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
May 2, 2012

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 Board Director, Dunton – Bellflower. Bruce Barrows – Cerritos, Cheri Kelley – Norwalk, , Gene Daniels – Paramount, Ron Bates – Pico Rivera, Tony Moreno – La Mirada. Mohammad Mostahkami – South Gate, Tom Modica – City of Long Beach

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Port of Long Beach Representative –, Eric Shen, Port of Long Beach


Director DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm – noting the new time and the different venue.

Minutes were approved noting that Stan Carroll had resigned from the Transportation Committee and was not in attendance. Minutes approved as corrected.

Director DuBois reviewed the April Board Meetings and went over the Subway approval and the certification of the EIR/EIS and the project definition of the subway to Wilshire/La Cienega. She described the Beverly Hills fault line issues and the fact that the situation has not been resolved and will probably ultimately end up in court. There will be a special public hearing on May 14th to discuss the issue further.

She also talked about the project definition approval and certification of the Regional Connector EIR/EIS. There was an issue with the chosen construction method and a plan had been worked out to provide appropriate mitigations that are maintained within the budget.

She went on to discuss the adoption of the $57 million Access Services Inc., the Countywide para-transit service provider’ annual budget.
Director DuBois discussed AB-1446, the Feuer Bill, and its current form. Most of objections to the original bill have been removed including retaining Local Return and transit operations funding. There was discussion concerning the removal of the sunset for Measure R. The general discussion revolved around a perceived need for there to be a funding end to the tax once the projects contained within the existing plan are completed. Suggestions were made for placing project funding limitations within the bill itself. There was a discussion of adding performance measures to the bill. There was discussion over the subregional equity and how to change it. There was concern about the “big sucking sound” of the subway consuming all available funds.

The discussion went on concerning having the sunset contiguous with completion of the Measure R projects. The recommendation to the COG Board was that there be a sunset to the extension that terminates when the Measure R projects are completed.

Director DuBois introduced Jenna Hornstock, of the MTA Planning Dept. who made a presentation concerning the TOD Program and the Round 3 application package that will be released. She discussed the changes for pre-regulatory planning that characterized Round 3. The new package will be released in June – with 8 weeks to respond and awards by November. Councilman Barrows discussed the Japanese method of utilizing real estate development as a means to support transit. He asked specifically about hiring legal consultants to assist the cities in trying to make regulatory changes that facilitate public/private partnership project development and link with regulatory change (state level) and trying to bring legal changes at the state level. Hornstock agreed to work with the cities on this angle for the TOD project.

Karen Heit gave an overview of the 30/10 Financial Forecast and how the various funding scenarios worked towards completing Measure R commitments. She highlighted the various scenarios that assume differences in levels of federal funding and the extension of Measure R. She reviewed the scenarios with and without the Measure R Extension.

Nancy Pfeffer, gave an overview of the COG Sustainability Summit and the various sections including initiation of plug-in electric vehicles, the climate change findings and the MTA Sustainability Plan. Director DuBois stressed that the MTA Sustainability Plan was meant to be guidelines and not regulatory.

Director DuBois requested that the project updates be given at the COG Board meeting in interest of time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.