

**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 7, 2009**

President Bayer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: President Anne M. Bayer, City of Downey
First Vice President Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Second Vice President Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Immediate Past President Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Jim Edwards, City of Cerritos
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Victor Farfan, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Kathy Salazar, City of Montebello
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Gracie Gallegos-Smith, City of Pico Rivera
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Curt Pederson, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe

ABSENT: Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Mario Beltran, City of Bell Gardens
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Ronald Fisher, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Member Richard Steinke, Ex Officio Member, Port of Long Beach
ALSO PRESENT: La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster;

Lakewood Director of Community Development Jack Gonsalves; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager Alex Clifford; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershenson; Kristine Guerrero, League of California Cities; Derek Alatorre, South Coast AQMD; Alex Kenefick, Watershed Coordinator, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; Marian Putnam, Santa Fe Springs; GCCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer; GCCCOG Consultant Engineer Jerry Wood.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Nordbak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

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

There was no presentation from Cerrell Associates regarding the Los Angeles Stormwater Quality Partnership.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said that the Governor had vetoed the Legislature's proposed revised FY 08-09 Budget, but that he had released his proposed FY 09-10 Budget. She said budget negotiations were still ongoing. She reported that the second allotment of Proposition 1B funds will not be going out. She urged attendance at the next night's meeting of the City Selection Committee so that a quorum would be present to confirm the election of the MTA Sector Board Member. It was moved by Second Vice President DuBois, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the California Contract Cities Association.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said that the issue regarding the groundwater at the Carmenita Road interchange was being worked on with Caltrans. She said that the design work of the Alondra intersection was 45% complete, and the Valley View intersection was 10-15% complete.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said that the Authority was moving forward with putting together meetings with OCTA, MTA, and SCAG regarding a feasibility study. She said the Authority was looking to the firm of DLA Piper to bring the City of Los Angeles into active membership.

Derek Alatorre presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He said SCAQMD Board Member Tonia Reyes Uranga had broken her ankle and sent her regrets at not being able to attend tonight's meeting. He said that a new source review meeting was scheduled for January 21 regarding offset credits for businesses.

Alex Clifford presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said that a public hearing regarding proposed service changes has been scheduled for February 12 and that information regarding the changes would be emailed to all city managers.

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 Project Committee would be meeting at the end of the month and that the Technical Advisory Committee would be meeting twice in January.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said that Measure R included \$600 million for corridor "hot spot" projects. He said the Technical Advisory Committee would be meeting to develop a list of recommended projects to the Corridor Cities Committee. The Executive Director said that this demonstrates how the consensus created by this effort put the freeway network into play for funding under Measure R.

It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the I-710 and SR-91/I-605/I-405 reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the issue coming up before the MTA Board of Directors in January is adoption of the Congestion Management Plan. She said it is important for our sector MTA Director to be engaged so it makes it critical to have a quorum of the City Selection Committee meet to confirm the MTA sector election.

The Transportation Deputy reported that LaDonna Di Camillo had made a presentation to the Transportation Committee on BNSF railroad projects. She said that cities are encouraged to apply during the upcoming MTA Call for Projects. She said the COG was also looking for cities to send in five projects to

be included in a package being put together for possible funding under the federal stimulus program. Member Dobson asked what the deadline is for submitting projects. The Transportation Deputy said that projects are needed by the end of the week. Member Daniels suggested sending out an urgent email to city managers asking them to submit projects.

Member Farfan announced that the City of Hawaiian Gardens would be holding the grand opening of its new library and public safety buildings on Saturday. Member Wilson said that the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board would probably not meet again until March. He said that all park bond proceeds have been frozen.

President Bayer transmitted the statements that Signal Hill Councilmember Larry Forester had made on behalf of the COG before the California Air Resources Board on December 11, 2008.

President Bayer made a presentation to COG Executive Assistant Genny Cisneros recognizing her for ten years of service to the COG.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at 6:31 p.m.