

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South Street
Cerritos, California
October 5, 2005**

President Nordbak called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: President Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member John Crawley, City of Cerritos
Member Anne Bayer, City of Downey
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Frank Colonna, City of Long Beach
Member Bonnie Lowenthal, City of Long Beach
Member Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs

ABSENT: First Vice President Samuel Pena, City of Maywood
Second Vice President Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
Immediate Past President Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

ALSO PRESENT: Board Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights;
Lakewood Assistant Director of Community Development Jack Gonsalves;
GATEWAY CITIES COG Executive Director Richard Powers; GATEWAY CITIES
COG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GATEWAY CITIES COG Assistant
General Counsel Thomas Duarte.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Colonna led the pledge of allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

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

President Nordbak announced that he had appointed Board Members Stan Carroll and Elba Guerrero to the Transportation Committee.

Member Daniels reported on the meeting of the Southwest Compact Task Force which he attended in El Centro. He said that it had been a very interesting meeting, which focused on the United States-Mexico trade corridor. He said that the Mexican government was looking to develop the port of Ensenada to alleviate the cargo load at the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

Member Lowenthal announced that the MTA had begun the Big Rig Tow Demonstration Project on the I-710 freeway. She also reported that SCAG had finished an elasticity study to find out how much importers would be willing to pay to get their goods moving more quickly through and from the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles before they would go elsewhere. She said it was an economic model, not a survey, but that it showed that a fee as high as \$190 or \$200 per forty foot equivalent unit could be supported if it were tied to improvements to speed the flow of cargo. She said that SCAG staff would come before the Board to make a presentation on the study.

The Executive Director said that First Vice President Pena, Member Colonna, Commerce Councilmember Nancy Ramos, I-5 Interim Executive Director Jerry Wood, and he would be in Washington, D.C. on October 12-14 for a series of meetings with Administration officials and congressional offices regarding the three subregional freeway projects, the Clean Air Program, and the ITS earmarks. He said that they would be meeting with Ruben Barrales, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for the White House, the Deputy Secretary of Transportation, the National ITS Program Director, and senior EPA staff.

It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member DuBois, to adjourn.

Adjournment: The meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.