

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South Street, Cerritos
October 1, 2003**

President Colonna called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 Edward H. J. Wilson, Member Hector De La Torre, Member Gloria Kappe, Member Bonnie Lowenthal, Member Keith McCarthy, Member Larry Nelson, Member Greg Nordbak, Member Wayne Piercy, Member Betty Putnam.

ABSENT: Member Gene Daniels, Member Don Knabe, Member Beatrice Proo, Member Gordon Stefenhagen.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Vice Mayor Frank Colonna; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Long Beach Manager of Governmental Affairs Carl Kemp; South Gate Director of Public Works Joseph Comstock; South Gate Engineering Manager Mohammad Mostahkami; South Gate Special Counsel John Van Vlear; Luis Cetina, Regional Governmental Representative, Metropolitan Water District; Raymond Maekawa, MTA Gateway Cities Sector Director of Planning; David Hershenson, MTA Gateway Cities Sector Community Relations Officer; DA McClain, MTA Gateway Cities Transportation Deputy; Charlotte Eckelbecker, SCAG Government Affairs Analyst; Frank Osgood, Planner; Bruce Barrows, former GCCOG President; David A. Smith, British Petroleum America, Inc.; Matt S. Rezvani, British Petroleum America, Inc.; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG; GCCOG Director of Program Development Deborah Chankin; Jerry Wood, GCCOG Director of Transportation and Engineering.

Member McCarthy provided Words of Wisdom from Sir Winston Churchill.

Ken Farfsing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to move the presentation of the video on the Clean Air Program to the end of the agenda.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by Vice President Wilson, seconded by Member Piercy, to approve the

consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

David A. Smith and Matt S. Rezvani of British Petroleum America, Inc., gave a presentation regarding ultra-low sulfur fuel. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had mandated the use of ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel by 2006. The cost per gallon of ultra-low sulfur fuel is about five cents per gallon more than standard diesel, but it produces only a fraction of the polluting particulates that come from standard diesel. Ultra-low sulfur fuel requires the use of particulate filter traps, which in California must be certified by the California Air Resources Board. The estimated cost of the traps is between four and eight thousand dollars each.

Following the presentation, it was moved by Vice President Wilson, seconded by Member Lowenthal, that the COG look at making the provision of diesel particulate traps part of the Clean Air Program. The motion was approved unanimously.

South Gate Special Counsel John Van Vlear presented a request from the City of South Gate for financial assistance to help offset the City's legal expenses involved with the effort to obtain a master directive regarding the excavation of contaminated materials during a project for the under grounding of utilities. Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing offered to survey the city managers to determine a recommended contribution level from the member cities. It was moved by Vice President Wilson, seconded by Member McCarthy, to refer the request to the City Managers Steering Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Putnam, to approve the Grant Agreement with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for expansion of the West Santa Ana Main Branch Bike Trail and Greenway. The motion was approved unanimously.

Deborah Chankin presented a report on the actions of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy at the Board meeting of September 15. At that meeting the RMC awarded a large number of grants from available bond funds, including several to COG member cities. It was moved by Vice President Wilson, seconded by Member Lowenthal, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report regarding the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee. He said that the OPC anticipated that it would next meet at the end of October. He reported that the various community advisory committees were in the process of being formed, and that the consulting engineer had been engaged in a series of meetings with city staff members. He expressed concern that the recently announced SCAG Operation Jump Start proposal created the need to identify a unified position regarding the I-710 freeway. It was moved by Member Nelson, seconded by Member McCarthy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

DA McClain reported that there had not been a meeting of the Transportation Committee that evening. It was moved by Vice President Wilson, seconded by Member McCarthy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Transportation Advisor Don Camph recommended that the Operation Jump Start concept be temporarily put aside by the SCAG Regional Council so that the individual elements of it could be examined. Following discussion, it was moved by President Colonna, seconded by Member Lowenthal, that the COG's SCAG Regional Council members vote to not support Operation Jump Start at this time pending full discussion and receipt of analysis from all stakeholders. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Kappe, to receive and file the SCAG policy committee agendas for October 2, 2003. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no matters from staff.

It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to postpone the presentation of the Clean Air Program video to another meeting.

Adjournment:.. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:19 p.m.