

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South Street, Cerritos
May 7, 2003**

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

Words of Wisdom were deferred in light of Member Proo's absence.

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 Gloria Kappe, Member Keith McCarthy, Member Larry Nelson, Member Greg Nordbak, Member Wayne Piercy, Member Betty Putnam, Member Gordon Stefenhagen, Member Edward H. J. Wilson.

ABSENT: Member Don Knabe, Member Beverly O'Neill, Member Beatrice Proo.

ALSO PRESENT: South Gate Mayor Hector De La Torre; Cerritos Councilmember Laura Lee; Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Vice Mayor Frank Colonna; Connie Sziebl, Field Deputy to Supervisor Don Knabe; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Lakewood Community Development Director Charles K. Ebner; James De La Losa, MTA Executive Officer; Brad McAllister, MTA Program Planning Analyst; Rich Rogers, General Manager, MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector; David Hershenson, MTA Gateway Cities Sector Community Relations Manager; Cathy Manzo, MTA Community Relations Officer; Charlotte Eckelbecker, SCAG Governmental Affairs Analyst; Jacqueline Rynerson, Long Beach Area League of Women Voters Program Chair; Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun, Regional Representative, League of California Cities; David Nahai, California Regional Water Quality Board Member; Dennis Dickerson, Executive Director, California Regional Water Quality Board; Frank Osgood, planner; Christopher J. Campbell; Julio Giron, private citizen, Bell Gardens; 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; Don Camph, GCCOG Transportation Advisor.

President Colonna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Executive Director requested that agenda item 7C be pulled from the agenda. There being no objection, that item was removed.

Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun reminded the Executive Committee of the League of California Cities' Legislative Action Days scheduled for the next week. Julio Giron, private citizen from Bell Gardens, expressed his desire that the I-710 Major Corridor Study investigate the option of light rail to be included in the ultimate project selected. He also commented that there should be improved outreach efforts during the next phase of the project.

It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Nelson, to approve the consent calendar with the exception of item 7C, which had been removed from the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

The report on the Municipal Storm Water Permit was deferred until later in the meeting since the representatives from the California Regional Water Quality Board had not yet arrived.

James De La Losa and Brad McAllister of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority made a presentation regarding the MTA's Short-Range Transportation Plan. It was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Nordbak, to appoint Member Putnam as the Gateway Cities representative to the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Piercy, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Port of Los Angeles regarding the COG's Clean Air Grant Program. The motion was approved unanimously.

After discussion among the Executive Committee members, it was the consensus of the Executive Committee to meet as the Nominating Committee at 5:00 p.m. on June 4 for the purpose of nominating officers of the Board of Directors and members of the Executive Committee to be voted on at the Annual Meeting of the Board to be held on July 2.

It was recommended by the Executive Director that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director, a member of the City Managers Steering Committee, and a member of the Gateway Cities Public Works Officers meet with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works regarding offering assistance on the MTA-funded Gateway Cities Traffic Forum projects. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Piercy, to approve the recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

At this point, Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing introduced California Regional Water Quality Board Executive Officer Dennis Dickerson. Mr. Dickerson, in turn, introduced David Nahai, member and former chair of the Regional Water Quality Board.

Mr. Nahai presented the Board's position regarding the Total Maximum Daily Loads (trash, bacteria) that it has adopted which mandate storm water control measures by cities. Following the report, it was the consensus of the Executive Committee to schedule a workshop on this subject at the August meeting.

President Colonna presented a report from the Conservancy Committee, stating that the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy staff is currently reviewing 100 grant applications, including 39 from the Gateway Cities sub-region, under the Proposition 40 project solicitation process. He said that the Conservancy is currently in negotiations for the purchase of the Woodland Duck Farms property along the San Gabriel River. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Wilson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director summarized the recent actions taken by the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member McCarthy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member McCarthy presented the report from the Transportation Committee. He said that Transportation Advisor Don Camph would be preparing a response to the MTA Short Range Transportation Plan. He reported that the Committee had voted to support AB 1652 (Nakano), which would provide for additional city representation on the MTA Board. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Nordbak, to approve the Transportation Committee's recommendation of support for AB 1652 and to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Colonna announced the Ninth Annual Regional Economic Forecast Conference to be held in Long Beach on May 15. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Nordbak, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member McCarthy presented a proposal to form a Housing Task Force to enable the sub-region to better address the upcoming round of Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Andrews, to approve the recommendation to create a Housing Task Force. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no reports from the SCAG Regional Council members.

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Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing presented a report concerning AB 1221 (Steinburg), which would "swap" one-half of a city's sales tax revenues with property taxes. A city's future revenues from this source would depend on the rate of growth in property taxes. He reported that an analysis done by the HDL Companies showed that over the last ten years the majority of the Gateway cities would have lost revenues under the bill's formula. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member

Andrews, to oppose AB 1221. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Nordbak reported that Whittier Councilman and former Executive Committee Member Dave Butler had recently undergone open-heart surgery. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to send a get well card to Councilman Butler.

Adjournment:.. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:00 p.m.