

**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 Blvd.
Paramount, California
April 4, 2018**

President Pineda called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: President Jhonny Pineda, City of Huntington Park
First Vice President Fernando Dutra, City of Whittier
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Cinde MacGugan Cassidy, City of Avalon
Member Ali Saleh, City of Bell
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Naresh Solanki, City of Cerritos
Member Emma Sharif, City of Compton
Member Christian Hernandez, City of Cudahy
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member John Lewis, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Sal Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Vanessa Delgado, City of Montebello
Member Diane J. Martinez, City of Paramount
Member Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera
Member Joe Angel Zamora, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Maria Davila, City of South Gate
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Herlinda Chico, Office of Supervisor Janice Hahn

ABSENT: Second Vice President Leonard Shryock, City of Norwalk
Immediate Past President Al Austin, City of Long Beach
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member Oralia Rebollo, City of Commerce
Member Alex Saab, City of Downey
Member Mark D. Radecki, City of Industry
Member Joaquin Lanuza, City of Maywood
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Member Javier Hernandez, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis
Member Bonnie Lowenthal, Port of Long Beach (ex officio)

ALSO PRESENT: Whittier City Manager Jeff Collier, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Signal Hill City Manager Charlie Honeycutt; Downey Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; Huntington Park Director of Community Development Sergio Infanzon; La Mirada Director of Public Works Mark Stowell; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Diana Tang; Vernon Director of Public Works Daniel Wall; Lance Grindle, Principal Engineer, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Edel Vizcarra, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Port of Long Beach Regional Government Relations Manager Nina Turner; Tonya Martin, Field Representative, Office of Senator Ricardo Lara; Greg Farr, Principal Engineer, Caltrans; Julia Brown, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities; Andres Molina, Deputy Manager Government Relations, WSP; GCCOG Executive Director Nancy Pfeffer; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG Consultant Engineer; Karen Heit, GCCOG Transportation Analyst; Stephanie Cadena, GCCOG CivicSpark Fellow.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

Executive Director Nancy Pfeffer referred the Board to the information cards on services for the homeless which were available to take. She reported that she is serving on an external working group for the Los Angeles County Metro Next Generation Bus Study.

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

Edel Vizcarra, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Safe, Clean Water Initiative tentatively planned for a countywide election in November. Mr. Vizcarra reported that the Board of Supervisors in May 2017 directed the Flood Control District to develop a multi-benefit stormwater program to improve water quality, increase local water supply, and provide tangible community enhancements. He said the proposed initiative is estimated to produce \$300-400 million annually, depending on the parcel tax rate selected based on the square footage of impermeable area. For a single-family home, the average annual assessment would either be \$73 or \$98. For a typical apartment complex of 14-18 units the rate would be between \$600 and \$800, and for a large retail development, such as Costco, the rate would be between \$14,594 and \$19,445 annually.

Mr. Vizcarra said 50% of the revenues would be used for watershed based regional programs, 40% would be used for municipal programs that have multiple benefits with a

water quality benefit, and 10% would be retained by the Flood Control District for program and project administration. For the municipal program, 75% of funds must be used on new projects, with 25% eligible for operations and maintenance.

Mr. Vizcarra summarized the next steps, including a public hearing on June 26, 2018, leading up to the November 6, 2018 election.

Whittier City Manager Jeff Collier addressed the Board and said that the cost of complying with the MS-4 permit in Los Angeles County, as determined by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, is much more onerous and costly than in neighboring counties. He highlighted the State Auditor's findings which were highly critical of the Regional Board. As such, he said there should be some reassessment regarding moving forward on an assessment based on compliance with the current MS-4 permit. He said the result is that we are bearing a burden that other counties are not required to carry.

Member Tercero said it was unfair for the tax to be based on the size of property rather than on water usage.

The Executive Director presented a report as a follow-up to the Board's direction to report back on housing policies that the COG could support in light of the Board's opposition to SB 827 (Wiener). She outlined some draft policy principles for housing that were prepared with contributions from the City Managers, Planning Directors, and League of Cities staff. Draft Policy principles included preserving local governments' land use authority; rewarding cities that are already dense and are complying with state mandates; support for legislation that is flexible and allows locally determined approaches; consideration of funding to help cities update general plans and assist cities that get little to no revenue from property taxes.

It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the two reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Pineda presented a report from the Retreat Planning Committee. He said the committee had held a conference call on March 23rd and had selected Friday, June 15th, and Saturday, June 16th, as the dates for the retreat to be held in Avalon. He said staff is identifying speakers and that suggested topics were: public-private partnerships; city finance issues (PERS obligations, sales tax measures), COG organization; and housing strategies. He said staff is developing a budget and a registration fee in the range of \$150 to \$250 will be determined.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He provided a PowerPoint which illustrated the Los Angeles River corridor programs and identified several potential Proposition 1 programs that could be funded by the Conservancy from Proposition 1, and projects identified as part of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan. He continued with Tier 2 Proposition 1 projects in the San Gabriel River corridor and showed some sample Proposition 1 and Livability Initiative improvements.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said Caltrans is still responding to comments received on the draft EIR. He continued his PowerPoint presentation, providing an overview of Early Action projects in the I-710 corridor.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He gave a PowerPoint presentation which illustrated the freeway interchange programs, intersection hot spots, and corridor aesthetics.

MTA Director Robert Garcia presented a report from the Transportation Committee. He said the Transportation Committee had voted to recommend that the Board send a letter that asks Metro not to select a northern alignment option for the Eco Rapid Transit line that does not go directly to Union Station. He said the Metro Board had approved the I-710 project alternative and approved a direction that all early action projects will first come back to the Metro Board for approval before moving forward on the widening of the freeway itself.

It was moved by President Pineda, seconded by Member Davila, to send the letter regarding the Eco Rapid Transit alignment options to the Metro Board as recommended by the Transportation Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Chico announced that Supervisor Hahn would be hosting a meeting at her office on April 27th regarding the Eco Rapid Transit options.

The Deputy Executive Director referred the Board to the monthly report from PATH on homeless program activities in Gateway Cities.

Member Chico said there is a need for more shelters for the homeless and that Supervisor Hahn is asking for cities' help.

The Executive Director presented an update on Cap and Trade. She said three-quarters of the Gateway Cities population lives in disadvantaged communities and given the Cap and Trade programs' levels of targeted expenditures in disadvantaged communities that there would have been a disproportionately large amount of Cap and Trade funding reaching our communities. However, this has not been the case, based on data provided by the California Air Resources Board, the region has received 6% of the funding, barely over the 5% of the state's population that resides here. The Executive Director said that she would send a letter to the members of the California Air Resources Board expressing these concerns.

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

There was no report from the I-5 Consortium Cities JPA.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said SB 827 is expected to be heard in the Senate Government and Finance Committee where Senator Lara sits. She encouraged cities to communicate their positions regarding SB 827 to Senator Lara. She also encouraged cities to support the housing bond issue that will be on the November ballot.

There was no report from SCAG.

There was no report from Eco-Rapid Transit.

There was no report from the South Coast AQMD.

Julia Brown presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. She said the next meeting of the Sector Council would be held tomorrow on April 12th at 2:00 p.m. at Salt Lake Park in Huntington Park. She said the Council will hear a report on Metro's 2019 budget and the Next Generation Bus Study. She announced that Gene Daniels would be retiring from the Council in the summer.

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

Member Alatorre said he would like to receive notification of the Transportation Committee meetings.

President Pineda reminded the Board to send in any comments regarding the Board retreat.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pfeffer, Secretary