

**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 6, 2014**

First Vice President Perez called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: First Vice President Rosa E. Perez, City of Huntington Park
Second Vice President Ali Saleh, City of Bell
Member Cinde Cassidy, City of Avalon
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Jack Guerrero, City of Cudahy
Member Tim Spohn, City of Industry
Member Lawrence Mowles, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Al Austin, City of Long Beach
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Owen Newcomer, City of Whittier
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Doug Drummond, Port of Long Beach

ABSENT: President Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera
Immediate Past President Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Aja Brown, City of Compton
Member Fernando Vasquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo O. Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Brian Bergman, City of La Habra Heights
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Oscar Magana, City of Maywood
Member Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello
Member Marcel Rodarte, City of Norwalk
Member Jay Sarno, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; Santa Fe Springs City

Manager Thaddeus McCormack; Compton Assistant City Manager Johnny Ford; Downey Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; La Mirada Director of Public Works Mark Stowell; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Diana Tang; Pico Rivera Associate Engineer Gladis Deras; David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Colleen Murphy, Director, PATH Partners; Michael Kodama, Executive Director, Eco-Rapid Transit; Amit Shah, Project Manager, HNTB; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; GCCOG Consultant Engineer Kekoa Anderson; GCCOG Consultant Engineer and I-5 JPA Executive Director Yvette Kirrin; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Hurtado.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

The Executive Director presented a request from President Tercero that the Board scheduled for September 3, 2014, be deferred to September 10 in order to avoid a conflict with the Annual Conference of the League of California Cities. It was moved by Member Drummond, seconded by Member Hurtado to move the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors originally scheduled for September 3, 2014, to September 10, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously, with Second Vice President Saleh abstaining.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Davis, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously, with Member Cassidy abstaining.

PATH Partners Director Colleen Murphy presented a PowerPoint status report on the Gateway Cities Homeless Action Plan implementation. She pointed out the original goal of the program was to serve 500 people living in the streets annually and to help 665 households move into permanent supportive housing by the end of 2017. From the start of the program in October 2012 through the end of June 2014 the program had served 14,395 people, had case managed 7,176, placed 443 in shelter, and permanently housed 553, all well ahead of those goals. Ms. Murphy highlighted four "success story" cases, one in each of the four geographic sectors of the Gateway Cities.

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

There was no report from the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation.

City Managers Steering Committee Chairman Mike Egan presented a report from the City Managers Steering Committee which recommended that the Board appoint Santa Fe Springs City Manager Thaddeus McCormack to the position of Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of former Treasurer Ronald Bates.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member DuBois, to appoint Santa Fe Springs City Manager Thaddeus McCormack as COG Treasurer. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. She reported that the Technical Advisory Committee, Corridor Advisory Committee, and Project Committee had all met in the past month. She said approval was given to move forward nearly \$45 million in early action projects to the MTA Board. She said the Project Committee had approved a recommendation to Caltrans that the re-circulated EIR/EIS include three alternatives: Alternative 5C, which would add two general purpose lanes in each direction of I-710; Alternative 7, which would add a four lane zero emission freight corridor; and Community Alternative 7, which includes the freight corridor and other environmental and community enhancements.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member DuBois, 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 project study reports (PSRs) on two freeway interchanges (SR-91/I-605; I-5/I-605) were moving forward to the project approval and environmental document stage. He said there was recently a “kickoff” meeting on seven local intersection projects under the “hot spots” element.

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

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the Orange Line in the San Fernando Valley is moving towards converting from a bus way to a fixed rail line. She said this raises the issue of “leapfrogging” other projects. She reported that the Transportation Committee had received an update on the MTA Short Range Transportation Plan.

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

Santa Fe Springs City Manager presented a report regarding the California High Speed Rail Project. He said there has not been much action on the COG’s section of the project. He said a legal challenge to the project had prevailed in the Bay Area and that it is still a challenge as to whether the project is in compliance with the ballot measure which authorized it. He said the Governor had designated 25% of the Cap and Trade revenues for the High Speed Rail project. He said that, because the project is mired in litigation, he will only come back to the Board when there is something involving our area to report.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 Joint Powers Authority. She said a total of \$1.6 billion in funded projects are proceeding from the Orange County line to I-605. She

said five of the six segments are currently under construction. She said the Alondra and Carmenita interchanges are nearing 50% completion.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report from the I-5 JPA. The motion was approved unanimously.

Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Diana Tang presented a report regarding pending state legislation. She said AB 2491 would expand the definition of adult recovery maintenance facilities and that Long Beach will be opposing. She said SB 1139 would require Southern California Edison to increase its purchase of geothermal energy, the cost of which averages \$150 per megawatt versus \$3-4 for conventional sources. She said SB 580 would make grant funds available to local agencies to whittle down the backlog of individuals listed as illegally possessing firearms.

There was no report from SCAG.

Eco-Rapid Transit Executive Director Michael Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said cities are in the middle of an alternatives analysis refinement study that is looking at "hot spots" along the alignment. He said they will be working on this until June 2015.

It was moved by Member Drummond, seconded by Member Hurtado, to receive and file the report from the Orangeline Development Authority. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. .

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. He said the work on refurbishing of the Blue Line will begin in late September and that four stations will be closed. He said MTA is waiting for final approval from the FTA to release the EIR for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension project.

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

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

There were no matters from the President.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:56 p.m.