CALL TO ORDER: MTA Director Diane DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:17 pm. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane DuBois – MTA Director, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Mohammad Moshtakami – Downey, Bill Pagett – Paramount, Tom Modica-Long Beach, Mike Egan – Norwalk, Dana Pynn – Port of Long Beach, Bruce Barrows - Cerritos

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Rosa Perez - Huntington Park, Brent Tercero – Pico Rivera

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Powers, Nancy Pfeffer, Karen Heit, Yvette Kirrin, Kekoa Anderson – COG staff, David Hershenson – MTA.

The Consent Calendar was moved and approved. Director DuBois began with an explanation of the MTA Short Range Transportation Plan. She outlined the SRTP and what is represented. She briefly discussed what the planned contained and the lack of new funds for this plan.

She discussed the status of funds and the shortcomings of available funding in the plan for items like active transportation and the partially funded transit corridors, including the West Santa Ana Branch (Eco-Rapid Transit Project) and the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Phase II

She talked about the two Board Motions beginning with item # 25, which requires the development of a bicycle strategic plan and possible ways to fund it. She applauded the creation of a comprehensive strategy for active transportation but cautioned about the potential diversion of transit O & M eligible funds.

She went on to discuss item #76 and how it would move certain SFV projects into a better position for funding. She outlined the projects that were asked to be amended into the LRTP. She went on to explain the newly acquired legislative ability to move ahead with at-grade rail in the SFV.

Lastly, she discussed the Knabe/DuBois/O’Connor Motion that expanded the changes to the LRTP. She explained about how this was a way to meet the demand on a fair equitable Countywide manner. She stated that she would continue to work to see that
Gateway Cities projects continued to be fairly and equitably represented in the LRTP and not supplanted by other projects. There was general discussion about the adoption of the SRTP.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy discussed the I-405 HOV Lane Feasibility Study and the recommendations form this study. Directors Garcetti, Bonin, Fasana Dupont-Walker and DuBois authored a Motion to move forward with Project Approval/Environmental Documents (PA/ED) for the I-105 segment of the Alternative 3 only and to expand the I-110 Express Lane south of the I-405/I-100 interchange. Creation of a HOT Lane on the I-105 will provide relief commuters along the I-105 by providing them with the option of paying to use the carpool lane. The issue of connecting to the I-605 via direct connectors can be studied at a later date. This option is consistent with the COG’s input to the I-405 HOV project study.

David Hershenson, Gateway Service Sector Manager updated the Committee on the upcoming Metro Blue Line rehabilitation and the approaching 30-day closure of the Long Beach Transit Mall to effect repairs and upgrades to the MBL tracks and stations. The closure was negotiated with the City of Long Beach to lessen the impact on residents and businesses. Bus bridges will serve Blue Line riders inconvenienced by the closure.

Director DuBois gave an update of the progress with the LOSSAN Interagency transfer agreement. The LOSSAN lead agency, OCTA is working on the Agreement with the State. It is anticipated that the transfer agreement will be signed and executed ahead of schedule.

Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director I-5 JPA gave an overview of the project and that the Alondra Bridge was preparing for reopening by the end of the month. The last two segments for the project were tying up right-of-way issues and were close to going out to bid.

Kekoa Anderson, COG Transportation Engineer reviewed the recommendations made by the I-710 Project Committee to move forward with the study of two build options as well as the no-build and TSM options. The I-710 PC also recommended supporting Community Alternative-7 which had already been rejected by Caltrans. The Recirculated Draft EIR/Supplemental EIS is expected for public review in early 2016. Anderson went on to discuss the advancement of project study and engineering reports for the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Hot Spots project. These studies will soon be out for contract by the MTA and will allow the projects to proceed towards construction.

Karen Heit gave the Eco-Rapid Transit update and the continuing progress being made furthering the technical refinement report.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55