CALL TO ORDER: Gene Daniels called the meeting to order at 4:20 pm. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Daniels – Paramount, Ron Bates – Pico Rivera, Mohammad Moshtakami – South Gate, Tony Lima – Artesia, Bill Pagett - Paramount. Sergio Infanzon – Bell Gardens, Bruce Barrows – Cerritos, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane DuBois – MTA Director, Port of Long Beach – Eric Shen, Bill Pagett – Paramount, , Tom Modica – City of Long Beach, Cheri Kelley – Norwalk,

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Powers, Jerry Wood, Nancy Pfeffer, Karen Heit – COG staff, David Hershenson – MTA. Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Michael Kodama - OLDA

Karen Heit gave a recap on both the February and March Board meetings stating that the highlight was the item that would be presented by David Yale as a separate report. She discussed the Clean Air Bond protest Motion by MTA Directors Don Knabe, Michael Antonovich, Diane DuBois. The Motion was in protest of the lack of recognition for the MTA’s operation of clean facilities and the recycling of water.

David Yale, Executive Officer for Capital Planning, gave an overview of the financial strategy for the Measure R Project Acceleration Plan. He reviewed the various components that must be in place for an acceleration of the Measure R projects and the chances of each component coming into realization.

Jerry Wood, COG Engineer, gave an overview of the Gateway COG Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) – this study will be a comprehensive analysis of all of the transportation modes in Gateway Cities, developing a unified multi-modal direction for the Gateway Cities. A key component of the STP is a collaboration with neighbors; OCTA, the SGVCOG and the South Bay COG. He discussed how the analysis will be done and what the expected products will be. He explained that by looking at the transportation program comprehensively – the projects could be tied together. The STP will analyze the impact of logistics, integrate with the AQAP and tie these things together with project outcomes. It will define and identify new
projects, arterial improvements, as well as active transportation systems. There is a plan for truck enforcement. Wood described the various aspects of the GCCOG traffic model and impacts. He describes the three-tiered modeling system that examines a comprehensive system. The STP will continue with air quality modeling where the AQAP leaves off. The consultant team is currently in the data-gathering stage and looking to stakeholders for input. There was a request for an STP connection on the COG web site.

Karen Heit gave a report on Mobility 21 and the importance of Diane DuBois meeting with other counties and coming to agreement on common transportation issues as well as presenting a united front to the federal agencies. She stated that the MTA/Gateway COG and Mobility 21 initiatives are in alignment. She related that the members of the Congressional Transportation & Infrastructure Committee seemed enthusiastic about the leadership of Congressman Bill Schuster and his desire to move forward and build infrastructure.

David Hershenson gave an account of various events that are forthcoming including 6th CicLAvia that will be held April 21st on Venice Blvd. from downtown Los Angeles to the beach.

A Quorum was reached and the consent calendar was moved adopted minutes and Receiving and Filing reports A-E.

Karen Heit gave a report on LOSSAN and the recalcitrance of North County Transit District and how they have negatively impacted the implementation of the project JPA with their nonsense. They will be given another month after which the JPA effort will move forward without them.

Heit described I-5 Corridor progress and indicated that there is a list of closures starting with Firestone tonight.

Jerry Wood gave an accounting of the I-710 Corridor project and the recirculation of the EIR/EIS. The consultant team has been gathering comments and running analysis on the new information. He gave an update on the status of the early action plans and the soundwall program.

Wood gave an overview if the status of the OCTA I-405 improvement and OCTA/Dist. 12 decision to recirculate a portion of the environmental document. The COG and the City of Long Beach do not agree with some of the OCTA actions and are drafting a letter to let them know that there is no implied agreement with the assertions.

Wood gave a quick overview of the SR-91/I-605/I-405 activities and the need to do additional modeling for some of the projects.

Michael Kodama, Executive Director of the Orange Line Development Authority
gave an update on the Eco Rapid Transit project program and the reception of the Environmental Justice (EJ) grant. Caltrans is using the EJ as an example of how to do an EJ grant and invited South Gate Councilmember, Maria Davila, to discuss the expanded role of elected officials.

Matters from public works officer – no MTA representation at public works’ officers meeting since Jon Grace retired – a request will be made to have a representative from the MTA.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.