

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South Street, Cerritos
January 7, 2004**

President Colonna expressed his regrets that he needed to leave to attend another function. Vice President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Member Lowenthal provided Words of Wisdom.

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

PRESENT: Vice President Edward H. J. Wilson, Member Gene Daniels, Member Gloria Kappe, Member Bonnie Lowenthal, Member Keith McCarthy, Member Larry Nelson, Member Greg Nordbak, Member Wayne Piercy, Member Gordon Stefenhagen, Member Betty Putnam.

ABSENT: President Frank Colonna, Member Hector De La Torre, Member Don Knabe, Member Beatrice Proo.

ALSO PRESENT: Cudahy Vice Mayor Frank Gurule; Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Vice Mayor Frank Colonna; Connie Sziebl, Field Deputy for Supervisor Don Knabe; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank; Lakewood Director of Community Development Charles Ebner; Bill Pagett, City Engineer, Bell Gardens, Hawaiian Gardens, Maywood, and Paramount; MTA Transportation Deputy DA McClain; MTA Director of Planning Raymond Maekawa; David Hershenson, MTA Gateway Cities Sector; Sharad Mulchand, MTA Gateway Cities Sector; Charlotte Eckelbecker, SCAG Government Affairs Analyst; Ralph Webb, Executive Director, I-5 Joint Powers Authority; Al Perdon, Executive Director, Orangeline Development Authority; Larry Weseman, Transportation Principal, Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas; Frank Osgood, Planner; 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; Nadene Bristow, GCCOG Media Relations Consultant.

Member Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by Member Piercy, seconded by Member Nelson, to approve the consent

calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Transportation Advisor Don Camph reported on recommended comments to the draft 2004 Southern California Association of Governments Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). In addition, he said that the City of Santa Fe Springs had requested that language regarding the 14.7 mile length of the project be included in the section discussing the Triple Track/Rail Grade Separations. He also made reference to the written comments submitted in a letter from MTA Director Bea Proo. Member McCarthy recommended that the names of the affected cities (Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada, and Whittier) be included in the section regarding the Rail Grade Separations.

It was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Member Piercy, to approve the recommended comments on the draft RTP as amended, and to include the letter from Director Proo. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Nordbak, to approve the request for support from the City of Huntington Park for that city's proposed Pacific Boulevard Red Car Project. The motion was approved unanimously.

Deborah Chankin presented a report from the Conservancy Committee, summarizing the Proposition 40 workshop that had been held for the grantees. She reported on grants recently awarded by the Conservancy Board to the City of Huntington Park and the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. It was moved by Member Kappe, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report from the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee. He said that the OPC would be meeting the next week. He said the OPC had previously approved a safety program for the freeway and that Clear Channel Communications had offered to provide a public service billboard with safety messages that would move along the length of the freeway. He said that the OPC would be naming the members of the Community Advisory Committee at its next meeting. It was moved by Member Piercy, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

DA McClain reported that the Transportation Committee had not met. She said that it appeared that the County of Los Angeles would be providing additional funds to support the additional engineering work being done for the I-710 Major Corridor Study. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Piercy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member McCarthy reported that there would be no meeting of the SCAG Regional Council that month.

There were no reports from SCAG policy committee members.

Vice President Wilson announced an upcoming workshop on automobile insurance by the State Insurance Commissioner, and a hearing by Assemblyman Lowenthal on implementation of AB 2650 and extended gate hours at the ports.

Member Daniels announced that the City of Paramount was purchasing a large office building in its civic center and would be extending an invitation to the COG to relocate its offices to that location.

The Executive Director reported that the agenda packets included updated maps of the congressional districts in the Gateway Cities area and a calendar of COG sponsored meetings in January.

It was moved by Member Kappe, seconded by Member Daniels, to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment:.. The meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.