

**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  
October 4, 2006**

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Mario Beltran, City of Bell Gardens  
Member Paul Bowlen, City of Cerritos  
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton  
Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy  
Member Meredith Perkins, City of Downey  
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights  
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood  
Member Bonnie Lowenthal, City of Long Beach  
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach  
Member Fernando Pedroza, City of Lynwood  
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood  
Member Jeff Siccama, City of Montebello  
Member Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk  
Member Ron Beilke, City of Pico Rivera  
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs  
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill

**ABSENT:** Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon  
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell  
Member Leonard Chaidez, City of Hawaiian Gardens  
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada  
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount  
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate  
Member Bonnie Lowenthal, City of Long Beach  
Member Fernando Pedroza, City of Lynwood  
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill  
Member William Davis, City of Vernon  
Member Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Ex Officio Member Kerry Cartwright, Port of Long Beach  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; La Mirada Director of

Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Director of Community Development Charles Ebner; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Tom Modica; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Connie Sziebl, Field Representative for Supervisor Don Knabe; Ernest T. Morales, MTA Gateway Cities Director; Alex Clifford, General Manager, Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector; David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Mike Sieckert, Planning Manager, Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector; Darin Chidsey, Member Relations Officer, SCAG; Albert Perdon, Executive Director Orangeline Development Authority; Patrician Price, Senior Public Information Specialist, South Coast AQMD; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs, League of California Cities; Farid Naguib, Senior Traffic Engineer, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Alice Wiggins-Tolbert, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Kathy Padilla, Principal, Katherine Padilla & Associates; David Freytag, Principal, Jones & Stokes; Jerry Wood, Executive Director, I-5 Joint Powers Authority; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Wilson led the pledge of allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

No one wished to speak during public comments.

Representatives from Californians Against Higher Taxes distributed material regarding Proposition 87 on the November ballot and spoke in opposition to the measure. There was no one present from Californians for Clean Energy. President Nelson said that both sides of the issue had been invited to speak.

The Executive Director reported that tours of homeless shelters were being scheduled for the Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness. He said that the COG had jointly sponsored with Assemblyman Hector De La Torre a "Community Leaders Lunch Forum" on water and Integrated Regional Water Master Plan (IRWMP) issues. He announced the upcoming MTA Call for Projects. He said that meetings would be held with transportation representatives from Orange County to discuss Los Angeles/Orange County cross county transportation planning.

The Executive Director reported that the City Managers Steering Committee had appointed Cerritos City Manager Art Gallucci and Downey City Manager Gerald Caton to a Congestion Mitigation Fee Task Force.

The Executive Director talked about the upcoming Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process and the related Gateway Cities subregional workshop to be held at the COG offices from 1:00 to 5:30 on November 6. He said that the SCAG Regional Council and CEHD meetings in November and December would be milestone meetings regarding the RHNA process.

The Executive Director said that the COG was continuing to study alternative technologies to cargo movement and that the COG would be inviting the Texas Transportation Institute to a Board meeting for a presentation.

The Executive Director reported that President Nelson had met recently with Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster to orient him on the activities of the COG and that the briefing was well received by Mayor Foster.

The Executive Director announced that a public hearing was scheduled for this evening regarding the following Resolution:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2006-03

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AMENDING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The Executive Director said that it was time for the Board to conduct its biennial review of the Conflict of Interest Code. He said that since the time of the last review a new position, that of Transportation Deputy, had been added and that staff was recommending that the Code be amended to include this new position.

It was moved by Second Vice President Pratt, seconded by Member Gurule, to open the public hearing. The motion was approved unanimously.

No one wished to speak during the public hearing.

It was moved by Second Vice President Pratt, seconded by Member Dobson, to close the public hearing. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Second Vice President Pratt, to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2006-03. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Nelson called a recess at 6:16 p.m.

President Nelson called the meeting back to order at 6:27 p.m.

President Nelson asked that the minutes of the meeting of September 6, 2006, be amended to show that Connie Sziebl of Supervisor Knabe's office was present at the meeting.

Member Stefenhagen asked if the Natural Marketing staff were still working on the COG web page. The Executive Director replied that they were. Member Stefenhagen asked that copies of work prepared by Natural Marketing be included with their monthly

summary of activities.

It was moved by Member Lowenthal, seconded by Member DuBois, to approve the consent calendar with the amendment to the minutes requested by President Nelson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood, consultant engineer to the COG, gave a presentation regarding the August 25, 2006, inspection tour of the Florida Intelligent Transportation Systems. It was moved by Member Pedroza, seconded by Member Bayer, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The General Counsel introduced a proposed policy governing special joint meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. The proposed policy clarifies that if a quorum of the Board is not present at the special meeting to take the required action, that the Executive Committee, if it has a quorum, may act in the Board's place as is provided for in the COG Bylaws. Any Board members present at the meeting would be given the opportunity to be heard by the Executive Committee.

Member Bowlen said that a special meeting may not have a quorum of either the Board or the Executive Committee. The General Counsel said that staff would give 48 hours notice and make telephone calls to encourage attendance. Immediate Past President Nordbak asked if this policy conforms with the Brown Act. The General Counsel replied that it does.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Immediate Past President Nordbak, to adopt the proposed policy. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consultant Engineer Jerry Wood reported that \$250,000 in initial funding for the SR-91/I-605 Major Corridor Study had been approved by the MTA Board of Directors and that major funding would also be obtained from SCAG and Caltrans. However, before SCAG can approve funding, the project must be submitted for approval through its Regionally Significant Transportation Investment Studies (RSTIS) process. He said the deadline for submitting the project for consideration this year is mid-October. He recommended that the Board authorize staff to make a request of SCAG to initiate the RSTIS procedure for the SR-91/I-605 Major Corridor Study. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Immediate Past President Nordbak, to approve the recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kate Lutz, representing Californians for Clean Energy, apologized for arriving late, but asked to address the Board in support of Proposition 87. She said that the measure would create a \$4 billion fund to bring alternative technologies to market and reduce dependence on foreign oil.

Jerry Wood presented a report recommending that the COG transfer its \$250,000 federal earmark, which requires a like match, to Caltrans for the preparation of an ITS Integration Plan for the Gateway Cities area, with the provision that Caltrans provide the

match and prepare the plan with the cooperation and approval of the COG.

Immediate Past President Nordbak asked if this was the match that Caltrans had previously offered to provide. Mr. Wood replied that it is. Member Bowlen asked about the time frame for the project. Mr. Wood replied that the project would begin during the first quarter of 2007.

It was moved by Second Vice President Pratt, seconded by Member Pedroza, to approve the staff recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Darin Chidsey, SCAG Member Relations Officer, presented a report from SCAG. He stressed the importance for cities to attend the November 6 Subregional Integrated Workshop to be held at the COG offices. He said that every city should have someone present to look at the 2035 growth forecast. He said packets would be mailed out to all planning directors.

Mr. Chidsey said that tomorrow a joint workshop of the SCAG Regional Council and policy committees would be held regarding the Regional Comprehensive Plan. He said that the SCAG Administration Committee would be meeting to approve a Memorandum of Understanding among SCAG, the six county transportation commissions, and the two ports, to create a Southern California National Freight Gateway Strategy.

Member DuBois announced the League of California Cities would be hosting a golf tournament fund raiser on October 24 for the campaign to oppose Proposition 90. Kristine Guerrero, League of California Cities, said that Proposition 90 would directly affect infrastructure projects in the state. Member Bowlen asked how cities could help. Ms. Guerrero said that the best thing is for councilmembers to talk to their constituents about the effects that Proposition 90 would have.

There was no report from the California Contract Cities Association.

Jerry Wood presented a report on the I-5 Joint Powers Authority. He said that the Carmenita Road acquisition process had gotten underway this month and that Caltrans had completed 60% of design. Construction on the Carmenita Bridge should commence in 2008. He said that the preparation of environmental documents regarding the area north of I-605 was underway.

Orangeline Development Authority Executive Director Albert Perdon reported that the Governor had signed a bill that allows for infrastructure development around proposed Orangeline stations. He said that the consultant preparing a feasibility study will report that the Orangeline should pay off all debt within 32 years and that the project will produce a profit by 2050. He spoke regarding a fatal accident on the Maglev test track in Germany which was caused by a maintenance truck having been left on the track.

Patrician Price, South Coast AQMD, announced a town hall meeting regarding air quality to be held in Cerritos on October 19.

Member Wilson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He announced that Member O'Donnell had been appointed to the Conservancy Board of Directors. He said that he had met with the Governor's appointments secretary about the recommendation that the Governor appoint former Member Frank Colonna as his representative on the Conservancy Board. He said that the Board had held a discussion regarding a proposal to do a joint project with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, but had tabled the project because the scope was not well defined.

The Executive Director presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said that the Committee had approved a community participation framework, a copy of which is included in the Board's agenda packet. He said that Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster had been elected as Co-Chair of the Committee. He said that the I-710 EIR/EIS Executive Committee had elected Supervisor Don Knabe as Chair, and Commerce Mayor Nancy Ramos as Vice Chair.

Member Stefenhagen presented a report from the SR-91/I-605 Corridor Cities Committee. He said that there would be a meeting of the Committee in November.

Member Lowenthal presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said that the Committee had discussed the upcoming MTA Call for Projects and the schedule of applicant workshops. She said that the Committee heard a report on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector by General Manager Alex Clifford. She said that the Committee discussed the proposed Congestion Mitigation Fee and that the Committee agreed that there is a need to make sure that determinations regarding the fee are not dominated by the City of Los Angeles.

The Executive Director said that the issues before the Housing Committee had been covered by Darin Chidsey in his SCAG report.

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

President Nelson said that he would like to make presentations regarding the COG to city councils upon invitation by the cities. He said that he would like a city's Board member to be part of the presentation. Member Beltran said that he would like President Nelson to come to a meeting of the Bell Gardens City Council. Immediate Past President Nordbak said that presentations would help in cities like Whittier that are contributing to the SR-91/I-605 Major Corridor Study to understand what their contributions are going for. President Nelson responded that a presentation could be tailored to an individual city.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:40 p.m.