

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South Street, Cerritos
March 5, 2003**

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 Melanie Andrews, Member Bruce Barrows, Member Bonnie Lowenthal, Member Keith McCarthy Member Larry Nelson, Member Greg Nordbak, Member Beatrice Proo, Member Wayne Piercy, Member Betty Putnam, Member Gordon Stefenhagen, Member Edward H. J. Wilson.

ABSENT: Member Don Knabe.

ALSO PRESENT: South Gate Mayor Hector De La Torre; Long Beach Councilperson Tonia Reyes Uranga; Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Vice Mayor Frank Colonna; Connie Sziebl, Field Deputy to Supervisor Don Knabe; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank; City of Lakewood Community Development Director Charles K. Ebner; South Gate Acting Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; Brynn Kernaghan, Long Beach Transit Manager of Government Relations; Rich Rogers, MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager; DA McClain, MTA Transportation Deputy; David Hershenson, MTA Gateway Cities Sector Community Relations Manager; Ralph Webb, Executive Director, I-5 Joint Powers Authority; John Van Vlear, Special Counsel to City of South Gate; Sheneui Sloan, Long Beach City College Director of Technology Education; Frank Osgood, Planner; Al Perdon, Al Perdon & Associates; Martin Both, Dornier Consulting; Carl Friedrich Eckhardt, Dornier Consulting; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; Deborah Chankin, Special Assistant to the Executive Director, GCCOG; GCCOG Transportation Advisor Don Camph.

Member Piercy offered words of wisdom from a plaque in Arnold Palmer's office: "Those who win are those who think they can".

Member Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Member Lowenthal, seconded by Member Nelson, to add to the consent calendar portion of the agenda the requests from the City of Downey, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach Transit, and the Municipal Transit Operators Coalition for

support letters for their applications for federal and MTA funding for their transportation projects. The motion was approved unanimously

There were no public comments.

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

Dr. Martin Both and Carl Friedrich Eckhardt of Dornier Consulting made a presentation regarding technology-based logistics and systems management strategies. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Lowenthal, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

COG Transportation Advisor Don Camph presented a recommendation that the Executive Committee authorize a request for a \$3 million earmark in the TEA-21 reauthorization legislation for development of a Technology-Based Logistics and Systems Management Strategy. It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Nordbak, to approve the recommendation, in particular with regard to the I-710 and I-605 freeways. The motion was approved unanimously.

The COG General Counsel explained the procedure that would be used to elect the public official representatives to the MTA Gateway Cities Sector Committee. A ballot containing the names of the five nominees for the three positions was distributed to the Executive Committee members. The Executive Committee members were instructed to vote for no more than three nominees and to place the name of their cities on the ballots. He said the ballots would be available for public inspection after the votes were tallied. The President invited those nominees who were present to address the Executive Committee. Member Lowenthal, Member Nelson, and Long Beach Councilperson Tonia Reyes Uranga spoke regarding their candidacies. The President appointed the Deputy Executive Director and the Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager to canvass the ballots, which were voted on in accordance with the procedure outlined by the General Counsel. The General Counsel announced the results of the election, with the three top vote recipients, all of whom received a majority vote of the Executive Committee, being elected to the MTA Sector Committee:

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| Long Beach Councilperson Bonnie Lowenthal | 13 votes |
| Artesia Councilmember Larry Nelson | 12 votes |
| Maywood Mayor Samuel Pena | 8 votes |
| Santa Fe Springs Councilmember Louis Gonzalez | 4 votes |
| Long Beach Councilperson Tonia Reyes Uranga | 2 votes |

It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Lowenthal, to approve the request from Long Beach City College for Gateway Cities Council of Governments' support of a National Science Foundation grant application. 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 report from the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee. It was moved by Member Proo, seconded by Member Lowenthal, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member McCarthy presented the report from the Transportation Committee. He welcomed MTA Transportation Deputy DA McClain back. He reported that the Committee had recommended that the Executive Committee support the application for a TEA-21 earmark for the proposed logistics study; voted to seek clarification from the author of SB 91, which would bring all inter-city rail under the jurisdiction of the California High Speed Rail Authority; and had discussed the \$9.5 billion high speed rail bond issue, which will be on the ballot in the November 2004 general election. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Proo, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Lowenthal reported that the SCAG General Council had approved the addition of the Gerald Desmond Bridge/I-710 project to the SCAG-endorsed list of projects.

Member Barrows asked Ralph Webb, Executive Director of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority, to report on the I-5 project. Mr. Webb reported that the MTA staff had proposed to reallocate \$180 million from the I-5 to transit projects and that he was concerned about the lack of communication regarding this recommendation and that he was also concerned about keeping funding for this project in the STIP. DA McClain responded that the MTA would be putting in a request to the State for \$245 million for the I-5 project.

President Colonna recognized Member Barrows, who is leaving office as a Cerritos councilmember, for attending his last meeting as a member of the Executive Committee. The President announced that next month's meeting would be a joint meeting with the full Board of Directors.

The Executive Director announced the need, because of the significant upcoming housing issues under the RHNA process, for councilmembers to fill the five COG vacancies on the SCAG Community, Economic and Human Development Committee. He encouraged councilmembers to seek appointment to the committee.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:45 p.m.