

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Cerritos Senior Center 12340 South Street, Cerritos
September 7, 2005**

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, Bill Pagett, Max Withrow, James Parker, Sam Peña.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Knabe, Fred Latham, Ken Farfsing, Geraldine Knatz, Greg Nordback

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Powers, Gateway Cities COG Executive Director; Jack Joseph, Gateway Cities COG; Deborah Chankin, Gateway Cities COG; Karen Heit, Gateway Cities COG; David Hershenson, MTA; Michael Sieckert, MTA Gateway Cities Sector; Patrice Price, AQMD; Brynn Kernaghan, Long Beach Transit, Sharad Mulchand.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy to MTA Director Bonnie Lowenthal, passed out a press release detailing the status of SB 760, the container fee bill.

MTA Board Director, Bonnie Lowenthal gave an update on the progress of the SCAG Port & Modal Elasticity Study and how it may impact the progress of SB 760. The SCAG study indicates a fee container fee of \$190 - \$200 may be more appropriate than the \$30 fee proposed in the legislation.

Al Martinez, MTA Project Manager for the I-710 Big Rig Tow Demonstration gave an overview of the MTA two year demonstration project to be inaugurated October 3rd. The project consists of two Big Rig tow trucks that will patrol the I-710 from Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach to just north of the I-5/I-710 interchange during peak hours. He was accompanied by Sgts. Vincent Lee and Connie Guzman of the California Highway Patrol. The demonstration project will be independently evaluated by University of California Berkeley.

Martinez requested assistance from cities located adjacent to the Big Rig Tow beat to designate drop zones for disabled vehicles. There was some discussion and comment on trucks parking on city streets for repairs, dropping oil and taking parking spaces. Chair Lowenthal offered to send a letter to corridor city, city managers asking them to designate appropriate drop zones that would accommodate a disabled truck and a Big Rig Tow vehicle.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the August 3, 2005 meeting were approved.

Gateway Sector General Manager, Alex Clifford gave an update on the proposed Gateway Service changes; the change to Line 258 that required changes in the San Gabriel Valley sector has been withdrawn for further consideration and discussion between the two sectors. Other changes will move forward to the

MTA Board for adoption. Clifford also announced that the Gateway sector came in under budget with costs savings highlighted by a \$4.5 million savings in worker's compensation expenses. This saving was achieved by increased safety awareness.

Jerry Wood gave an update on the I-5 Carmenita Interchange project. The project is very close to entering into the r.o.w. appraisal and acquisition phase. The I-5/I-710 Mini-study was reported as almost done, with a few additional alternatives to be presented to the public.

Gateway COG Executive Director Richard Powers gave an update on the funding plan for the I-710 environmental work; a three-year \$30 million effort to be funded by the various stakeholders. \$20 million in funding has been secured to date and the remaining \$10 million is in process. He also mentioned that the Mini-study would be reviewed by Tier II.

Lastly there was an update of the 91/605 Technical Advisory Committee would meet on 9/16 to develop conclusions.

The next meeting date will be determined..

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.