

**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
September 10, 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 Cinde Cassidy, City of Avalon
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Yvonne Arceneaux, City of Compton
Member Jack Guerrero, City of Cudahy
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Tim Spohn, City of Industry
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Al Austin, City of Long Beach
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Marcel Rodarte, 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 Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Doug Drummond, Port of Long Beach

ABSENT: Member Brian Bergman, City of La Habra Heights
Member Andrew Sarega, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Oscar Magana, City of Maywood
Member Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor W. Michael McCormick, City of Vernon; Jonathan Kraus, Chief of Staff, Long Beach Councilmember Al Austin; Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; Santa Fe Springs City Manager Thaddeus McCormack; La Mirada Director of Public Works Mark Stowell; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Diana Tang; Pico Rivera Associate Engineer Gladis Deras; Ronald Bates, Consultant, City of Huntington Park; David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Colleen Murphy, Director, PATH Partners; Michael Kodama, Executive Director, Eco-Rapid Transit; Barbara Levine, Senior Regional Manager, LAEDC; Eric Bruins, Planning and Policy Director, L.A. County Bicycle Coalition; Jessica Meany, Southern California Policy Director, Safe Routes to School National Partnership; Tom Ionta, Project Manager, CH2M Hill; Yoga Chandran, Project Manager, CH2M Hill; Jeff Fromhertz, Project Manager, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Bill Stracker, Vice President, DR Consultants; 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 Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeiffer; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Daniels.

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 Daniels, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Barbara Levine, Senior Regional Manager, Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, presented an update on the Gateway Cities Business Assistance Program. She reported that between 1,000 and 1,400 skilled jobs will be needed by Boeing, which will be holding a series of job fairs. She said there has been continued improvement in employment in the state, and that more engineering and high tech proposals have been coming through the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. She said LAEDC will be looking for the COG's support on the next phase of the Regional Strategic Plan.

Ms. Levine congratulated the cities of Artesia, Pico Rivera, and Vernon for being selected as finalists as Business Friendly Cities for those cities under 65,000 in

population, and the cities of Bellflower and Lakewood among those cities of greater than 65,000.

COG Engineer Yvette Kirrin gave a brief PowerPoint presentation which provided an update on the Gateway Cities Strategic Transportation Plan. She reviewed the purpose of the Plan, which is an analysis of all transportation modes in the subregion and to put projects in the position to access funding as it becomes available. She said the next steps include regular working group meetings and to begin the approval process by initiating presentations to individual city councils.

The Executive Director thanked MTA Board Members Diane DuBois and Don Knabe for approving the funding for the Strategic Transportation Plan.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to receive and file the two presentations. 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 referred the Board to a handout showing the timeline on the EIR/EIS and the early action projects. He said the evaluation period is now underway on the freeway alternatives advanced for analysis by the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the project study reports (PSRs) on two freeway interchanges (SR-91/I-605; I-5/I-605) had been approved by Caltrans, which means they can now move forward to the project approval/environmental document phase.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the Committee had heard a presentation regarding the MTA Complete Streets Policy, which is now required by state law to be included in cities' general plans. She said it will be a required element for cities to participate in the next Call for Projects by the MTA.

It was moved by Member Drummond, seconded by Member Arceneaux, 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 reported that the Carmenita Bridge project was now 50% complete, with completion due in May 2015. She said the Alondra Bridge was 75% complete and has been reopened to traffic. She all segments of the project to I-605 are now completely designed. She reported that MTA is proceeding on the environmental report for the I-5/I-605 interchange.

Member Newcomer reported that the League of California Cities has endorsed the water bond measure on the November ballot. He said the measure includes a significant amount of funding for stormwater treatment.

There was no report from SCAG.

Eco-Rapid Transit Executive Director Michael Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said the technical analysis study that is underway is looking at four distinct sections: connection to Union Station; how trains would move through Huntington Park and Vernon; a terminus station in Artesia at Pioneer Boulevard; and connectivity to the Green Line.

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

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. He said the work on refurbishing of the Blue Line will begin on September 20th and that there would be a 30-day closure of the four stations at the southern end of the line in Long Beach. He said there would be a bus bridge to serve those stations. Mr. Hershensen said there would be four public hearings regarding the proposed Metro Gold Line Eastside Phase II project. He said the MTA fare restructuring would go into effect on Monday, September 15th.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Lima, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to receive and file the agency reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

President Tercero made a presentation to Immediate Past President Lima for his year of service as President. Immediate Past President Lima thanked the Board for its support over the past year.

President Tercero said he planned to meet with all members of the Board of Directors.

Adjournment: It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.