

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

Gateway Cities COG Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723
August 2, 2017

The Meeting was called to order 5:10 pm, roll call was taken by self-introduction:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cinde Cassidy – City of Avalon, Mayor Robert Garcia – MTA Director, City of Long Beach, Young-Gi Harabedian – Fourth District, Supervisor Hahn, Deborah Johnson – Long Beach Transit, Bill Pagett – Public Works Officers, Mike Egan – City of Norwalk - Chair, City Manager’s Steering Committee, Mohammad Mostahkami – City of Downey – Public Works Officer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharon Weismann – Transportation Deputy, Kekoa Anderson–GCCOG Consulting Engineer, Nancy Pfeffer, Karen Heit, COG staff, Tonya Martin - Field Representative – Senator Ricardo Lara, Lance Driscoll,– City Services Bureau, County of Los Angeles, Wally Shidler – Gateway Cities Service Sector Council,

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

Consent Calendar approval postponed due to lack of a quorum.

Mayor Garcia discussed the appearance of members of the Eco-Rapid JPA Board that appeared before the Metro Board at the July Meeting, mentioning the attention and excitement that surrounds this project. He discussed the approval of planning/engineering funding for two I-605 “Hot Spots” projects that were approved at the MTA Board meeting. Mayor Garcia reported on an action by the MTA Board to purchase 95 all-electric buses as a trial for the eventual implementation of an all-electric fleet. He talked about the SB-1 Caltrans projects that are currently going to be approved and be implemented including a substantial pavement rehabilitation project for the I-5.

Karen Heit, GCCOG Transportation Analyst – outlined the SB-1 local subvention program and how it differs from other gas tax funding. She outlined the compliance requirements that cities must perform to access the money. There are city council requirements that must be met and reporting requirements on the back end. There are still questions about how long the funding can be allocated and how to program multi-year projects. Mohammad Mostahkami gave an update on requirements that changed since the posting of the agenda; the guidelines have been extended and the project due date has been extended to October 15th. If cities have midyear projects they can be added. Applications are expected to be simple and the budget may merely list the project within capital projects listings. After the project is finished it must be submitted to the California Transportation Committee.

Mayor Garcia asked about other SB-1 categories and remarked upon some Caltrans work in the Gateway Cities area most notably - Active Transportation project applications that were due yesterday for cycle 3 of the ATP. Cities who have submitted under cycle 1 & 2 and weren't successful were able to apply; successful applicants were not eligible. Mike Egan asked about next years' allocation and the requirements. Mostahkami discussed about the Maintenance of Effort requirement to that will required for each year of funding.

Mayor Garcia reported on safety improvements to the Blue Line since the majority of it is patrolled by either the Long Beach or Los Angeles Police Departments.

Karen Heit gave an update on the progress with the COG STP and the process for prioritizing projects underway with the STP TAC.

Mayor Garcia introduced the two bike share programs. Lea Yim from MTA gave a report on the Countywide bike share effort sponsored by Metro. She played an MTA video on downtown Los Angeles bikeshare that described the program. Bikeshare is considered a critical component of removing single occupancy vehicle trips. She went over the features of the bikes available for rideshare and the docking. She discussed a new bike that has built in guidance and checks out from the bicycle not from the docking station. She went over the various ways to access the system and information. She talked about the maintenance of the bikes and the company that has the exclusive contract.

She went over the fare structure, including single use, a flex-pass and a monthly pass and the various reduced and student fares as part of the ridership relief program. She went into the existing and proposed uses of the TAP card and the potential for use of the TAP card. Full TAP integration will allow the TAP card to pay for the bike ride.

The next presenter was Tony Cruz, the City of Long Beach Bike Ambassador. Cruz discussed the system adopted by the City of Long Beach and others before the MTA decision to go with a single proprietor was determined. The Long Beach system which has been in effect for 2 years. He talked about "balancing the fleet" which is placing bikes at convenient locations and making sure they are evenly distributed. He went over the locations and number of stations including the implementation of pay stations. He went over the payment plan for Long Beach bikeshare and various pricing structures, including corporate and Cal State Long Beach student plan. Cruz reviewed the bike's features as well as the operations and maintenance costs. The Long Beach bikes have real-time GPS that helps them stayed located and facilitates "balancing". A question was asked about when the bike racks are full what do you do with the bikes. The bikes can be left in the vicinity of the station as there is s Geo-fence.

A question was asked about the price-point for First/Last mile utility and transfers. Can the bike leg count as part of a transit transfer? Another question was asked about how a city could join the bikeshare program. MTA requires a letter of intent where they bring a consultant on board.

Julia Brown, Metro Communications Mgr. discussed the I-710 release of the RDEIR/RSRIS and the upcoming scheduled public hearings. The document was released on July 21, for a 60 day comment period. The public hearings were set for the last weeks in August. Hearings are scheduled for the city of Commerce, Paramount and Long Beach. She indicated where the flyers were located and asked cities to place the information on city web sites.

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:53