

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – LONG BEACH CONVENTION CENTER  
October 2, 2002**

President Colonna called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Words of Wisdom were provided by Vice President Daniels, which were: "Never make a commitment you can't keep".

PRESENT: President Frank Colonna, Vice President Gene Daniels, Member Bruce Barrows, Member Keith McCarthy, Member Larry Nelson, Member Beatrice Proo, Member Betty Putnam, Member Gordon Stefenhagen, Member Edward H. J. Wilson.

ABSENT: Member Melanie Andrews, Member Don Knabe, Member Greg Nordbak, Member Beverly O'Neill, Member Wayne Piercy.

ALSO PRESENT: Councilmember Hector De La Torre, South Gate; Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Councilmember Frank Colonna; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank; Paramount Finance Director Jose Gomez; Long Beach Government Affairs Officer Carl Kemp; MTA Administrative Analyst Cathy Manzo; David Hershenson, MTA Sector Community Relations; Tom Palmer, MTA Program Manager; Dan Nguyen, MTA Service Development Manager; Charlotte Eckelbecker, SCAG Government Affairs Analyst; Caltrans Associate Transportation Planner Rebecca Sanchez; League of California Cities Regional Representative Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun; Albert Perdon, SCAG Consultant; Chris Robert, SCAG Consultant; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; Don Camph, COG Transportation Advisor; Deborah Chankin, City of Long Beach staff on executive loan to GCCOG.

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

Member Putnam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun of the League of California Cities announced that the Governor had vetoed SB 905, which would have restricted employee contributions to the Action for Better Cities (ABC) effort. She also reported on Proposition 46, a \$2.1 billion affordable housing bond measure on the November ballot.

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

Albert Perdon presented on behalf of SCAG a status report on MagLev deployment. He reported that SCAG was going through the process of selecting an initial operating segment.

The Deputy Executive Director reported that the City Managers Steering Committee had reviewed and approved the draft Orange Line Joint Powers Agreement, and that the City of Cerritos had offered to coordinate the receipt and consolidation of the comments received from the proposed member cities.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Putnam, to receive and file the MagLev and Orange Line status reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Colonna presented the Conservancy report, stating that the approval process of the Open Space Plan had been essentially completed, and that the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board had approved the recommendations made by the Working Group chaired by Bellflower City Manager Mike Egan regarding land use management strategy, education, outreach, and long-range funding strategy. He also said that the next major funding cycle is for Proposition 12 river and tributary projects. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Proo, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

COG Transportation Advisor Don Camph reported on the recent meetings in Sacramento with the Director of Caltrans and the Secretary for the Resources Agency. He said that they had responded very positively to the I-710 project. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Putnam, to receive and file the report.

Member Proo presented the Transportation Committee report. She reported that the Committee had heard presentations on the MTA Short Range Transportation Plan and the SCAG MagLev program. She said that the Committee had referred to the City Managers Steering Committee the issue of transportation for constituents of the closed County health facilities to those that remain open. Finally, she reported that the Committee had voted to recommend to the

Executive Committee opposition to Proposition 51 on the November ballot, which would divert sales tax revenues from gasoline sales from the State's general fund to transportation projects.

Member McCarthy spoke in favor of the Transportation Committee's recommendation regarding Proposition 51 and recommended that staff draft a press release stating the COG's opposition to Proposition 51 and the reasons for that opposition. It was moved by Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member Proo, to receive and file the report from the Transportation Committee, to approve the recommendation to oppose Proposition 51, and to direct staff to prepare a press release stating the COG's opposition. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by President Colonna, seconded by Member Barrows, to refer to the City Managers Steering Committee the development of a Business Plan for the COG and to report back in 30-45 days. Member McCarthy recommended that the managers look at the SCAG Strategic Plan in developing their recommendations. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member McCarthy reported that the SCAG Regional Council meeting would be held tomorrow in Long Beach in conjunction with the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank reported that the COG's Diesel Emission Reduction Program had received a recommendation for an additional \$1 million from the South Coast AQMD, and that several grant applications from truck owner/operators had been received.

It was moved by Member Proo, seconded by Vice President Daniels, to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.