CALL TO ORDER: MTA Director Diane DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane DuBois – MTA Board of Directors, Ray Dunton – Bellflower, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Bruce Barrows – Cerritos, Cheri Kelley - Norwalk, Mohammad Mostakhami – South Gate, Dana Lee- Long Beach Transit, Julie Moore – Office of Supervisor Don Knabe, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Bill Pagett - Paramount

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:  Stan Carroll – La Habra, Tom Modica – Long Beach, Eric Shen – Port of Long Beach


Minutes were approved as presented.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy, explained the draft letter to Assemblyman Feuer stating the COG’s position opposing the initial draft of AB 1446. There was general discussion about maintaining the current priorities in the bill and the possibility for revising the priorities in the extension. There was some consensus that sticking to the original expenditure plan may be a supportable plan – at least to give the LA County voters a chance to consider the extension.

Heit gave an overview of the March MTA Board meeting and the major decisions that did not get made and the reasons why. She indicated that the items would be heard together in the April meeting as the environmental certification was related to the changes in funding.

Jerry Wood gave a detailed presentation on the Gateway Cities Technology Plan for Goods Movement. He discussed the technology and the advancements that allow for data to be used to manage mobility and goods movement. He also touched on the cooperation that was occurring throughout the process; including the private sector
which sees benefit in sharing technology. He discussed the availability of funds to
demonstrate the technology of zero-emission vehicle guide ways and their application to
the goods movement field. He went on to discuss truck enforcement programs and how
technology would weigh in to that and improve highway safety. He finished up with a
rough implementation schedule and how the technology collaboration was working
towards developing projects. A question was asked about the applicability of the
technology on the arterials. A question was asked about the harbor trust fund money
and the applicability of this technology to maintain the competitiveness of the San Pedro
Bay ports.

Nancy Pfeffer spoke of the SCAG adoption of the RTP and the Regional SCS. Councilman Daniels spoke about the dynamics of the vote and the inclusion of the
multi-modal projects. Mr. Daniels complemented SCAG staff on putting together a
practical program that was well brought together. The SCAG truck numbers were
questioned and Jerry Wood indicated that Gateway Cities is using more realistic
numbers. A question was asked about the potential impact of using different numbers.
The difference with truck numbers may cause an issue when seeking findings. Wood
discussed the COG Air Quality Action Plan that will help justify the funds. Pfeffer spoke
about her input before the Air Resources Board to support the regional SCS which
includes the Gateway COG SCS.

Iain Fairweather, MTA Highway Operations Department, gave a presentation on the
freeway beautification and graffiti removal efforts. He outlined the graffiti removal project
which goes beyond simple removal of tags it tries and identifies the individual tags for
future prosecution. He discussed coordinating rail bridge graffiti removal with lanes
closures.

He discussed the unprecedented discussions towards joint efforts from the railroad,
Caltrans and the MTA to secure the railroad bridges making it more difficult for the
tagger to crawl out to the bridge.

Lastly, he discussed the next steps for the larger efforts to replant and secure the
bridges and pipeline crossing. Mohammad Mostahkami added that there is a need to
address the homeless issue and the necessary eviction process. Richard Powers spoke
about the Gateway Cities homelessness initiative currently out for an RFP for a
continuum of care program. Bill Pagett brought up the need for legislation to enforce
the criminal aspect of graffiti.

Jerry Wood covered the Measure R Programming approach for MTA allocation. He
talked about this first step in allocating funds.

David Hershenson announced the opening of the Expo line on April 28th and invited the
committee to the opening day that Friday. He then went on to discuss the transit
meeting and the regional service changes. He then passed out materials about the
Green Line LAX and asked for review.
Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Director, thanked those who participated in the ground breaking on the Alondra interchange. She talked about the shift from design/coordination to construction notifications. She spoke about the different attitude from the CTC as far as allocating the remainder of the Prop. IB CMIA funds. She discussed the additional $2 million for construction mitigation.

Jerry Wood discussed the status of the I-710 including the release of the EIR/EIS and the further definition of projects for the SR-91/I-605/I-405.

KH gave the latest update on the public release of the AA for the PEROW/WSAB and announced the April 25th meeting where the elected officials from both counties will provide input. Councilman Barrows from Cerritos and OLDA member gave an overview of the Japanese model of rail development and how the Gateway Cities was a similar situation. He suggested using the TOD round 3 funding as a method to encourage that sort of development as a surrogate for redevelopment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.