

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Gateway Cities COG Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723
April 5, 2017

The Meeting was called to order 5:07 pm, roll call taken by self-introduction:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Austin – COG President - City of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia – MTA Director, Sharon Weismann – Transportation Deputy, Bill Pagett – Public Works Officers, Mike Egan – City of Norwalk - Chair, City Manager’s Steering Committee, Jose Pulido – City of Cudahy - City Manager’s Steering Committee, Mohammad Mostahkami – City of Downey – Public Works Officer, Doug Drummond – Port of Long Beach,

OTHERS PRESENT: Cheri Kelley – Vice-Mayor, City of Norwalk, Sharon Weisman – MTA Board Deputy, Saeed Ali – Staff, Senator Tony Mendoza, Kekoa Anderson–GCCOG Consulting Engineer, Nancy Pfeffer, Karen Heit, COG staff, Kevin Gilhooley – Regional Affairs Officer – SCAG, Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Director, League of Cities, Maryam Adhami, Lance Grinore, – City Services Bureau, County of Los Angeles, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector Council, Gregory Farr, Region Chief, Caltrans, Andres Molina, Government Relations Representative – WSP/Parsons Brinkerhoff, Julia Brown – Community Relations Manager - Metro. Joshua Schank Executive Officer, OEI – LACMTA. Lynda Bybee – LSA, Juanita Martinez, Regional BD Coordination, NCE, Eduardo Adame, Lee Andrews Group.

A correction to the minutes was made to reflect the presence of Sharon Weisman at the April meeting.

Mayor Garcia began by discussing the MTA effort to reevaluate the local return guidelines for Measure M. He discussed the Hahn, Garcia, Garcetti Motion to create a minimum return to smaller cities. He stated that he’s trying to move the minimum return to \$300,000. There is a concern with the medium and larger cities getting less. Mayor Garcia indicated that the City of Long Beach is okay with getting less to subsidize the smaller cities. He also stated that they were looking for a way to supplement with other funds to keep the medium size cities whole. M. Egan asked where the additional funds would come from, and the Mayor stated that staff is working on that.

Mayor Garcia also discussed the current development of the Measure M Master Guidelines. He discussed the Gateway Cities and potential uses for the \$244 million Subregional Equity fund which will be allocated over a 40-year period. He mentioned that the COG Executive Committee instructed COG staff to come up with a plan for these funds which would be considered next month. Mohammad Mostahkami spoke about the PAC and the lack of Gateway COG attendance, and passed out some of the materials that were included. He discussed the process and timing for the Guidelines.

The MTA has requested that all written comments be submitted through “The Plan” website by March 26th. Funds will be forthcoming most likely in September.

Mayor Garcia introduced Joshua Schank, Executive Officer for MTA’s Office of Extraordinary Innovation (OEI) who is working with the two public/private/partnerships (3P) propositions for the Eco-Rapid Transit/West Santa Ana Branch Project.

Shank introduced the 3P concept and how it brings the public and private sector together to forge the best possible solution for accelerated project delivery. With this process, skill sets are shared in addition to risk and benefit. He outlined potential project benefit primarily the earlier delivery of the Eco-Rapid Transit project. The 3P private sector partner can deliver the funding earlier. The 3P partner can bring earlier performance as well as construction cost savings. He compared the advantages, strengths and weaknesses between the traditional design/bid/build model and 3P as well as all of the other models in between. He went through various levels of private sector involvement and the levels of risk and responsibility incumbent with each model. He went through employment protections that are a part of any 3P deal, as well as the benefit to business and small businesses. He went on to discuss the division of responsibility between the two partners and went through the guiding principles that any deal would be structured through.

He went on to discuss the Eco-Rapid Transit project’s attractive attributes that make it an ideal 3P; a mostly publically owned right-of-way, is not an extension connecting to any other line, and has well defined and strong community support. Lastly, he discussed the process and the partnership with Eco-Rapid Joint Powers Authority. Mayor Garcia talked about the potential for speeding up the project by approximately 15 years. Mayor Garcia asked about other projects within the Gateway region such as the I-5 project. Schank stated that the 3P effort is more opportunity driven such as Expresslanes. Michael Egan asked about the competition between Measure M projects and the ability to finance all of these projects using this method.

Mayor Garcia requested a vote to receive and file the OEI report, the minutes and the MTA Board meeting review. A motion was made to recommend the Gateway Cities Service Sector Council nominations to the full Board. Mayor Garcia then called upon Christine Guererro to provide the latest information on the progress of SB 1. Guerrero indicated that this bill is changing daily and there is a vote expected tomorrow, April 6th. The current proposal is a \$52 billion project for 15 years. She proceeded to go over the revenue sources, Caltrans reforms, loan repayments. Revenue sources include a 12% increase in the gas tax, a sliding fee increase in vehicle license fees, a diesel excise tax, an increase to the diesel sales tax and a \$100 a year assessment on electric vehicles. She suggested that the COG also support ACA 5, a recommended state constitutional amendment to keep the funds secure. Currently there may not be a 2/3rds vote to pass this bill.

Mayor Garcia went over the attributes for SB 4 and went over details of the bill. The Transportation Committee voted to recommend that the COG Board support both bills.

Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG Consulting Engineer, gave an update on the COG's Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) explaining that COG cities are in the process of prioritizing individual projects within their cities and within modes. He talked about the utility of cities using the STP as foundational to fill out grant applications.

Mayor Garcia asked if there were any new public comments. Julia Browne, MTA Public Affairs Manager made a presentation about public meetings for the I-710 Bikepath.

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:39 pm.