

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South Street, Cerritos
December 11, 2002**

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

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

PRESENT: President Frank Colonna, Vice President Gene Daniels, Member Bruce Barrows, Member Keith McCarthy, Member Larry Nelson, Member Greg Nordbak, Member Beatrice Proo, Member Wayne Piercy, Member Edward H. J. Wilson.

ABSENT: Member Melanie Andrews, Member Don Knabe, Member Beverly O'Neill, Member Betty Putnam, Member Gordon Stefenhagen.

ALSO PRESENT: Councilmember Hector De La Torre, South Gate; Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Councilmember Frank Colonna; Geraldine Knatz, General Manager, Port of Long Beach; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Artesia City Manager Maria Dadian; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank; City of Lakewood Community Development Director Chuck Ebner; Long Beach Government Affairs Officer Carl Kemp; Long Beach Manager of Traffic and Transportation Lon Maddox; Rich Rogers, MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager; David Hershenson, MTA Service Sector Community Relations; Cathy Manzo, MTA Community Relations Officer; Rebecca Sanchez, Caltrans Associate Transportation Planner; Belinda Faustinos, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Executive Director; Frank Osgood, Planner; Julio Giron, Founder, Pacifica Group; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; Deborah Chankin, City of Long Beach staff on executive loan to GCCOG.

Ann Negendank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Barrows provided words of wisdom on sharing by A. L. Gruber.

The Executive Director requested that action on Item D of the Consent Calendar (Request for Approval of a Resolution Designating COG Board Meeting Posting Places) be deferred to the next month's meeting. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to remove Consent Calendar Item D from the agenda. There were no other amendments to the agenda.

President Colonna expressed concern about possible state budget cuts in the area of transportation.

It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Barrows, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item D. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Colonna opened up the public hearing on the proposed ordinance regarding an amended conflict of interest code for the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. There being on one wishing to speak, the President closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Member Nelson, seconded by Member McCarthy, to waive further reading and adopt the following ordinance:

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

The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report recommending approval of an agreement with the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority for consulting services relating to the I-710 Major Corridor Study. He explained that \$45,000 of the \$50,000 cost of the services would be paid for by the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and the City of Long Beach. In response to a question from Member Nordbak regarding the COG's ability to assume the remaining \$5,000 in costs, the Executive Director reported that sufficient monies were in the COG's fund balances, but that he would return with a mid-year budget review for the Executive Committee's consideration.

It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Barrows, to approve the agreement with the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority for consulting services related to the I-710 Major Corridor Study. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director reported that the City of South Gate had requested COG support for its position that a state master directive be issued allowing for the return, in most cases, of contaminated soil to a trench created for an underground utility project. He explained that the City's request had been presented to the City Managers Steering Committee, but that the city managers had recommended that, instead of seeking a master directive, the Public Utilities Commission be petitioned to clarify that Rule 20A underground utility funds may be used for environmental cleanup in the immediate area of the undergrounding project. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Barrows, to approve the recommendation of the City Managers Steering Committee and to direct staff to send a letter to the League of California Cities seeking support for the COG's position. The motion was approved unanimously.

Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank presented a summary of transportation options for patients who previously received services at now closed County health facilities. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Nordbak, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Executive Director Belinda Faustinos presented an update on the activities of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. She spoke regarding funding opportunities for cities' park projects because of the passage of the Proposition 40 State Park Bond issue.

President Colonna presented a recommendation that an I-710 Enhancements Committee be created to review such issues as potential landscaping, greenways, pedestrian rights of way, bikeways, and public art. After discussion among the Executive Committee members, it was the consensus that such a committee should be subsidiary to the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee, in the same manner as the Technical Advisory Committee, and that it be made up of planning directors or parks and recreation directors from each of the I-710 cities.

It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Nordbak, to refer to the City Managers Steering Committee for its recommendation as to the backgrounds of the persons that would be most valuable as members of an I-710 Enhancements Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Port of Long Beach General Manager Geraldine Knatz presented a status report on the connector between the I-710 Freeway and Ocean Boulevard. She said that the Gerald Desmond Bridge is part of the connector project, and, therefore, closely tied to the I-710 Major Corridor Study.

Member Proo presented a recommended Gateway Cities MTA Service Sector Council nominating policy, which would create a Sector Council of seven members, a majority of which would be transit users. Julio Giron, Founder of the Pacifica Group, spoke in opposition to any elected official membership on the Service Sector Council. After discussion among the Executive Committee members, it was moved by Member Proo, seconded by Member Piercy, to approve the recommendation, with the provision that if membership on the Council were increased to nine, then four members could be elected officials. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Barrows reported that it was his recommendation that no language regarding transit village legislation be suggested until a bill is introduced in the state legislature next year.

There were no reports from the SCAG Regional Council.

There were no reports from SCAG Policy Committee members.

There were no additional matters from staff.

It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.