

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard
Paramount, California
July 7, 2010**

President Stefenhagen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: President Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
First Vice President Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Second Vice President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Immediate Past President Anne M. Bayer, City of Downey
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Susan Tripp, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member from the City of Montebello
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Gustavo Camacho, City of Pico Rivera
Member Richard Steinke, Ex Officio Member, Port of Long Beach
ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers

Steering Committee; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Michael Hollon, Field Representative, Office of Assemblyman Hector De La Torre; Brian Mineghiro, Field Representative, Office of Assemblyman Warren Furutani; Jay Day, Principal Consultant, Office of Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal; MTA Project Manager Jon Grace; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershenson; MWD Senior Regional Affairs Representative Luis Cetina; SCAG Public Affairs Officer Matt Horton; Alex Kenefick, Coordinator, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Coalition; Craig Perkins, Executive Director, The Energy Coalition; Joyce McDevitt, Deputy Director, Conservation Corps of Long Beach; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director/Authority Engineer, I-5 JPA; Gene Bougdanos, Vice President, HNTB; Tamara Werkmeister, Business Development, HTNB; Lan Saadatnejadi, Program Manager, HDR; Frank Osgood, Author of Region Aroused; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Tripp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda

There were no public comments.

The Executive Director reported that a successful meeting had been held with U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Director Joel Szabat. He said the joint meeting with the San Gabriel Valley COG had been arranged by Congresswoman Grace Napolitano. He referred the Board to the booklet regarding the COG's transportation initiatives that was presented to Mr. Szabat. He said Mr. Szabat's comments were very candid regarding federal transportation policy and TIGER II grants. Second Vice President Dunton described the helicopter tour on which he accompanied Mr. Szabat.

It was moved by Member Aguilar, seconded by Member Davis, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Craig Perkins, Executive Director of The Energy Coalition, gave a presentation regarding the Los Angeles County Energy Program. He reported that 10 of the 27 Gateway Cities members had passed resolutions joining the County program, which to date had 44 of the 88 County cities participating. He said the aim is to create jobs and conserve energy by retrofitting homes. The statewide goal is to retrofit 1% of the housing stock. The County's goal is to retrofit 30,000 homes over the next three years.

Mr. Perkins said the emphasis of the program is to improve whole house performance as opposed to individual components. He described the basic path and advanced path

aspects of the program. He said financing for the program comes from multiple sources: County funds, utilities, state tax credits, and PACE financing (property assessments). He said program participants have the option of paying a contractor directly or participating in a loan from the County paid over time from their property tax bills. He said the typical loan amounts would range from \$5,000 to \$100,000. Mr. Perkins said there is no cost to cities to participate; they need only pass a city council resolution.

Member Barrios asked if multi-family properties would be able to participate. Mr. Perkins responded that the first phase of the program is limited to owner occupied properties of up to four units, but that multi-family properties will be included in the second phase of the program.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Second Vice President Dunton, that the Board support the County Energy Program. The motion was approved unanimously.

Alex Kennefick, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council, gave a presentation on Creating Community Amenities with Innovative Use of Storm Drains. He presented background information on the Watershed Council, which is a non-profit agency established in 1996. He said it serves as a stakeholder forum for agencies to work together for the benefit of the watershed.

Mr. Kennefick described the Storm Drain Daylighting Feasibility Study, which was funded by a grant from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and commenced in January 2008. He described the project history and timeline. Outreach was completed in January of this year and the public comment period ends this month. The final report is due to be completed in August or September. He said the project team is looking at the catchment area of Compton Creek where I-105 crosses over. He said three sites were chosen in the Gateway Cities area, with two in unincorporated County area and one in Compton. He presented renderings of what the open storm drains in these locations would look like.

Member Mirabal asked if there would be a problem with mosquitoes. Mr. Kennefick responded that the project is designed so that water does not remain stagnant for the three days that are required for mosquito larvae to hatch.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by First Vice President Hurtado, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report on the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget. He said the budget is basically status quo with regard to the COG's program and activities and includes no increases in assessments or labor compensation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2010-2011 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Putnam, to adopt the resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Stefenhagen announced that two nominations had been submitted to fill the vacancy for an elected official on the Metro Gateway Cities Governance Council. He said the two nominees were Councilmember Josue Barrios of Cudahy and Councilmember Gene Daniels of Paramount. Members Barrios and Daniels addressed the Board regarding their respective interest in the position.

President Stefenhagen asked that ballots be distributed to the Board for the purpose of nominating the representative to the Governance Council. After the ballots were collected and counted, the General Counsel announced that the result was a 12-12 tie between members Barrios and Daniels.

It was the consensus of the Board to have a re-vote. After the second round of ballots were collected and counted, the General Counsel announced that Member Barrios had been elected by a vote of 13-11.

The Executive Director reported on the Memorandum of Understanding between the COG and the Southern California Association of Governments which establishes the basis for cooperation between the two agencies for the COG to prepare its subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy under SB 375. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Putnam, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with SCAG. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Wilson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said the RMC Board had approved two projects within the Gateway Cities on June 28: the Lynwood Pocket Park project and the Huntington Park Trail and Open Space Development project.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. She said I-710 Project Committee would be meeting on July 29 to receive a status report on the EIR/EIS and the Air Quality Action Plan.

President Stefenhagen presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the Technical Advisory Committee and the Corridor Cities Committee had voted to approve the addition of project study reports (PSRs) on three freeway intersections to the scope of work for the Feasibility Analysis Study previously approved by the Board: I-605/SR-91 interchange; I-605/I-5 interchange; and I-605/SR-60 interchange. It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Barrios, to concur with the Technical Advisory Committee and Corridor Cities Committee

recommendations that the updated scope of work be used for the request for proposals (RFP) by MTA as one project, and that 25% of the work be subcontracted to small businesses. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She announced that Supervisor Don Knabe had been elected as the new Chair of the MTA Board. She commended the Transportation Deputy for the excellent presentation on the COG's transportation priorities that she had given to Deputy Secretary of Transportation Joel Szabat. Member DuBois reported that the Board had approved the 2010-11 Metrolink budget.

There was no report from the Committee on Homelessness.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. She discussed the ongoing study regarding the proposed project alignment through the subregion. She said there is continuing concern about the proposed elevated track.

It was moved by Member Rodriguez, seconded by First Vice President Hurtado, to receive and file the committee reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said that Caltrans is considering bidding four of five segments at one time. She said this is meant to deal with the problem of possible lapsing funds if all segments cannot be done by the funding deadline.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He said that SCAG is working with CARB on the regional greenhouse gas targets under AB 32.

Karen Heit presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said the Authority is working on a Memorandum of Understanding with Bob Hope Airport to join the Authority. She said SCAG had finished its first round of public meetings on the cross county study.

There was no report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

David Hershenson presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said Metro will be doing some service changes in December, and that public hearings regarding the changes would begin in August. He said the last of six meetings of the Blue Ribbon Committee had been held.

Joyce McDevitt presented a report from the Long Beach Conservation Corps. She said that Proposition 84 funding is still available for the Corps to do work in cities. She said the Corps has a contract to do weatherization projects for low income families. She said the Corps had received a grant from WalMart to put in drought resistant plants and

that the Corps would provide the labor for such projects.

There was no report from the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

It was moved by First Vice President Hurtado, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the agency reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no matters from Board members.

President Stefenhagen announced that the City of Norwalk would be hosting the moving replica Vietnam Memorial Wall on August 19th through August 22nd.

The General Counsel announced that now was the time for the annual election of officers.

It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Barrows, to elect First Vice President Hurtado as President. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Lima, to elect Second Vice President Dunton as First Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Barrows, to elect Member Daniels and Second Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member DuBois, to elect President Stefenhagen as Immediate Past President. The motion was approved unanimously.

The General Counsel announced that it was now in order to receive nominations to fill the remaining eight positions on the Executive Committee. The following cities were self-nominated: Artesia, Bell, Cerritos, Compton, Downey, Huntington Park, Lakewood, Signal Hill, and Whittier.

The General Counsel said, because more than eight cities had been nominated, that an election would now need to occur. Ballots were passed and then collected from the Board members. Following a counting of the ballots, the General Counsel announced that the following eight cities had been elected to the Executive Committee: Artesia, Bell, Cerritos, Downey, Huntington Park, Lakewood, Signal Hill, and Whittier.

Newly elected President Hurtado thanked the Board for the vote of confidence and that he looked forward to the year ahead.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.