

**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
December 7, 2011**

President Dunton called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

PRESENT: President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
First Vice President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Second Vice President Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Immediate Past President Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Michael Ponce, City of Avalon
Member Ana Maria Quintana, City of Bell
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 Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk
Member Joseph Serrano, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: Member Larry Mowles, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member from the City of Montebello
Member David Armenta, City of Pico Rivera
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
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/Strategic Affairs Tom Modica; Pico Rivera Assistant City Engineer Rene Guerrero; South Gate Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mohammed

Mostahkami; Niki Tennant, District Director for Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; SCAQMD Senior Public Information Specialist Derrick Alatorre; Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Executive Officer Mark Stanley; Leonard Sequeira, Project Manager, Mark Thomas & Company; Karen Chapman, Project Manager, Mark Thomas & Company; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Engineer Jerry Wood.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Marquez 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 Daniels, seconded by Member Barrows, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member O'Donnell introduced Mark Stanley, Executive Officer of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. Mr. Stanley gave a PowerPoint presentation on the programs of the Conservancy. He said the RMC is the only conservancy in the State of California located in an urbanized area. He described sustainability and balance as key concerns of the Conservancy and gave a brief background on the RMC.

Mr. Stanley said that the Conservancy has awarded \$64.5 million in grants for projects in the RMC area. He identified the mountains and foothills, urban parks, and rivers and wetlands as the three areas of concentration. He identified several current projects, including the San Gabriel River Discovery Center and Paseo del Rio.

It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the draft EIR will probably be delayed until March. He said early action projects are underway, including the sound walls and utilities studies. He said the ITS study is underway and is getting interesting results.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the Committee is scheduled to meet on the 15th of the month. He said the initial traffic modeling for the feasibility study has been completed and cities are starting to address their versions of early action projects.

It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the two freeway corridor reports.

There was no report from the Transportation Committee.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said the contract with the County had been completed and that staff had met with County staff yesterday to discuss the RFP process. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

There was no report on the California High Speed Rail project.

There was no report from the I-5 JPA.

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 OLDA had released the RFP regarding land use on the corridor. She said the Authority is working on changing the name for this project. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

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

There was no report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector.

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.

Immediate Past President Hurtado announced that the annual South Gate Christmas Lane Parade would be held this Saturday.

President Dunton welcomed Immediate Past President Hurtado back, saying he had been missed during his recent hospital stay.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:49 p.m.