

**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
January 7, 2015**

President Tercero called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: President Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera
First Vice President Rosa E. Perez, City of Huntington Park
Second Vice President Ali Saleh, City of Bell
Immediate Past President Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Cinde Cassidy, City of Avalon
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Janna Zurita, City of Compton
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Tim Spohn, City of Industry
Member Andrew Sarega, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Al Austin, City of Long Beach
Member Roberto Uranga, City of Long Beach
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello
Member Leonard Shryock, City of Norwalk
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Jay Sarno, 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 Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Doug Drummond, Port of Long Beach

ABSENT: Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Jack Guerrero, City of Cudahy
Member Oscar Magana, City of Maywood
Member Danielle Valentino, Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis
Member David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti; Norwalk City Manager Mike Egan, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; Compton City Manager Johnny Ford; Artesia Public Information Officer Andrew Perry; Downey Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; La Mirada Director of Public Works Mark Stowell; Lakewood Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Diana Tang; Lynwood Director of Public Works/City Engineer Bill Stracker; Ernesto Villasenor, Liaison, First District, Compton; Celina Luna, Chief of Staff, Long Beach Councilmember Roberto Uranga; Gail Koretz, Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti; Daniel Rodman, Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti; Cecilia Cabello, Deputy Director, External Affairs, City of Los Angeles; Mark Stanley, Executive Officer, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy; Marybeth Vergara, Project Analyst, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy; Gary Slater, Deputy District Director, Caltrans District 7; Kristine Guerrero, Legislative Director, League of California Cities; David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Colleen Murphy, Director, PATH Partners; Andres Molina, Government Relations Representative, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Barry Dee, Director of Business Development, Advantec Consulting; Susan De Santis, Senior Associate, Arellano Associates; Norman Emerson, Norman Emerson Consulting; 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 Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.

President Tercero welcomed Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti as a special guest and thanked him for becoming the first Mayor of Los Angeles to attend a meeting of the Gateway Cities COG Board of Directors.

President Tercero and Board Member/MTA Director Diane DuBois gave a PowerPoint presentation for Mayor Garcetti which summarized the profile of the Gateway Cities subregion, highlighted the mission and projects of the Gateway Cities COG, and discussed the important issues and priorities for the Gateway Cities. The COG's transportation projects, homeless initiative, and economic development strategy were emphasized in the presentation.

Mayor Garcetti thanked President Tercero for the presentation and thanked Member DuBois for her assistance at MTA. He said he appreciated the Board members' taking the time to participate in the COG in addition to their own city responsibilities. He said his interest is in working together on transportation issues to compete for funding projects that serve the entire Los Angeles County area. He said his City's issues are the same as the COG's and he wants to help.

Member Wilson referred Mayor Garcetti to the joint letter from cities regarding the MWD water recharging issue in the Central Basin Municipal Water District.

Member Hadjinian asked that Mayor Garcetti collaborate with the COG to seek a replacement mechanism for redevelopment.

Member Austin asked Mayor Garcetti to explain his strategy for ending veterans' homelessness. Mayor Garcetti responded that case management is the key, along with permanent supportive housing, with additional resources from Washington.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Immediate Past President Lima, to approve the consent calendar. 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 said there would be a series of meetings this month: Technical Advisory Committee, Corridor Advisory Committee, and Project Committee. She said \$50 million in Early Action projects in cities would be presented for Project Committee approval. She reported on a series of workshops being held with the Coalition for Environmental Health and Justice to better understand their comment letter and recommendation of Community Alternative 7.

Member Austin asked if the Early Action project money is all gone. Ms. Kirrin responded that the TAC is still hearing requests for projects that would use second decade funding. She said if sufficient progress can be demonstrated on the first decade's funding of projects, then we may be able to have MTA advance more projects.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. She said work was progressing on three major freeway interchange projects and that the requests for proposals regarding environmental impact reports for the I-605/I-5 interchange and the SR-60/I-605 interchanges would be out to bid at the end of the month. She said the last procurement to occur would be the planning study for the I-710/SR-91 interchange.

There was report from the Transportation Committee.

Colleen Murphy, PATH Partners, presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. She said she appreciated Mayor Garcetti's comments on the program for homeless veterans and said the County and the City have worked very closely on this issue. She said Mayor Garcetti's team has been stellar. She said it is very

important to do the homeless counts this month; if we don't know how many veterans are on the street, it is hard to go ask for funding. She thanked those cities that had already turned in their agreements to participate in the homeless count.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Lima, seconded by First Vice President Perez, to receive and file the committee reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 Joint Powers Authority. She said six segments of I-5 from the Orange County line to the I-605 interchange had been funded and reviewed the progress on each of the six. She said Valley View would be the last segment constructed in 2015.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She the Governor would be releasing his budget on Friday, and that a webinar regarding the budget would follow on Monday. She said the Governor would be proposing some funding for local streets and roads. She announced that the meeting of the Los Angeles Division tomorrow would be held in Lakewood.

There was no report from SCAG.

There was no report from the Orangeline Development Authority.

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

David Hershenson presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector Council. He reported that there were no service changes to be implemented this year. He said that there will be meetings held with other municipal service providers about coordinating services.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Lima, seconded by First Vice President Perez, to receive and file the agency reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

First Vice President Saleh asked why the December Board meeting had been held in Cerritos. The Executive Director explained that the December Board meeting date conflicted with the Annual Tree Lighting event in the City of Paramount

President Tercero announced that the February meeting would be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Norwalk and would commemorate the 20th anniversary of the COG. He said former Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta had been invited to be the keynote speaker at the event.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:04 p.m.