

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Transportation Committee

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Note Start Time - 4:00 P.M. Meeting

Gateway Cities Council of Governments

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA** - This is the time and place to change the order of the agenda, delete or add any agenda item(s).
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – The Transportation Committee will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or an item that is not on the agenda but within its subject matter jurisdiction. The Transportation Committee cannot discuss or take action on any item not on the agenda. The limit for each speaker is three minutes unless otherwise specified by the Chair. Please use the "Raise Hand" feature on Zoom to indicate that you wish to make a comment. If you are calling in, please dial *9 to use the "Raise Hand" feature.
- V. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR: All items under the Consent Calendar may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and acted upon separately by the Transportation Committee.

A. Minutes of the Transportation Committee Meeting of October 5, 2022

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS.

VII. REPORTS

5 min. A. Metro Update, Report by Metro Board Deputy Marisa Perez, for Metro Director Fernando Dutra
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

5 Min. B. WSAB Advocacy Plan Update, Report by Metro Board Deputy Marisa Perez, for Metro Director Fernando Dutra
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT.

10 Min. C. Metro Federal and State Legislative/Budget Updates, Report by Raffi Haig Hamparian, Senior Director for Federal Affairs/Government Relations and Michael Turner, Deputy Executive Officer Government Relations, Metro
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT.

10 Min. D. Eco-Rapid Transit Update, Report by Eric Shen, Executive Director, Eco-Rapid Transit
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

5 Min. E. Metro Technical Advisory Committee Update, Report by Ed Norris, Deputy Director of Public Works, Downey
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT

VIII. MATTERS FROM TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: New items will not be considered after 5:30 P.M. unless the Transportation Committee votes to extend the time limit. Any items on the agenda that are not completed will be forwarded to the next regular Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2022.

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VI. CONSENT CALENDAR
Item A
October 5, 2022
Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

4:00 P.M. Meeting

Gateway Cities Council of Governments
MEETING REMOTE LOCATION: VIA ZOOM

Chair - MTA Director, Whittier Councilmember – Fernando Dutra

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm by MTA Director, Councilmember Fernando Dutra – City of Whittier. Roll call was taken by self-introduction.

#		City/Agency	Present	Absent
1.	Ali Saleh	COG Board President	X	
2.	Marisela Santana	COG 1 st Vice President	X	
3.	Vacant	Board of Directors Member Appointed by the President		
4.	Fernando Dutra, Chair	MTA Board of Directors	X	
5.	Emma Sharif	Board of Directors Member Appointed by the President	X	
6.	Maria Davila	Board of Directors Member Appointed by the President	X	
7.	Luke Klipp	Office of Sup. Hahn	X	
8.	Martin Reyes	Office of Sup. Solis	X	
9.	Marisol Barajas	Transit Operator/Long Beach Transit	X	
10.	Steven Neal	Port of Long Beach	X	
11.	Thaddeus McCormack	CM Steering Committee, Chair	X	
12.	Ernie Hernandez	City Manager, City of Lynwood	X	
13.	Nicolas Cabeza	City of Long Beach	X	
14.	Ed Norris	Public Works Officer	X	
15.	Bill Pagett	Public Works Officer	X	
Total -			14	

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Pfeffer, Sandra Mora, Marisa Perez, Ana Pantoja, Sandra Mora, Jessica Hale, Karen Heit- GCCOG Staff; Norman Emerson – Emerson & Associates; Raffi Hamparian, Steven Lee, Mark Dierking, June Susilo, Meghna Khana, Michael Turner – Metro; Shana Espinoza, Theresa Dau-Ngo, Nina Turner – Port of Long Beach; Karen Lee – City of Artesia; Andrew Choice – Department of Public Works Los Angeles County; Viviana Gomez – Office of Supervisor Hahn; Bill Stracker – JM Diaz; Lynda Bybee – LSA Associates; Kelli Pickler – City of Lakewood

The meeting was called to order by MTA Director Fernando Dutra at 4:06 pm, attendance was taken by self-introduction. There were no public comments, there were no matters from staff or amendments to the Agenda. The Consent Calendar was approved with Maria Davila abstaining.

Director Dutra began with his Metro update, Member Steven Neal announced that he was in attendance to represent the Port of Long Beach. Director Dutra began by reporting on the activities of the 710 Task Force, these activities included the adoption of four projects for immediate funding, and renaming the project. He announced the four candidate projects: the Humphries Avenue pedestrian overcrossing, the Huntington Park safety program for seniors and students and the MTA Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) project for freeway congestion management. He also discussed the Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Collaborative transit plan with bus stop improvements in the SELA area.

Director Dutra announced that Metro extended the contract for the GCCOG's consultant who supports the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) City Manager's Committee for another year. He also announced that there would be a WSAB update later in the meeting by planning and construction managers; Meghna Khanna and June Susilo of the MTA. He requested that the City Manager's Committee review the Measure M 3% Local Contribution Guidelines and submit comments. He thanked MTA CEO Stephanie Wiggins for the productive meeting held at the COG offices on September 23rd. This meeting provided a forum for an exchange of information and the opportunity to ask questions on the WSAB. He indicated that this meeting would be repeated later on in the project adoption process.

He then went on to discuss the advocacy planning effort for the WSAB, including asking that MTA provide input on the TIRCP Guidelines so that they will benefit the project. He indicated the Washington advocacy trip was postponed until a later date due to Congress adjourning and COVID restrictions for in person meetings. Lastly, he went over the status of the Master Cooperative Agreements (MCAs) and stated that all cities but one have executed MCAs.

Director Dutra introduced Raffi Hamparian, Metro Federal Affairs Director. Mr. Hamparian called attention to the letter signed by Director Dutra, Supervisors Solis and Hahn and CEO Wiggins requesting support for the WSAB. The Senators received the letter on September 27th and sent their own letters to Secretary Buttigieg by Senator 29th. Mr. Hamparian explained lawmakers in DC were focused on signing the Continuing Resolution (CR) and leaving town for the recess. Mr. Hamparian discussed the CR and the impact it has on funding allocation of the project. The CR will probably be voted on in November. Mr. Hamparian went over the MTA MEGA grant request and stated that the grants will be rewarded in December. Awardees will get 30 days' notice if they are successful recipients. He went on to say that CEO Wiggins raised how the Justice40 issue will be addressed in the new guidelines. Director Dutra asked for questions for Mr. Hamparian. He asked that with the CR passing are there any unseen obstacles to getting funding through. Mr. Hamparian stated that if there is a change in party dominance

hopefully the Republicans will not wish to withdraw funding from the bi-partisan infrastructure bill. He felt that there may be some who may wish to revisit the funding in the bill. Director Dutra called for a motion to receive and file.

The next item discussed was the WSAB update presented by MTA project managers Meghna Khanna and June Susilo. Ms. Khanna discussed the alignments and meetings with stakeholders and property owners. Ms. Khanna went on to discuss the work streams and upcoming key milestones. She highlighted that Advanced Preliminary Engineering (APE) is being done in parallel with the final environmental work to save time. The goal is to confirm the project definition by October 14th to allow for a May Record of Decision (ROD). Ms. Khanna highlighted that almost all of the Master Cooperative Agreements (MCAs) are signed and that Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and the San Pedro Bay Ports have approved the concept of LRT and freight sharing the port-owned ROW. She went over the POLB's request to elevate the LRT to allow for a additional freight track. This proposal will cause significant community impacts and ROW acquisition. She also went over the cut & cover request from some of the cities which potentially has significant utility impacts. The bottom line is the cut & cover could add an additional \$3 billion to the project. Ms. Khanna turned the presentation over to June Susilo. She gave some detail on the advanced utility works and the lowering of risk as well as the early due diligence for third party agreements and utility conflicts.

Ms. Susilo discussed CM/CC as the preferred method for accomplishing the Advanced PE Scope. The ultimate project delivery model for the project is still not determined. Ms. Susilo went over the new project cost estimate projected to reflect year of expenditure dollars. Director Dutra explained the construction impacts of moving utilities such as a 93" storm drain. Luke Klipp, Office of Supervisor Hahn, thanked MTA staff for the quick and thorough work on the cut & cover study. Marisela Santana asked about the future escalation of dollars; the cost went from \$4 billion to \$6 billion because of the inflation with the year of expenditure.

The report from the ECO-Rapid JPA is postponed until next month when the new Executive Director will be on board.

Director Dutra called for the Metro TAC report from Ed Norris. Mr. Norris reported on the ATP program at the regional MPO competition and the upcoming state awards. He gave the schedule for the state and local ATP funding processes.

He gave an update on the NextGen implementation progress and what improvements are planned to be implemented as well as community participation.

Mr. Norris discussed the work being done on the Metro Green Line South Bay Extension involving an additional three stations. Project opening is possibly 2030 and 2033 according to the Measure M schedule. He also noted that there is a push to accelerate the Crenshaw/LAX north alignment and that some of the planning work has taken place. The Draft EIR will be next year and the project built perhaps in 2047.

Director Dutra asked if Michael Turner was still available to give his report, Mr. Turner was not and the meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.