

**MINUTES 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
March 4, 2009**

President Bayer called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Jim Edwards, City of Cerritos
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Gracie Gallegos, City of Pico Rivera
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Curt Pederson, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Ron Fisher, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member from the City of Bell Gardens
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Victor Farfan, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Kathy Salazar, City of Montebello
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
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; Long Beach Manager of

Government Affairs Tom Modica; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Luis Marquez, Senior Deputy, Office of Senator Alan Lowenthal; Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager Alex Clifford; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershenson; Alex Kenefick, Watershed Coordinator, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council; Luis Cetina, Senior Regional Affairs Manager, Metropolitan Water District; Derrick Alatorre, Senior Public Affairs Officer, SCAQMD; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities; David Hayes, Project Manager, State of California Coastal Conservancy; Matt Horton, SCAG; Brian Dietrick, Senior Engineer, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts; Ramon Grijalva, President, Addison Burnet Group; Daryl Fleming, President, The eTrans Group, Inc.; Leslie Winner, President, Strategy Workshop; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; Marian Putnam, Santa Fe Springs; GCCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; GCCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer; GCCCOG Consultant Engineer Jerry Wood.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Immediate Past President Guerrero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The General Counsel announced that a matter involving potential litigation regarding the San Pedro Bay Clean Air Program and the Gateway Cities funded trucks had arisen since the posting of the agenda and could not wait for the next regular meeting of the Board. He said he was asking for a vote of the Board to determine that a closed session item regarding potential litigation be added to the agenda. It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Mirabal, to find that the need for a closed session had arisen since the posting of the agenda and required immediate action by the Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no public comments made.

The Executive Director announced the results of the 2009 SCAG District elections:

District 23—Artesia Councilmember Larry R. Nelson (representing Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, and Norwalk)

District 25—Downey Councilmember David Gafin (representing Downey and South Gate)

District 27—Cudahy Vice Mayor Frank Gurule (representing Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Maywood, and Vernon)

District 29—Long Beach Vice Mayor Val Lerch (representing Avalon and Long Beach)

District 31—La Habra Heights Mayor Stan Carroll (representing La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Pico Rivera, and Santa Fe Springs)

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

Brian Dietrick, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Senior Engineer, gave a presentation regarding the Districts' Clearwater Program, aimed at providing cost-effective and environmentally sound wastewater and recycled water supply services in the county. He described a key component of the program is to construct a new pipeline outlet to the ocean to relieve the stress on the two aging outlet systems.

Member Nelson asked where the excavated land goes. Mr. Dietrick responded that he did not yet know the answer, but that it will need to be determined when the construction phase is reached. Member Dobson asked the source of funding for the project. Mr. Dietrick said that it would be funded by sewer fees on the property tax bill. Member Mirabal asked if the end result would be three tunnels. Mr. Dietrick responded that it is the probable result. Member Mirabal asked what the total estimated cost of the project is. Mr. Dietrick said the cost would be between \$1 billion and \$2 billion, not including the cost of repairing the existing tunnels.

It was moved by Second Vice President DuBois, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ramon Grijalva, President of the Addison Burnet Group introduced Daryl Fleming of The eTrans Group to give a presentation regarding the potential use of the Los Angeles River to move cargo from the ports upriver to local rail yards and intermodal facilities by barges using a conveyer system. Mr. Fleming said the principle is if you can move goods by barge, do it, because water does a lot of the lifting, making it very energy efficient.

Second Vice President DuBois asked where the water would come from. Mr. Grijalva answered that one way is to have pipelines that bring water up from the ocean; another would be to capture storm water; or some combination of the two. Member Gurule asked about the estimated costs of the system. Mr. Grijalva said that the costs have not yet been worked out. He said inflatable dams would cost about \$4.7 million each; windmills would cost about \$4 million each. He said the project would cost millions rather than hundreds of millions because much of the infrastructure already exists. Member Mirabal asked what the advantage is of a conveyer system over a lock system. Mr. Grijalva responded that a conveyer system allows for continual motion, but that it hadn't been engineered yet.

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

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He introduced himself as the new representative from SCAG to the Gateway Cities. He said that tomorrow there would be a joint meeting of the policy committees regarding SB 375 implementation.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said a booklet regarding the Federal Economic Stimulus bill had been sent to all cities. She said it would be updated weekly. She passed out copies of the League's Annual Report.

There was no report from the California Contract Cities Association.

There was no report from the I-5 JPA.

There was no report from the Orangeline Development Authority.

Derrick Alatorre presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He said that a presentation regarding the District's permit moratorium would be made to the Gateway Cities city managers and planning directors.

Alex Clifford presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said that tomorrow the Sector Governance Council will receive the staff's response to the public comments received regarding the proposed service changes.

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 next be meeting on April 30. He reported that the air quality health risk assessments and traffic modeling are proceeding. He said that the community participation process is currently very active.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the Technical Advisory Committee is currently looking at a feasibility study regarding scopes of work on congestion relief projects that could be funded under Measure R.

Second Vice President DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said cities should keep in mind the April 17 deadline for the Call for Projects. She thanked the Board for the motion encouraging a better distribution of Federal Stimulus funds by the MTA to cities. She said it was a very successful effort. Karen Heit reported that the situation keeps changing regarding the May 18 deadline to obligate all funds. She also reported that the ridership relief program had been expanded.

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

President Bayer congratulated the Board members who had won their city council elections. She announced that 20 people had signed up so far for the April 29 Port tour, but that there was still time to sign up. She reminded everyone to turn their clocks forward one hour on Sunday.

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn to closed session at 7:05 p.m.

The Board returned from closed session at 7:28 p.m. The General Counsel announced that the Board had met in closed session to discuss potential litigation regarding the Gateway Cities Clean Air Program regarding trucks funded by the ports and that no action had been taken.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.