

**MINUTES 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 Blvd.
Paramount, California
August 2, 2017**

President Pineda called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

PRESENT: President Jhonny Pineda, City of Huntington Park
First Vice President Fernando Dutra, City of Whittier
Second Vice President Leonard Shryock, City of Norwalk
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Cinde MacGugan Cassidy, City of Avalon
Member Ali Saleh, City of Bell
Member Naresh Solanki, City of Cerritos
Member Emma Sharif, City of Compton
Member Christian Hernandez, City of Cudahy
Member John Lewis, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Roberto Uranga, City of Long Beach
Member Joaquin Lanuza, City of Maywood
Member Vanessa Delgado, City of Montebello
Member Diane J. Martinez, City of Paramount
Member Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera
Member Joe Angel Zamora, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Maria Davila, City of South Gate
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Joseph Martinez, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis
Member Young-Gi Kim Harabedian, Office of Supervisor Janice Hahn

ABSENT: Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Oralia Rebollo, City of Commerce
Member Fernando Vasquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Mark D. Radecki, City of Industry
Member Edwin Hernandez, City of Lynwood
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Member Lori Ann Guzman, Port of Long Beach (ex officio)

ALSO PRESENT: Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Sharon Weissman, Board Deputy, Office of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia; Downey Public Works Director Mohammad Mostahkami; Pico Rivera Director of Public Works James Enriquez; Artesia Administrative Services Manager Pradeep Elayath; South Gate Senior Engineer Gladis Deras; Lance Grindle, Principal Engineer, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Antonio Chapa, District Director, Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis; Nina Turner, Local & Regional Government Relations Liaison, Port of Long Beach; Tonya Martin, Field Representative, Office of Senator Ricardo Lara; Julia Brown, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities; Debra Ashby, Senior Public Information Specialist, South Coast AQMD; Meredith Berkson, Regional Director, PATH; Connie Turner, Public Affairs, Southern California Edison; Giovanni D'Egidio, Hollywood Sports, Bellflower; Dennis Bukowski, Hollywood Sports, Bellflower; Heidi Rous, Director, ESA; Bill Stracker, Senior Project Manager, Onward Engineering; Steve Forster, Vice President for Municipal Services, Infrastructure Engineers; Andres Molina, Government Relations Representative, WSP; Denise Campos, Public Affairs Manager, Southern California Gas; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; GCCOG Transportation Analyst Karen Heit; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer; GCCOG Consultant Engineer Kekoa Anderson.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Pineda.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Giovanni D'Egidio and Dennis Bukowski of Hollywood Sports, Bellflower, spoke in support of the Eco-Rapid Transit Line with a grade separation.

Julia Brown, Metro Community Relations, announced that the environmental document for the I-710 improvement project had been released for public review on July 22nd. She said three public hearings would be held in the cities of Long Beach, Paramount, and Commerce. She said the comment period is scheduled to close on September 22nd.

There were no matters from staff.

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

Connie Turner, Public Affairs Representative, Southern California Edison Company, addressed the Board regarding the continued item from the July 5th meeting relating to the Edison Company's application before the California Utilities Commission for approval of a Transportation Electrification Program and rate schedule. She said Edison is asking for a letter of support for its filing with the PUC.

It was moved by Member Davila to send a letter of support for the Edison application. The motion failed for lack of a second.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Davis, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan presented a report from the Executive Director Recruitment Committee. He referred the Board to a draft timeline for the recruitment. He said the committee had met on July 13th and had authorized the advertisement for the position. He said the closing date for applications is August 15th. In response to a question from Member Joseph Martinez, Mr. Egan reported that three applications had been received to date. Member Martinez expressed concern about the small number of applications and said the deadline for receipt of applications may need to be extended. Mr. Egan responded that it was not unusual with almost two weeks until the application deadline that the number of submittals is small. He said the committee could extend the deadline if the number of applications received by the closing date is determined to be too small.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said the first tier of Proposition 1 grant projects approved by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board totaled \$19 million for projects in the Gateway Cities. He reported that the Lower Los Angeles River working groups have been meeting.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He referred the Board to the handout provided by Julia Brown of Metro regarding the scheduled public hearings on the EIR.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the initial document on the I-605 project had been approved by Caltrans. He presented a brief PowerPoint on the aesthetics program of the I-710 project and said it could serve as the template for a similar study on I-605.

Member Garcia presented a report from the Transportation Committee. He thanked the members of the Eco-Rapid Transit Board who attended last month's MTA Board meeting. He said the Board had approved the I-605 "hot spots" improvements presented to the Board. He said Metro is in the process of converting to an all-electric fleet by 2020. Member Garcia reported that the Transportation Committee had received heard a report on the Metro Bike Share Program. He reported on a proposed SB 1 project for work on I-5 north to Washington Blvd.

Meredith Berkson presented a report from PATH. She said the city level data from the 2017 Homeless Count is now available. She said the Gateway Cities region experienced an 11.7% increase in the numbers from the 2016 Count, but it was still less than the 23% countywide increase. She encouraged cities to apply for funding made available by the

County for development of city level homeless action plans. She said applications are due to the County by September 18th.

Nancy Pfeffer presented a report on the Cap and Trade program. She said the state legislature had approved an extension of the state program from its 2020 end date to 2030. She said that, to date, the state had received \$3.4 billion through its cap and trade programs. She said AB 617 (Garcia) focuses on air pollution impacts on disadvantaged communities.

It was moved by Member Tercero, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the committee reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the I-5 Consortium Cities JPA.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said the state legislature is on recess until August 21st, and that there is a September 15th deadline for bills to pass to the Governor. She referred the Board to SB 649, which bypasses local control on the siting of small cell facilities anywhere in the public right-of-way. She said a housing package is expected in the next few weeks which would allow multi-family projects to be approved at the counter rather than by the city council under the concept of “streamlining” the approval process.

There was no report from SCAG.

Karen Heit presented a report from Eco-Rapid Transit. She reported that the public comment period on what to study in the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor environmental document closes on Friday.

Debra Ashby presented a report from the South Coast AQMD. She referred the Board to a flyer on the electric lawn mower rebate program. She referred the Board to a flyer on the two-day conference entitled “Making Sense of Sensors” scheduled for September 27-28 at AQMD headquarters in Diamond Bar.

There was no report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council.

It was moved by Member Tercero, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the agency reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

President Pineda thanked the Board members for their commitment to the COG.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.