

**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
May 4, 2011**

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 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 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 Larry Mowles, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
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 Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe

ABSENT: Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member from the City of Bell
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Michael Mendez, City of Norwalk
Member David Armenta, City of Pico Rivera
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
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; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Long Beach Director of Government Affairs Tom Modica; Niki Tennant, District Director for Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal; Max Reyes, Field Representative for Assemblyman Isadore Hall, III; Metro Community

Relations Manager David Hershensen; Debra Ashby, Legislative and Public Affairs, South Coast AQMD; Greig Asher, SCAG; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director, I-5 JPA; Kedrin Hopkins, Senior Coordinator, Conservation Corps of Long Beach; Judy Ross, Executive Director, Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership; Jeff Fromhertz, Senior Project Manager, Parsons Brinckerhoff Americas; Juan Carlos Velasquez, Consultant, CH²M Hill; 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 Aguilar 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 O'Donnell, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Long Beach Director of Government Affairs Tom Modica discussed how the City of Long Beach uses the Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership for the City's training. He introduced Judy Ross, Executive Director, who gave a presentation on the services provided by the Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership (LBNP). She said that LBNP is a management support organization and is itself a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, incorporated in 2000. She said her organization is a resource to communities, which exists to support other nonprofit organizations by offering professional development and training services. She referred the Board to handout materials, which further describe her organization and its activities. She said LBNP also provides full service consulting. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Guerrero, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing presented a report on the draft Gateway Cities Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). He said the draft SCS does not remove all uncertainties, but shows that our cities have implemented strategies that have resulted in benefits without the State having to force actions upon them. He said the SCS would serve as a roadmap for Measure R and Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) planning.

Nancy Pfeffer, Director of Regional Planning, gave a PowerPoint presentation on how the SCS was developed and how the results were quantified. She said the draft SCS shows that the subregion will achieve greenhouse gas reductions of 8.43% by 2020 and 14.93% by 2035, exceeding the adopted CARB goals of 8% by 2020 and 13% by 2035.

Greig Asher of SCAG congratulated the COG on its efforts in taking delegation from SCAG to develop its own subregional SCS. The Executive Director complimented SCAG staff for giving the COG and its consultant team everything they needed to complete the study. He

also complimented member cities' planning staffs for their assistance.

It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Barrows, to approved the draft Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy and approve its submittal to SCAG. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the project would be following a very detailed schedule over the next few months. He reported that the RFP for the sound walls feasibility study would be released that week, and that the RFP for the utilities study would be out by the end of the month. He said that the Air Quality Action Plan study was well underway. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Guerrero, 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 Congestion "Hot Spots" Feasibility Study is underway and will be completed in about one year. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Carroll, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She thanked President Hurtado for his letter supporting confirmation of Fran Inman as a member of the California Transportation Commission. She reported that there would be no sale of Proposition 1B bonds this spring. She said this would result in a \$174 million impact on the MTA. She said \$400 million would be at stake if the fall sale were cancelled. She said the I-5 and other projects may be delayed as a result. She reported that the MTA Board of Directors had voted to remove seats from light rail cars to allow for more bicycles to be brought on board. She said the Blue Line was exempted. Member DuBois reported that MTA and Caltrans would be doing a demonstration project to do graffiti and landscaping cleanup on I-710 from SR-60 to I-405. It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Perez, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said the County Chief Executive Officer's Office is currently working on the contract for implementation of the Homeless Action Plan. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Serrano, 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 had received the report from Jerry Wood on consolidated shared services. He said the next steps would be discussed the next day at a meeting in La Mirada among the city managers from the corridor cities. It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Guerrero, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said several segments of the project are about bid ready; with the Carmenita Road Bridge already out to bid. She said the I-5 had received a grant of \$14 million in Measure R funds for Phase II mitigation. It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Davis, to receive and file the

report. The motion as approved unanimously.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said the Bob Hope Airport ground access study is moving forward. It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Marquez, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Debra Ashby presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. She reported that the electric lawn mower exchange program was underway and that an event would be held in Long Beach on May 14th. She referred the Board to flyers on the event. She said that nominations are open for the annual Clean Air Awards. She said she was leaving material on the Carl Moyer program for cities that may be interested. It was moved by Member Serrano, seconded by Member Guerrero, 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 that MTA is looking into safety issues on the Blue Line. He said new passes would be more difficult to counterfeit and there has been an increase in law enforcement presence. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Nordbak, 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 the Corps is now accepting projects for Proposition 84 funding. He said a total of \$400,000 is available for park projects. He referred the Board to flyers on the Corps' low-income energy assistance program. It was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Member Nordbak, 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.

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

There were no matters from the President.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.