

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Cerritos Senior Center  
12340 South Street, Cerritos  
March 3, 2004**

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

Member Daniels provided Words of Wisdom.

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 Gene Daniels, Member Hector De La Torre, Member Gloria Kappe, Member Bonnie Lowenthal, Member Keith McCarthy, Member Larry Nelson, Member Greg Nordbak, Member Wayne Piercy, Member Beatrice Proo, Member Gordon Stefenhagen, Member Betty Putnam.

ABSENT: Member Don Knabe.

ALSO PRESENT: Connie Sziebl, Field Deputy for Supervisor Don Knabe; Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Vice Mayor Frank Colonna; South Gate City Manager Gary Milliman; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank; Lakewood Director of Community Development Charles Ebner; Port of Long Beach Manager of Transportation Planning Kerry Cartwright; Bill Grady, District Director, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez; Richard Hollingsworth, President, Gateway Cities Partnership; David Hershenson, MTA Gateway Cities Sector; Sharad Mulchand, MTA Gateway Cities Planning Manager; John Doherty, Executive Director, Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority; Ralph Webb, Executive Director, I-5 Joint Powers Authority; Barbara Beck, South Coast AQMD; Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun, League of California Cities; Bruce Barrows, Lockheed Martin; John Barna, PCA; Larry Wesemann, Parsons Corporation; Gill Hicks, President, Gill V. Hicks and Associates; 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; GCCOG Public Information Manager Nadene Bristow; GCCOG Transportation Advisor Don Camph.

Vice President Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun, League of California Cities, spoke regarding the petition drive to qualify an initiative for the November ballot aimed at protecting local revenues. Barbara Beck, SCAQMD, announced an April 16 hearing to be conducted by Senator Martha

Escutia on the Alameda Corridor East project.

President Colonna asked that item F on the consent calendar be considered separately because it was a resolution that required a voice vote. It was moved by Vice President Wilson, seconded by Member Nordbak, to approve the consent calendar with the exception of item F. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Nelson, to waive further reading and adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-04.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Bill Grady, District Director for Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, read a letter from the Congresswoman announcing that her request for \$250,000 in federal funding for the COG Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) had been approved. It was moved by Member Lowenthal, seconded by Member Nordbak, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Transportation Advisor Don Camph presented a report recommending that the COG agree in concept to be an initial partner in the "Gateway Cities Technical Partnership", a non-profit corporation, with the other initial partners being the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce and Long Beach City College. It was moved by Vice President Wilson, seconded by Member Proo, to approve in concept the formation of such a partnership, and to refer it to the City Managers Steering Committee to come back in April with a recommendation regarding the structure of such a partnership. The motion was approved unanimously.

John Doherty, Executive Director, Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, presented a report on ACTA's Congestion Relief Initiative. He addressed proposals to reduce truck traffic in the short term, including extended port hours, a rail shuttle to the transfer yards, and increased on-dock capacity. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Putnam, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Richard Hollingsworth, President and CEO of the Gateway Cities Partnership, announced the March 24 annual conference of the Cal State Long Beach Center for International Trade and Transportation, and the April 22 annual conference of the Gateway Cities Partnership. He asked for the COG's assistance in making sure that cities attend the Partnership's annual conference, as well as the Partnership's efforts to make developers aware of available property in the Gateway Cities area. He reported that the Gateway Cities are poor in philanthropic donations, receiving only \$3 per capita, as compared to \$26 in East Los Angeles and \$46 in East Palo Alto. It was moved by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved

unanimously.

President Colonna announced that in February the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy had approved three grants, those being to the City of Lynwood, City of Long Beach, and the TreePeople non-profit corporation, the latter for a project in the City of Paramount. He said that he had met with the new Director of the State Resources Agency and that he was very supportive of the Conservancy. It was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Member McCarthy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Deborah Chankin, COG Director of Program Development, reported that the I-710 Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee had met twice and that two more meetings had been scheduled. She said that the directly impacted cities had established Tier 1 committees and were actively involved in their efforts. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Proo reported that the substance of the Transportation Committee's meeting that afternoon was to hear John Doherty's report on the Alameda Corridor Congestion Relief Initiative. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to receive and file the report.

There were no reports from SCAG Regional Council or committee members.

Member Nelson requested that a status report on the Truck Impacted Intersection project be presented at next month's meeting.

Vice President Wilson reported that he had met with Senator Dianne Feinstein and had mentioned the Gateway Cities Clean Air Program.

There were no matters from staff.

**Adjournment:** The meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned by consensus at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary