

**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 6, 2007**

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT: President Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
First Vice President Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Mario Beltran, City of Bell Gardens
Member Laura Lee, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Anne Bayer, City of Downey
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada
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
Member Cathy Warner, City of Whittier

ABSENT: Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member Oscar Hernandez, City of Bell
Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy
Member John Heckerman, City of Hawaiian Gardens
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
Ex Officio Member Kerry Cartwright, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Connie Sziebl, Field Deputy for Supervisor Don Knabe; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Director of Community

Development Jack Gonsalves; Downey Assistant to the City Manager Scott Pomrehn; Long Beach Government Affairs Manager Tom Modica; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Port of Long Beach Transportation Planner Shashank Patil; Mike Hollon, Field Representative to Assemblymember Hector De La Torre; Ray R. Pok, Board Assistant to SCAQMD Board Member Tonia Reyes Uranga; David Madsen, Public Affairs, SCAQMD; Darin Chidsey, Member Relations Officer, SCAG; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities; Ernest Morales, Deputy Executive Officer, Metro; David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager, Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector; Sam Olivito, Executive Director, California Contract Cities Association; Richard Hollingsworth, Chief Executive Officer, Gateway Cities Partnership; Cliff Gladstein, President, Gladstein, Neandross & Associates; Jon Leonard, TIAX, LLC; Barry Mason, BGM Consulting; Raul Romero, R&R Municipal Solutions; Karl Rodenbaugh, Senior Scientist, The Planning Center; Angelo Logan, Executive Director, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Director of Program Development Deborah Chankin; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Consultant Engineer Jerry R. Wood.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Dobson led the pledge of allegiance.

The Deputy Executive Director said that there was an urgent item that came to the attention of the COG after the posting of the agenda and requested that it be added to the agenda. He said that that SCAG had proposed an addendum to the draft Air Quality Management Plan consisting of a Goods Movement Action Plan and that there was a need for the COG to take a position. He said the urgency arose out of the fact that the SCAG Regional Council and policy committees would be meeting the next day on this subject. It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Lowenthal, to add consideration of the SCAG Goods Movement Action Plan to the agenda as an urgency item. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director said that the suggested action shown on the agenda for agenda item VIII B was in error, and that it should instead read "Suggested Action: A Motion to Receive and File the Report".

No one wished to speak during public comments.

President Nelson announced that the port tour had been postponed because of scheduling conflicts and asked for a show of hands from Board members who would be interested in setting aside a four hour block of time to take the tour. Thirteen Board members indicated a desire to take the tour. Member Lowenthal suggested that, if a four hour block of time was too burdensome, a shorter tour of just the Port of Long Beach could be arranged. She said that there would be room for other councilmembers from member cities to also attend if they wished to take part.

President Nelson said that the draft Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget would be sent out by the end of next week so that Board members would have adequate time to review it before the Annual Meeting on June 27th.

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

Richard Hollingsworth, Chief Executive Officer of the Gateway Cities Partnership, made a presentation regarding the planned "Decade of Progress" conference and invited the Gateway Cities Council of Governments to jointly sponsor the event, which will mark the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Partnership and the progress in the Gateway Cities region. He said that Governor Schwarzenegger would be invited to address the joint conference. Mr. Hollingsworth said that sponsorships would be obtained to pay for the event.

Member Hurtado asked who would be invited to the "Decade of Progress" conference. Mr. Hollingsworth replied that a whole range of people would be invited, including elected officials, business people and community leaders. He said they would be looking for attendance from about two or three hundred people. It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Aguirre, to have the Gateway Cities Council of Governments co-sponsor the "Decade of Progress" event with the Gateway Cities Partnership. The motion was approved unanimously.

Cliff Gladstein, President of Gladstein, Neandross & Associates, gave a presentation on the proposed I-710 Corridor Air Quality Action Plan. Mr. Gladstein briefly described the background to the report. He said the report would include:

- A report on the status of all other air quality programs and reports and provide more detailed analysis;
- Detailed analysis and quantification of the air quality benefit of all emission reduction programs and regulations that have substantial or moderate benefits for the I-710 communities based on updated baseline of current pollution levels;
- A priority list of near-term air quality strategies that will be monitored twice a year for progress with specific status reports of time-lines, time-tables, funding, status, benefits and issues.

Member Aguirre asked if the plan has to be adopted before the I-710 project can move forward. Mr. Gladstein responded that nothing is contingent upon approval of the document. Member Aguirre asked about the process for the COG to proceed. Mr. Gladstein responded that the COG and other agencies would be studying the report for the next few months. Jerry Wood, consultant engineer for the I-710 project, said that the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee had asked the COG to return with an air quality action plan for the corridor. Mr. Wood said that the recommendation is that the report be forwarded to the I-710 Project Committee. It would then be brought back later to the

COG Board for approval. Mr. Gladstein added that the environmental community had expressed a desire for early action strategies.

It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Hurtado, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

First Vice President Guerrero reported that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Sector Governance Council Selection had interviewed applicants to fill the vacancy for a community member on the MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council and that the subcommittee recommended the appointment of Mr. Harley D. Rubenstein. Member Lowenthal said that she has known Mr. Rubenstein for several years and concurred with the recommendation. It was moved by Member Lowenthal, seconded by Member Daniels, to approve the recommendation that the nomination of Harley D. Rubenstein to the Service Sector Governance Council be forwarded to the MTA Board of Directors for final approval. The motion was approved unanimously.

Darin Chidsey, SCAG Member Relations Officer, presented a report on the activities of SCAG. He said that the SCAG Regional Council would be holding a retreat the next day at Lake Arrowhead. He said that there would be a summit on air quality issues to be held in Long Beach on July 6. He said that the SCAG Regional Council had approved the Appendix to the Air Quality Management Plan on May 3; he asked that the urgency item regarding the AQMP be postponed until June 27 so that appropriate SCAG staff could be present to elaborate on the reasons for the recommendations in the Appendix.

Kristine Guerrero, League of California Cities, presented a legislative update. She said that the League is still strongly opposed to SB 303, and acknowledged the efforts of the cities of Lakewood and Long Beach in opposing the bill. She said the League was also strongly opposed to any changes to the Proposition 42 formula for distribution of funds to cities and that they had contacted Assemblywoman Richardson's office regarding the issue. She said that ACA 8 by Assemblyman De La Torre would put an eminent domain reform proposition on the November 2008 ballot which would ban the use of eminent domain on housing or small businesses for private development purposes.

Sam Olivito, Executive Director of the California Contract Cities Association, said that the recent annual conference of the Association had experienced the largest attendance ever. He said that Artesia Councilmember Sally Flowers is the new President of the Contract Cities Association. He said that the Board had passed a resolution in support of the grass roots program of the League of California Cities. He reported that the fall conference of the Association would be held at the Mission Inn in Riverside.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority. He said that Caltrans had signed the environmental document for the lower segment of the project and had forwarded it to the FHWA. He said that design of the Carmenita bridge design was ninety five percent complete, and that the EIR/EIS for the segment of the project from I-605 north is being worked on and will be the subject of public scoping

meetings in July or August.

There was no report from the Orangeline Development Authority.

Dave Madson introduced himself as the new representative to the Gateway Cities from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He said that the AQMD Board had approved the 2007 Air Quality Management Plan on June 1, and that it calls for regional and multi-agency cooperation. He said that state AQMP hearings may be held in October. He said that SB 1028 calls for CARB to adopt all cost effective measures to achieve federal air quality standards. He reported that the federal bill S. 1499 calls for reductions from marine vessels. Ray Pok, Board Assistant to AQMD Board Member Tonia Reyes-Uranga, congratulated Member Aguirre for his appointment to the Local Government Advisory Committee.

Member O'Donnell reported that there was no meeting of the Conservancy Committee in May.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He introduced Barry Mason, who is working on the Truck Inspection Facility Feasibility Study. He said that a kick-off meeting had been held on the ITS project.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said that the Committee had met on May 30 to receive an update on work done since the completion of the Needs Assessment Study. He reported that the Committee had approved a technical scope of work for the Major Corridor Study. Mr. Wood said that OCTA and MTA would be working collaboratively on projects at the county line.

Member Lowenthal presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said that the Committee had discussed the MTA fare restructuring. She said she had voted initially for a 5% increase proposed by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to be consistent with the position taken by the COG Board of Directors, but that the motion failed. She said that she then offered an amendment to the proposal advanced by Supervisor Gloria Molina for an average annual increase of 10% until a new structure utilizing the Transit Access Pass comes on line in 2010. Member Lowenthal said that her amendment to provide a "safety net" of \$5 million per year to support those who cannot afford the fare increase was approved by the Board. Member Beltran thanked Member Lowenthal for holding the line on the fare increase. He said it was very important to his community. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Aguirre, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Director of Program Development addressed the Board regarding the urgency item on the SCAG Appendix to the AQMP. She said the urgency arose from the fact that the matter will be on the agendas of two SCAG policy committees the next day. She explained that the proposed Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) for Goods Movement contained in the Appendix, a high speed rail transport system and a regional truckway system, would need to be constructed by 2014 if they are included in the

AQMP or the region will be found to be out of conformity. In addition, both projects are proposed to be funded by private sector funds which have not been identified. If private funding is not secured, these projects would compete with other programmed projects for federal and state funding. She said that staff's position is that these points were not adequately discussed with the Regional Council and that county transportation committees were not consulted. She said that these two measures were set aside and not included in the AQMP by the SCAQMD Board.

The Director of Program Development presented staff's recommendation that a letter be sent to SCAG with the following positions:

1. The COG encourages SCAG's continued investigation of a broad range of goods movement strategies that will reduce congestion and improve safety and air quality;
2. The COG encourages SCAG's leadership in developing regional consensus on a broad range of strategies to improve air quality in the region;
3. The COG opposes the inclusion of both TCMs in the 2007 Air Quality Management Plan for the South Coast Air Basin; and
4. The COG cautions SCAG about taking any policy position which may risk creating the impression of prejudging the outcome of the I-710 EIR/EIS.

It was moved by Member Lowenthal, seconded by Member Hurtado, to approve staff's recommendation that a letter be sent to SCAG with the positions outlined by staff. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Hurtado announced that South Gate City Manager Gary Milliman is going to be leaving South Gate and that there will be an event in his honor on the evening of June 27th at the Rio Hondo Country Club in Downey.

There were no matters from the President.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:22 p.m.