

**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
June 7, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER: Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Daniels – Paramount, Ray Harris – Supervisor Don Knabe’s Office, Marina Suerio – Santa Fe Springs, Bonnie Lowenthal – Long Beach, Mohammed Mastakami, Ken Farsing – Signal Hill, Gary Milliman – South Gate, Kerry Cartwright – Port of Long Beach. Stan Carroll - La Habra Heights

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Nordbak, Larry Nelson, Elba Guerrero

OTHERS PRESENT: Alex Clifford, David Hershenson, Sharad Mulchand, Michael Sieckert, Hassan Fakhro – Metro, Gateway Sector Council, Richard Powers, Jack Joseph, Deborah Chankin, Karen Heit, Jerry Wood – Gateway COG. Sumi Gant – Long Beach, Lee Saage – URS, Patrician Price - AQMD.

A quorum was present and the Minutes of the May 3, 2006 meeting were approved.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy to MTA Director Lowenthal, gave a presentation on the status of SB 1266 summarizing the areas of interest for the Gateway cities. There was a discussion of possible goods movement and high priority highway projects. The MTA Long Range Plan activities have been deferred pending the outcome of the Bond Initiatives

Karen Heit gave an update on the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan; reporting on the status of the responses to the comments on Task 3. The consultant team committed to addressing the COG comments and other agencies comments but the responses have not been published nor has Task 3 been revised. Richard Powers, GCCOG Executive Director, expressed his disappointment with project progress

The soundwall status report was given by Karen Heit along with the status of projects within the Gateway sector. Richard Powers gave an overview of moveable more flexible soundwall products that may serve as interim solutions, or as early action projects to the I-710 project

Gateway Sector General Manager, Alex Clifford, presented an overview and status of the Metro Connections project, and requested information from the cities that could be incorporated into the planning. Mike Sieckert gave a report on upcoming service

change recommendations and travel projections. He outlined a pilot project of service changes that would be rolled out 12/06. Ken Farfsing recommended that the service changes be Deborah Chankin, GCCOG staff, wanted data on which regional centers were used to identify hubs as well as what data was used to determine the travel travels.

Jerry Wood, I-5 JPA Executive Director, updated the progress made on I-5 project, including the groundbreaking on the I-5 project in Orange County. Caltrans has acquired 20 homes for Carmenita and construction is scheduled for 2008. All property acquisitions are underway. There was a report on the project at the MTA Board meeting on cost savings.

Richard Powers, COG Executive Director, gave an update on the I-710 Major Corridor Study (MCS) including a summary of the first Executive Committee Meeting and Project Committee Meetings. The Port of Los Angeles approved its contribution to the project, completing the funding. The Project Committee continues to review alternative technologies.

Mr. Powers updated the status of the SR-91/I-605 Needs Assessment. The COG is continuing to seek funding to move forward with a major corridor study. The 91-605 cities project will also consider alternative technologies as solutions.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.