

**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 Boulevard
Paramount, California
August 1, 2012**

President Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
First Vice President Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Second Vice President Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Immediate Past President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Michael Ponce, City of Avalon
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Larry Mowles, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello
Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk
Member Luis Gonzalez, 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 Owen Newcomer, City of Whittier
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: Member Ana Maria Quintana, City of Bell
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Bob Archuleta, City of Pico Rivera
Member Rick Velasquez, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Ex Officio Member Christopher Lytle, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Long Beach Director of Government Affairs Tom Modica; Pico Rivera

Public Works Director/City Engineer Art Cervantes; Pico Rivera Associate Engineer Gladis Deras; South Gate Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Mike Cano, Transportation Deputy, Office of MTA Board Chairman Mike Antonovich; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; Marisa Perez, representing SCAQMD Board Member Judith Mitchell; SCAQMD Planning and Rules Manager Philip Fine; SCAQMD Senior Public Information Specialist Debra Ashby; I-5 JPA Executive Director Yvette Kirrin; Orangeline Development Authority Executive Director Michael Kodama; Mark R. Olson, Government Relations and Public Affairs Specialist, Nuffer, Smith & Tucker; Debby Tanouye, California Department of Food and Agriculture; Ken Pellman, County of Los Angeles Agricultural Commissioner's Office; Rye Baerg, Regional Policy Manager, Safe Route to School National Partnership; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Aguilar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Guerrero, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mark R. Olson led a presentation on behalf of the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office on the threat to the region's citrus crop by the Asian citrus psyllid. This pest can carry one of the most devastating citrus diseases in the world. Mr. Olson said the State and County are very concerned about the spread of the psyllid in Los Angeles County, especially after a diseased tree was found in Hacienda Heights earlier this year. He referred the Board to materials he distributed concerning the citrus pest and disease prevention program. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Mike Cano, Transportation Deputy for MTA Board Chairman Mike Antonovich, briefed the Board on MTA's Regional Transportation Vision for 2012. He emphasized the need for cooperation across county lines on transportation projects, as well as among transit providers. He said the first full safety workshop at the MTA Board would be held on September 5th. He said the LOSSAN corridor is a major issue, and that funding constraints may force a choice between the Regional Connector project and the Westside subway. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Philip Fine, Planning and Rules Manager for the South Coast Air Quality Management District, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2012 Air Quality Management Plan. He

said the 2012 AQMP would be the District's tenth plan since the state requirement to develop a plan was implemented in 1979. He said the key elements of the plan involve reducing the amounts of particulate matter and ozone in the region. He summarized the measures in the plan to reduce emissions over the next ten and twenty years. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chairman of the City Managers Steering Committee, recommended the Board to authorize the sending of a letter to the Governor urging the reappointment of Mary Ann Lutz to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. He said the membership of the Board has been reduced from nine to seven members, including the elimination of the city representative. He said that, unless Mary Ann Lutz is appointed to fill one of the remaining seats, cities would have no representation on the Regional Water Quality Board.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Guerrero, to approve sending a letter to the Governor urging the reappointment of Mary Ann Lutz to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He reviewed the schedule for the public hearings on the draft EIR/EIS which would be held on August 7, 8, and 9 in Paramount, Long Beach, and Commerce, in that order.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said several recommendations from the Technical Advisory Committee would be presented to the Corridor Cities Committee on August 22nd, including the initial final arterial highway conceptual plans; an arterial intersection congestion analysis report (with the top 40 intersections ranked for further study); a final freeway congestion analysis report; and approved traffic model runs.

It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the two freeway corridor reports.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the MTA Board is in the process of placing a measure on the November ballot to extend Measure R for an additional 30 years. She said the MTA's Sustainability Policy is now mainly recommendations, not mandates. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said the Board's action tonight approved the contract with PATH Partners to serve as the implementation agency for the Homeless Action Plan.

La Mirada Public Works Director Steve Forster presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He said the cities had requested to see the plans for the Los Angeles to Anaheim corridor. He said the next step would be for the High Speed Rail Authority to meet with the cities.

It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report from the Committee on Homelessness and the report on the High Speed Rail project.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said lane closures on I-5 would begin on August 13th between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. She said the Artesia Blvd. onramp would close daily between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said the League's Board had authorized the commencement of litigation to challenge AB 1484, the redevelopment budget trailer bill. She said the state ballot measures had been sent to policy committees for review and possible positions. She announced the installation dinner to be held tomorrow night for the Los Angeles Division. She said Member Josue Barrios would be the new Treasurer and Member Bruce Barrows would be recognized as the outgoing President. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

There was no report from SCAG.

OLDA Executive Director Michael Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said the alternatives analysis was going forward, and that the Authority had received a \$276,000 Transit Oriented Development grant from MTA. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Debra Ashby presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. She said the primary focus of the District at this time is on the outreach effort for the Air Quality Management Plan. She announced that the AQMD would be hosting a free "lunch and learn" event for seniors on September 20th at the Los Angeles Convention Center. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said Metro had launched late night service on all rail lines on weekends until 2:00 a.m.

There was no report from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach.

There was no report from the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

President Daniels welcomed Board Member Hadjinian as the new representative from the City of Montebello.

Member Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:22 p.m.