

**Transportation Committee Minutes of
August 3, 2005**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Cerritos Senior Center 12340 South Street, Cerritos
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Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Chair Bonnie Lowenthal at 4:40 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Lowenthal, Chair; Gene Daniels, Ken Farfsing, Kerry Cartwright for Geraldine Knatz, Greg Nordbak, Bill Pagett, Jaime Becerra for James Parker, Sam Peña.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Desi Alvarez, Don Knabe, Greg Korduner, Fred Latham.

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Powers, Gateway Cities COG Executive Director; Jack Joseph, Gateway Cities COG; Deborah Chankin, Gateway Cities COG; Karen Heit, Gateway Cities COG; Ray Harris, LA County; David Hershenson, MTA; Alex Clifford, Metro; David Nguyen, Metro Gateway Sector; Michael Sieckert, MTA Gateway Cities Sector; Wally Shidler, Metro Gateway Cities Sector Governance Council; Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities COG; Patrice Price, AQMD; Brynn Kernaghan, Long Beach Transit; Brad McAllester, MTA; Robert Calix, MTA; Bridget Sramek, Office of Senator Alan Lowenthal.

Report by Deborah Chankin, Gateway Cities COG. Deborah Chankin gave background on the selection process for the MTA Gateway Cities Sector Governance Council; the elected official candidates and the process for the at-large public members. The Chair appointed a Sub-Committee consisting of City of Maywood Mayor- Sam Peña, Jaime Becerra - Norwalk Transit and Karen Heit- Transportation Deputy to MTA Director Lowenthal, to review and interview the at-large public applicants.

Bridget Sramek from Senator Alan Lowenthal's office discussed SB 760. She described the three part division of the proposed container fee; the nexus between the fee and the improvements; and the possibility of funding dedicated truck lanes on the 710. The bill could not be amended until it reaches the Appropriations Committee. Senator Lowenthal's office is looking for a letter of support from the COG. Kerry Cartwright stated that the Port of Long Beach had not taken a position on the bill. There was some discussion on the appropriateness of the \$30 per container fee and the upcoming SCAG elasticity study.

Mike Sieckert, MTA Service Planning Manager for the Gateway Cities Service Sector, gave an overview of the upcoming December service changes that would be voted on by the Service Sector Governance Council in September. All service sector changes are cost neutral. It was noted that one of the proposals would fill the service gap on Garfield, an issue that had been raised by the COG. There were questions on how the changes to Line 60 relate to the proposed Metro Rapid Line 760. It was also

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clarified that residents can comment on any line at any of the scheduled public hearings.

Brad McAllester, MTA Deputy Executive Officer, gave a presentation on the success of the first phase of the Congestion Management Plan (CMP) Mitigation Fee Study. He related the concerns of the Gateway Cities and stated that he would return in October with more analysis; detail on how the fee will work will be forthcoming in the second phase study. There was additional discussion on how cities with existing development mitigation fees would integrate if this passed. The voluntary nature of the fee was questioned, as well as compliance with the air quality standards. Recommendations would be sought from the City Manager's group on the potential impact of the CMP fee.

Jerry Wood reported for the I-5 JPA. The Carmenita interchange project should be ready for right-of-way acquisition to begin in September.

Richard Powers reported on the I-710 Major Corridor Study. The MOU for the environmental effort of the I-710 Major Corridor Study is moving forward and an initial funding plan for the \$30 million for the environmental work has been developed and agreed to by a majority of the parties.

Jerry Wood reported on SR-91/I-605 Needs Assessment Study. He reported that the traffic modeling on port truck traffic growth would wrap up at the end of September after which they will start looking at recommendations.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.