CALL TO ORDER: MTA Director Diane DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:13 pm. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane DuBois – MTA Director, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Tom Modica – City of Long Beach, Ron Bates – Pico Rivera, Mohammad Mostahkami – South Gate, Bill Pagett – Paramount, Bruce Barrows – Cerritos, Cheri Kelley - Norwalk

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Port of Long Beach Representative – Eric Shen, Tony Lima - Artesia, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Officer, Dana Lee – Long Beach Transit, Don Knabe – County Supervisor, Sergio Infanzon – Bell Gardens

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Powers, Jerry Wood, Nancy Pfeffer, Karen Heit – COG staff, David Hershenson – MTA. Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector, Yvette Kirrin – I-5 JPA, David Hershenson - MTA

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy, gave an overview of the MTA Board activities including reviewing the solution devised for the I-5 California Transportation Committee (CTC) funding and the MTA, I-5 JPA creative solution. She also reviewed the Blue Line safety improvement item and the $6.7 million budget approved for implementation.

Jerry Wood, COG Transportation Engineer, gave a preliminary report on the Gateway COG AQAP. He reviewed the project history and announced that this project would come back for approval within a few months. He discussed the various projects completed to date and the significant findings for each of the relevant subject areas. He discussed that many of the findings are already useful to formulating local responses to other agencies attempts to impose regulations. The AQAP will be useful to Gateway Cities as the data is supportive of subregional findings.

He reviewed the air quality modeling effort and the modeling results that help predict air quality after the initiation of multiple programs and regulations. He reviewed the cancer risk and the analysis that was performed for the Health Risk Assessment. He reviewed 2009 vs 2035 results as projected through the modeling effort. There were comparisons made to LA County and the nation.

He also discussed the socio-economic impacts and the conclusion that there is no additional impact to disadvantaged communities. A question was asked about the distribution of the information and Wood indicated that this was the first release of the results from the AQAP – the formal roll-out and approval process will occur this month.
Questions were asked about the peer review process for the HIA and the analysis done for charbroiling as a source of pollutants. A question was asked about the influence of weather (wind/rain) on the results and how the averages were aggregated.

Director DuBois talked about the state rail plan and its importance to the GCCOG subregion. She talked about the importance of America Fast Forward and trying to establish a foothold in MAP-21 and successor legislation. There were questions about the state rail plan and how it will be developed. There was a question about the MTA putting on another MAP-21 seminar for information.

Heit gave an update on the I-710 Maintenance & Demonstration and the meeting held that discussed securing the bridges and overpasses from graffiti on a permanent basis.

David Hershenson, Metro Communications, gave an update on the Artesia Station upgrade and the removal of subscription parking. He discussed President Daniels comments, recommendations and observations and how the recommendations were carried out by the MTA.

Director DuBois discussed the LOSSAN JPA and the issues with the North County Transportation District (NCTD – San Diego County) and the lack of progress with their participation. The CEOs have recommended proceeding without the agency – the LOSSAN JPA Board has taken a position to try and work with NCTD another month to resolve the issues.

Yvette Kirrin gave a report on the I-5 JPA construction activities and an upcoming ground breaking. She then discussed the postponement of the closing of the Alondra Bridge which would have been closed for two years starting in February. She clarified the causes of the anticipated $247 million segment 2 cost overrun mentioned during the CTC funding report.

Jerry Wood gave the I-710 report and the anticipated recirculation of the EIR/EIS because of significant project changes. He discussed the completion of the technology plans and the anticipation of the federal government financing a demonstration project utilizing real-time traffic data. He went on to discuss the activities and intersection analysis work that is going on with the SR-91/I-605/I-405 project. He also talked about the Strategic Transportation Plan and how it will tie everything together.

Heit gave the Orangeline report and discusses the upcoming SCAG review of the AA, The report was changed to reflect the Steering Committee’s recommendation. The report is still not what it should be but is closer to reflecting the reality of the Committee decision.

Under matters from the Committee a request was made to have the railroads come on and update the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm.