

**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
October 4, 2006**

Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order by Chair Lowenthal at 4:37 p.m. Roll call was taken by self introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Lowenthal – Long Beach, Larry Nelson – Artesia, Stan Carroll – La Habra Heights, Frank Guthrie – Cudahy, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Bill Pagett, – Paramount, Ray Harris – Supervisor Knabe’s Office, Mohammed Mostahkami – South Gate, Brynn Kernaghan – Long Beach Transit.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Elba Guerrero – Huntington Park, Gene Daniels - Paramount, Fred Latham – Santa Fe Springs, Gary Milliman – South Gate, Kerry Cartwright – Port of Long beach.

OTHERS PRESENT: Alex Clifford - Metro, David Hershenson - Metro, Sharad Mulchand - Metro, Michael Sieckert, – Metro, Wally Shidler – Gateway Sector Council President, Richard Powers – Gateway Cities COG, Deborah Chankin – Gateway Cities COG, Karen Heit – Gateway Cities COG, Jerry Wood – Gateway Cities COG, Shashank Patil – POLB, Sumire Gant – Long Beach, Katherine Padilla – Katherine Padilla Assoc., Thaddeus McCormick – Santa Fe Springs, Farid Naguib - Parson Brinkerhoff.

A quorum was reached and the Minutes of the August 2, 2006 meeting were approved.

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy to MTA Director Lowenthal, reviewed the schedule for the upcoming MTA 2007 Call for Projects. She indicated that the range for the call would be between \$230 million to \$ 650 million. Ken Farfsing suggested the MTA schedule a Gateway Cities workshop to discuss the CFP requirements and application. Sharad Mulchand from the Gateway Cities Area Team will follow-up on setting the date for the workshop.

Alex Clifford, Gateway Sector General Manager, discussed Metro Connections activities; he discussed the outcome of his meeting with the City Manager’s Steering Committee. Cities represented that they need more time to evaluate the impact of service changes on development and business; look at General Plans and development plan impacts. The City Managers need more time to work on designating regional hubs within the Gateway subregion.

Mr. Clifford reported on Metro Rapid Line 760 (Line 60) implementation has been delayed until June of '07 as Long Beach Transit needs more time to start-up service. Clifford gave an update on reduced fare lines in the Gateway area.

Jerry Wood, I-5 JPA Executive Director, gave an update on the I-5 Project, Carmenita drawings are 60% complete. The I-5 /605 South EIR/EIS is almost ready for public circulation and the environmental process from the 605 to the 710 is underway at Caltrans. He discussed the OCTA/MTA meeting between MTA Directors Lowenthal and Knabe and OCTA Directors Brown and Campbell.

Jerry Wood gave an update on the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee and Executive Committee meetings held in September. The Project Committee approved the Community Participation Plan framework. The Executive Committee received an update on the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) progress and an update on the Air Quality Compendium. LA Harbor Commission President David Freeman spoke about the POLA \$1 million technology fund and how he saw it integrated into the I-710 process as an alternative technology solution.

Mr. Wood updated the status of the SR-91/I-605 Major Corridor Study. Caltrans had agreed to start the Regional Transportation Investment Study process. The 91/605 TAC will start to meet again to work on this process.

Karen Heit gave a quick overview of the CMP Mitigation fee proposal under study by the MTA. City Managers Gerald Caton and Art Gallucci have been named by the City Manager's Steering Committee to represent the Gateway Cities. This item will be tracked as part of the Transportation Committee agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.