deputy; Jack Joseph -- GCCOG Deputy Executive Director; Kekoa Anderson – GCCOG Consulting Engineer; Lance Grindle – City Services Bureau, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works; Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector Council; Sergio Infanzon – City of Huntington Park, Director of Community Development; Gregory Farr – Caltrans, Region Chief; Julia Brown – Metro, Community Relations Manager; Bill Stracker.--.Onward Engineering, Senior Project Manager; Andres Molina – WSP, Government Relations Representative; Kevin Gilhooley – SCAG, Regional Affairs.

Mayor Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the Agenda or public comment.

Mayor Garcia said he would like to explore what other COGs do to determine whether the current meeting format is the best. He suggested alternatives might include breakfast meetings or periodic larger meetings to which other city representatives would be invited.

It was moved by Fernando Dutra, seconded by Maria Davila, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Garcia recapped the September MTA Board of Directors meeting. He said the Metro Board approved the West Santa Ana Branch project as one of three public/private partnership projects, the other two being the Sepulveda Pass project and the Express Lanes expansion. He said the Board had a big conversation regarding expanding from two to three persons the number of occupants needed for a car to use the express lanes/HOV lanes. He reported that the next pieces of the I-5 project seem to be moving forward.

Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG Consulting Engineer, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the SR-91/I-605/I-405 corridor program. The program includes improvements to five freeway interchanges (I-605/I-405; I-605/SR-91; I-605/I-5; I-605/SR-60; SR-91/I-710), improvements to 26 arterial intersection hot spots; and development of an aesthetics theme for the I-605 corridor. He said the hot spots program has been designed to be consistent with other COG programs: the Strategic Transportation Plan; complete streets master plans; active transportation; and watershed planning. Mr. Anderson reviewed the funding distribution of recent Proposition 1 grant funds from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

It was moved by Maria Davila, seconded by Jose Pulido, to receive and file the report on the I-605 projects. The motion was approved unanimously.

Julia Brown, Metro, provided an update on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. She said the Sector Council had completed its FY17 review. Overall, there had been ten meetings with an average attendance of 2.7 members of the public. There had been no public hearings. Members attended the Mobility 21 conference and did take bus rides. She reported that there is now a 15-minute bus network for several of the lines. She said there had been two key service approvals and several modifications to bus routes.

Jose Pulido asked that the Committee go on record to authorize Mayor Garcia to look at alternative meeting formats and to report back. It was the consensus of the Transportation Committee to ask Mayor Garcia to report back with options on the meeting format.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.