

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard
Paramount, California
April 5, 2006**

There not being a quorum of the Board of Directors present, President Nordbak, called a meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 6:06 p.m.

PRESENT: President Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
First Vice President Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
Second Vice President Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Immediate Past President Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Paul Bowlen, City of Cerritos
Member Anne Bayer, City of Downey
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Bonnie Lowenthal, City of Long Beach
Member Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount

ABSENT: Member Frank Colonna, City of Long Beach
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Member John Pratt, City of Bellflower
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate

ALSO PRESENT: Lakewood Director of Community Development Charles Ebner; South Gate Assistant to the City Manager Binti Harvey; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Bell Special Projects Manager Raul Romero; Connie Sziebl, Field Representative for Supervisor Don Knabe; Long Beach Transit Director of Communications and Customer Service Brynn Kernaghan; Jerry Wood, Executive Director, I-5 Joint Powers Authority; David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager, Gateway Cities Metro Service Sector; Michael Sieckert, Planning Manager, Gateway Cities Metro Service Sector; Darin Chidsey, Member Relations Officer, SCAG; Kristine Guerrero, Gateway Cities Regional Representative, League of California Cities; Albert Perdon, Executive Director, Orangeline Development Authority; Scott Carlson, Associate Vice President, ITERIS, Inc.; Marcie Correa, NTMA Training Centers; Gina Marinello, NTMA Training Centers; Patty Senecal, Vice President, Transport Express, Inc., Lee Saage, Vice President, URS; Frank Osgood, Author,

Region Aroused; Martin Fuentes, representing Steve Westly for Governor Committee; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Assistant General Counsel Tom Duarte; Program Development Director Deborah Chankin; Karen Heit, GCCOG Transportation Deputy.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Board Member John Pratt led the pledge of allegiance.

President Nordbak asked to add an item to the agenda under President's Comments for appointment of a Housing Subcommittee. It was moved by Immediate Past President Wilson, seconded by First Vice President Nelson, to add this item to the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Board Member Betty Putnam arrived at the meeting at 6:10 p.m. President Nordbak announced that a quorum of the Board of Directors was now present.

Martin Fuentes addressed the Board and invited interested persons to attend a fund raiser for Steve Westly for Governor to be held on April 8 at the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

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

Gina Marinello, Campus Director for the National Tooling and Machining Association (NTMA), gave a presentation regarding her organization's programs. She said that they are a non-profit organization that operates three campuses (in Norwalk, Los Angeles, and Ontario) that train machinists. She said that they have a 95% placement rate and have financial aid available for prospective students. She said they also offer six graduate courses at no cost. Ms. Marinello said that NTMA also offers on-site training. She said that manufacturers offer well-paying positions for machinists and that there is a high demand for them.

Member Daniels asked if NTMA will come to job fairs. Ms. Marinello said that they do. Member Daniels asked that she contact the Paramount Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring a job fair.

Immediate Past President Wilson said that a high percentage of machinists will be retiring in the near future. He invited NTMA to make a presentation before the Signal Hill City Council.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Wilson, seconded by First Vice President Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Aguirre arrived at the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

The Executive Director introduced Patty Senecal, Vice President of Transport Express, Inc. and voluntary Chair of the California Trucking Association, who gave a power point

presentation on the Trucking Industry Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Cooperation Program. She said that the largest footprint of trucks in the United States is in the Gateway Cities region. Even so, the largest fleet operating out of the two ports has only 25 trucks, meaning that the port hauling trucking industry is very fragmented. As a result, truck data is the missing link in developing an ITS system. She said that 20 intermodal carriers had committed to support a public/private partnership to deploy technology to aggregate data from multiple sources into a central server to facilitate real-time access to dates, times, positions, proactive alerts, idle times, and other information to assist traffic flow. She said the ultimate success will depend on unbiased data collected from the actual trucks operating in the region.

Member Pratt said that the technology should be available to everyday persons. President Nordbak said that he was concerned about trucks exiting the freeways onto city streets. Ms. Senecal said that the aim is to help the truckers get the information they need to determine the best routes and drive times. Immediate Past President Wilson asked what would be the cost to develop the system. The Executive Director responded that the COG had received a federal grant with the aim of developing a model to collect data to be used to launch an Intelligent Transportation System. He said that the California Trucking Association had been approached to have the trucking industry partner in this effort.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Wilson, seconded by Member Lowenthal, to approve the recommendation to partner with the trucking industry to fund a pilot program to develop an Intelligent Transportation System. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Director of Program Development presented an update on the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). She described the revised governance structure, which has the Lower Los Angeles and Lower San Gabriel River watersheds as one of five sub-regions under the County of Los Angeles Plan. She said that \$1.5 million in planning funds had been granted to Los Angeles County. About \$30 million in implementation grants will be available for awards in the County. She said it would be up to the governance structure to assure that the submitted project requests represent different water focus areas and fair geographical distribution.

It was moved by Member Pratt, seconded by First Vice President Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that in response to the advertisement for the position, only one nomination, that of George Bass, had been received to fill the vacant public member seat on the MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council which resulted from the resignation of Jacqueline Rynerson. He said that the two elected official members were subject to re-nomination and suggested that the Board also consider a process to be used for those seats.

First Vice President Nelson said that the two incumbent elected official members attend all Sector Council meetings and are very active. He said that they wish to be reappointed. Immediate Past President Wilson said that he favored advertising for the positions because it felt it was the COG's duty to do so.

President Nordbak asked that the questions be separated and that a motion relative to the nomination of George Bass be offered. It was moved by Member Bowlen, seconded by Member Daniels, to nominate George Bass to the MTA Board of Directors to be appointed to the vacant public member seat on the MTA Sector Governance Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

Members Bowlen and DuBois said that the COG should advertise again for the two elected official seats on the Sector Governance Council. It was moved by Immediate Past President Wilson, seconded by Member DuBois, to advertise for the two elected official seats on the Sector Governance Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that the map for the National Park Service Special Resource Study had been revised to remove several of the Gateway Cities members from the study area. He said that the COG had always believed that the original map was incorrectly drawn. The southern boundary of the survey area now stops at the point where the City of Santa Fe Springs touches the San Gabriel River. It was moved by Immediate Past President Wilson, seconded by Member Gurule, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Immediate Past President Wilson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said that the National Park study map issue was brought up at a Conservancy meeting. He reported that several grants were approved for amendment, action was taken to comment on the proposed sale of "excess" property in the Angeles National Forest, and that the Conservancy was refurbishing a building in Arcadia to serve as the new headquarters for the Conservancy. It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood, Executive Director of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority, presented an update on the I-5 project. He said that 12 of the 20 homes to be acquired at Carmenita Ave. are currently being appraised. He reported that the Commerce City Council had approved the I-710/I-5 "mini study". It was moved by Member Gurule, seconded by Immediate Past President Wilson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director provided an update on the I-710 project. He said that the Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on April 19, and that the Oversight Policy Committee would likely meet at the end of the month. He said that only the Port of Los Angeles of the major funding partners had yet to approve the funding plan for the next phase of the project. It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member Bowlen, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a status report on the SR91/I-605 project. He said that the COG is looking for money to fund the next stage of the project. It was moved by Immediate Past President Wilson, seconded by Member Pratt, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Lowenthal presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the Committee had reviewed a letter from Supervisor Mike Antonovich opposing the proposed Los Angeles Red Line extension project. She said the Committee had decided to carefully

watch the developments concerning this project and to recommend a letter be sent to the MTA Board expressing concern that projects already in line for funding not lose their priority in order to fund the Red Line project. She said the Committee had also reviewed the Multi-County Goods Movement Plan and is encouraging comments from agencies throughout the subregion. She said they also discussed the status of the proposed transportation bond initiative.

President Nordbak said that he supported the position of Supervisor Antonovich opposing the Red Line project and said that if the Board supported sending a letter other than one opposing the project that he would prefer it come from the Executive Director rather than himself. Immediate Past President Wilson said that he favored a letter expressing a position that the Red Line not “leapfrog” other projects rather than one stating outright opposition to the Red Line. After discussion among the Board members, it was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Immediate Past President Wilson, to direct staff to draft a letter to the MTA Board of Directors expressing the position that projects not be passed over in order to fund the Red Line project.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Member Pratt, Member Lowenthal, Member Daniels, Member Putnam, Member Hurtado, and Immediate Past President Wilson.

NOES: Member Bowlen, Member Dobson, Member Gurule, Member Bayer, Member DuBois, Member Aguirre, Member Stefenhagen, Second Vice President Guerrero, First Vice President Nelson, and President Nordbak.

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Member Mirabal, Member Morrow, Member Beltran, Member Fierro, Member Chaidez, Member Carroll, Member Chotiner, Member Colonna, Member Pedroza, Member Siccama, Member Armenta, Member Davis, and Member Knabe.

The motion failed.

It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member Bowlen, to direct staff to draft a letter to the MTA Board of Directors opposing the Red Line extension project.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Member Bowlen, Member Dobson, Member Gurule, Member Bayer, Member DuBois, Member Aguirre, Member Stefenhagen, Second Vice President Guerrero, First Vice President Nelson, and President Nordbak.

NOES: Member Pratt, Member Lowenthal, Member Daniels, Member Putnam, Member Hurtado, and Immediate Past President Wilson.

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Member Mirabal, Member Morrow, Member Beltran, Member Fierro, Member Chaidez, Member Carroll, Member Chotiner, Member Colonna, Member Pedroza, Member Siccama, Member Armenta, Member Davis, and Member Knabe.

The motion was approved.

Albert Perdon, Executive Director of the Orangeline Development Authority, presented a status report on the Orangeline Maglev Project. He said that the technical work on the feasibility study was progressing nicely; and that initial model runs may be ready next month. He said that a bill (AB 2882) had been introduced by Assemblyman Hector De La Torre that would make the Orangeline eligible for State loan guarantees and that a draft support letter would be brought to the Board next month. He said the OLDA Board has been monitoring the Shanghai Maglev system, which will be extended from its current 19 mile length to 100 miles. It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member Pratt, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board of Directors to receive and file the report.

The Executive Director reported that SCAG would be conducting a joint meeting of the Regional Council and policy committees tomorrow regarding the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director announced that the annual SCAG Regional Housing Summit would be held on April 20.

President Nordbak announced that Member Pratt had volunteered to chair a Housing Committee. He asked for volunteers to serve on the Housing Committee. Members DuBois, Stefenhagen, and Bowlen, and Second Vice President Guerrero volunteered to serve on the committee. President Nordbak announced that he was appointing them to the Housing Committee and asked to be included in the distribution of any agendas for the committee.

President Nordbak announced that Member Putnam was resigning as the COG Representative to the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities' Executive and Legislative Committees and asked for a volunteer to replace her. Member DuBois volunteered for the position and was appointed by President Nordbak.

There were no matters from staff.

Adjournment: The meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned by consensus at 7:38 p.m.