

**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
April 6, 2011**

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:02 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
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Michael Ponce, City of Avalon
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 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 Steve Jones, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk
Member David Armenta, City of Pico Rivera
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
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Rick Velasquez, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe

ABSENT: Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Alberto Perez, City of Montebello
Ex Officio Member Richard Steinke, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Pico Rivera Council Member Barbara Contreras Rapisarda;
Bellflower City Manager Mike Egan; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa;

Lakewood Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; South Gate Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; Vernon Director of Community Services Kevin Wilson; Niki Tennant, District Director for Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal; Max Reyes, Field Representative for Assemblyman Isadore Hall; Archie Davenport, the Better Coalition; Jon Grace, MTA; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; SCAG Public Affairs Officer Matt Horton; Deborah Ashby, South Coast AQMD; Orangeline Development Authority Planning Manager Bob Huddy; 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 Pfeiffer.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Aguirre led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Archie Davenport, the Better Coalition, addressed the Board said that his organization opposes the proposed ban on Styrofoam, and instead promotes recycling. He said that he would leave information and endorsement forms that cities may take to support his organization's initiative.

There were no matters from staff.

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

Jon Grace of the MTA Gateway Cities Team presented an update on the Measure R County one-half cent sales tax. He reviewed the projects that have been designated for funding under Measure R, focusing on the six projects that are located in the Gateway Cities area: BNSF grade separations; construction mitigation for the I-5 reconstruction from the Orange County line to I-605; the Carmenita Rd. /I-5 interchange; I-710 early action projects; I-605 congestion "hot spots" projects; and the Pacific Electric Railway West Santa Ana Branch project. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Wilson presented a no report from the Conservancy Committee. He said that the fact that the cost of the duck farm has doubled is a concern to the Conservancy because of the lack of dollars to fund the purchase. He reported that only one of the three candidates for the executive director position participated in the interview process because of the economic condition of the State.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He reported that the early action projects are moving forward and that an RFP for a feasibility study

on the sound walls would be released soon. He said the I-710 Project Committee will be taking up the possible addition of a tolling option alternative at its next meeting. Mr. Wood said he recently attended a “green trucks” conference in Indianapolis and he learned that lots of “green” trucks are being developed. He reported that the Air Quality Action Plan public participation framework is now underway. President Hurtado reported that there was not a quorum at the March 30 meeting of the I-710 Project Committee and stressed the need for cities to send their representative or an alternate so that the business of the Committee can proceed. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member Daniels, 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 consultants are now focusing on traffic modeling; they are pulling together information about all of the transportation projects that are going on in the Gateway Cities area. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Transportation Committee.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said staff is presently negotiating with the County on the next steps to retain an entity to implement the program. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Steve Forster presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He said the cities are pushing forward on a shared services concept and that La Mirada City Manager Tom Robinson will be setting up a meeting to talk about the next steps for the Administrative Committee. It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Guerrero, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously. There was no report from the I-5 JPA.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He said tomorrow’s policy committee meetings would take place at 9:00 a.m. rather than 10:00 a.m. because a joint meeting with the Regional Council would follow immediately. It was moved by Member Dobson, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bob Huddy presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said OLDA had entered into an MOU with Bob Hope Airport. He said they are developing scopes of work and a schedule for a Bob Hope Airport ground access study. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Deborah Ashby presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management

District. She announced that nominations for the 23rd annual Clean Air Awards are now open. She encouraged cities to nominate projects for an award. She said the AQMD's leaf blower exchange program opened today for professional gardeners only. She said the lawn mower exchange program is now in its ninth year and will open for registration on April 20th. It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member Barrows, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said public hearings regarding the proposed service changes concluded in February, and in March the service councils approved the final changes. He said the proposed 395,000 reduction in service hours was lowered to 305,000 hours. 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 Conservation Corps of Long Beach.

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

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

President Hurtado announced the appointments of Maywood Councilmember Thomas Martin to the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) and Cerritos Mayor Carol Chen to the SCAG Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD).

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.