President Lima called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: President Tony Lima, City of Artesia
First Vice President James Johnson, City of Long Beach
Immediate Past President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Michael Ponce, City of Avalon
Member Nestor Valencia, City of Bell
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Aja Brown, City of Compton
Member Jack Guerrero, City of Cudahy
Member Fernando Vasquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo O. Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Rosa E. Perez, City of Huntington Park
Member Tim Spohn, City of Industry
Member Brian Bergman, City of La Habra Heights
Member Andrew Sarega, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Patrick O’Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello
Member Marcel Rodarte, City of Norwalk
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Owen Newcomer, City of Whittier
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe

ABSENT: Second Vice President Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera
Member Oscar Magana, City of Maywood
Member Jay Sarno, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Ex Officio Member Doug Drummond, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Commerce City Manager Jorge Rifa; Whittier City Manager Jeff Collier; Artesia Public Information Officer Andrew Perry; La Mirada Director
Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Barrows.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

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

The Executive Director presented a report from the City Managers Steering Committee which recommended that the COG not take delegation from SCAG to prepare a subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). He said the two major concerns of the managers were that SCAG reserved the prerogative to change the subregional SCS if necessary to help SCAG reach its regional goals and the threat of litigation such has been faced by other metropolitan planning organizations in the state.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to approve the recommendation from the City Managers Steering Committee to not take delegation to prepare a subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy. The motion was approved unanimously.

Marco Anderson, Senior Planner for the Southern California Association of Governments, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Southern California Plug-in Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan. He said his focus is on removing barriers to plug-in vehicle adoption. He said cities and SCAG should work on workplace charging stations as an incentive for employees to use plug-in vehicles. He discussed demonstration programs at multi-family residential buildings and retail fast charging stations.
It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Perez, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Lima introduced Gail Koretz of the Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. Mrs. Koretz expressed the desire of Mayor Garcetti to reach out to the other cities in Los Angeles County to work on issues of common concern.

Carl Kemp, consultant to Goodwill Industries of Southeast Los Angeles County, addressed the Board regarding the issue of the unintended consequences of unattended recycling bins. He discussed the programs of Goodwill Industries, particularly in the area of job training, which are funded largely by the sale of donations they receive. He said the proliferation of unattended donation bins being dropped in communities throughout the state has become such a concern that two pieces of legislation (AB 918 and SB 450) have been drafted to address the problem.

Mr. Kemp said unattended bins are run by for-profit businesses, usually salvage operators. He said the bins become blight magnets and produce funds for these businesses which leave the community. The costs of cleaning up the areas around the unattended bins are often borne by the cities. He discussed the other items besides clothing that are often left by the unattended bins, including televisions and fluorescent bulbs. Mr. Kemp called for cities to adopt policies or ordinances to regulate or limit unattended bins and offered sample materials.

Member Dunton said that they have experienced similar problems with unattended bins in Bellflower.

Immediate Past President Daniels asked Mr. Kemp to send copies of a model ordinance to the city managers.

Mr. Kemp said he would like to meet with individual cities.

Member DuBois suggested that Mr. Kemp give his letter and sample ordinance to the Executive Director to distribute to the cities.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Perez, that the Executive Director send a letter and draft ordinance regarding unattended bins to all city managers. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no discussion or action regarding Report item D.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Member Hurtado presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the revised traffic model numbers for I-710 are not quite as high a previous, but are still bad and require action. He said the Project Committee had now been together for ten to fifteen years and he said they are finally getting to a point where everyone is happy. He said the air quality has improved, although not as a result of the project itself. However, he said, congestion has not improved and it is time to get to a solution. He said an idea that is realized is better than an idea that remains an idea.
Immediate Past President Daniels said their commitment from the beginning has remained to improve air quality, but it seems like the other side just doesn’t want to move forward to the next step.

Jerry Wood said the objective is to have the consultants come forward with their new information at the May meeting of the Project Committee so that a decision can be made. He reported that, finally, Caltrans had submitted comments on the early action sound wall projects. He said the City of Long Beach would be putting out a Request for Qualifications for the Shoemaker Bridge project. He said the I-710 project was now at a point where transportation technology can be implemented.

Member Johnson stated that the I-710 project has three goals: improvement of air quality; reduction of traffic congestion; and the saving of lives.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said there would be a meeting of the Corridor Cities Committee later this month and that it is important that there be a quorum. He reported that design work should be moving forward soon on the first 33 arterial intersection projects. He said they were getting good cooperation from the Orange County Transportation Commission regarding the I-405/I-605 interchange.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Perez, to receive and file the two freeway corridor reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the last MTA Board meeting saw the approval of an allocation of $350,000 for the West Santa Ana Branch study, expansion of the bike share program, and extension of the Green Line to Los Angeles International Airport. She said it is necessary to move forward on restructuring the transit fares or face major deficits.

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

Colleen Murphy, Director for PATH Partners, presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. She said the Committee had met recently and thanked the members for their participation. She reported that the first thirteen months of the program had resulted in a total of 32,000 contacts, with 10,000 being served. She said 4,500 individuals are receiving case management and that 379 households had been permanently housed.

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

There was no report on the California High Speed Rail Project.
Jerry Wood gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Strategic Transportation Plan project. He reviewed the status of deliverables and said the plan is to have the project completed by July or August. He said he would be working with all of the city staffs.

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

There was no report from the I-5 Joint Powers Authority.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said the Eco-Rapid Transit project is moving ahead with various transit oriented development studies. She said the cities of South Gate and Huntington Park are a very good example of coordination. She said MTA has approved funding for a study on the location of facilities.

Leeor Alpern presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He said the AQMD Governing Board had adopted a new governing rule regarding battery facilities in response to the problems with the Exide facility. He reported on the recent community event held in Hawthorne on Martin Luther King Day. He reported that a meeting had been held in Long Beach the previous day regarding the Tesoro facility in Wilmington. Mr. Alpern reported that a town hall meeting had been held last month regarding the Carlton Forge Works and that there would be a follow-up town hall meeting.

David Hershenson presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council. He said that, in addition to the public hearing on fare restructuring, they would be collecting public comments through a forum to be held in Huntington Park. He said two different proposals would be looked at: a fare difference between peak and non-peak periods; and a graduated increase in the base fare.

It was moved by Member Perez, seconded by Member Dunton, 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.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:33 p.m.