CALL TO ORDER: MTA Director Diane DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:29 pm. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.


COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Port of Long Beach Representative – Eric Shen, Ray Dunton – Bellflower, Cheri Kelley – Norwalk,


Director DuBois reviewed the MTA Board meeting and discussed her attempt to save Call For Projects (CFP) reserve funding for the potential distribution to the cities for projects. She stated that she was not successful in retaining the funds but that the funds were allocated to the City of Los Angeles in the amount of $4.2 million.

She discussed the California Freight Advisory Committee and how the process was started and mandated by a Lowenthal Bill. She discussed the first meeting of the statewide committee and how it went. Right now the plan is suggested but doesn't have the force of Law. She highlighted AB 14.

Director DuBois introduced Brad McAllester, Executive Officer of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to outlined the progress with the Congestion Mitigation Fee program. He indicated that the MTA would take the first steps for program adoption in May. He outlined that the genesis for the CMP program is the additional 9 cents of gas tax revenue allocated to the state. The MTA is the CMP agency for LA County.

He gave some background on the inadequacy of maintaining the old debits/credit system. The original system disadvantaged smaller cities where a large new development could push them over the balance.
He described the message heard throughout the county regarding the need to keep the funds collected within the city and used to resolve city traffic issues. He also talked about the funds being used to match Measure R and support the CFP. He outlined how the fee was developed per trips and discussed the counties all over the state that have adopted the fee including 22 out of the 89 cities that already have a fee. MTA looked at GHG projects for Gateway Cities and found that many of the transportation projects produced quantifiable GHG reduction in addition to delay reduction.

He reviewed the existing fees and indicated that they were consistent with the fees proposed for the pilot studies. He talked about cities offering projects that would work with each city including cities providing funding for other jurisdictions that impacted them.

He indicated that the Board report wasn’t out yet so he couldn’t divulge the recommended fee but gave an example of how the fee would be manifested. The recommendation would be going to the Planning &Programming Committee in May and on to the full Board. The Board action will allow for formal adoption and implementation.

It will take two years to create project lists and adopt the fee Countywide. Mohammad Mostahkami asked how will the MTA monitor the fee collection? MTA will have to approve a resolution stating compliance and listing the projects and audit the implementation. The individual ordinances would adopt the projects for cities. Projects are consistent with CFP type project. Bill Pagett wanted actual benefits from projects to the Gateway COG area, including jobs benefit...Keep the money at the cities and not interfere with the utilization. MTA staff will redo nexus study after the implementation is approved. A question arose concerning if there be local control over the jobs. Chris Wornum discussed the absence of delay is a job creating factor. He said there was no correlation between attracting development and having a fee, the whole county has a level playing field.

What is the benefit? The fee provides funding for regional programs that have been removed by the state due to lack of funding.

Ken Farfsing, City Manager’s Steering Committee reviewed the city positions on the project. There was Motion to Receive & File. Heit reviewed the two attached MTA staff reports.

Minutes were approved with the correction that Dana Lee was present in April. Mohammad reported on the MTA TAC taking action to not provide funding to the City of LA for a Crenshaw pedestrian project where the City had not even submitted an application.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45