

**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  
February 7, 2018**

President Pineda called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**PRESENT:** President Jhonny Pineda, City of Huntington Park  
First Vice President Fernando Dutra, City of Whittier  
Immediate Past President Al Austin, City of Long Beach  
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 Oralia Rebollo, City of Commerce  
Member Emma Sharif, City of Compton  
Member Christian Hernandez, City of Cudahy  
Member Alex Saab, City of Downey  
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens  
Member John Lewis, City of La Mirada  
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood  
Member Sal Alatorre, City of Lynwood  
Member Joaquin Lanuza, City of Maywood  
Member Vanessa Delgado, City of Montebello  
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  
Member Joseph Martinez, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis  
Member Bonnie Lowenthal, Port of Long Beach (ex officio)

**ABSENT:** Second Vice President Leonard Shryock, City of Norwalk  
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens  
Member Naresh Solanki, City of Cerritos  
Member Mark D. Radecki, City of Industry  
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach  
Member Diane J. Martinez, City of Paramount  
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: Whittier City Manager Jeff Collier, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Artesia Administrative Manager Pradeep Elayath; Bell Gardens Director of Public Works Chau Vu; Downey Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Diana Tang; South Gate Senior Engineer Gladis Deras; Vernon Director of Public Works Daniel Wall; Lance Grindle, Principal Engineer, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Port of Long Beach Executive Director Mario Cordero; Port of Long Beach Chief of Staff Richard Jordan; Port of Long Beach Regional Government Relations Manager Nina Turner; Antonio Chapa, District Director, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis; Guadalupe Cumberos, Field Deputy, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis; Aaron Vad, Field Representative, Office of Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon; Greg Farr, Region Chief, Caltrans; Sharon Weissman, Board Deputy, Office of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia; Julia Brown, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs, League of California Cities; Mark Stanley, Executive Director, San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy; Meredith Berkson, Regional Director, PATH; Andres Molina, Deputy Manager Government Relations, WSP; Jerard Wright, Policy Manager, Biz Fed; Hannah Paniagua, Caseworker, SELA; 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.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Saab.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by First Vice President Dutra, seconded by Member Davis, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Port of Long Beach Executive Director Mario Cordero gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2018 State of the Port. Mr. Cordero reported that 7.5 million containers moved through the Port of Long Beach in 2017, the highest total ever. Combined with the Port of Los Angeles, 16 million containers passed through the two San Pedro Bay ports. He reviewed the major Port projects, including the \$1.5 billion Long Beach Container Terminal Green Facility, \$1.5 billion Gerald Desmond Bridge replacement, and \$800 million Pier B Rail Facility. With regard to the Port's Clean Air Action Plan, he reported on the high percentage reduction in air pollutants despite the increase in containers passing through the port. By 2035, all Port trucks will be zero emission trucks.

Herlinda Chico presented a request from Supervisor Janice Hahn for the Board's support for Assembly Bill 1795, which would authorize paramedics and emergency medical technicians to transport patients to mental health urgent care centers and sobering centers rather than hospital emergency rooms, which they are required to do under current law, thus adding to the overcrowding of emergency rooms. Member Chico said this is a crucial issue for the homeless crisis. She said 30% of the homeless have serious mental health issues and can be more appropriately treated at mental health urgent care centers.

It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by First Vice President Dutra, to support Assembly Bill 1795. The motion was approved unanimously, with Immediate Past President Austin abstaining

Kristine Guerrero reported on the League of California Cities' positions supporting Proposition 69, which will appear on the June state ballot, and opposing the repeal of SB 1, which is likely to be a referendum measure on the November ballot. She said SB 1 will provide more than \$5 billion annually to make road safety improvements, fill potholes, and repair local streets, freeways, bridges, and overpasses, as well as invest in public transportation. Proposition 69 would extend constitutional protections to the new revenues generated by SB 1 and ensure that they can only be used for transportation purposes.

It was moved by Member Saab, seconded by Member Davila, to support Proposition 69 and oppose the repeal of SB 1. The motion was approved unanimously.

RMC Executive Director Mark Stanley presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He reported that the Lower Los Angeles River Working Group met last week and approved a river revitalization plan. He said the plan will now go to the Secretary for Natural Resources. Mr. Stanley said the Conservancy last month approved the final Proposition 1 grants in six different categories totaling \$65 million.

Member Wilson asked if the grant agreements require that the RMC be recognized as a funder. Mr. Stanley responded that they do.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He reviewed the major milestones regarding the selection of a preferred alternative and referred the Board to handouts which included a flow chart on the selection of a preferred alternative and a map showing identified early action projects on the freeway.

Immediate Past President Austin reported that the City of Long Beach had recommended Alternative 5C and he urged cities to write letters to the MTA Board in support of one of the alternatives.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He referred the Board to a map with an overview of the freeway corridor projects, including freeway interchanges, intersection hot spots, and corridor aesthetics.

Sharon Weissman presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She reported on recent actions by the MTA Board, which included approving a new \$3.6 million low income fare subsidy program, the donation of a Blue Line car to the City of Long Beach, and approval of a “28 by 28” program intended to complete 28 projects by the time of the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles. She said those projects include the Eco Rapid Transit line, the Regional Connector, I-710 Early Action projects, and the Gold Line Eastside Extension.

Ms. Weissman said the Transportation Committee had advanced one action item for the Board’s consideration: approval of a resolution authorizing the exchange of repurposed federal earmark funds with the MTA for Proposition C funds.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2018-02

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OF FEDERAL EARMARK FUNDS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

It was moved by Member Davila, seconded by First Vice President Dutra, to approve Resolution No. 2018-02. The motion was approved unanimously.

Meredith Berkson presented a report from PATH. She said the annual Homeless Count was very successful, with 100% of the cities participating with hundreds of volunteers. She said this would result in a more accurate count. She thanked the First and Fourth District County Supervisors for agreeing to continue to fund the Gateway Connections Program. She said almost 2,000 previously homeless individuals had been permanently housed under this program. She said PATH would be convening a meeting of the cities who have received homeless planning grants from the County.

The Executive Director presented an update on Cap and Trade funding in the Gateway Cities and referred the Board to a handout which outlined the various current state programs. She reported that the COG has been awarded a \$170,000 Transformative Climate Communities grant by the Strategic Growth Council and that the COG will be partnering with the Institute for Local Government in a program to augment the Climate Action Planning program currently underway.

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

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

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

Karen Heit presented a report from Eco-Rapid Transit. She said an expansion of the alternatives for the north end of the project will be considered by the Eco Rapid Transit Board on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

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 at 2:00 p.m. in Huntington Park.

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

Member Hernandez asked that the agenda item numbers be included on the page breaks in the Board agenda packets.

President Pineda announced that a special meeting of the Board to consider the COG's goals and objectives would be held on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Lakewood Sycamore Center. He referred the Board to a handout which summarized the recent Transportation Summit held in Long Beach.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pfeffer, Secretary