

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

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Councilman Gene Daniels at 4:44 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Daniels, Bill Pagett, Max Withrow, James Parker, Stan Carroll, Ken Farfsing, Fred Latham, Gary Milliman.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Bonnie Lowenthal, Don Knabe, Geraldine Knatz, Greg Nordback, Sam Pena, Elba Guerrero.

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; Brynn Kernaghan, Long Beach Transit, Sharad Mulchand, MTA, Alex Clifford, MTA, Manchi Yi, Montebello Bus Lines, Binti Harvey, City of South Gate, Patricia Chen, MTA, Lee Saage, URS, Ed Norris, City of Long Beach, Ray Harris, LA County, Wally Shidler, MTA, Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities COG.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the November 7, 2005 meeting were approved.

Patricia Chen, Project Manager from the MTA gave a presentation on the update of the MTA's Prop. A&C Local Return Guidelines. She explained that the update occurred every 2-3 years. MTA staff worked through the Public Works Directors Technical Advisory Committees (TAC) for the various subregions and the MTA TAC. The presentation to the Gateway Cities Transportation Committee is one of the last. MTA TAC will review the Guidelines January 5<sup>th</sup> and the Approval will be agendized on the January Board of Directors meeting.

Suggested revisions to the Guidelines include:

- Electronic Forms -+++++ A&B for each City with projects from prior years included.
- The eligible distant for bus stop improvements has been extended to 25 feet.
- Planning and coordination activities by COGs and JPAs are eligible providing the planning activity of eligible for Local Return funds.
- Advocacy for projects the are Local Return eligible is permitted.
- Signal Synchronization projects will include bus priority modifications and loops.
- Safe Routes to School Grants may be matched with LRF.

- Safety improvements require a directly linked to transit safety.
- LRF can be used to advance grant fund providing the grant activity is LRF eligible.

Bill Pagett commented that the use of “loops” was too specific; “traffic detection devices” would accommodate different systems. He also noted that Safe Routes to School Grants will be for 100% of the project, no longer requiring a match. Jim Norris, commented that the MTA Streets and Freeways subcommittee recommended that upgraded street lighting along transit routes be eligible as a pedestrian improvement and that the installation of traffic signals that benefit transit be eligible. These recommendations will be represented as advocated by the Gateway COG if the Transportation Committee recommended to the Executive Committee.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy to MTA Director Bonnie Lowenthal, presented a draft motion by MTA Directors Knabe/Lowenthal/Roberts to continuing funding the Municipal Operators Service Improvement Program (MOSIP). The MOSIP program funds considerable service in the Gateway Cities area and the loss of the funding will severely impact municipal bus operators. The Transportation Committee moved to recommend the Executive Committee support the Motion.

Jerry Wood gave an update on the I-5 project. OCTA has extended the bid dates for construction on the Orange County Widening. The I-5 Freeway Agreements have been sent to Caltrans for execution. Work is proceeding on the I-5 geometrics from the Carmenita interchange to the I-605.

Richard Powers, Gateway COG Executive Director, presented an update on the I-710 Improvement Project; reporting little progress from last month. The funding is in place with few outstanding requirements. The mini-study is complete with comments from East Los Angeles and Commerce forthcoming. The near-term air quality strategies are in process.

Jerry Wood updated the progress of the SR 91/I-605 Needs Assessment – He related that the northbound 710 to eastbound SR-91 has counts as high as 2100 trucks per hour. The COG Board directed staff to proceed to a Major Corridor Study.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Sector General Manager, briefly announced the commencement of Line 577x; express service from El Monte to Long Beach, beginning December 19<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.