

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
May 4, 2016**

The Meeting called to order at 4:30 Role call taken by self-introduction

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane DuBois - MTA Director, Dana Pynn – Long Beach Transit, Mike Egan- City of Norwalk, City Managers' Steering Committee,
, Public Works Officers, KeAndra Dodds – Supervisor Solis, Mohammad Mostahkami- City of Downey, Public Works Officers. Arturo Sanchez – City of Long Beach, Jose Pulido – City of Cudahy.

OTHERS PRESENT: Maryam Adhami – LA County Public Works, David Hershenson – Metro Community Relations, Wally Shidler – Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector, Michael Kodama – Eco Rapid Transit JPA, Andres Molina- Parsons Brinckerhoff,, Kevin Gilhooley- SCAG, Jerard Wright – Move LA, Richard Powers, Yvette Kirrin, Karen Heit, Nancy Pfeffer – Gateway Cities Staff. David Yale – LACMTA, Chris Hedden, Susan De Santis, Gary Hamrick,

Director DuBois discussed the April MTA Board meeting.

She discussed the Board's approval of an Architectural and Engineering services contract for the preparation of the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PAED) on Westbound SR-91, from Shoemaker Avenue to the 1-605/SR-91 Interchange. This is one of the most important projects the 1-605 Hot Spots program, the area for this work is the Westbound SR-91, from Shoemaker Avenue to the 1-605/SR-91 Interchange, the first two project segments for this interchange. The cost of the contract is an amount not to exceed \$7,762,669.

Director DuBois went on to describe the development of a Funding Agreement for the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor - Sustainable Transit Oriented Communities Predevelopment and Planning Activities with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG), to be led by the Eco-Rapid Transit Joint Powers Authority for near-term project activities in response to the Metro Board February 2016 directive, in an amount not-to-exceed \$230,800. These funds will help Eco-Rapid move ahead with preliminary planning work.

The last item of interest was the MOTION by Directors Knabe, Dubois and Butts that the Board instruct the CEO to report to the Board during the May 2016 Board cycle with copies of the draft "Financial Forecasting Model for the Potential Ballot Measure Expenditure Plan" for review and discussion by the Board at the May 26, 2016 Board meeting. The Financial Forecasting Model is the funding plan for the potential ballot

Measure. Of special interest will be the assumptions regarding bonding/debt service and the use of "other" Countywide funds outside of the sales tax.

Director DuBois went over the COG Position on the PBM draft expenditure plan adopted at the April Board Meeting. Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy, reviewed report on the Potential Ballot Measure (PBM) that outlines the process to date including the Draft Expenditure Plan. According to the PBM, the I-5 and the I-710 are subregional projects, despite the fact that they are projects of national interest and that should be reflected. The PBM supports a national container fee or other freight fee as a vehicle to finance the highways. The MTA wants to pursue looking at other funding for the projects and move them forward aggressively however the MTA is still looking at the County funding and the PBM as a primary funding source. There was discussion that the new funding plan needed to be more aggressive to help resolve community issues.

Director DuBois discussed the position paper that was distributed and asked that it be considered as the foundation for composing a letter to the MTA. She indicated that she was looking for a recommendation to the COG Board to create a letter for the Board's approval and distribution. The Committee voted to send the matter to the full Board.

Nancy Pfeffer, COG Transportation Director, spoke about the Cap & Trade funding and the workshop and the follow-up that has been done. She highlighted Northern California's desire to dilute the definition of Disadvantaged communities to allow for more funding going to their communities. GCCOG is working on keeping the definition as it is currently. On the project side, she discussed the efforts underway to entertain eligible projects to submit for Cap & Trade funding.

Dave Hershenson, Metro Public Affairs Manager, gave the Sector report and highlighted the GCCOG Public listening session on the PBM that was held by the MTA.

Kekoa Anderson, COG Engineer, discussed the I-710 Early Action Projects coming into eligibility for the second decade. He also discussed efforts to coordinate the lower LA River activities making sure that projects are compatible.

Anderson went on to described the SR-91/I-605/I-405 project development activities and talked a little about the aforementioned award of the engineering contract and stated that that there is another large engineering contract under way. These activities will generate a lot of local funding agreements.

The 1-5 report was deferred. There was no Eco-Rapid report

Director DuBois gave a brief LOSSAN report; the agency is still working on the operations agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.