

**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 Boulevard
Paramount, California
November 5, 2014**

President Tercero called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT: President Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera
First Vice President Rosa E. Perez, City of Huntington Park
Second Vice President Ali Saleh, City of Bell
Immediate Past President Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Cinde Cassidy, City of Avalon
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Janna Zurita, City of Compton
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Tim Spohn, City of Industry
Member Andrew Sarega, City of La Mirada
Member Al Austin, City of Long Beach
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Leonard Shryock, City of Norwalk
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
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 Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina

ABSENT: Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Jack Guerrero, City of Cudahy
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Oscar Magana, City of Maywood
Member Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello
Member Jay Sarno, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Member Doug Drummond, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Congresswoman Linda Sanchez; Yvette Shahinian, District Director, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez; Nick Ippolito, Assistant Chief of Staff, Supervisor Don Knabe; Compton City Manager G. Harold Duffey; Whittier City Manager Jeff Collier; La Mirada Director of Public Works Mark Stowell; Lynwood Director of Public Works/City Engineer Bill Stracker; Colleen Murphy, Director, PATH Partners; David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs, League of California Cities; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; GCCOG Consultant Engineer Kekoa Anderson; GCCOG Consultant Engineer and I-5 JPA Executive Director Yvette Kirrin; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Barrows.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez addressed the Board during public comments. She reported on current federal government activities, saying that the government runs out of money on December 11th, leading to the possibility of a government shutdown before Christmas. She said Senate Republicans may push for a short term extension of the continuing resolution to avoid that. She said the next benchmark is that the debt limit runs out in May of next year, which is also when funding for the Highway Trust Fund runs out. She said she did not believe there would be a government shutdown.

There were no matters from staff.

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

The Executive Director presented a report recommending an organizational structure for implementation of the Gateway Cities Strategic Transportation Plan. He said two new committees were recommended: the STP Technical Advisory Committee, made up of the subregion's public works officers; and a Strategic Transportation Plan Oversight Committee, consisting of two elected officials, two city managers, and the co-chairs of the Technical Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Newcomer, to approve the recommended organizational structure for the Strategic Transportation Plan. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Director of Regional Planning presented a recommendation from the City Managers Steering Committee to create a Committee on Sustainability, which would provide policy oversight for maximizing the subregion's accessibility to state Cap and Trade funds for

projects within the subregion, in particular with regard to funds targeted for “disadvantaged communities”. She described the membership of the Committee as consisting of five elected officials from member jurisdictions; one member of the Transportation Committee; one member representing city managers; one member representing the Gateway Water Management Authority; one member representing the Economic Development Working Group; one member representing public works officers; and one member representing planning directors.

The Director of Regional Planning presented a letter with recommended comments to be presented to the Strategic Growth Council regarding the proposed regulations governing the state’s Cap and Trade Program.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by First Vice President Perez, to approve the recommended structure for the Committee on Sustainability, and to approve the comment letter to be sent to the Strategic Growth Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report on the two proposed alignments for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Phase II project. She said the MTA staff recommendation was to continue the technical analysis of both alignments. She said the Washington Blvd. alignment would look at alternatives to Garfield Ave. as the north/south route to connect to Washington Blvd. She said the Washington Blvd. alignment issues are not as challenging as those on the SR-60 route, on which the Army Corps of Engineers has significant concerns. She said the MTA Board of Directors would vote next week on which alignment, or both, to continue studying.

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

President Tercero announced that the Speaker of the Assembly has requested that the Board send at least two nominations to her to consider for appointment to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board of Directors to fill the new two year term of Member Edward H.J. Wilson, which expires at the end of this month. He said he had received two nominations, those of Member Wilson and Paramount Councilmember Gene Daniels, and was asking for Executive Committee authorization to forward those nominations to the Speaker. Member Aceituno asked if other nominations could be made and, if so, he would like to nominate Downey Mayor Pro Tem Luis Marquez. President Tercero said if there was no objection from any members of the Executive Committee, all three names would be submitted to the Speaker.

It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to forward the nominations of Gene Daniels, Luis Marquez, and Edward H. J. Wilson, to the Speaker of the Assembly for consideration of appointment to a two year term on the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

President Tercero called forward Nick Ippolito, Assistant Chief of Staff to Supervisor Don Knabe, for recognition for his invaluable support and advocacy for the Gateway Cities Homeless Action Plan program. Mr. Ippolito thanked the Board for the recognition and complimented Supervisor Molina's Deputy Angie Castro and Supervisor Knabe's Deputy Connie Sziebl for their support for this program.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. She said the recommendation from the Project Committee for the project alternatives had been elevated to Sacramento. She reported that the first ten year allocation of \$109 million for Early Action Projects has been fully encumbered. She said we want to show progress on those projects so that the MTA Board of Directors may advance the second decade of funding.

Member Hurtado said it is important that a presentation on MTA's EIR for the north end of I-710 be made to this Board.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. She said the same issue regarding the capacity of Measure R funding exists for this freeway corridor. She said these projects are progressing and that the Technical Advisory Committee will be talking about performance metrics.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the MTA would be looking at moving forward second decade Measure R funding. She said she is trying to get money for the cities of Artesia and Bellflower for transit oriented development planning related to the West Santa Ana Branch project.

Colleen Murphy, PATH Partners, presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. She thanked supervisors Knabe and Molina for their leadership for this program. She said it is now homeless count season and encourage cities to opt into the biannual count led by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority so that maximum funding for homeless programs can be accessed. She referred the Board to a handout which listed the upcoming dates for the homeless count.

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

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 Joint Powers Authority. She said the I-5 project from I-605 south is coming along nicely. She said the southbound ramp to Imperial Highway is now open. She said they are still searching for funds for an EIR on I-5 north from I-605.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She referred the Board to a handout from Michael Coleman of the League which reviewed 400

revenue measures on the ballot throughout the state. Statistics were included on how the measures fare depending on where they appear on the ballot.

There was no report from SCAG.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said the refinement study is still underway and is now looking at possible interface with the Gold Line Phase II Extension project.

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 reported that he is now the communications representative for the Gateway Cities sector.

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

Member Barrows commented on problems with the Water Replenishment District, and the Central Basin and West Basin municipal water districts. He said he thought the City Managers Steering Committee should look at making a recommendation for better efficiency and accountability for these agencies, perhaps by combining them into one agency. After some discussion, the Deputy General Counsel advised that since this issue was not listed on the agenda, no action should be taken and that it should be listed on the agenda for an upcoming meeting.

President Tercero proposed two additional appointments to the Transportation Committee, those of Member Cassidy and Member Alatorre. He asked staff if there was any restriction in the Bylaws on appointing additional members. The Deputy Executive Director responded that the Bylaws did not limit the membership on the Transportation Committee. There was no objection from the Board to the appointments to the Transportation Committee.

President Tercero announced that next month's Board of Directors meeting would take place at another location to be announced because of a conflict with a scheduled program by the City of Paramount.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:40 p.m.