

**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
March 1, 2017**

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

PRESENT: President Al Austin, City of Long Beach
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 Ivan Altamirano, City of Commerce
Member Emma Sharif, City of Compton
Member Christian Hernandez, City of Cudahy
Member Fernando Vasquez, City of Downey
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 Joaquin Lanuza, City of Maywood
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 William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Herlinda Chico, Office of Supervisor Janice Hahn
Member Doug Drummond, Port of Long Beach (ex officio)

ABSENT: First Vice President Jhonny Pineda, City of Huntington Park
Member Mark D. Radecki, City of Industry
Member Edwin Hernandez, City of Lynwood
Member Vanessa Delgado, City of Montebello
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member Joseph Martinez, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia; Norwalk City Manager Mike

Egan, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Commerce Interim City Manager Matt Rodriguez; Downey Director of Public Works Mohamed Mostahkami; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Diana Tang; Sharon Weissman, Board Deputy, Office of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia; Pico Rivera Assistant City Engineer Jose Loera; South Gate Assistant Engineer Gladis Deras; Phil Ansell, Homeless Initiative Director, County of Los Angeles; Michael D. Castillo, Senior Analyst, Chief Executive Office, County of Los Angeles; Lance Grindle, Head, City Services, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Heather Tomley, Director of Environmental Planning, Port of Long Beach; Nina Turner, Local/Regional Liaison, Port of Long Beach; Chris Cannon, Director of Environmental Management, Port of Los Angeles; Saeed Ali, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Senator Tony Mendoza; Julia Brown, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Meredith Berkson, Director, PATH; Michael Kodama, Executive Director, Eco Rapid Transit; Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer, SCAQMD; Danielle Soto, Senior Public Information Specialist, SCAQMD; Gregory Farr, Region Chief, Caltrans; Kevin Gilhooley, Steve Forster, Vice President of Municipal Services, Infrastructure Engineers; Andres Molina, Government Relations Representative, WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff; Eduardo Adame, Government Affairs, Lee Andrews Group; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; 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.

President Austin asked for a moment of silence in memory of fallen Whittier Police Officer Keith Boyer.

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 Daniels, seconded by Second Vice President Dutra, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously, with Member DuBois abstaining.

Heather Tomley, Director of Environmental Planning, Port of Long Beach, and Chris Cannon, Director of Environmental Management, Port of Los Angeles, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Draft 2017 Update to the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan. Ms. Tomley reviewed the combined 2015 air emissions results, which showed 84% reduction in diesel particulate matter, 50% reduction in nitrogen oxides, and 97%

reduction in sulfur oxides, despite a 7% increase in TEUs at the ports. She described the transition programs for heavy duty trucks, terminal equipment, and ocean vessels. Mr. Cannon reviewed the public outreach to date on the draft plan and said the next steps included ongoing meetings with interested groups and evaluation of comments prior to the ports' preparation of the final plan.

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

The report from the Southern California Gas Company was deferred to a future meeting.

MTA Director Robert Garcia presented a report from the Transportation Committee. He said the Eco Rapid Transit line has moved up significantly because it has P3 potential with a 14-15 years' savings. He said there is talk about linking it to the Blue Line. He said the Blue Line is the oldest and most unsafe line in the system, and that Metro had begun a process a year ago, to improve the Blue Line. He said he expected that by the middle of April the first new car will be installed and over the next two years all 52 cars will be replaced. He reported that the MTA Board had approved a new multi-agency security contract for the system. Areas within the cities of Long Beach and Los Angeles will be patrolled by those police departments, while the Sheriff's Department will patrol the area in-between. He said response times are expected to drop to 4-5 minutes from 14-15 minutes.

It was moved by Member Chico, 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 the future of the program past 2020 is still up in the air. She said the results from the latest auction were very disappointing. She said the COG is continuing to work towards having a Climate Action Plan to enable access to Cap and Trade funds. She said a grant application had been submitted to the California Energy Commission for funding to develop that plan.

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

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said the RMC Board did not meet in February. He reported that the grant award agreements had been executed.

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

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the Project Committee had met on January 31st and public comments had focused on health impacts and water quality. He said the Committee is pursuing goals that are not

project impacts that are being mitigated but are being addressed through other programs.

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

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the Corridor Cities Committee did not have a quorum in February, but still heard presentations on the alternatives. He said the interchange projects at I-605/SR-60, I-605/I-5, and I-605/SR-91 are all moving forward.

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

Meredith Berkson presented a report from PATH. She referred the Board to the Homeless Count data from 2015 and 2016 and the January 2017 outreach statistics. She said she had been making the rounds of city council meetings to provide information on Measure H, which would provide funding that would enable PATH to scale up its work.

It was approved by Member Altamirano, seconded by Member Tercero, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

Kevin Gilhooley presented a report from SCAG. He said the annual SCAG General Assembly was scheduled for May 4-5. He invited members to attend a boat tour of the ports on March 9. He said applications for the SCAG scholarship were available online on the SCAG website. He said the application deadline is April 21. He reported that Duarte Councilmember Margaret Finley had been nominated to serve as SCAG President.

Michael Kodama presented a report from Eco-Rapid Transit. He said they were now underway on the environmental process and expect to make a presentation to the MTA Board in April.

Derrek Alatorre presented a report from the South Coast AQMD. He said there is an ongoing investigation on the fumes from the foundries in Paramount. He said the Board had adopted a new policy in that each time a business receives a notice of violation they will be notifying the affected city government.

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

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

Board Member Altamirano introduced Commerce Interim City Manager Matt Rodriguez.

Board Member Zamora recognized Board Member Mendez, who will be retiring after serving 30 years on the Norwalk City Council.

President Austin announced the appointments of Yvette Kirrin and Greg Beck to the Measure M Advisory Council. He reported on yesterday's briefings for state and federal legislative staff and commended COG staff on the presentation.

Adjournment: It was moved by Member Chico to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary