

**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
February 2, 2011**

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Hal Malkin, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Alberto Perez, City of Montebello
Member Joe Serrano, 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 Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Gustavo Camacho, City of Pico Rivera
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Rick Velasquez, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Ex Officio Member Richard Steinke, Port of Long Beach
ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers
Steering Committee; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster;

Lakewood Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Long Beach Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives Tom Modica; South Gate Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; Fred Latham, Retired City Manager, Santa Fe Springs; Niki Tennant, District Director for Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hersensen; I-5 Joint Powers Authority Executive Director Yvette Kirrin; SCAG Public Affairs Officer Matt Horton; SCAQMD Senior Public Affairs Officer Derrick Alatorre; Orangeline Development Authority Executive Director Michael Kodama; Kedrin Hopkins, Senior Coordinator, Conservation Corps of Long Beach; Andrea White-Kjoss, President and CEO, Bikestation Mobis Transportation Alternatives; Frank Osgood, Author of Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; 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 Dobson 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 First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Lima, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Andrea White-Kjoss, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bikestation Mobis Transportation Alternatives, addressed the Board on bicycle happenings around the county. She said her company has established bicycle transit centers which create the opportunity for bike riders to commute to and from transit uses. The centers offer services such as bicycle repairs, parking, retail products, rentals, lockers, training rooms, and showers.

Ms. White-Kjoss summarized the benefits of the bicycle transit centers as reducing automobile trips, encouraging bicycling, providing links to transit, and improving air quality.

Members O'Donnell and Garcia commended Ms. White-Kjoss and Bikestation Mobis for their activities in Long Beach.

First Vice President Dunton asked what funding sources are available for these centers. Ms. White-Kjoss responded that the centers are typically owned by the agencies (cities or universities), making them eligible for public funding sources and grants.

Member DuBois asked if their organization had reached out to MTA and OCTA. Ms.

White-Kjoss replied that MTA and OCTA are well aware of them. She said the transit agencies will ultimately need to take this up; but until now it has been left to individual cities, which is less efficient since the transit facilities are only built on a one by one basis.

The Executive Director asked Ms. White-Kjoss to speak on the economics of the facilities. She responded that providing parking for cars costs approximately \$25,000 per space, whereas bicycle spaces cost about \$1,000 each, making them very cost effective.

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

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report recommending that the Board set the date for the Annual Meeting on June 29, 2011. He said moving the meeting up one week would enable the consultants working on the Sustainable Communities Strategy an extra month to perform all of the public outreach complete their work while meeting the SCAG deadline of June for completion of the SCS. It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member DuBois, to approve the date of June 29, 2011, as the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Hurtado announced that now was the time to conduct an election to nominate an elected official to fill a vacancy on the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council. He invited the candidates to speak to the Board. Board Member and Bell Gardens Council Member Sergio Infanzon addressed the Board, saying he has utilized public transit for thirty years and, as a student, had an internship with MTA. President Hurtado invited Member Dobson to speak on behalf of Compton Councilwoman Barbara J. Calhoun. Member Dobson said that Councilwoman Calhoun serves as First Vice President of the Independent Cities Association, works hard, and is a wonderful person to work with.

President Hurtado asked the General Counsel and Deputy Executive Director to collect ballots from the Board members. After the votes were counted, President Hurtado announced that Member Infanzon had been nominated to serve on the Governance Council.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He reported that the I-710 Project Committee had met the previous week and that the Technical Advisory Committee would be taking up early action projects.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the Corridor Cities Committee would be holding a kickoff meeting on the feasibility study on "hot spots" projects later this month.

It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the reports from the I-710 Project Committee and the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the MTA is carefully watching the Measure R dollars to make sure there is enough money to complete projects. Transportation Deputy Karen Heit said the Transportation Committee had heard a report from Vincent Moreno, who is the Graffiti and Vandalism Abatement Manager for Caltrans District 7. She said he wants to work on a program of education, enforcement, and physical improvements and will work with the cities. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by First Vice President Dunton, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Fred Latham presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said this week a copy of the plan prepared by PATH Partners will be sent out to city managers. He said after the plan is vetted by the Board, they will meet with the Leadership Group. He said the goal is to have the plan on the street by May 1st. It was moved by Member Malkin, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Fred Latham presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He said they are beginning to see the results of the pressure put on by the COG and the cities in the Bay Area peninsula. He said it has led the California High Speed Rail Authority and the federal government to realize that they should start in the Central Valley in order to deal with problems in these other areas. He said the delay of nine to twelve months gives more time to work out problems. He said Jerry Wood has come up with an alternative that probably makes sense. He announced that the Administrative Committee had selected La Mirada City Manager Tom Robinson as its new chair. It was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said the I-5 Carmenita Road project will be out to bid in March, with construction expected to begin by the end of summer. She said a Phase 2 list of projects will be submitted to MTA to help mitigate the impacts of construction over the coming years. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

Michael Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said E-76's had been approved for the Cerritos Land Use Grant and Bob Hope Airport Ground Access Study. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Carroll,

to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said a public hearing would be held in Huntington Park on February 10 on the proposed service changes. He thanked MTA Board Chairman Don Knabe for holding a January 12th event in the City of Cerritos on the various transportation programs. He announced that Alex Clifford is leaving MTA to become Chief Executive Officer of Metra in Chicago. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kedrin Hopkins presented a report from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach. He said a workshop would be held on February 8 regarding Proposition 84 funding. He said all cities have been invited and that there is \$1 million in funding available. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member Malkin, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors. Member DuBois referred the Board to a map of MTA highway projects. Member Wilson announced that Erika Santos, formerly the Board representative from Supervisor Molina's office, had accepted a position with HUD.

President Hurtado encouraged Board members to take the option of direct deposit of their stipend checks.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.