

**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  
August 2, 2006**

In the absence of a quorum of the full Board, President Nelson called a meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: President Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia  
First Vice President Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park  
Second Vice President John Pratt, City of Bellflower  
Immediate Past President Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier  
Member Paul Bowlen, City of Cerritos  
Member Anne Bayer, City of Downey  
Member Bonnie Lowenthal, City of Long Beach  
Member Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk  
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount  
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate  
Ex Officio Member Kerry Cartwright, Port of Long Beach

ABSENT: Member from the City of Long Beach  
Member Fernando Pedroza, City of Lynwood  
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill  
Member Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Member Nancy Ramos, City of Commerce  
Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy  
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon  
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell  
Member Mario Beltran, City of Bell Gardens  
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton  
Member Leonard Chaidez, City of Hawaiian Gardens  
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights  
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada  
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood  
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood  
Member Jeff Siccama, City of Montebello  
Member Ron Beilke, City of Pico Rivera

Member William Davis, City of Vernon

ALSO PRESENT: City Managers Steering Committee Chair Ken Farfsing, Signal Hill City Manager; Santa Fe Springs City Manager Fred Latham; Long Beach Assistant City Manager Chris Shippey; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Tom Modica; Long Beach Manager of Homeless Services Corrinne Schneider; Connie Sziebl, Field Representative for Supervisor Don Knabe; Jon Leonard, TIAX, LLC, Program Manager, Gateway Cities Clean Air Program; Kristine Guerrero, Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities; Sam Olivito, Executive Director, California Contract Cities Association; Darin Chidsey, Member Relations Officer, SCAG; Patrician Price, Public Affairs Specialist, South Coast Air Quality Management District; Jerry Wood, Executive Director, I-5 Joint Powers Authority; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; GCCOG Program Development Director Deborah Chankin; Karen Heit, GCCOG Transportation Deputy.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Daniels led the pledge of allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

No one wished to speak during public comments.

The Executive Director announced that the September meeting of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee would be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 6<sup>th</sup> in order to avoid a conflict with the League of California Cities Annual Conference. The Executive Director announced that there would be a group photograph taken of the Board of Directors before the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board.

President Nelson asked that Item A, approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2006, be removed from the consent calendar. It was moved by Member Bowlen, seconded by Member Daniels, to approve the consent calendar as presented, with the exception of Item A. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Nelson asked that the minutes for the meeting of June 28, 2006, be amended to reflect that Member Bielke and Connie Sziebl were in attendance at the meeting. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Gurule, to approve the minutes of June 28, 2006, as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

Santa Fe Springs City Manager Fred Latham reported that, at the request of the

COG Board, the City Managers Steering Committee had been looking at the issue of homelessness. He said that the Steering Committee had conducted a tour of the City of Long Beach facilities addressing the homeless, including the Long Beach Multi-Services Center, the Villages at Cabrillo, and the recently opened Project Achieve. He said they had also met with Joel Roberts, Chief Executive Officer of People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), which operates numerous programs for the homeless throughout the county.

Mr. Latham reported that the County Board of Supervisors had allocated \$80 million in one-time funds to address homelessness, but that the Gateway Cities have not been at the table to discuss how these resources will be distributed. He asked that the Board approve a letter to be sent to the Chief Administrative Officer of Los Angeles County stating that: 1) the COG needs to be at the table to discuss how the funds are allocated; 2) this region of the County receive its fair share of resources; and 3) cities in this subregion are prepared to step up and address this issue.

Member Wilson arrived at 6:17 p.m.

President Nelson said that we all know the seriousness of this problem and that all cities have homeless. He said that this is a time sensitive issue and that the Board needed to act tonight to stay in consideration for these funds. He proposed that the Board appoint an Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness and asked for volunteers to serve. First Vice President Guerrero, Member Gurule, Member Ramos, Member Bayer, and Connie Sziebl volunteered to serve on the Committee. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness and its membership of the five persons who had volunteered. President Nelson announced that he was appointing Vice President Guerrero to chair the committee.

It was moved by Member Lowenthal, seconded by Member Gurule, to approve the recommendation of the City Managers Steering Committee to send a letter to the County Chief Administrative Officer with the points articulated by Mr. Latham. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director introduced Jon Leonard, TIAX, LLC, program manager for the Gateway Cities Clean Air Program, who made a power point presentation regarding the proposed San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan. He said a major element of the Plan is to replace all 1992 and older model diesel trucks that call frequently at the ports with 2007 model year trucks. Trucks that are model year 1993 or newer would be retrofitted with PM and NOx reduction equipment. After a period of time, only trucks that meet the new standards would be allowed to call at the ports.

Mr. Leonard explained that the comment period on the plan had recently been extended, but that the COG had submitted a letter during the initial comment

period which explained in detail how the Gateway Cities COG is positioned to participate in the fleet modernization element of the two port plan.

Member Pratt asked why model year 2007 was chosen by the ports as the replacement vehicle for the older model diesel trucks. Mr. Leonard answered that the 2007 trucks will be the first ones that will have the diesel particulate traps installed as standard equipment.

Member Bowlen asked what happened in 1993 that made trucks candidates for retrofitting rather than replacement. Mr. Leonard responded that 1993 model year trucks were the first ones that had engines that could use particulate traps.

Member Wilson asked if we would look at liquefied natural gas (LNG) as well since all trucks we replace have to be retrofitted. Mr. Leonard said that the COG has left it open to pursue an LNG program as well. He said that any port truck that the Gateway Cities COG has replaced will be “grandfathered in” as being eligible to call at the ports.

Member Lowenthal said that she understood that each port may do something different. Member Cartwright said that the ports can do three things: 1) expand upon the existing Gateway Cities program; 2) work with shipping lines that contract with specific trucking fleets; and 3) look at leasing structures to supplement the Gateway Cities program. Member Cartwright said that the two ports will have a joint program. He said they are working with shippers to utilize \$1 billion from the pending transportation bond issue on air quality projects.

Member Pedroza arrived at 6:35 p.m. President Nelson announced that there was now a quorum of the full Board of Directors.

The Executive Director said that the City Managers Steering Committee had met on the issue and had recommended that the Gateway Cities COG monitor developments regarding the proposed San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan and assertively advocate for inclusion of the Gateway Cities Clean Air Program as a key element of the program. It was moved by Member Gurule, seconded by Member Hurtado, to approve the recommendation of the City Managers Steering Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Darin Chidsey, SCAG Member Relations Officer, reported that the SCAG Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee and Regional Council had approved the proposed SCAG RHNA Pilot Program and that SCAG was looking for a sponsor and bill number to introduce the required legislation. He said that the Regional Council and policy committees would be dark this month.

Kristine Guerrero, League of California Cities, reported on AB 2987 relating to telecommunications. She said the bill had received several amendments, but the

latest version had not yet been printed. She said the League would be providing a resolution of support for Proposition 1B, the transportation bond issue. She said that tomorrow Huntington Park Mayor Juan Noguez would be installed as President of the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities. She passed out materials relating to Proposition 90, but asked that cities not take a formal position because it will focus attention on eminent domain rather than on the more objectionable provisions of the measure. She said she was asking individuals to join the coalition in opposition to Proposition 90.

Sam Olivito, Executive Director of California Contract Cities, expressed the regrets of President Jeffrey Prang that he was not able to attend tonight's meeting. He said that California Contract Cities will be doing what it can to defeat Proposition 90. He reported on the issue of liability falling upon contract cities for sex crimes committed by a Sheriff's deputy in a city's jurisdiction. He said that Contract Cities is in opposition to legislation that gives the City of Los Angeles control of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Mr. Olivito reported that Contract Cities supports expansion of the Board of Directors of the South Coast Air Quality Management District to create a seat for the South Bay/West Los Angeles County cities. He said that the cities of Long Beach and Los Angeles had expressed an interest in joining Contract Cities. He announced the Contract Cities Association Fall Seminar would take place in Coronado on October 6-8, 2006. He invited Board members to attend the annual Sheriff's Department Greek Festival this month.

I-5 Joint Powers Authority Executive Director Jerry Wood reported that offers had been made on all properties affected by the Carmenita Road interchange project. He said that they were still on schedule for construction in 2008. He said that the environmental document on the portion from the Orange County line to I-605 should be available next month.

There was no report from the Orangeline Maglev.

Member Wilson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He referred members to the report in the agenda packet. He encouraged cities to send letters of support to the Governor for appointment of former Long Beach Councilmember Frank Colonna to the RMC Board. Immediate Past President Nordbak said that he had sent a letter as President urging the appointment of Frank Colonna by the Governor. It was moved by Member Bowlen, seconded by Member Pedroza, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said that a newsletter on the I-710 project had recently been published and distributed. It was moved by Member Pedroza, seconded by Member Putnam, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved

unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report from the SR-91/I-605 Corridor Cities Committee. He said that Member Lowenthal, Transportation Deputy Karen Heit, and MTA Gateway Cities Area Team Director Ernest Morales deserve commendation for securing \$250,000 from the MTA Board of Directors for the 91/605 Major Corridor Study. It was moved by Second Vice President Pratt, seconded by Member Gurule, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Transportation Deputy Karen Heit presented the report from the Transportation Committee. She said that the Committee would be getting more information regarding the transportation bond measure, including an information package that is Gateway Cities specific as to projects that would be funded if the measure is successful. She said that the MTA Board of Directors had approved funding for a transportation study of the border with Orange County. She said that the Transportation Committee had heard a report from the MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector regarding Metro Connections. It was moved by Member Gurule, seconded by Member Pedroza, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director delivered a report from the Housing Committee. He said that if SCAG's RHNA Pilot Program does not go forward, the old RHNA system will remain in place. He said the benefit of the Pilot Program is the "bottoms up" subregional planning approach. The Executive Director said that the subregion will play a major role in the upcoming Regional Transportation Plan/COMPASS program. It was moved by Member Gurule, seconded by Member Pedroza, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Immediate Past President Nordbak said that Proposition 84, the \$5 billion Clean Water Bond issue, would actually provide less than \$3 billion for drinking water, and that very little will go to southern California.

President Nelson invited members to join him when he goes to the August 22 meeting of the Whittier City Council to make a presentation to Immediate Past President Nordbak on behalf of the Board of Directors.

**Adjournment:** The meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned by consensus at 7:20 p.m.