

**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 4, 2017**

President Austin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: President Al Austin, City of Long Beach
First Vice President Jhonny Pineda, City of Huntington Park
Second Vice President Fernando Dutra, City of Whittier
Immediate Past President Ali Saleh, City of Bell
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Cinde MacGugan Cassidy, City of Avalon
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member George Ray, City of Cerritos
Member Emma Sharif, City of Compton
Member Christian Hernandez, City of Cudahy
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Edward Eng, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Roberto Uranga, City of Long Beach
Member Vanessa Delgado, City of Montebello
Member Mike Mendez, City of Norwalk
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera
Member Joe Angel Zamora, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Joseph Martinez, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis
Member Herlinda Chico, Office of Supervisor Janice Hahn
Member Doug Drummond, Port of Long Beach (ex officio)

ABSENT: Member Ivan Altamirano, City of Commerce
Member Fernando Vasquez, City of Downey
Member Mark D. Radecki, City of Industry
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Sergio Calderon, City of Maywood
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Bell Gardens Director of Public Works Chau Vu; La Mirada Director of Public Works Mark Stowell; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Diana Tang; Vernon Director of Public Works Derek Wieske; Lance Grindle, Head, City Services, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Maryam Adhami, City Services, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Nina Turner, Local/Regional Liaison, Port of Long Beach; Elizabeth Alcantar, Field Deputy, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis; Anakaren Monroy, Intern, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis; Angela Driscoll, Public Works/Metro Deputy, Office of Supervisor Janice Hahn; Saeed Ali, Office of Senator Tony Mendoza; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities; Meredith Berkson, Director, PATH; Lynda Bybee, Manager, LSA; Nick Jiles, President, Pao Strategies; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; GCCOG Transportation Deputy 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 Austin.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

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

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said the Conservancy Board did not have a quorum last month, so grant awards from Proposition 1 could not be made. He said they will meet again in January 23rd and should be awarding projects at that meeting. He said the Gateway Cities area was in line to receive 7 awards totaling \$13 million.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the I-710 Project Committee. He said the Corridor Advisory Committee had received detailed descriptions of the two build alternatives as a prelude to the Draft Environmental Report which will be released in July. He said the Technical Advisory Committee and Project Committees would be meeting in January.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said scoping meetings had been held in November regarding the SR-91/I-605, I-605/I-5, and SR-91/SR-60 interchanges. He said environmental documents are expected to be released in 2018.

It was moved by Member Dunton, seconded by Member Hurtado, to receive and file committee reports A through C. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the City Selection Committee would be meeting tomorrow night following the Division League of California Cities meeting and encouraged cities to attend to assure a quorum for the election of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia as the new MTA Board member. She thanked the Board for supporting her over her eight years as the region's MTA Board member.

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

Meredith Berkson presented a report from PATH. She referred the Board to a handout showing the 2015 and 2016 Homeless Count results and the outreach statistics to date. She said the 2017 Homeless Count will take place on January 24th and that all COG cities have opted in. She encouraged maximum participation in the count because funds from the proposed County Proposition H will be distributed on the basis of the Homeless Count results.

Ms. Berkson reported that PATH had received \$560,000 to fund an interdisciplinary team, including medical and mental health services. She said it is estimated that 36% of the homeless population have a substance abuse disorder, 9% have a physical disability, and 27% have a mental health disability, the last number of which may be even higher.

Ms. Berkson said there are two winter shelters in the Gateway Cities area in the cities of Long Beach and Bell.

It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Second Vice President Dutra, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Nancy Pfeffer presented an update on the Cap and Trade program. She said competition has been very fierce for Climate Action Plan grant funding from SCAG. She said we should know next month whether the COG's application has been successful.

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 League has a new Executive Director, Carolyn Coleman, who previously was the federal advocacy director for the National League of Cities. She said the special legislation session on transportation ended on November 30th with no package approved. She said the legislature will again take up funding for maintenance of local streets. She said the City Selection Committee meeting is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. tomorrow.

There was no report from SCAG.

There was no report from Eco-Rapid Transit.

There was no report from the South Coast AQMD.

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

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Second Vice President Dutra, to receive and file the agency reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

President Austin wished everyone a Happy New Year and said he hoped that 2017 would be a less eventful year.

Adjournment: It was moved by Member Sharif to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary