

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South Street, Cerritos
June 2, 2004**

Member Proo called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Vice President Wilson arrived at the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Vice President Wilson announced that President Colonna and the Executive Director were in Washington, D.C. and unable to attend this meeting.

Vice President Wilson 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 Hector De La Torre, Member Robert Hughlett, Member Greg Nordbak, Member Wayne Piercy, Member Beatrice Proo, Member Gordon Stefenhagen, Member Betty Putnam.

ABSENT: President Frank Colonna, Member Keith McCarthy, Member Larry R. Nelson, Member Beverly O'Neill, Member Don Knabe.

ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank; Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Councilmember Frank Colonna; Lakewood Director of Community Development Charles Ebner; Raymond Maekawa, Director of Planning, MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector; Cathy Manzo, MTA Community Relations Officer, MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector; D A McClain, Transportation Deputy, Gateway Cities MTA Director; Rama J. Tallamraju, Watershed Management Division, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; John Barna, Anrab Associates; Frank Osgood, Planner; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG; GCCOG Director of Program Development Deborah Chankin; GCCOG Director of Transportation and Engineering Jerry R. Wood.

Member Proo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

No one from the public wished to speak.

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

The Deputy Executive Director announced that representatives of the Southern California Edison Company were unable to attend the meeting to make their presentation on AB 2006 regarding electrical service restructuring. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Vice President Wilson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Director of Program Development introduced Rama J. Tallamraju of the Watershed Management Division of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, who made a presentation regarding the San Gabriel River Master Plan. Ms. Tallamraju said that there would be a 45 day public comment period and that the draft master plan would be available on the Department of Public Works website for public review next week. She said that the master plan was a consensus-based document and that it integrated over 150 potential enhancement projects identified by 19 cities along the San Gabriel River. Member Proo asked if the projects take flood issues into consideration. Ms. Tallamraju replied that yes they are and that water conservation was one of two key missions of the Department of Public Works. Member Nordbak recommended that the COG send letters to the city managers asking them to review the draft master plan. It was moved by Member Proo, seconded by Member Nordbak, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Director of Program Development reported that the I-710 Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee was nearing the completion of its deliberations. She said that at the next meeting, scheduled for June 10, the Committee would hear the presentation of the hybrid design concept. Member De La Torre requested that the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee co-chairs send letters to the California Transportation Commission to let them know that the I-710 project is still going forward. He also encouraged the cities to write their legislators. Jeannine Critie said that President Colonna had met recently with Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald, who has been to Sacramento to talk on behalf of the project. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Putnam, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Proo announced that there had been no meeting of the Transportation Committee that evening. She introduced Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negandank, who described the ongoing efforts on the rail grad separation projects in Pico Rivera, La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, and Norwalk. She said that the project coalition had recently produced some giveaways to promote the project. It was moved by Member De La Torre, seconded by Member Nordbak, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Proo announced that the annual SCAG retreat had been held today in Temecula and that the General Assembly meeting would be held tomorrow. It was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no reports from the SCAG policy committees.

Member Daniels invited the Executive Committee members to attend the dedication of the City of Paramount's civic center plaza and the "Hay Tree" monument, which would take place the next day.

The Director of Program Development acknowledged MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector Community Relations Officer Cathy Manzo, who would be leaving her position at the end of the month. Member Proo thanked Ms. Manzo for her service.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:01 p.m.