

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Cerritos Senior Center  
12340 South Street  
Cerritos, California  
November 3, 2004**

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**PRESENT:** President Edward H. J. Wilson, Signal Hill  
Vice President Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier  
Board Member John Pratt, City of Bellflower  
Board Member Daniel Crespo, City of Bell Gardens  
Board Member Bob Hughlett, City of Cerritos  
Board Member Jesus Cervantes, City of Commerce  
Board Member Keith McCarthy, City of Downey  
Board Member Betty Schultze, City of Hawaiian Gardens  
Board Member Juan Noguez, City of Huntington Park  
Board Member Susan Tripp, City of La Mirada  
Board Member Wayne Piercy, City of Lakewood  
Board Member Frank Colonna, City of Long Beach  
Board Member Bonnie Lowenthal, City of Long Beach  
Board Member Samuel Pena, City of Maywood  
Board Member Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk  
Board Member Beatrice Proo, City of Pico Rivera  
Board Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs  
Board Member Hector De La Torre, City of South Gate

**ABSENT:** Board Member Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia  
Board Member Ralph Morrow, City of Avalon  
Board Member George Cole, City of Bell  
Board Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton  
Board Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy  
Board Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights  
Board Member Fernando Pedroza, City of Lynwood  
Board Member Edward Vasquez, City of Montebello  
Board Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount  
Board Member William Davis, City of Vernon  
Board Member Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

**ALSO PRESENT:** Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Bell Special Projects Director Raul Romero; Lakewood Assistant Director of Community Development Jack Gonsalves; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Pico Rivera Assistant to the City Manager Rafael Guillen; Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Councilmember Frank Colonna; Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe; Ray Maekawa, LACMTA Director of Planning; Natalia Porche, SCAQMD Senior Public Information Specialist; John Barna, Anrab Associates; Frank Osgood,

Planner; Alan Braatvedt, CBM Consulting, Inc.; GCCOG Legal Counsel Rachel Richman; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Director of Program Development Deborah Chankin.

Vice President Nordbak provided Words of Wisdom.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Member Cervantes.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Natalia Porche introduced herself as the new South Coast Air Quality Management District representative to the Gateway Cities. She said that she would be calling each of the members to make an appointment to talk about their issues.

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

After discussion among the Board members regarding appointments to the SCAG policy committees, it was the consensus of the Board to bring back the matter at next month's meeting and to have staff prepare a matrix of current appointments so that new appointments could be made with preference given to cities that did not already have membership on committees.

The Executive Director announced that the Gateway Cities, South Bay, and San Gabriel Valley COGs were jointly sponsoring a Housing Summit entitled "Strategies and Tactics for Infill Development" on November 19 in the City of Santa Fe Springs. The keynote speaker at the Housing Summit will be Sunne Wright McPeak, California Secretary of the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency. He said that the Housing Summit has been coordinated in conjunction with the offices of the congressional representatives from all three COGs. It was moved by Member Colonna, seconded by Member Hughlett, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Colonna announced that the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy had recently approved grants of \$50,000 for San Gabriel River parkway signage and access enhancement, and \$200,000 for Compton Creek signage and access enhancement. He thanked the Executive Director for his testimony before the California Performance Review Commission in support of the continued existence of the Conservancy. He said that a recommendation to dissolve the Conservancy was still being considered by the Governor. It was moved by Member Colonna, seconded by Vice President Nordbak, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director announced that the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee would be meeting on November 18 to act on the recommendations from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee and the I-710 Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee. He said that the I-710 TAC had approved a hybrid design for the freeway from the Port to the Washington Blvd. rail yards in Commerce and Vernon. Member Colonna expressed

concern about the Tier 2 report establishing a fixed policy this early in the process. Member Pena said that he shared Member Colonna's concerns. Member De La Torre said that some things will need to be examined on a parallel track to the work on the design, which is a public works project. The Executive Director responded that the action before the I-710 OPC would be to approve the recommendations of the Tier 2 Committee as guidance to the environmental review process that will follow. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Colonna, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Proo reported that the Transportation Committee meeting had focused on a report from the LACMTA on bus route restructuring. Ray Maekawa, LACMTA Planning Director, gave a report on a proposed connection from the current Green Line terminus to the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Transit Center, but said that there was currently no funding for such a project. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director provided a status report on where cities were with regard to approving an agreement for a needs assessment study on the 91/605 freeway corridors. He said that the city managers will reconvene to discuss what the next steps in the process are once the cities have approved the participation agreements. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Piercy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no reports from the SCAG Regional Council members.

There were no reports from the SCAG policy committees.

Member De La Torre announced that the November 18 meeting of the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee would be his last meeting as a member of the Council of Governments. He said that he would be sworn in as a Member of the California State Assembly on December 6. He said that he would be resigning from the South Gate City Council prior to then. President Wilson congratulated Member De La Torre on his election and wished him every success in his new position as an Assembly member. Member Proo praised Member De La Torre for his tenacity as a member of the Board.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Member Proo, seconded by Member De La Torre, to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Adjournment:** The meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.