

**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
July 6, 2016**

First Vice President Austin called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

PRESENT: First Vice President Al Austin, City of Long Beach
Second Vice President Jhonny Pineda, City of Huntington Park
Immediate Past President Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member George Ray, City of Cerritos
Member Ivan Altamirano, City of Commerce
Member Emma Sharif, City of Compton
Member Christian Hernandez, City of Cudahy
Member Edward Eng, City of La Mirada
Member Roberto Uranga, City of Long Beach
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Vanessa Delgado, City of Montebello
Member Mike Mendez, City of Norwalk
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Joe Angel Zamora, 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 Fernando Dutra, City of Whittier
Member Joseph Martinez, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe

ABSENT: President Ali Saleh, City of Bell
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Cinde MacGugan-Cassidy, City of Avalon
Member Fernando Vasquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Mark D. Radecki, City of Industry
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Ricardo Villarreal, City of Maywood
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Member Tracy Egoscue, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Duarte Councilmember John Fasana, Chair, L.A. Metro; Jonathan Kraus, Chief of Staff, Long Beach Councilmember Al Austin; Lara Larramendi, District Director, Representative Janice Hahn; Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Commerce City Manager Jorge Rifa; South Gate City Manager Michael Flad; Bell Gardens Public Works Director Chau Vu; Downey Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; La Mirada Director of Public Works Mark Stowell; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Diana Tang; Wil Ridder, Executive Officer, L.A. Metro; David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Meredith Berkson, PATH; Michael Kodama, Executive Director, Eco Rapid Transit; Kevin Gilhooley, Regional Affairs, SCAG; Connie Turner, Government Affairs Representative, Southern California Edison; Dave Ford, Government Affairs Representative, Southern California Edison; Andres Molina, Government Relations Representative, WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff; Jerard Wright, Policy Analyst, Move L.A.; Bill Stracker, Consultant; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer; GCCOG Consultant Engineer and I-5 JPA Executive Director Yvette Kirrin.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by First Vice President Austin.

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

Connie Turner and Dave Ford, Government Affairs representatives for Southern California Edison, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding Edison's new Charge Ready Program, which is aimed at supporting electric vehicle adoption by accelerating the deployment of charging infrastructure. The goals include increasing the vehicle miles traveled by electric vehicles by reducing the cost and complexity of deployment.

Mr. Ford reported that a \$22 million phase one of the program had received approval from the California Public Utilities Commission. He said charging is mostly needed in multi-unit developments for reliable daily charging, at work and destination centers, and for fleets, to encourage conversion. He said four hours or more is enough time for full recharge of an electric vehicle. Key exclusions for the program are DC fast charging, which is not available for all electric vehicles, single family residences, and short dwell-time locations.

Mr. Ford described the various financial incentives being offered under the program, including rebates of up to 100% for charging stations' hardware and installation costs for those located in disadvantaged communities.

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

Norwalk City Manager, Chair of the City Managers Steering Committee, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the approved expenditure plan for the proposed MTA sales tax ballot measure. He reported that the MTA Board had adopted the proposed expenditure plan at its June 23rd meeting and adopted a resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to place the one half cent sales tax measure on the ballot for the November 8th countywide general election. Mr. Egan said the MTA Board rejected the motion from Board Members Butts, Knabe, and DuBois that would have required completing Measure R projects before starting new projects, and would also have requested that new performance metrics be applied solely to new projects and not to those previously approved in Measure R. He said application of these new performance measures would enable new projects to move ahead of Measure R projects.

Mr. Egan said the MTA Board had also rejected recommendations from both the South Bay Cities and Gateway Cities COGs to increase the local return allocation from 16% to 25%. Instead the MTA Board only approved an increase in the local return to 17%. He said the new measure also requires a local contribution of 3% of total project costs from cities with a rail line and station constructed within their boundaries.

Mr. Egan said that of the six COG Measure R projects, only the I-5 projects which were fully funded before Measure R are under construction. Under the new measure no COG project would break ground before 2022, most much later. Instead, newer and less defined projects outperform projects with significant analysis through application of the new performance metrics. He said a major disadvantage to the Gateway Cities COG is that delaying the highway initiatives places them out of competition for federal funds under the FAST Act. Instead, projects that fall behind major undefined initiatives such as the \$6 billion Phase II of the Sepulveda Pass tunnel run the risk of further delay as this mega-projects develops and moves towards implementation. He reported that the South Bay Cities COG had voted to oppose the expenditure plan.

Given the COG Board's vote at the June 21st special meeting to oppose the expenditure plan unless it were amended, and given that the expenditure plan that was adopted on June 23rd by the MTA Board does not adequately address the mobility issues within Gateway Cities in a timely or equitable manner, Mr. Egan said it was the recommendation of the City Managers Steering Committee and the Transportation Committee that the Board of Directors adopt the resolution opposing the MTA's adopted expenditure plan for the 2016 proposed ballot measure.

Member Hurtado said once again our projects are being given short shrift.

Member Wilson said if the measure passes there will be no way to amend the expenditure plan, but if it doesn't pass they can come back with a better plan.

Member Mendez said that we don't have another choice than to oppose it. He said he thought we should put together an education campaign and if we individually work with our people to get the word out, the measure won't pass.

It was moved by Member Mendez, seconded by Member Wilson, to approve the resolution opposing the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority expenditure plan for the 2016 proposed ballot measure.

Member Daniels said he didn't understand how they can take money from disadvantaged communities for the Sepulveda tunnel.

Second Vice President Pineda said it is not fair to our residents to pay for someone else's projects.

Member Dutra said we may need to come up with a strategic plan and follow it.

Member Hernandez asked the Deputy General Counsel asked what the limitations would be on an education campaign. The Deputy General Counsel responded that it would need to be limited to education as opposed to advocacy. She said her office could provide some clarification if that is the direction given.

Duarte Councilmember John Fasana, Chair of the MTA Board, addressed Board saying he wanted to point out a few things. He said there was a bottoms up approach to put together this expenditure plan with funding targets for all subregions. He said the San Gabriel Valley cities, of which his city is a member, have not taken a position on the expenditure plan. Finally, he said, it was understood that there wouldn't be enough money to fund everything. Councilmember Fasana said he would like to take this opportunity to thank those cities that helped Duarte during the recent fire.

Member Wilson asked Councilmember Fasana why, if there are two subregions that had significant qualms about the measure, MTA hasn't addressed them. Councilmember Fasana responded that efforts were made to work with the subregions, but they were at the point where they had to put this matter before the voters.

Member Delgado said she would like to offer a friendly amendment to the motion that the City Managers Steering Committee come back with a plan for an education campaign. Members Mendez and Wilson accepted the amendment to their motion.

The motion, as amended, was approved, with Member Martinez voting no and Member Uranga abstaining.

The Deputy Executive Director presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget. He said the budget included a new one-year allocation of funds for the homeless program

thanks to Supervisor Knabe and Supervisor Solis agreeing to continue funding the program at its current level. He said the budget was balanced thanks to the adjustment to the dues structure approved by the Board last year and that all of the existing programs were continuing at their current levels.

It was moved by Member Aceituno, seconded by Member Dunton, to approve the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. She said the I-710 Livability Initiative was the recipient of a \$500,000 Caltrans Planning Grant, which was procured through Metro as the applying agency.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. She said the Measure R funding received for the corridor was very heavily weighted to the freeway side and that MTA had awarded contracts for environmental reports on the I-605/SR-60 and I-5/I-605 interchanges. She said the Project Study Report for the I-710/SR-91 interchange had just gotten started. She said the plan is to get all four interchanges, including SR-91/I-605, through the environmental phase.

There was no report from the Transportation Committee.

Meredith Berkson presented a report from PATH. She reported that PATH had been awarded a \$46,000 grant from the United Way, with a match provided by the cities of Norwalk and Bellflower. The funds will be used to add an additional person to serve those cities. She said PATH had pending applications of \$1.1 million with LAHSA and \$400,000 with the United Way. She said PATH is putting on a landlord engagement event sponsored by Supervisor Solis.

There was no report from the Committee on Sustainability.

It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Hurtado, 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 Valley View interchange construction contract was awarded in May. She reported that Alondra Blvd. was now 100% complete, Rosecrans 74%, Imperial 64%, Florence 28%, and Carmenita 89%.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

Michael Kodama presented a report from Eco-Rapid Transit. He said he is expecting work to start on an environmental document in September or October. He said he is

working on a third party agreement to reimburse cities for their time in studying the environmental work.

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

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

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

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

There were no matters from the President.

The Deputy Executive Director announced that it was now time for the annual election of officers.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Tercero, seconded by Member Hurtado, to elect First Vice President Austin as President. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Hurtado, to elect Second Vice President Pineda as First Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Tercero, seconded by Member Hurtado, to elect Member Dutra as Second Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board to elect President Saleh as Immediate Past President.

The Deputy Executive Director announced that nominations were in order for the eight at-large positions for city representatives on the Executive Committee. He said the Executive Committee only meets in the absence of a quorum of the full Board, which had not occurred over the past two years.

The cities of Bell Gardens, Compton, Lakewood, Montebello, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, and South Gate were nominated for the eight at large seats on the Executive Committee.

It was moved by First Vice President Austin, seconded by Immediate Past President Tercero, to elect the eight cities nominated to the Executive Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.