

**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  
October 5, 2016**

President Austin called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**PRESENT:** President Al Austin, City of Long Beach  
First Vice President Jhonny Pineda, City of Huntington Park  
Immediate Past President Ali Saleh, City of Bell  
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia  
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens  
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower  
Member George Ray, City of Cerritos  
Member Lilia Leon, City of Commerce  
Member Emma Sharif, City of Compton  
Member Christian Hernandez, City of Cudahy  
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey  
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens  
Member Edward Eng, City of La Mirada  
Member Ron Piazza, City of Lakewood  
Member Roberto Uranga, City of Long Beach  
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood  
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 Melissa Ybarra, City of Vernon  
Member Bob Henderson, City of Whittier  
Member KeAndra Dodds, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis  
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas  
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe  
Member Tracy Egoscue, Port of Long Beach (ex officio)

**ABSENT:** Member Cinde MacGugan Cassidy, City of Avalon  
Member Mark D. Radecki, City of Industry  
Member Thomas Martin, City of Maywood

ALSO PRESENT: Norwalk Vice Mayor Cheri Kelley; Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti; Duarte Councilmember John Fasana; Supervisor Hilda Solis; Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti; Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Pico Rivera City Manager Rene Bobadilla; Whittier City Manager Jeff Collier; Bell Gardens Public Works Director Chau Vu; Pico Rivera Director of Public Works James Enriquez; South Gate Assistant Engineer Gladis Deras; Jonathan Kraus, Office of Long Beach Councilmember Al Austin; Kimberly Ortega, Field Deputy, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis; Javier Hernandez, Transportation Deputy, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis; Tonya Martin, Field Representative, Office of Senator Ricardo Lara; Iso Nakasato, Office of Assemblymember Cristina Garcia; Jacqueline Dupont-Walker, Member, MTA Board of Directors; Stephanie Wiggins, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Metro; Michael Sieckert, Transportation Planning Manager, Metro; Ayda Safaei, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Michael Kodama, Executive Director, Eco Rapid Transit; Adriana Mendoza, Assistant State Director, AARP California; Rohnda Ammouri, GCCOG Consultant; Brandon Matson, Policy Manager, Biz Fed; Denny Zane, Executive Director, Move LA; Jamil Barrett, Move LA; Jessica Meaney, Investing in Place; Ron Miller, Executive Secretary, Los Angeles/Orange County Building Trades; David Kersh, Executive Director, Carpenters/Contractors Cooperation Committee; Jorge Quintero, Carpenters Union Local 630; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; 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.

Luis Campijo, AARP, addressed the Board and spoke in support of Measure M. He said it is an important opportunity for improvements to transportation for senior citizens. He said if Measure M fails it will take even longer for these transportation improvements to occur.

Brandon Matson, Los Angeles County Business Federation, encouraged the Board to support Measure M. He said a good investment is better than no investment by creating hundreds of thousands of jobs.

Jorge Quintero, Carpenters Union Local 630, said he supported Measure M, which will provide good jobs.

Ray Lawson, Carpenters Union Local 630, said children take advantage of the Green Line every day. He said he supports Measure M.

Jerard Wright, Move LA, said Measure M is not a perfect measure, but he urged the COG Board to support it. He said the funds could be used to leverage federal funds. He said he especially supports the Eco Rapid Transit line, which will be to the advantage of working class communities.

Denny Zane, Executive Director, Move LA, urged the Board to step up to a broader agenda to improve the county as a whole by supporting Measure M.

Jacqueline Dupont-Walker, LACMTA Board Member, said MTA had worked to make sure that Measure M included projects for every region of the county.

Ron Miller, Executive Secretary, Los Angeles/Orange County Building Trades Council, urged the Board to support Measure M. He said the construction plan would create a lot of jobs.

Duarte Councilmember John Fasana, LACMTA Board Chair, said if Measure M does not pass our vehicles will move more slowly.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said he had come before the Board as a peer and an advocate. He said he had been very active in meetings with cities in the subregion over the past month. He said the City of Los Angeles wants to be a door opener for your cities. He said he hoped we can close this deal.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Saleh, seconded by Member Daniels, to approve the consent calendar, with the correction that the minutes being approved were for the meeting of September 20, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Austin announced that he was taking Report C out of order at this time. He said the matter of reconsideration of the Board's position on Measure M is being brought back as a result of a motion approved at the September Board meeting.

Member Wilson said the real issue is whether anything has really changed and that there has been some movement. He said from his perspective the fact that they are looking at bonding to speed up projects is really important. He said he is still concerned with fairness. He said each city should get at least \$1 million in local return. He said he would suggest that in those years where revenues exceed projections the money be used to go to cities that receive less than \$1 million.

Member Hurtado said we have made some strides and have brought people to the table that otherwise would not have come. He said having the City of Los Angeles as an ally can really help us.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Sharif, to change the Board's position on Measure M from oppose to support.

Member Daniels said the reason we are here is that Metro did not expect the opposition that it has received and that they have come to us only after the ballot measure was approved. However, all they are saying is “trust me”. He said they should have reached out to the subregions six to nine months ago. He said if the Board gives up now we will not be taken seriously.

Immediate Past President Saleh said he opposed Measure M because this region did not get its fair share.

Member Tercero said we find it hard to support Measure M, particularly because of how the Gold Line is treated in the measure. He said the Washington Blvd. alignment is not included.

Member Dodds said Supervisor Solis’s office is very supportive of the Gold Line extension and without the new measure both lines cannot be built.

Member Leon said if the cities don’t stay together we will only get what we are getting now. She said Commerce is very affected by traffic from the ports. The time lines in Measure M, she said, will dictate that we bear the brunt. She encouraged continued opposition to Measure M.

Member Uranga called for a vote, saying further debate is a waste of our time.

It was moved by Member Uranga, seconded by Member Sharif, to call the question.

The Deputy General Counsel said a motion to end debate requires a two-thirds vote of the Board.

President Austin asked for a show of hands on the motion and announced that a two-thirds majority of the Board had voted to end the debate.

The Deputy General Counsel asked that a roll call vote be taken on the original motion to change the Board’s position from opposition to support of Measure M.

#### ROLL CALL

AYES: Members Sharif, Uranga, Hurtado, Dodds, and Riccitiello, First Vice President Pineda, President Austin.

NOES: Members Lima, Dunton, Aceituno, Ray, Leon, Hernandez, Vasquez, Rodriguez, Eng, Piazza, Alatorre, Delgado, Mendez, Daniels, Tercero, Zamora, Wilson, Ybarra, Henderson, and Sziebl, Immediate Past President Saleh.

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Members MacGugan-Cassidy, Radecki, and Martin.

The motion failed.

Adriana Mendoza, Assistant State Director, AARP California, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Purposeful Aging Los Angeles: An Age-Friendly Initiative. She said the older adult population in the Los Angeles is greater than that in 41 states and is expected to double to 2.1 million individuals by 2030. She said the Initiative is a joint effort of public and private organizations, including the County of Los Angeles and City of Los Angeles, and seeks to develop strategies to improve the lives of older adults in the region. She said the U.S. AARP is the national entity that supports the initiative.

Ms. Mendoza briefly described the process and timeline in the development of a plan that is expected to go to the Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles City Council in May 2018. She said her purpose in addressing the Board is to seek public participation and engagement through assistance in disseminating their survey and facilitating local listening sessions throughout the region.

President Austin announced that no one from Caltrans was present to make a report on the I-5 project update, so that item would be tabled.

Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan reported that the Measure M Education Campaign has been progressing favorably and that training of city staffs to be able to address community groups on the measure have been going forward. He said three videos on the measure, which are intended for information only, have been posted on the COG's Facebook page.

COG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer presented a report recommending that the Board authorize an application for \$250,000 under SCAG's Sustainability Planning Grant Program to create a model Gateway Cities Climate Action Plan Framework, which could then be used by cities as the basis for their own plans.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Wilson, to authorize staff to submit an application for a SCAG Sustainability Planning Grant. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He reported that when the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's call for Proposition 1 grant applications first came out, the Gateway Cities region came out very short in the number of grants recommended for award. He said discussions over the next three to four months led to five additional projects in the Gateway Cities

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the I-710 Project Committee. He said the Technical Advisory Committee is looking at prioritizing projects for the second decade of Measure R funding, with preference being given to cities that did not receive first decade funding for projects. He reported that the Corridor Advisory Committee had received an

update on the Livability Initiative. He said that the current schedule calls for circulation of the revised draft EIR/EIS in spring 2017.

Member Hurtado said the September 29<sup>th</sup> Project Committee meeting did not have a quorum. He encouraged members of the Committee to have alternates attend if they cannot make a meeting so that business can be conducted.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the Technical Advisory Committee for this project is also looking at the prioritization of second decade Measure R funding.

There was no report from the Transportation Committee.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said the Committee would be meeting next week. He announced the Homeless Summit would be held on the morning of November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

Nancy Pfeffer presented a report from the Committee on Sustainability. She gave a brief update on the state Cap and Trade program. She said there was disappointing news in that the two cities in the subregion that were invited to submit grant proposals under the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program, Long Beach and South Gate, were not selected for funding. She said that a new program, the Transformational Climate Communities Program, had already committed 50% of its funding to Fresno and another 25% to the City of Los Angeles, leaving the remaining 25% for the rest of the state.

The Executive Director said he is working with the COG's state lobbyist to address this ongoing issue of the lack of Cap and Trade funding coming to our disadvantaged communities.

It was moved by Member Mendez, seconded by Member Hurtado, to receive and file the committee reports. 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.

There was no report from SCAG.

There was no report from Eco-Rapid Transit.

There was no report from the South Coast AQMD.

Metro Transportation Planning Manager Michael Sieckert presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. He reported that the Expo Line has been

a very big success, with ridership of 35,000 to 40,000 every day. He said adjustments would be made to bus service in the area. He introduced Ayda Safaei, Metro Community Relations Manager, who will be attending the Board meetings until a replacement is found for the recently retired David Hershenson. Ms. Safaei announced a series of public meetings regarding the I-605 interchange projects at I-5, SR-91, and SR-60.

Member Wilson said a new truck platooning pilot project was announced during a recent meeting with State Transportation Secretary Brian Kelly. He recommended that the Board receive a briefing on this project.

President Austin said this has been a very interesting last month. He said he had reviewed the Board's bylaws and may request that a committee be formed to review them.

**Adjournment:** It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.