

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Chair – MTA Director Bonnie Lowenthal  
Gateway Cities Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd. , Paramount  
March 1, 2006**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Gene Daniels at 4:38 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Lowenthal, Gene Daniels, Ray Harris, James Parker, Stan Carroll, Elba Guerrero, Gary Milliman, Ken Farfaring, Don Knabe

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Knabe, Greg Nordback, Elba Guerrero, Fred Latham, Bill Pagett, Max Withrow.

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Powers, Gateway Cities COG Executive Director; Jack Joseph, Gateway Cities COG, Karen Heit, Gateway Cities COG; David Hershenson, MTA; Sharad Mulchand, MTA, Alex Clifford, MTA, Wally Shidler, MTA.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the February 1, 2006 meeting were approved.

Katherine Guerrero from the League of California Cities gave the League's position on the bond initiatives. The League has a specific slate of recommendations they will be asking the COG Board to approve. The League is interested in closing the loopholes that allow for funding to be diverted from Prop. 42. The League is looking for legislative solution. The Transportation Committee moved to recommend approval of the League position to the COG Board.

Richard Powers, COG Executive Director, gave a report on the COG delegation's (COG President Nordbak, Councilmember Joseph Serrano – Santa Fe Springs, Councilmember Nancy Ramos – Commerce, Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal – Long Beach, Ernie Garcia - City Manager Norwalk, Jerry Wood COG Consulting Engineer/I-5 JPA.), Sacramento trip. The delegation teamed with a lobbyists Gonzalves and Watts to present Legislative offices and state officials with the status and needs for the Gateway Subregion's three corridors; I-5, I-710 and SR – 91/605. Meetings were held with the following state legislators or legislative offices: Senators; Dutton, Torlakson, Lowenthal, and Ackerman Assembly members or offices: Oropeza, Khouri, Nunez and Bermudez, Business Housing and Transportation; Will Kempton, Barry Sedlik, Curt Augustine. The CTC awarded the COG \$750,000 in matching funds for the COG's Truck Replacement Program.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy to Director Lowenthal, gave an update of the bond initiatives overview of the three infrastructure bond initiatives going through the adoption process. The committee process is underway and there is an expectation that the bond initiatives will make the June ballot. The initiatives need to be completed by March 10 to qualify for the June ballot.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Sector General Manager, gave a brief presentation on an upcoming March 6 Transit Providers Workshop. Topics included route coordination, the Universal Fare System, and Metro Connection.

Karen Heit gave a report on the status of the Municipal Operators Service Improvement Program (MOSIP). The program has been extended for six months while the transit operations subsidy process is rationalized. Gateway Cities transit representatives from Long Beach Transit and Montebello will be part of the working group to help form solutions.

Richard Powers - Gateway COG Executive Director, gave the I-5 JPA report. The City of Commerce finished its review of the I-5/710 Mini-study, Caltrans has approved the freeway geometrics and Carmenita right of way acquisition is due to begin.

Mr. Powers continued to provide an update on the I-710 Major Corridor effort: The funding plan is nearly complete, the near-term air quality strategy is partially drafted, the City of Commerce has finished review of the Mini-study, East LA is still reviewing the report, the Governance structure is completed.

Mr. Powers last report was on the status of the SR-91/I-605 Needs Assessment; the next step will be looking for funding. Mayor Stefenhagen of Norwalk is leading the effort to obtain the \$2-3 million required for the next project phase.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.