

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Transportation Committee

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

4:30 p. m. Meeting – Note: Time Change

Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Paramount, California

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The Transportation Committee will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or an item of interest that is not on the agenda. The Transportation Committee cannot take action on any item not scheduled on the agenda. These items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future agenda. Comments are to be limited to three minutes for each speaker, unless extended by the Transportation Committee, and each speaker will only have one opportunity to speak on any one topic. You have the opportunity to address the Transportation Committee at the following times:

- A. **AGENDA ITEM:** at this time the Transportation Committee considers the agenda item OR during Public Comments, and
- B. **NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** during Public Comments, comments will be received for a maximum 20-minute period; any additional requests will be heard following the completion of the Transportation Committee agenda; and
- C. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** at the time for public hearings.

Please keep your comments brief and complete a speaker card for the Chair.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL – BY SELF INTRODUCTIONS**
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - This is the time and place to change the order of the agenda, delete or add any agenda item(s).

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Three minutes for each speaker.

VI. MATTERS FROM STAFF

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR: All items under the Consent Calendar may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and acted upon separately by the Transportation Committee.

A. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the Transportation Committee Meeting of September 6, 2017, are presented for approval.

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM.

VIII. REPORTS

A. MTA Board Recap – September Metro Board Meeting and Other Topics of Interest - Oral Report by Director Robert Garcia

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

B. I-605 Projects – Presentation by Ernesto Chaves, Director, Metro Highway Program

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IX. REPORTS – COMMITTEES/AGENCIES

A. Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) Update by Yvette Kirrin, Gateway Cities COG Transportation Engineer – Oral Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

X. MATTERS FROM TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: New items will not be considered after 5:30 p.m. unless the Transportation Committee votes to extend the time limit. Any items on the agenda that are not completed will be forwarded to the next regular Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2017 4:30 PM.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE COG OFFICE AT (562) 663-6850. NOTIFICATION 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
Item A
Approval of Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CTITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITEE
Chair - MTA Director, Long Beach Mayor - Robert Garcia**

Gateway Cities COG Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723
September 6, 2017

The Meeting was called to order 5:01 pm, roll call was taken by self-introduction:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cinde Cassidy – City of Avalon, Mayor Robert Garcia – MTA Director, City of Long Beach, Christian Hernandez – City of Cudahy, Deborah Johnson – Long Beach Transit, Mohammad Mostahkami – City of Downey – Public Works Officer, Javier Hernandez – Supervisor Solis, First District, Michael Ervin – LA County Board of Supervisors – Supervisor Hahn, Jose Pulido – City Manager’s Steering Committee, Lori Ann Guzman – Port of Long Beach.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharon Weismann – Transportation Deputy, Yvette Kirrin, Kekoa Anderson– GCCOG Consulting Engineers Nancy Pfeffer, Karen Heit, COG staff, Abdollah Ansari, Ernesto Chaves, Metro Highway Program, Kevin Gilhooley – Regional Affairs Mgr., SCAG, Tracy Beidleman – Gov’t. Relations Mgr., Long Beach Transit, Sergio Infanzon – Community Development Director – City of Huntington Park, Julia Brown – Metro Community Relations, Bill Stracker – Onward Energy, Charlene Palmer, Principal – NCE.

There were no amendments to the Agenda, matters from staff or public comment.

Consent Calendar approval was postponed due to lack of a quorum.

Mayor Garcia called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm and introduced Ernesto Chaves, Metro Highway Project Manager for the I-710 Corridor Project. Chaves began by giving a brief introduction to the project and how long it has taken to move the project towards the environmental clearance phase. He went over the purpose and need for the project and outlines the “grounds-up” community participation process. He reviewed the two project “build” alternatives and discussed the No-Build which is required. He reviewed the project costs for each build alternative and explained those programmatic items that are common to both projects. He discussed items that have to be funded separately from the freeway project but are part of the project. These items will be covered through cooperative programs with Air Quality agencies and the MTA.

Chaves went through three typical sections at three separate locations for each of the project alternatives to reflect what the projects would look like and operate. He then went to discuss Motion 22.1 and its history; highlighting the improvements that are included or are using a separate path from the actual freeway project. Lastly, he went over the analytical

work that is being done to complete the project definition and make allow for an informed recommendation on the ultimate decision for a project alternative. He reviewed the project schedule.

He briefly discussed the three public hearings and the issue that were raised by the public; mostly displacement potential and air quality issues. The public hearing data is being gathered.

He also reviewed the potential for Early Action Projects that can be built within the available Measure R and M funding allocations. Some of the construction can start as early as 2021 if things stay on schedule. Mayor Garcia asked that Chaves return as the project moves closer to being defined. A question was asked about transit improvements and impact on the transit service. Chaves indicated that there is an evaluation of an express lane on the I-710. A question was asked about the cost of the items in Motion 22.1 including the cost of zero emission vehicles Mayor Garcia mentioned that the I-710 Corridor Project was at the top of the States' infrastructure list.

A quorum was reached at 5:17 and the report was received and file.

Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG Engineer, gave an update on the COG's Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) and the ongoing update and prioritization of projects within each city and the plan itself. The exercise will result in a plan to anticipate funding from various sources as they appear. Each city was asked to propose their highest priority and a list of priorities will be evaluated. The first step is to get a prioritization by mode from each of the jurisdictions. The next step is to create a schedule by phase not necessarily connected to any implementation year but more duration-based. The final step is to associate cost by phase so that the COG can develop a cost by phase need. Lastly, the COG can quantify a five-year work program based on priorities.

The Consent Calendar was approved.

Mayor Garcia reported on the MTA Board not having a meeting in the month of August. He also mentioned that SB 268 (Mendoza Bill to reorganize the MTA Board) has undergone some amendments and they would be distributed in the Long Beach newsletter. He reported on the replacement of the Blue Line cars (anticipated to be about 80% finished by next year) Mohammad Mostahkami report on the MTA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) seeking to change the Metro parking policy. He indicated that the outreach and issues associated with paid parking may be negatively impacting residential and commercial parking near train stations. He would like to see an MTA presentation at the COG Transportation Committee.

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:53