

**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  
October 6, 2010**

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

**PRESENT:** President Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate  
First Vice President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower  
Second Vice President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount  
Immediate Past President Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk  
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia  
Member Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens  
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos  
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce  
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton  
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy  
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens  
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park  
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights  
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood  
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach  
Member Alberto Perez, City of Montebello  
Member Gustavo Camacho, City of Pico Rivera  
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs  
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill  
Member William Davis, City of Vernon  
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier  
Member Curt Pederson, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe  
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina  
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

**ABSENT:** Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon  
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell  
Member Anne M. Bayer, City of Downey  
Member Susan Tripp, City of La Mirada  
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach  
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood  
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood  
Ex Officio Member Richard Steinke, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; Santa Fe Springs City Manager Fred Latham; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; South Gate Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Lakewood Community Development Director Sonia Southwell; Long Beach Public Affairs Manager Tom Modica; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershenson; LACMTA High Speed Rail Executive Officer Alex Clifford; LACMTA Project Manager Jon Grace; SCAQMD Assistant Deputy Executive Officer Pom Pom Ganguli; SCAQMD Community Relations Manager Philip Crabbe; SCAQMD Senior Public Affairs Officer Derrick Alatorre; Edgar Gutierrez, Coastal Analyst, Lee Andrews Group, representing SCAQMD; I-5 JPA Executive Director/Authority Engineer Yvette Kirrin; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities; MWD Senior Regional Affairs Representative Luis Cetina; Jose Torres, Lead Senior Supervisor, Michael Gilliam, Regional Manager, Michael Kodama, Executive Director, Orangeline Development Authority; California High Speed Rail Authority; Chelsea Dickerson, Public Outreach, California High Speed Rail Authority; Silvestre Quinn, Public Affairs, Los Angeles Universal Preschool; Raul Romero, R&R Municipal Solutions; Frank Osgood, Author of Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Engineer Jerry Wood; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Perez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

The Executive Director welcomed the new Board Member from the City of Montebello, Alberto Perez.

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

Pom Pom Ganguli, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer for the South Coast Air Quality Management District, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Air District's "Combustion Out" Strategy. He reported that the levels of ozone in the air basin have been declining since 1976, but there are still an estimated 5,000 deaths per year related to smog. He said, in order to meet proposed federal standards, there needs to be an additional 75-90% reduction in NOx by 2030-35.

Mr. Ganguli said that clean energy and clean transportation are possible by working

together to achieve them. He described technologies that can be implemented to achieve these goals. However, he said, funding is critical.

Member O'Donnell asked how much pollution aircraft give out. Mr. Ganguli responded that aircraft are the fourth largest contributor to pollution, but it is under federal jurisdiction.

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

The Executive Director referred the Board to two draft letters of support and requests for co-sponsorship for the Federal FREIGHT Act, which is focused on establishing a new national strategic plan for investing in freight infrastructure. He said these letters would be sent to the COG's federal representatives. He said the legislation is the result of ten years worth of effort to put together the first federal legislation focused on goods movement. He said there is no funding in the bill, but it is intended to create the structure to make freight a national priority.

It was moved by Member O'Donnell, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to approve the support letter and co-sponsor request letter for the federal FREIGHT Act, and to ask each member jurisdiction to consider sending a similar support letter. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Wilson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said that Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Executive Director Belinda Faustinos had announced her retirement effective May 2011. It was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the Project Committee and the Executive Committee had approved the change to the scope of work and that it will result in a six to twelve month delay in the project. He said the Project Committee got a "peek" at the Health Risk Assessment and that it showed that all alternatives would result in a reduction in air pollution, particularly if the zero emission corridor is implemented. It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Aguilar, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the MTA had selected a consultant to move forward with the feasibility study. He said the study should take about a year to complete. It was moved by Member Aguilar, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the recap of the September MTA Board meetings would be distributed next week. She said the MTA Board had approved changes to rules requiring speakers to meet a standard of

decorum. Member DuBois thanked the Orange County Transportation Authority for taking the EIR for I-405 past the Orange County line. She reported that the MTA Board voted to support the CARB targets of 8% reduction of carbon emissions by 2020 and 13% by 2035, rather than the SCAG recommendation for lower numbers.

Member O'Donnell thanked Member DuBois for supporting the City of Long Beach's position on the I-405 EIR. It was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Santa Fe Springs City Manager Fred Latham presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said the regional groups had met and created a plan for each of the subgroups. He said these plans would now go to the Administrative Committee. When approved, they will go forward to the Board's Committee on Homelessness.

President Hurtado asked Mr. Latham to return at a future meeting with a report on the numbers of homeless. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Santa Fe Springs City Manager Fred Latham presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He said the corridor cities are finalizing a letter to the California High Speed Rail Authority in which a number of unanswered "big picture" and "detail" issues, concerns, and questions are articulated. He said a major concern is that the timeline demands placed on the Authority by the utilization of ARRA funds calls for critical decisions to be made over the next three months. He recommended that the Board reaffirm its adopted position to support the High Speed Rail project within the region only if the High Speed Rail Authority meaningfully responds to the concerns of the Gateway Cities corridor cities and the City of Buena Park. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by member DuBois, to approve the recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said Caltrans had presented a recommendation to the California Transportation Commission for segmenting the I-5 project. In addition, Caltrans recommended prioritizing funding with the shortest time frame for the Alondra, Rosecrans, and Norwalk/San Antonio interchanges. She said the Governor had vetoed the bill that would have allowed the start of the project before all of the rights-of-way had been acquired. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Guerrero, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She passed out a list of legislation that had passed or been vetoed. She said the League had achieved about a 70% success ratio on the legislation. She said the current state budget proposal does not have significant costs to cities. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Guerrero, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from SCAG.

Mike Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said he was working with the cities of Huntington Park and South Gate on the recently awarded environmental justice grant. He said the Pacific Electric Railroad West Santa Ana Branch study had established a series of meetings that will commence in November. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Guerrero, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Derrick Alatorre presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He said a Climate Change Forum would be held on October 14 at Los Angeles City Hall. It was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

David Hershenson presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said that a meeting would be held of local transit operators in the Gateway Cities region. It was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Long Beach Conservation Corps.

There was no report from the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

There were no matters from Board members.

There were no matters from the President.

**Adjournment:** It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.