

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Cerritos Senior Center  
12340 South Street, Cerritos  
June 4, 2003**

President Colonna called the meeting to order at 5:22 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 Gloria Kappe, Member Bonnie Lowenthal, 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: Member Don Knabe.

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; Port of Long Beach Managing Director Geraldine Knatz; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank; Lakewood Assistant Community Development Director Jack Gonsalves; Paramount Finance Director Jose Gomez; Long Beach Manager of Governmental Affairs Carl Kemp; Bill Winter, Assistant Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Maged El-Rabaa, Senior Civil Engineer, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Pat Smith, Associate Civil Engineer, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Cathy Manzo, MTA Community Relations Officer; Charlotte Eckelbecker, SCAG Governmental Affairs Analyst; Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun, Regional Representative, League of California Cities; Frank Osgood, Planner; Dean Kitakis, Los Angeles Freightliner; Carlos Becerra, Los Angeles Freightliner; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG; Don Camph, GCCOG Transportation Advisor.

Member Lowenthal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments made.

Nominating Committee Session

Vice President Daniels announced that he was not a candidate for President of

Vice President of the Board of Directors. It was then moved by Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member Lowenthal, to nominate President Colonna to the Board of Directors to serve another year as President. There were no other nominations made for President.

Member Lowenthal nominated Member Wilson for Vice President. Vice President Daniels nominated South Gate Mayor Hector De La Torre for Vice President. There were no other nominations for Vice President. Mayor De La Torre and Member Wilson addressed the Nominating Committee regarding their qualifications for Vice President.

Ballots were distributed to the Nominating Committee members. The COG Deputy Executive Director and Pico Rivera Assistant Manager collected the filled in ballots, tallied them, and submitted them to the General Counsel. The General Counsel read the results: Member Wilson received 11 votes and Mayor De La Torre received 2 votes. Member Wilson was determined to be nominated for Vice President.

The Executive Director announced that there were nomination letters submitted by 12 cities for the 10 remaining seats on the Executive Committee. Each of the delegates present from those 12 cities made a brief statement in support of his or her city's nomination. Ballots were distributed to the Nominating Committee members. The COG Deputy Executive Director and Pico Rivera Assistant Manager collected the filled in ballots, tallied them, and submitted them to the General Counsel. The General Counsel read the results:

Artesia	13 votes
Bellflower	5
Cerritos	13
Compton	7
Downey	13
Lakewood	12
Norwalk	13
Paramount	11
Pico Rivera	13
Santa Fe Springs	11
South Gate	9
Whittier	10

The General Counsel then announced that the cities of Artesia, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier had been nominated for seats on the Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee session was then adjourned and the Executive Committee convened its regular meeting.

Member Andrews left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Words of wisdom were provided by Member Wilson.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

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

Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager, on behalf of the Clean Air Program Steering Committee presented a report recommending approval of a contract amendment and extension for TIAX, LLC for management of the Clean Air Program, with the condition that expenditures would not exceed ten percent of the total contract until a business plan for the program had been presented and adopted by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. It was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Member Piercy to approve the recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report regarding a meeting held with Los Angeles County Department of Public Works staff regarding the Signal Synchronization Project funded through three separate MTA Call for Projects. He said that County staff had prepared a list of all the projects and their current status. All projects are on schedule to be completed by the MTA's June 2005 deadline, but cities need to stay current on their parts of the project. Bill Winter, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, reported that MTA has informed the County that they are not de-obligating any funds, but had reminded the County that there is a deadline for expenditure. It was moved by Member Piercy, seconded by Member Nelson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation and to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Colonna reported that 100 grant applications in response to its Proposition 40 project solicitation had been received by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. Of these, 39 applications for \$50 million were for projects located in the Gateway Cities area. A total of about \$15 will be awarded in this round of grants. It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report on the May 28 meeting of the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee. He said that the Committee had adopted a set of "Guiding Principles" and had instructed the project consultants to come back after meeting with the cities with a "hybrid" alternative that would start with the TDM/TSM alternative and contain various elements from the three build alternatives that were desired by the affected cities, but which minimized right of way acquisition. Vice President Daniels commented that the project outreach consultants did not have enough direct contact with the people they were

supposed to reach. He said he also felt that the outreach materials were too generic.

President Colonna presented a proposed federal earmark request for the I-710/Gerald Desmond Bridge Program. It was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Member Nordbak, to approve the recommended federal earmark request and to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Proo said that the Transportation Committee had not met that evening. She reported on projects currently pending before the MTA Board. It was moved by Member Kappe, seconded by Member Lowenthal, to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Member McCarthy spoke regarding SB 465 by Senator Soto on transit villages and requested member cities to send letters of support. Charlotte Eckelbecker reported that the SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee had recommended support for the legislation to the SCAG Regional Council.

There were no matters from SCAG General Council or Policy Committee members.

There were no matters from staff.

**Adjournment:**.. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:07 p.m.