

**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
January 3, 2018**

President Pineda called the meeting to order at 6:01 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
Immediate Past President Al Austin, City of Long Beach
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Cinde MacGugan Cassidy, City of Avalon
Member Ali Saleh, City of Bell
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Naresh Solanki, City of Cerritos
Member Oralia Rebollo, City of Commerce
Member Emma Sharif, City of Compton
Member Christian Hernandez, City of Cudahy
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member John Lewis, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Sal Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Vanessa Delgado, City of Montebello
Member Joe Angel Zamora, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Maria Davila, City of South Gate
Member Herlinda Chico, Office of Supervisor Janice Hahn

ABSENT: Member Fernando Vasquez, City of Downey
Member Mark D. Radecki, City of Industry
Member Joaquin Lanuza, City of Maywood
Member Diane J. Martinez, City of Paramount
Member Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Joseph Martinez, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Member Bonnie Lowenthal, Port of Long Beach (ex officio)

ALSO PRESENT: Whittier City Manager Jeff Collier, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Downey Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Diana Tang; Vernon Director of Public Works Daniel Wall; Lance Grindle, Principal Engineer, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Antonio Chapa, District Director, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis; Evelyn Nuno, Field Representative, Office of Assemblymember Cristina Garcia; Greg Farr, Region Chief, Caltrans; Sharon Weissman, Board Deputy, Office of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia; Julia Brown, Community Relations Manager, Metro; GCCOG Executive Director Nancy Pfeffer; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director, I-5 JPA/GCCOG Consultant Engineer; Karen Heit, GCCOG Transportation Analyst.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Lewis.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

The Executive Director referred the Board to the Homeless Program resource cards that were available for their use and resource.

It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by First Vice President Dutra, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously, with members Cassidy, Davis, and Alatorre abstaining.

The Executive Director presented a report recommending that the Board approve a resolution participate in the Beacon Program as a Champion agency. She explained that the program is of the Institute for Local Government and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative. She said participants are cities and counties that engage in activities to save energy and adopt policies that promote sustainability.

It was moved by President Pineda, seconded by Member Lima, to adopt the resolution agreeing to participate in the Beacon Program as a Beacon Champion. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. She said the first decade of Measure R program funds is winding down and the process is beginning for the planning for the use of second decade funds. She said it is important for the corridor cities to participate in order to maximize their opportunities to achieve funding for early action projects. She said there is a very critical series of meetings coming up and encouraged attendance at the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee meeting on January 25th

so that a recommendation on a preferred alternative can be sent forward to the MTA Board of Directors.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. She said that, similarly to the I-710 Measure R funding, planning would be commencing on the use of second decade funding on hot spots projects in the SR-91/I-605/I-405 corridor.

MTA Board Member Garcia presented a report from the Transportation Committee. He said he was re-thinking the structure of the Transportation Committee and will be kicking things off with a Transportation Summit on February 9th in Long Beach. He said the summit would run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and that breakfast and lunch would be served. He said attendees would include the directors of MTA and Caltrans and that everyone was invited to attend. Member Garcia said Metro is making a huge investment in the Blue Line and they are coming to the point where there will be some shutdowns. He said the Willowbrook Rosa Parks Station would be completely rebuilt, a \$1 billion project. He said the plan to complete major projects by 2028 is being developed and the Eco Rapid Transit project and I-710 early action projects will be nominated to be included in the plan.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report from PATH. He said Meredith Berkson of PATH wished to thank the cities that provided letters of support to the Supervisors for continued funding for the Gateway Connections program. Due to the availability of Measure H funding, PATH has requested a reduced amount of funding at \$495,000 per year. He said the Annual Homeless Count is occurring this month. The majority of COG cities will be counted on January 24th, with the exception of Lynwood, Compton, and Paramount on January 25th.

The Executive Director presented an update on Cap and Trade funding in the Gateway Cities and referred the Board to a chart of projects showing a total figure of \$40 million in Cap and Trade funds allocated to projects in the subregion.

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

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 Consortium Cities JPA. She updated the Board on the completion percentages of the various freeway segment and interchange projects as follows: the segment from Valley View to the Orange County line is 23% complete; Alondra Blvd. interchange 100%; Rosecrans Ave. 96%; Norwalk Blvd. 77%; Florence Ave. 58%; and Carmenita Rd. 100%.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

There was no report from Eco-Rapid Transit.

There was no report from the South Coast AQMD.

Julia Brown presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. She announced three public hearings on the I-605 corridor project to be held on February 6th, 7th, and 8th in the cities of Pico Rivera, Norwalk, and Whittier. She said two public hearings on the westbound SR-91 project were scheduled for January 30th and 31st in Cerritos and Artesia. She said the next meeting of the Sector Council would be held at Salt Lake Park in Huntington Park next Thursday.

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

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

President Pineda announced that all Board members would be invited to attend a goals and objectives session in February. He said the session would last about a half day and that an email poll asking for dates of availability would be sent out soon.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.