President Lima called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

PRESENT:  President Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Second Vice President Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera
Member Ali Saleh, 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 Jack Guerrero, City of Cudahy
Member Reynaldo O. Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Rosa E. Perez, City of Huntington Park
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 Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello
Member Marcel Rodarte, City of Norwalk
Member Jay Sarno, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Bill DeWitt, City of South Gate
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Owen Newcomer, City of Whittier
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member David Ricciutiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Ex Officio Member Doug Drummond, Port of Long Beach

ABSENT:  First Vice President James Johnson, City of Long Beach
Immediate Past President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member from the City of Avalon
Member Aja Brown, City of Compton
Member Fernando Vasquez, City of Downey
Member Tim Spohn, City of Industry
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Oscar Magana, City of Maywood
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Dunton.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Member Dunton, seconded by Member Perez, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously, with Member DuBois and Member Hadjinian abstaining.

President Lima called a recess at 6:10 p.m. for the taking of the annual photograph of the Board of Directors.

President Lima called the meeting back to order at 6:31 p.m.

Stacy Alameida, MTA Transportation Planning Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding Metro’s Draft 2014 Short Range Transportation Plan. She said the plan implements the next ten years of the 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan, updates the financial assumptions through 2024, and identifies the transportation priorities for that time period. She said it is assumed that $88.2 billion would be available for plan implementation through 2024. Of that amount, approximately $27 billion is projected for bus and rail service, and $35 billion for highway, roadway, signal,
bicycle, and pedestrian programs. She briefly summarized the process of public hearings and obtaining of comments that will be followed leading up to the anticipated adoption of the final plan by the MTA Board of Directors on June 26, 2014.

Member Perez asked how the public hearing in the City of Huntington Park was advertised. Ms. Alameida responded that it was advertised in local newspapers, on the MTA website, and by mailing to large groups of stakeholders.

Mark Stanley, Executive Director of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding proposed water bond legislation which would make funding available for projects for conservancy projects. He briefly summarized the various pieces of legislation that would allow for a water bond measure on the November ballot which would also include funding for park projects in conservancy areas. He said the key issue was that a fair allocation of resources be provided in whatever legislation emerges that recognizes the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy standing as the only urbanized conservancy of the ten in the state, with a population of 4.8 million, of which 1.86 million live in areas identified as “disadvantaged communities”. In particular, proposed legislation from Assemblyman Rendon allocates $65 million in bond proceeds to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, but only $40 million to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

Member O’Donnell thanked Mr. Stanley for his presentation and said that we need to make sure that language in the final bill allocates resources directly to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. He said it is a very big issue and asked Mr. Stanley if it had been fixed in every bill. Mr. Stanley responded that it had been fixed in three of the bills, but the RMC should be allocated a higher dollar amount. He said AB 2554 by Assemblyman Rendon does not have a specific dollar allocation to the RMC and that is a concern. Mr. Stanley said he was asking for cities to speak to their own representatives to make sure that the RMC receives its fair share and that it is directly allocated.

Member Sziebl asked which of the various bills was likely to be the one voted on to authorize the bond measure. Mr. Stanley responded that AB 2554 and AB 2586 look to be the ones coming to the floor for a vote.

Member DuBois asked if it were likely that more than one bill would be approved and should that be the one that cities support. Mr. Stanley said he could not recommend one bill over another and that cities should look over the details to see which benefits their own community. He said his main concern is fair share allocation. Member DuBois asked for confirmation that he was not recommending one bill over another. Mr. Stanley stated that he was not recommending any one bill at this time.

Member Barrows asked Mr. Stanley if he had talked to the ten RMC cities in Orange County. Mr. Stanley said that he had, but not as extensively. Member Barrows said last time all of the Orange County cities came behind the Conservancy and that made a difference.
Member Wilson said the RMC is looking for support of all the COGs to back a more fair allocation formula. He said there should be an allocation more directly based on population and land share.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Perez, that the City Managers Steering Committee develop a letter opposing all bills unless they contain a fair allocation of resources. The motion was approved unanimously.

In response to a question from Member Barrows, Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan said that a letter would be sent out before the end of the month.

President Lima called on Nancy Pfeffer to introduce the item regarding the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool. Ms. Pfeffer said the California Environmental Protection Agency had introduced the Cal Enviro Screen tool a year ago. She said it is intended to identify disadvantaged communities to receive a designated share of Cap and Trade revenues. Under the program, 25% of the Cap and Trade funds must benefit disadvantaged communities, of which 10% must be spent in the communities themselves. With respect to the identification of cities identified in the Cal Enviro Screen tool, she said media coverage has tended to be a bit sensational.

Ms. Pfeffer introduced Caltrans Chief Deputy Director Allan Hirsch, who gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Cal Enviro Screen tool. Mr. Hirsch said the Cal Enviro Screen tool is not intended to be used for health risk assessments or for CEQA purposes. He said the tool is not specific enough. Rather it is to be used as a method of allocating Cap and Trade funds.

Mr. Hirsch said the draft of Cal Enviro Screen 2.0 was out for public comment until May 23rd. He said the new version would use census tracts rather than zip codes, use more recent data that is available, and add two new indicators: drinking water quality and unemployment rate.

Member Barrows asked how a local newspaper got the Cal Enviro Screen maps if they are not available yet on the EPA website. Mr. Hirsch responded that they might be available on Google Maps.

Member Barrows asked how a determination can be made that certain groups, such as low income or low education level, have more sensitivity to pollution. Mr. Hirsch responded that there is no consensus as to why this is. He said it could be because of lack of access to parks or health care, or to the types of food they eat.

Member Barrows asked how the press was able to get these documents when they hadn’t been distributed to the cities. Mr. Hirsch said he was surprised that the press went with this story because they hadn’t previously shown any interest. Member Barrows said that Mr. Hirsch’s department had not reached out. He said his city’s residents have been upset and cannot get access to the information. He said it has
made California a more difficult place to live in. Mr. Hirsch said he had given a similar presentation last year at SCAG, and that he can try to rectify this. He said he had heard similar concerns being raised; that this would give communities a black eye. He said people’s comfort level increased when they understood that this is a tool to distribute funds.

There being no further discussion, it was moved by Member Perez, seconded by Second Vice President Tercero, to receive and file reports A and C. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Lima announced that one application had been received for the term of an elected official on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council, that of Maywood Councilmember Thomas Martin. He invited Councilmember Martin to address the Board. Councilmember Martin said he has been a councilmember for a long time and has been involved in the Eco Rapid Transit project. He said he would be accessible to all the cities in the region. In response to a question from Member Perez, Councilmember Martin said he would be able to attend the meetings of the Sector Council.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Dunton, to nominate Maywood Councilmember Thomas Martin for the two year term for an elected official member of the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said meetings were still being held regarding the traffic model for the freeway project alternatives. He reported that he had attended the recent meeting of the City of Long Beach I-710 Oversight Committee. He said the RFP was on the street for the sound walls projects that are ready for final design.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the project study reports for the I-605/I-5 and SR-60/I-605 interchanges had been submitted to Caltrans for review and that he was working with Metro to get the scopes in line for the other interchanges.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She reported that the contract had been awarded for the SR-60/I-605 “hot spot” area. She said MTA would be applying for a federal TIGER grant for an upgrade of the Rosa Parks station. She said the MTA First Mile/Last Mile Plan had been approved by the MTA Board.

Member DuBois referred the Board to a draft letter to Senator Lara and Senator Pavley expressing support for SB 1204, which would establish the California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program, and also requesting language to be added to the bill creating a category for non-zero emission technologies
supporting freight movement which demonstrate corresponding greenhouse gas reductions. She said the letter was recommended for approval by the Transportation Committee.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Barrows, to approve the letter to be signed by the President supporting SB 1204 as recommended by the Transportation Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois said there was one opening for a general public member of the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council and that the Transportation Committee had voted to recommend that the nomination of Cinde Soto be forwarded to the MTA Board.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Saleh, to nominate Cinde Soto for a new two-year term on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He reported that PATH Partners had submitted a grant application to United Way for $490,000 to supplement the Gateway Connections program and that it was the only grant application submitted for this area.

Santa Fe Springs City Manager Thaddeus McCormack presented a report on the California High Speed Rail Project. He reported that a court has allowed a lawsuit challenging the project’s compliance with Proposition 1A to go forward. He said that a local group of city managers had met on April 22 to approve a list of guiding principles for the project. He said it was their position that the Los Angeles to Anaheim segment of the project should slow down until there is more clarity on the legal and budget issues. He said it was also felt that the cities' concerns expressed in a 2010 letter should be more adequately addressed.

Kekoa Anderson presented an update on the Strategic Transportation Plan. He said he had spent a considerable amount of time with Cambridge Systematics, the project’s consultant team. He said there is still a long way to go to fully understand all of the technical data, which is 95% complete. He said the COG would be going out to the cities to explain the work being done. Member Sziebl said she wanted to make sure that the County unincorporated areas are included in the briefings.

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

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the I-5 Joint Powers Authority. He said the contract for the construction of the I-5/Florence Avenue interchange had been awarded.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She referred the Board to a priority list of bills from the Los Angeles Division of the League.
There was no report from SCAG.

Michael Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said work had started on the Technical Refinement Study.

There was no report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

David Hershenson presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. He said the draft EIR/EIS for the Gold Line Eastside Extension is expected to be released this summer. He said Metro is going out with presentations to all cities along the two proposed corridors.

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

There were no matters from the President.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:22 p.m.