

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
September 4, 2002**

Vice President Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Words of Wisdom were provided by Member Nordbak.

PRESENT: Vice President Gene Daniels, Member Melanie Andrews, Member Bruce Barrows, Member Keith McCarthy, Member Larry Nelson, Member Greg Nordbak, Member Wayne Piercy, Member Beatrice Proo, Member Betty Putnam, Member Gordon Stefenhagen, Member Edward H. J. Wilson.

ABSENT: President Frank Colonna, Member Don Knabe, Member Beverly O'Neill.

ALSO PRESENT: Ex Officio Member Geraldine Knatz, Port of Long Beach; Mayor Arturo Reyes, Lynwood; Mayor Xochilt Ruvalcaba, South Gate; Councilmember Hector De La Torre, South Gate; Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Councilmember Frank Colonna; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negandank; Lakewood Assistant Director of Community Development Jack Gonsalves; Mike Bogner, Port of Long Beach; MTA Gateway Cities Sector General Manager Rich Rogers; MTA Administrative Analyst Cathy Manzo; David Hershenson, MTA Sector Community Relations; Charlotte Eckelbecker, SCAG Government Affairs Analyst; SCAQMD Public Information Specialist Barbara Beck, Caltrans Associate Transportation Planner Rebecca Sanchez, 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; Frank Osgood, Planner.

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

Member Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Daniels requested that President Colonna's item relating to the COG Business Plan be tabled until next month's meeting. It was moved by Member Piercy, seconded by Member Barrows, to table the item until next month. The motion was approved unanimously.

Charlotte Eckelbecker of SCAG announced that SCAG and Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald were hosting a Transportation Forum at the Carson Community Center on September 9 at which Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta would be speaking. Member Proo asked her to take back that the COG wants to have its own projects presented to Secretary Mineta.

Rebecca Sanchez of Caltrans announced the availability of state planning grants for fiscal year 2003-04. Barbara Beck of the South Coast AQMD announced the reissuance of the Carl Moyer program.

It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Nelson, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Vice President Daniels opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance. No one wished to speak. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Nordbak, to close the public hearing. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Nelson, to waive further reading and adopt the subject ordinance. The motion was approved unanimously.

Geraldine Knatz, on behalf of the Port of Long Beach, presented an overview of the Gerald Desmond Bridge project. It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Piercy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented an update on the Diesel Emissions Reduction Program. It was moved by Member Proo, seconded by Member Piercy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director introduced the draft Orange Line Construction Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, which had been prepared by the General Counsel at the direction of the Executive Committee. Member McCarthy stated his preference that the draft be reviewed by the City Managers Steering Committee before final approval by the Executive Committee. The General

Counsel stated that there may be subsequent changes to the agreement after review by the proposed member cities and that the Executive Committee may wish to authorize the Executive Director or a subcommittee of the Board to make the changes that the cities request.

After discussion among the Executive Committee members, it was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Nelson, to approve the joint powers agreement as a draft subject to review by the City Managers Steering Committee, and to distribute the agreement to the prospective city members, subject to modification by the individual cities. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member McCarthy, to direct staff to draft a letter to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments requesting support from that body for the proposed Orange Line project. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vice President Daniels announced that four Board members had requested nomination to the vacant seat on the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. He said the four prospective nominees were Member John Pratt of Bellflower, Member Ed Wilson of Signal Hill, Member Larry Nelson of Artesia, and himself. It was moved by Member Proo, seconded by Member Piercy, to send nominate all four of the above members to the Speaker of the Assembly for consideration of appointment to the Conservancy Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Deborah Chankin reported that the Conservancy Board had not met since the last meeting of the Executive Committee. It was moved by Member Piercy, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented an update on the I-710 Major Corridor Study. Transportation Advisor Don Camph said that a briefing for state and federal legislators would be scheduled in the near future. South Gate Councilman De La Torre reported that State Senator Karnette has requested that the COG send someone to report on the I-710 project before the California Transportation Commission in October. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to receive and file the report from the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee.

Member Proo introduced Rich Rogers, General Manager of the Gateway Cities MTA Service Sector, and Dave Hershenson, MTA Sector Community Relations.

Member Proo reported that the Transportation Committee had received a report on the linking of the Gerald Desmond Bridge project to the I-710 Major Corridor Study. Don Camph reported that the proposed Proposition 51 would take \$18 billion from the state general fund for transportation projects. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to receive and file the report from the Transportation Committee.

After discussion among the Executive Committee members, it was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member McCarthy, to establish a Maglev Subcommittee of the Transportation Committee. The motion was approved unanimously. Transportation Committee Chairperson Proo said that she would appoint Member Barrows to chair the Maglev Subcommittee.

There were no reports from the SCAG Regional Council.

There were no reports from the SCAG Policy Committee members.

It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to coordinate next month's meeting with the League of California Cities Annual Conference in Long Beach.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:18 p.m.