

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Chair - MTA Director Diane DuBois

Gateway Cities COG Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723

February 4, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: MTA Director Diane DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane DuBois – MTA Director, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Mohammed Mostahkami – Downey, Dana Pynn – Long Beach Transit, Bill Pagett – City of Paramount, Rosa E. Perez – Huntington Park, Bruce Barrows – Cerritos, Jorge Rifa – Commerce, Andrew Sarega – La Mirada, Owen Newcomer – Whittier, cinde Cassidy – Avalon, Sal Alatorre - Lynwood

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Port of Long Beach Representative, Tom Modica – City of Long Beach, Brent Tercero – Pico River, Mike Egan – Norwalk, Jorge Rifa – Commerce.

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Powers, Karen Heit, Nancy Pfeffer, Yvette Kirrin, Kekoa Anderson – GCCOG staff, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector Council, Vin Kumar – S.T.E.

Director DuBois called the meeting to order and announced that the COG meeting was at a different location and the Transportation Committee meeting needed to end at 5:15 to allow for sufficient travel time..

She then went on to introduce Councilmember Andrew Sarega from the City of La Mirada who will represent the Transportation Committee on the Sustainability Committee. This committee will help prioritize projects and make recommendations regarding Cap And Trade funds.

Director DuBois went on to review the past MTA Board meetings.

She explained the proposed changes she and Supervisor Knabe were recommending for the Measure R Cost Containment through a Motion. The purpose of the Motion was to make potential highway project overrun funding more equitable.

She also reviewed Call For Projects (CFP) applications that are using the regional equity funds as the local match. The applications need to be reviewed and evaluated

She went on to the explain the FY17 forecast for the Short Range Transportation Plan (SRTP). She went over scheduled and unscheduled expenditures and the

debts. She went on to the transit page and talked about the transit projects under construction. The projects add up to \$8.5 billion. She reviewed the funding for the highway projects and noted that the I-5 was fully funded before Measure R and had not drawn down on Measure R revenues. She discussed the \$1.4 billion worth of projects that are outstanding and how the MTA is proposing to address this shortfall. She reviewed the next steps for trying to meet these deficits.

There were questions about the operation deficit due to initiation of revenue service for the Foothill Extension and EXPO II. There were also questions about the reductions in state funding particularly funding that is used for transit operations.

Director DuBois went over the memo from MTA concerning the potential for collaboration of MTA with cities for Cap and Trade funding. Nancy Pfeffer discussed the Sustainability Committee and the rules for Cap and Trade and her previous discussion with the COGs Planning and Public Works Directors. Pfeffer discussed next years funding targets and how they were expected to be much larger. Pfeffer is the COG's representative and is pushing for assistance from CARB and HCD and SCAG for the disadvantaged communities.

At 4:48, a quorum was achieved and the Consent Calendar items were received and filed.

David Hershenson, Metro Outreach Manager, gave the Service Sector Council report. He discussed the need to reduce the number of members from 9 to 7 members to fill all the vacancies. The Sector is also considering moving the location and the time for the sector council to facilitate public attendance. He also talked about service coordination.

Director DuBois announced that David Golonski, an MTA representative to LOSSAN had been elected Chair of LOSSAN and would see the organization through the transition from advisory JPA to managing authority for the Pacific Surfliner.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 Executive Director, gave the I-5 report and announced the percentages of completion for each of the segments of the project. She went over the I-605/5 interchange going through procurement at the MTA. She went on to discuss the I-710 project and the progress on the environmental document. She talked about the first decade non-freeway money being fully allocated; however, not much of the money has actually been expended.

Kekoa Anderson, COG Engineer gave the SR-91/I-605/I-405 project, He went over the projects that were nearing procurement for advanced implementation studies. There is a non-freeway allocation that has been programmed but the spending has not kept pace. Cities are encouraged to spend down their funding and move their projects along. These large projects will use up more of the funding.

Anderson went on to discuss the I-405 OC, there is an upcoming all-hands meeting that will result in a sharing of information on the ultimate footprint for the freeway. GCCOG is doing some studies on the I-605/I-405 in Long Beach.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.