

**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
October 1, 2014**

President Tercero called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Jack Guerrero, City of Cudahy
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Tim Spohn, City of Industry
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 Leonard Shryock, City of Norwalk
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Jay Sarno, City of Santa Fe Springs
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 Doug Drummond, Port of Long Beach

ABSENT: Member Cinde Cassidy, City of Avalon
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Aja Brown, City of Compton
Member Fernando Vasquez, City of Downey
Member Al Austin, City of Long Beach
Member Oscar Magana, City of Maywood
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Artesia Public Information Officer Andrew Perry; Downey Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; La Mirada Director of Public Works Mark Stowell; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Diana Tang; Colleen Murphy, Director, PATH Partners; Michael Kodama, Executive Director, Eco-Rapid Transit; Tara Cannon, Special Project Coordinator, Conservation Corps of Long Beach; Eric Carlson, Project Manager, MTA; Michelle Boehm, Southern California Regional Manager, California High Speed Rail Authority; Jen Labrado, Consultant, CHSRA; Melissa De La Pena, Consultant, CHSRA; Jeff Fromhertz, Project Manager, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Taylor Wolfson, Cerrell Associates; Norman Emerson, Principal, Emerson & Associates; 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.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Sarega.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Daniels, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously, with members DuBois and Shryock abstaining on the minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2014.

Since the representative from Cerrell Associates was not yet present, it was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the High Speed Rail Update report.

Michelle Boehm, Southern California Regional Director for the California High Speed Rail Authority, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the High Speed Rail project, focusing on the proposed route extending from the Tehachapis into Los Angeles and beyond into Orange County. She said the project would receive 25% of the state Cap and Trade revenues in perpetuity once the fuel tax goes into effect. She said there is another high speed rail link being planned between Victorville and Las Vegas. Ms. Boehm said the current northern California focus is on electrification of the Caltrain corridor. She said the current southern California focus is on connecting Palmdale to Burbank.

Ms. Boehm said regional improvement projects on the Metrolink and Amtrak corridors in southern California are expected to be completed by the end of the current decade. She said the planned route from Los Angeles to Anaheim is through the existing rail corridor. She said a project for the grade separation of the rail crossing at Rosecrans

Ave. and Marquardt Ave. would be going forward before the end of the decade. She said the current plan is for two new electrified tracks within the existing corridor, which currently has three tracks.

Member Newcomer asked how many trains would be operating on the system. Ms. Boehm said there would be six trains per hour, but they would not operate at night.

Member Guerrero asked what the total cost of the project is and how much is federally funded. Ms. Boehm responded that the Phase II estimate is \$67.6 billion of which the federal funding is \$3.2 billion. She said there is no estimate yet for the other phases.

Member Hurtado asked if there are still challenges ahead or if the Authority is past them. Ms. Boehm responded that they have a long ten years ahead since several lawsuits are still pending.

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

Eric Carlson, Project Manager, MTA, gave a presentation regarding the Environmental Impact Report for the Gold Line East Side Extension Project. He reviewed the history of project and the meetings with the Gateway and San Gabriel Valley cities. He said the DEIR/DEIS was released for a 60 day comment period ending October 21, 2014. He discussed the purpose of the DEIR/DEIS and reviewed the Measure R project funding. He discussed the notion of project acceleration should additional sources of funding become available. Mr. Carlson went on to detail the build alternatives, SR-60 and Washington Blvd. He included the ridership, speed and costs in the 2035 time frame and dollars.

It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Taylor Wolfson, Cerrell Associates, briefed the Board on Proposition P, the County's Safe Neighborhood Parks Measure, which will be voted on at the November election. She said the measure would impose a \$23 per parcel assessment over 30 years and is intended to replace the 1992 Proposition A Measure which is due to expire in June 2015. She said the expenditure plan calls for 20% of the funds to go to cities and unincorporated areas within the county on a per parcel basis. The remaining funding would be apportioned as such: 15% to the County for parks, beaches, and clean water projects; 30% to the County for regional open space, foothill, mountain, and trails projects; 10% to the County for underserved communities; 5% for competitive grants to public agencies and non-profits; 15% for maintenance and servicing of existing projects funded by previous propositions; and 5% for administration.

Member O'Donnell asked how much funding would go directly to cities. Ms. Wolfson responded that the money would go into a pot for cities to apply for on a project basis. Member O'Donnell said he wished that there had been more communication with cities regarding the measure.

Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan asked if she could say what the definition of an underserved or park poor community is. Ms. Wolfson said she would get back to him with an answer.

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

Member Wilson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said the State Water Bond Measure includes \$30 million for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, which is equivalent to the amount for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, a win for the RMC.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. She said meetings have resumed with the public works staffs regarding geometrics, which will be reviewed over the next several months while Caltrans and MTA decide how to move forward on the EIR. She said the request for funding for the Washington Blvd. project in Commerce goes to the MTA Board tomorrow and the rest of the early action project requests will go before the end of the month.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said there are three active projects in the project study report (PSR) phase: I-605/SR 60; I-710/I-5; and I-605/I-405. He said three other interchanges are moving into the PAED phase: SR-91/I-605; I-5/I-605; I-605/I-105. He said 33 arterial intersections are going into design, seven of which are in final design stage.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the Committee had heard two presentations from MTA: one on fare relief and the other on the EIR for the Gold Line East Side Extension. She said the Committee is recommending that the Board approve a letter of support for H.R. 5101 (Hahn), which would establish the National Freight Network Trust Fund Act of 2014. She said MTA will be gathering projects over the next two years for a potential ballot measure in 2016.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Hadjinian, to approve the recommendation of the Transportation Committee that a letter of support for H.R. 5101 be sent on behalf of the Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Colleen Murphy, PATH Partners, presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. She said there is currently a big push to end veteran homelessness by 2015. She noted that October 1 is the second anniversary of the Gateway Cities program. She said the biggest thing cities can do is let PATH know of any homeless veterans that they are aware of in their communities.

It was moved by Member Sarega, seconded by Member Aceituno, 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 construction of the I-5 projects is moving well.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

Eco-Rapid Transit Executive Director Michael Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said the study is moving forward on the alternatives analysis and the transit oriented development guidelines.

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

There was no report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council.

Tara Cannon, Special Project Coordinator for the Conservation Corps of Long Beach, reported that 58 students graduated from the Corps' high school program on September 25th. She said there is open enrollment now for 18-25 year-olds who are in need of a high school diploma. She said the Conservation Corps is looking for projects to perform, including graffiti removal, bus cleaning, etc.

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

Immediate Past President Lima invited everyone to attend the International Fair and Diversity Festival to be held on Saturday in Artesia.

Member Hurtado expressed his condolences about the tragedy in Bell Gardens involving Mayor Daniel Crespo.

Member Hurtado said we need to encourage our state representatives to listen to what is going on at the Board.

It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Second Vice President Saleh, to adjourn in memory of Bell Gardens Mayor Daniel Crespo and Vernon Councilmember Michael A. Ybarra. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.