

**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
June 7, 2006**

There not being a quorum of the Board present, President Nordbak called a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: President Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
First Vice President Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
Immediate Past President Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Paul Bowlen, City of Cerritos
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: Second Vice President Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Anne Bayer, City of Downey
Member Frank Colonna, City of Long Beach
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

ALSO PRESENT: Board Member John Pratt, Bellflower; Board Member Frank Gurule, Cudahy; Board Member Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights; Board Member Fernando Pedroza, Lynwood; Board Member Felipe Aguirre, Maywood; Board Member Gil Hurtado, South Gate; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Lakewood Assistant Director of Community Development Jack Gonsalves; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Tom Modica; Santa Fe Springs Assistant to the City Manager Thaddeus McCormick; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Jerry Wood, Executive Director, I-5 Joint Powers Authority; Alex Clifford, General Manager, Gateway Cities Metro Service Sector; David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager, Gateway Cities Metro Service Sector; Gateway Cities Metro Service Sector; Darin Chidsey, Member Relations Officer, SCAG; Kristine Guerrero, Gateway Cities Regional Representative, League of California Cities; Patrician Price, Senior Public Information Specialist,

South Coast AQMD; Lee Saage, URS; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; Program Development Director Deborah Chankin; Karen Heit, GCCOG Transportation Deputy.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Board Member Pratt led the pledge of allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Patrician Price, South Coast Air Quality Management District, briefed the Executive Committee on recent activities of the Air District. She said that the Air District is developing a series of town hall meetings and invited any city that was interested in hosting a meeting to contact her. She also reported on the District's lawnmower replacement program, which is taking place in several cities. She directed Board members to the District's website for more information.

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

Board Member Lillie Dobson arrived at the meeting at 6:09 p.m. President Nordbak announced that a quorum of the full Board of Directors had been achieved.

Thaddeus McCormick, Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Santa Fe Springs made a presentation regarding the City's River Park project. He explained that the park, located near the junction of the I-5 and I-605 freeways, was intended to be for more passive, rather than active recreational, uses.

Member Putnam arrived at the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Mr. McCormick said that the City of Santa Fe Springs primarily wants to achieve connectivity to the San Gabriel River bicycle path by the River Park project. He said it is a very complicated project, involving multiple agencies and property owners. The City is looking to phase in the project as funding sources become available. It was moved by Member Pratt, seconded by Member Gurule, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Second Vice President Guerrero arrived at the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

The Executive Director presented a status report on the pending Memorandum of Understanding among Caltrans, MTA, SCAG, and the COG for the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the I-710 Corridor Project. He said that the Port of Los Angeles Harbor Commission had

voted that morning to approve a \$5 million contribution to the project, which was now fully funded. He said that each participating agency other than the parties to the MOU would execute an implementation agreement with the COG that would embody the MOU. It was moved by Member Pratt, seconded by Member Gurule, to approve the four-party MOU for the EIR/EIS phase of the I-710 Corridor Project. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Director of Program Development reported that only two eligible applicants had applied for the two public member positions on the MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council whose terms are expiring. She said that the two applications were from the two incumbents, JoAnn Eros-Delgado and Cynde Soto. It was moved by Member Bowlen, seconded by Member DuBois, to nominate JoAnn Eros-Delgado and Cynde Soto to the MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council for three year terms commencing July 1, 2006. The motion was approved unanimously.

Immediate Past President Wilson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board of Directors had recently approved new grants and amendments to existing grants to various cities within the subregion. He said the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy is continuing to do the job that we had set it out to do. It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member Pratt, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood, Executive Director of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority, presented a status report on the I-5 project. He said there was a groundbreaking ceremony held last month for the Orange County section of the project. He said it will take three to four years for that segment to be completed. He said the environmental review process had begun on the segment of the freeway from the Orange County line to the I-605 freeway. It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Immediate Past President Wilson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director said that the I-710 report had already been covered by the earlier item regarding the four-party MOU. It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member Gurule, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Transportation Deputy presented the report from the Transportation Committee. She said that the Committee had discussed the transportation bond initiative scheduled for November and where the Gateway Cities projects would fit in. She said there would be a 50% match requirement for all project funding. She said the Committee had reviewed the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan, which is not progressing well. The Executive Director said that Los Angeles County had not taken an active role in participating in the Plan and that the MTA had denied the COG's request for a participatory role. Member

Lowenthal said that she will initiate a meeting with MTA Chief Executive Officer Roger Snoble and the COG Executive Director to talk about this issue.

The Transportation Deputy reported that the Transportation Committee had also heard a presentation from MTA Gateway Cites Service Sector General Manager Alex Clifford regarding Metro Connections and changes to existing bus routes. The Executive Director said that the Committee had also “brainstormed” about ways to fund sound walls in South Gate along the I-710 freeway. It was moved by Immediate Past President Wilson, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report on the Orangeline Maglev project.

There was no report from the Housing Committee.

Member DuBois presented a report from the League of California Cities Executive and Legislative Committees. She said that there is an urgent need for cities to oppose AB 2987, which would take control of cable television franchises from localities and grant it to the State. She referred the Board members to recent emails from Kristine Guerrero of the League. She said the bill had passed the Assembly 77-0 and was now in the Senate. President Nordbak said that the bill would allow phone companies to “cherry pick” service areas. It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member Gurule, to receive and file the report.

It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member Gurule, to receive and file the agendas for the SCAG Regional Council and the SCAG policy committees. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Nordbak asked staff to send out reminders about the Annual Meeting of the Board to be held on June 28th.

Member Stefenhagen said that there may be a need to move the September meeting of the Board because of a conflict with the Annual Conference of the League of California Cities.

There were no matters from staff.

Adjournment: The meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned by consensus at 6:42 p.m.