

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
August 7, 2002**

President Colonna called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Words of Wisdom were provided by President Colonna.

PRESENT: President Frank Colonna, Vice President Gene Daniels, Member Bruce Barrows, Member Dave Butler, Member Bonnie Lowenthal, Member Keith McCarthy, Member Larry Nelson, Member Wayne Piercy, Member Betty Putnam, Member Gordon Stefenhagen

ABSENT: Member Melanie Andrews, Member Don Knabe, Member Beatrice Proo, Member Edward H. J. Wilson

ALSO PRESENT: Councilmember George Francis Bass, Bell; Councilmember Hector De La Torre, South Gate; Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Councilmember Frank Colonna; Barbara Baiz, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe; Artesia City Manager Maria Dadian; Long Beach Assistant City Manager Gerald Miller, Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negandank; Lakewood Director of Community Development Chuck Ebner; MTA Administrative Analyst Cathy Manzo; David Hershenson, MTA Sector Community Relations; Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun, League of California Cities Regional Representative; Charlotte Eckelbecker, SCAG Government Affairs Analyst; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; Deborah Chankin, City of Long Beach staff on executive loan to GCCOG; Don Camph, GCCOG Transportation Advisor; Al Perdon, Al Perdon & Associates; Sarah Siwek, Sarah Siwek & Associates; Frank Osgood, Planner

President Colonna requested that each person present state his name and organization. Roll was taken in that manner.

Vice President Daniels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun of the League of California Cities announced the League's opposition to SB 910, and asked for cities to send representatives to Sacramento to testify against the bill, which would impose onerous penalties on cities that do not meet certain housing goals. She also reported that the League Board had voted to expand membership on the policy committees.

The General Counsel requested that item K on the consent calendar, relating to the Conflict of Interest Code, be voted on separately. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Piercy, to approve the consent calendar as presented, with the exception of item K. The motion was approved unanimously, with Member Stefenhagen abstaining.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The General Counsel reported that the County has adopted a model Conflict of Interest Code that is called for in state statutes and that the ordinance before the Executive Committee is based on that model code. He recommended that the Executive Committee introduce the proposed ordinance and set a public hearing for next month to hear the second reading of the proposed ordinance. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Vice President Daniels, to waive further reading and introduce the ordinance and to set a public hearing for next month's meeting of the Executive Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Stephen C. Nieman of the Tioga Group gave a presentation on the final report of the Empty Container Study, which was performed by his company for the COG under the SCAG Overall Work Program.

Member Barrows presented a status report on the Orange Line project and recommended that the project be moved forward by the establishment of a joint powers authority that would seek to implement the planning and construction of the line. After discussion among the Executive Committee members, it was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Vice President Daniels, to direct the General Counsel to draft a joint powers agreement to be executed by cities along the proposed route of the Orange Line to create a joint powers authority. The motion was approved unanimously.

Deborah Chankin presented a status report on HR 2534, which has been amended to remove cities below the Whittier Narrows from being included within the proposed national park study area. After discussion among the Executive Committee, it was the consensus of the members to take no position on the bill.

President Colonna announced the vacancy of one of the two COG positions on the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board of Directors and reported that he would be sending out letters to the members of the COG Board of Directors seeking self-nominations to the RMC Board. Letters of self-nomination will be brought back to the Executive Committee next month for determination of which names would be forwarded to

the Speaker of the Assembly, who will choose from those names a representative on the RMC Board.

It was moved by Member Lowenthal, seconded by Member Piercy, to support AB 2650, which would require each marine terminal in the state to operate in a manner that does not cause the engines on diesel trucks to idle more than 30 minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Colonna presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to receive and file the report.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a status report on the I-710 Major Corridor Study. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to receive and file the report.

Deborah Chankin presented an update on the actions of an MTA ad hoc committee regarding the membership on the proposed boards for the MTA service sectors. No action was taken by the Executive Committee.

Assistant City Manager Ann Negandank of Pico Rivera presented a request from that city that the County be requested to provide a shuttle service from any County health facilities that are closed as a result of budget constraints to other health facilities. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to refer the matter to the City Managers Steering Committee.

Deborah Chankin presented a status report on SB 1664, which would add certain state legislators as ex officio members of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board. No action was taken.

There were no reports from the SCAG Regional Council or SCAG policy committees.

Adjournment:.. **The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:30 p.m.**