

# GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## Transportation Committee

### **AGENDA**

*Wednesday, October 5, 2022*

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

**Gateway Cities Council of Governments**

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** To address the Transportation Committee on any agenda item or a matter within the Transportation Committee's purview, you may provide written comments by 1:00 p.m. of the day of the meeting, via email to [info@gatewaycog.org](mailto:info@gatewaycog.org). All written comments timely received will be distributed to the Transportation Committee and will become part of the official record. You may also make oral public comment during the Public Comment period on the agenda.

- 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 September 7, 2022

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

**VII. REPORTS**

- 5 min. A. Metro Update, Report by Fernando Dutra, Metro Director  
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT
- 5 Min. B. WSAB Advocacy Plan Update, Report by Councilmember Fernando Dutra, Metro Director  
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. Update on West Santa Ana Branch Schedule and Funding Plan, Report by Meghna Khanna, Senior Director, and June Susilio, P.E., Deputy Executive Officer, Program Management, Metro  
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT
- 10 Min. E. Update on Eco-Rapid Transit activities, Report by Lillian Burkenheim Silver, Interim Executive Director, Eco-Rapid Transit  
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT
- 10 Min. F. 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, November 2, 2022.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE COG OFFICE AT (562) 663-6850. NOTIFICATION 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**Item A**  
**September 7, 2022**  
**Minutes**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, September 7, 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 4:06 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	<b>X</b>	
2.	Marisela Santana	COG 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	<b>X</b>	
3.	Maria Davila	Board of Directors Member Appointed by the President	<b>X</b>	
4.	Emma Sharif	Board of Directors Member Appointed by the President		<b>X</b>
5.	Vacant	Board of Directors Member Appointed by the President		
6.	Fernando Dutra, Chair	MTA Board of Directors	<b>X</b>	
7.	Luke Klipp	Office of Sup. Hahn	<b>X</b>	
8.	Ben Feldman	Office of Sup. Solis		<b>X</b>
9.	Marisol Barajas	Transit Operator/Long Beach Transit	<b>X</b>	
10.	Steven Neal	Port of Long Beach	<b>X</b>	
11.	Thaddeus McCormack	CM Steering Committee, Chair		<b>X</b>
12.	Ernie Hernandez	City Manager, City of Lynwood	<b>X</b>	
13.	Tyler Bonanno	City of Long Beach	<b>X</b>	
14.	Ed Norris	Public Works Officer	<b>X</b>	
15.	Bill Pagett	Public Works Officer	<b>X</b>	
<b>Total -</b>			<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Pfeffer, Sandra Mora, Marisa Perez, Ana Pantoja, Sandra Mora, Jessica Hale - GCCOG Staff; Norman Emerson \*2794 – Emerson & Associates; Nancy Michali – Michali Consulting; Raffi Hamparian, Mark Dierking, Michael Turner, Steven Lee, Isai Rosa - LA Metro; Sara Baumann, Shana Espinoza, Theresa Dau-Ngo, Nina Turner – Port of Long Beach; Karen Lee, City of Artesia; Susan DeSantis - Arellano Associates; Timothy Grensavitch, Alfredo Machuca – City of Montebello; Nicolas Cabeza – City of Long Beach; Viviana Gomez – Office of Sup. Hahn; Andrew Choice – LA County Dept. of Public Works; Miguel Nunez – Fehr & Peers; Unidentified caller ending in 6117.

The meeting was called to order by MTA Board Director Fernando Dutra at 4:06 pm, attendance was taken by self-introduction. There were no public comments, there were no matters from staff. Member Steven Neal introduced himself as the representative from the Port of Long Beach replacing Harbor Commission Chair Sharon Weissman. Mr. Neal asked for an amendment to the August minutes adding the word “zero” to the truck program. Mr. Neal was welcomed back.

The Consent calendar was approved by a roll call vote.

Director Dutra apologized for missing the last meeting for his family vacation. He reported on the Rail 2 River active transportation project. Segment 2 was approved by the Metro Board. Segment 2 takes the project through the Gateway Cities area. Director Dutra indicated that he requested Metro staff return with a funding plan and schedule for the implementation of Segment 2 which is currently not funded. The Metro Board approved the release of the Measure M 3% Local Contribution Guidelines for Metro Rail Projects for review. He encouraged all impacted cities to review the guidelines and submit comments before the October 25<sup>th</sup> deadline.

The Metro Board approved three items related to the I-105 Expressway project. This project converts the existing carpool lanes lane to managed “HOT” (high-occupancy toll) lanes for use by single occupancy vehicles and adds an additional lane to the existing freeway right-of-way.

Director Dutra announced a meeting scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> with Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins on the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Eco-Rapid Transit project and the Gold Line Phase 2 Washington Blvd. Extension. This meeting will be an opportunity to ask the CEO questions about both projects and have an open discussion. He encouraged all cities along the alignments to send representatives. Director Dutra requested questions. Member Maria Davila asked when the meeting would begin. Marisa Perez stated that the meeting was to begin at 9 am. Ms. Davila asked about the distribution of information on the 3% Local Contribution.

Director Dutra gave an update on the WSAB advocacy program and the state budget activities. He mentioned the guidelines for the TIRCP program and trying to get the funding to benefit projects that are recipients of local and federal funding. He discussed the advocacy trip to Washington DC scheduled for September 27-30. He thanked Councilmembers Ali Taj, Ali Saleh and Maria Davila for their willingness to go to DC and meet with elected officials and senior staff as well as White House officials. He mentioned that there is some potential for Congress to recess early which may impact this trip. He said that the goal of having all ten cities sign their Master Cooperative Agreements (MCAs) has almost been achieved by the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

He mentioned his disappointment that the Congress might recess early and the trip may be postponed. Luke Klipp, Transportation Deputy from Supervisor Hahn’s office, echoed the Director’s concern that the right people be present in DC, how to manage the COVID

protocol, and that the Supervisor wanted to thank people for their willingness to travel and all the hard work going into the planning of this trip.

Director Dutra called for Item #C, a proposal to discontinue Line 60 from Montebello Bus Line. Timothy Grensavitch, Operations Manager from Montebello Transit, gave a presentation. Mr. Grensavitch gave an overview of Montebello Moves, a comprehensive study of transit need and opportunities of Montebello Bus Lines. He reviewed the project outreach and schedule. In terminating Line 60 there are proposals to work with the City of Pico Rivera to provide alternative service delivery. Discontinuing this service would allow for the redeployment of service hours in other parts of the Montebello Service Area. Luke Klipp asked about the Service Equity Analysis slide and what it means. Mr. Grensavitch answered that it was a Title 6 analysis about the percentage of low income and minority riders displaced. Director Dutra asked how many people would be displaced. Mr. Grensavitch stated that it is approximately 135 daily riders that would be displaced or forced to utilize parallel Metro Lines. The Transportation Committee was not being asked to make any recommendation but was interested in seeing the reaction of the Pico Rivera City Council. Committee Member Davila asked if the Montebello route in South Gate would be impacted, Mr. Grensavitch stated no, it is a different line. Director Dutra asked about potential impacts to the City of La Mirada too.

Director Dutra introduced Metro Government Affairs staff Raffi Hamparian and Michael Turner to provide updates on state and federal matters. Michael Turner began by giving the state update on the ongoing budget development process. He stated that Director Dutra gave most of the update on TIRCP funding. Mr. Turner stated that \$900 million is the minimum not the maximum amount for the allocation of surplus funding to transit projects. He also pointed out that the criteria are oriented towards projects that leverage local or federal funds; both of which apply to WSAB. Mr. Turner stated that Guidelines would be issued shortly from CalSTA. He anticipates the process could be wrapped up by the end of the year. Director Dutra asked about how WSAB fits into this process. Mr. Turner said it meets all the criteria. He said that there are other projects that may be competing including the Foothill Extension and the Inglewood ITC.

Director Dutra next turned to Raffi Hamparian who discussed the end of the federal fiscal year. He stated that Speaker Pelosi will probably seek a continuing resolution leaving decisions to a lame duck Congress. The Senate is a little less certain. Mr. Hamparian thanked Marisa Perez, Luke Klipp and Viviana Gomez for discussion on the advancement of the WSAB. Mr. Hamparian announced that the MTA has brought on board consultant Kent Woodman, who has extensive experience with federal funding and Full Funding Grant Agreements.

Luke Klipp asked when it would be known when Congress would adjourn – it might be known as soon as next week. He explained that he needed to make sure the elected officials' time was well utilized.

Ed Norris gave the MTA TAC report starting with the Metro Youth Council. The Youth Council is comprised of 27 members from all over the County. These members are from 14-17 years old and serve for a 1-year period.

Mr. Norris reported on CTC meetings and activities, including the allocation of active transportation funds and transit capital. He announced a Caltrans workshop for Local Assistance Training Day and Highway Bridge Program among other programs. He reported on various ATP funds and how the state and MTA would roll out their respective programs. Mr. Norris briefly outlined the components of the 3% Local Contribution Guidelines and reviewed the schedule for jurisdictions to review.

Mr. Norris briefly outlined the Mobility Wallet Pilot study in cooperation with LADOT and studied by USC and UC Davis. The program will be tested in equity focused communities and try to be ready for the 2028 Olympics. Director Dutra thanked Mr. Norris for his report and asked for questions. GCCOG Director Nancy Pfeffer noted that the program area was located just outside of the Gateway Cities area equity focused communities. She asked that Mr. Norris report back on any interim results from the pilot.

Director Dutra called for a Motion to receive and file all reports. Seeing no objections, the items were approved. There were no matters from Committee members and the meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.