

**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
January 18, 2007**

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00 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
Nancy Ramos, City of Commerce
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy
Member Anne Bayer, 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 Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Ron Beilke, City of Pico Rivera
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Ex Officio Member Kerry Cartwright, Port of Long Beach

ABSENT: Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Mario Beltran, City of Bell Gardens
Member Paul Bowlen, City of Cerritos
Member Leonard Chaidez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada
Member Fernando Pedroza, City of Lynwood
Member Jeff Siccama, City of Montebello
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

ALSO PRESENT: Connie Sziebl, Field Representative for Supervisor Don Knabe; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Long Beach Assistant City

Manager Christine Shippey; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Director of Community Development Jack Gonsalves; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Long Beach Transportation Programs Officer Sumire Gant; Norwalk Transportation Administration Coordinator Jaime Becerra; Port of Long Beach Transportation Planner Shasank Patil; Brian Mineghino, Legislative Analyst, Office of Long Beach Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell; Benjamin Cardenas, Deputy District Director, Office of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano; Jesper Pedersen, Legislative Assistant, Office of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano; Perla Hernandez, Office of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano; Luis Marquez, Senior District Representative, Office of Senator Alan Lowenthal; Jay Day, Office of Assemblymember Betty Karnette; Mike Hollon, Office of Assemblymember Hector De La Torre; Abdi Saghafi, Corridor Manager, Caltrans; Albert Perdon, Executive Director, Orangeline Development Authority; Jerry Wood, Executive Director, I-5 Joint Powers Authority; Dr. Steve Roop, Assistant Director, Texas Transportation Institute; Reed Tanger, Project Manager, Transrapid International; Steve Hinds, Program Administrator, Center for the Commercial Deployment of Transportation Technologies (CCDoTT) Cal State University, Long Beach; Leo Rodriguez, Center for the Commercial Deployment of Transportation Technologies (CCDoTT), Cal State University, Long Beach; Bruce Dahnke, President, SkyTech; Todd Cleary, Executive Vice President, Skytech; Kirston Henderson, President, MegaRail Transportation Systems, Inc.; Charlene Palmer, Vice President and Transportation Manager, ARCADIS U.S., Inc.; Pete Crosby, Principal, CGR Management Consultants; Jon Leonard, Principal, TIAX, LLC; Allynn Howe, Government Relations Consultants; Jim Fitzgerald, BNSF Railway; Nancy Pfeffer, President, Network Public Affairs; Cynthia Romo, Asthma Coordinator, Long Beach; Angelo Logan, Director, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice; Roger Holman, Vice President, Coolidge Triangle Homeowners Association, Long Beach; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Director of Program Development Deborah Chankin.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Immediate Past President Nordbak led the pledge of allegiance.

The Executive Director said that item N on the consent calendar should read "Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2005/2006", and not "2004/2005".

Nancy Pfeffer, President, Network Public Affairs, invited the Board members to attend a forum on Alternative and Cleaner Technologies sponsored by the South Coast Air Quality Management District to be held on January 26th. Frank

Osgood referred the Board to an article that he had authored, The Role of Subregions in Los Angeles Regional Planning for the newsletter of the Regional and Intergovernmental Division of the American Planning Association.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Daniels, to approve the consent calendar with the amendment made by the Executive Director. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Wilson arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Kirston Henderson, President, MegaRail Transportation Systems, Inc. gave a presentation regarding his company's proposed Manual Heavy Cargo System, which consists of an electrically powered elevated guideway on which standard 40 foot cargo containers would be carried on cargo ferries. He estimated the construction cost of the system at \$6-10 million per mile.

Member Siccama arrived at 6:16 p.m.

Immediate Past President Nordbak asked what the lifetime of the cargo carriers would be. Mr. Henderson responded that the all stainless steel carriers would last around 100 years. Immediate Past President Nordbak asked if there is an emergency shutoff. Mr. Henderson said that there is. First Vice President Guerrero asked what the maintenance requirements of the system would be. Mr. Henderson said that the guideway is a zero maintenance system. He said that eventually the wheels on the cargo carriers would have to be replaced.

Dr. Steve Roop, Assistant Director of the Texas Transportation Institute, gave a presentation on the SAFE Freight Shuttle, a concept developed over the last six years. The SAFE Freight Shuttle would consist of single container transports that operate on linear induction motors. A dedicated, small footprint guideway would be designed for steel wheel on a steel running surface.

Immediate Past President Nordbak asked what the cost of the system would be. Dr. Roop answered that he didn't have a definition of the project, but would be happy to come back with an estimate if the parameters are known. He said the cargo units have an estimated cost of \$50,000-100,000 each. Member O'Donnell asked if this would be only an inter-harbor system. Dr. Roop replied that there is no limit to the distance the system could travel. Member Cartwright said that the ports have undertaken a feasibility study to look at the technologies that could be used to transport cargo to the intermodal yards. Member Siccama asked if the cargo congestion at the ports would allow for single container units. Dr. Roop responded that the terminals could be designed so that there are multiple entry points.

Steve Hinds, Program Administrator, CCDoTT, Cal State University, Long Beach, gave a presentation on the ECCO System, which would transport cargo on an

elevated guideway using high speed Maglev technology. The system would utilize dual mode hybrid cargo trams that could also operate dockside in the same manner as trucks. He said that the economics are such that the cost of shipping a container would be approximately \$32.

Second Vice President Pratt asked how the per cargo container charge compared to what it would cost to ship a container by truck. Mr. Hinds responded that it costs approximately \$100 to ship a container by truck. Immediate Past President Nordbak asked if CCDoTT is promoting Maglev technology in general or a particular firm's technology and if he could do an "apples to apples" comparison. Member Cartwright said that the ports' study will look at all of the technologies being presented at tonight's Board meeting.

Al Perdon, Executive Director of the Orangeline Development Authority, introduced Reed Tanger of Transrapid International, who gave a presentation on the Transrapid Maglev technology. Mr. Tanger said that his company has the only currently operational Maglev system in Shanghai, China, which has a passenger system that transports people on a 19 mile elevated guideway to that city's airport. He said that there are currently plans to expand that system by another 100 miles. He said that the Maglev system can be modified to transport freight.

Member Aguirre asked if there is currently a freight system in place. Mr. Tanger replied that there is not.

Bruce Dahnke, President of SkyTech Transportation Systems, gave a presentation on the SkyTech system for goods movement, which is designed to move containers by a guideway transportation system powered by linear induction motors. The system would use existing railroad and other rights-of-way. Containers would be moved in the port area on shuttles consisting of container crane spreader bars attached to linear induction motors carrying containers over an I-beam guideway system.

The Executive Director said that, as part of the development of the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan, the COG had been asked to undertake an income study of drayage truckers serving the two ports. The survey is to be funded through monies provided by the Port of Los Angeles for the Gateway Cities Clean Air Program. He said that staff of the COG and the two ports had interviewed four firms and are recommending the retention of CGR Management Consultants to conduct the income survey.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Ramos, to approve an agreement for consulting services with CGR Management Consultants to conduct the income survey of drayage truckers. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no reports from the Southern California Association of Governments.

Member DuBois reported that Lynn Jacobs, California's Housing and Community Development Director, would be speaking at the February 1 meeting of the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities.

There was no report from the California Contract Cities Association.

Jerry Wood, Executive Director of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority, gave a status report on the I-5 project. He said that the MTA had agreed to provide Proposition 1B funding which will fully fund the project from I-605 south to the Orange County line.

Al Perdon, Executive Director of the Orangeline Development Authority, reported that the Authority and its consulting firm, ARCADIS, had completed a year and a half of technical studies which have resulted in the conclusion that the proposed Maglev project from Palmdale to Irvine is feasible and can largely be funded through private funding sources. He said the focus now will shift to securing funding and the necessary rights-of-way.

There was no report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said that the MTA had received proposals for the EIR/EIS consulting work and that the proposals had been distributed for review. He said interviews of the proposing firms would take place in mid-February. He said a consultant should be on board by May. He said one element that the consultant will be looking at is alternative technologies.

Member Lowenthal presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said that the Committee had discussed the proposed Congestion Management Fee and had drafted a letter of response to the fee. The Executive Director said that the letter would be brought to the Board for its consideration at the February meeting. Member Lowenthal said that the Committee had also discussed the MTA Call for Projects. She presented the list of projects submitted by member cities for which COG support was requested.

It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Hurtado, to approve letters of support for projects submitted for funding under the MTA Call for Projects by member cities. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Housing Committee.

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

President Nelson announced the appointments of Member Bayer, Member DuBois, and Cerritos Councilmember Laura Lee to fill vacancies on the SCAG Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:58 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.