

**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 27, 2007**

In the absence of a quorum of the Board of Directors, President Nelson called a meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 6:08 p.m.

PRESENT: President Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
First Vice President Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Laura Lee, City of Cerritos
Member Anne Bayer, City of Downey
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill

ABSENT: Immediate Past President Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Bonnie Lowenthal, City of Long Beach
Member Fernando Pedroza, City of Lynwood
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Ex Officio Member Kerry Cartwright, Port of Long Beach

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Gracie Gallegos-Smith, City of Pico Rivera
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs

ALSO PRESENT: Connie Sziebl, Field Representative for Supervisor Don Knabe; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair of the City Managers Steering Committee; La Mirada City Manager Andrea Travis; Lakewood Director of Community Development Jack Gonsalves; Downey Assistant to the City Manager Scott Pomrehn; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Tom Modica; Commerce Senior Administrative Analyst Fernando Mendoza; Darin Chidsey, Member Relations Officer, SCAG; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Representative, League of California Cities; David Madsen, Public Affairs, SCAQMD; Jon Leonard, TIAX, LLC; 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.

Member Daniels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

No one wished to speak during public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Daniels, to approve consent calendar as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Nelson said that the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget had been sent out at his request two weeks prior to the meeting so that there would be ample time for review and comment. Given the absence of a quorum of the full Board of Directors, it was the recommendation of the General Counsel that the Executive Committee approve the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget and that it be brought back to the next meeting of the full Board of Directors for ratification. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Stefenhagen to approve the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget as presented and to recommend that it be ratified by the Board of Directors at its next meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Because of an absence of a quorum of the Board of Directors, the election of officers was deferred until the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Darin Chidsey, SCAG Member Relations Officer, reported that SCAG had received the letter from the COG objecting to the proposed appendix to the Air Quality Management Plan and that it had been taken off of the AQMP. He said that SCAG staff is continuing to work with the county transportation commissions to seek other ways to address the air quality crisis. Mr. Chidsey reported that the Air Quality Summit originally scheduled for July 6th had been postponed until August. He said that the Regional Council and policy committee meetings for the month of July would be held on July 15th.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said that SB 303 had passed the Senate and is now in the Assembly Local Government Committee. She said a hearing had been set for next Tuesday and that she was hopeful that cities within Assemblyman De La Torre's district would call in with their positions on the bill.

President Nelson said that he would bring the new President of the California Contract Cities Association to the next Board meeting for introduction.

The Executive Director presented a report from the I-5 Joint Powers Consortium. He said that the FHWA had signed the EIR/EIS for the section of freeway between I-605 and the county line, meaning that Caltrans will be able to proceed with that project later this summer. He reported that Caltrans had completed the design plans for the Carmenita Road interchange and had supplied it to the cities for review and comments.

There was no report from the Orangeline Development Authority.

David Madson, South Coast Air Quality Management District, reported that the California Air Resources Board had held a public hearing on the previous Friday regarding the State Air Quality Plan. He said that the public had requested a delay in adopting the Plan until mobile source measures could be incorporated into the State plan.

Mr. Madson reported on SB 1028, which, he said, is basically a follow-up to the SCAQMD's Air Quality Management Plan. He handed out copies of letters of support for the bill and asked for Board support. Board Member DuBois expressed concern that the phrase in SB 1028 calling for CARB to adopt "all feasible measures" to attain federal clean air standards is very broad and should be defined. She said the bar could be set so high that it is unattainable. Mr. Madson replied that "feasible" is a legal term that is defined. He said the term "feasible" is intended to limit it to reasonable measures. President Nelson suggested that SB 1028 be considered on a city by city basis. Board Member DuBois requested that the SCAQLMD send out information regarding feasibility to the cities.

Member O'Donnell reported that there had been no meeting of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy this month.

The Executive Director presented a report from the I-710 Project Committee. He said that the MTA selection of consultants for the EIR/EIS and community participation efforts had been postponed until August by the MTA Board. As a result, the meetings of the I-710 Project Committee scheduled for July 12th and the meeting of the I-710 Executive Committee scheduled for July 26th would be postponed a month. The Executive Director reported that the Truck Inspection Site Feasibility Study is well under way, and that the ITS Integration Plan is under way with formation of an ITS working group.

The Executive Director presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Committee. He said that the COG engineer, Jerry Wood, was overseeing a number of contracts and that the traffic modeling/forecasting is being updated with initial results expected next month. He said that he was in the process of meeting with cities regarding the community participation process. He said that the cross county study with Orange County is now funded on both sides.

There was no report from the Transportation Committee.

It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Stefenhagen, to receive and file all of the committee reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no other matters from the Executive Committee or the President.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:33 p.m.