

**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
July 2, 2014**

President Lima called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

PRESENT: President Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Second Vice President Brent Tercero, City of Pico Rivera
Immediate Past President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Ali Saleh, City of Bell
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Pedro Aceituno, City of Bell Gardens
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Lilia Leon, City of Commerce
Member Aja Brown, City of Compton
Member Jack Guerrero, City of Cudahy
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo O. Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Rosa E. Perez, City of Huntington Park
Member Tim Spohn, City of Industry
Member Brian Bergman, City of La Habra Heights
Member Lawrence Mowles, City of La Mirada
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Marcel Rodarte, City of Norwalk
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 David Riccitiello, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: First Vice President James Johnson, City of Long Beach
Member Ann Marshall, City of Avalon
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Oscar Magana, City of Maywood
Member Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello
Member Rick Velasquez, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Ex Officio Member Doug Drummond, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; Compton City Manager G. Harold Duffy; Brian Mineghino, Chief of Staff for Long Beach Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell; Pico Rivera Associate Engineer Gladis Deras; South Gate Director of Public Works Art Cervantes; Metro Transportation Planning Manager Kevin Gilhooley, Government Affairs, SCAG; David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager, Metro; Colleen Murphy, Director, PATH Partners; Danny Kim, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright; Steve Forster, Vice President, Engineering/Projects, APA Engineering; Andres Molina, Government Relations Representative, Parsons Brinckerhoff; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; GCCOG Consultant Engineer Kekoa Anderson; 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 Immediate Past President Daniels.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Daniels, seconded by Member Dunton, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Gateway Cities COG Engineer Kekoa Anderson gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the status of the development of the Gateway Cities Strategic Transportation Plan. He said a significant effort had been made over the past month to meet with cities regarding the various multi-modal elements and to listen to the cities' ongoing concerns to be sure they are incorporated into the Plan. He reviewed the next steps for the project and said the remaining challenges include sub-regional coordination on arterials and Active Transportation proposals that traverse the cities.

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

The Deputy Executive Director presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget. He said the budget reflected the continuation of the COG's major efforts: the Homeless Action Plan, Economic Development Working Group, I-710 Corridor EIR/EIS, SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor "Hot Spots", and Truck Impacted Intersections. He said the budget included \$80,000 in personnel reductions including the elimination of the part-time position that assisted the Transportation Deputy during Member DuBois' term as Chair of the MTA Board of Directors, and the reclassification of a clerical position. In response to a question from Member Guerrero, he said the budget category for automobile allowances covered three employees.

It was moved by Member Newcomer, seconded by Member Barrows, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-02 approving the 2014-2015 Annual Budget of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member O'Donnell presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said the proposed state water bond which would include funding for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy was currently on hold. He thanked the cities that had sent out a letters to their state legislators requesting that any water bond measure include fair funding for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy area.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. She said the traffic modeling for the freeway corridor was nearing completion.

Kekoa Anderson presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the project study reports (PSRs) on three freeway interchanges (SR-91/I-605; I-5/I-605; SR-60/I-605) were moving forward. The Executive Director reported that the San Gabriel Valley COG has been invited to participate because it shares the SR-60/I-605 interchange.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said that Member DuBois had completed her year as Chair of the MTA Board of Directors as of the end of last month. She said there had been no meeting of the Transportation Committee this month. She reported that a decision had been made on the alternatives for an airport connector and to add a station on the Crenshaw Line with a people mover to serve the airport.

Colleen Murphy, PATH Partners, presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. She said the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Veterans Administration, and National League of Cities have announced a Mayors' Challenge to address veterans' homelessness. She said they are pushing cities to identify homeless veterans and to sponsor job fairs for them. She announced that another homeless count will be coming. Member Newcomer said the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) would be organizing counts in January and encouraged cities to participate.

There was no report on the California High Speed Rail Project.

It was moved by Member Dunton, seconded by Member Perez, to receive and file the reports from committees. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the I-5 Joint Powers Authority.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from SCAG.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said meetings were starting to be scheduled with cities regarding the PERR West Santa Ana Branch technical refinement study.

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 there were no major changes in services coming this year. He said there will be a refurbishing of the Blue Line, which may result in some temporary closures at the southern end of the line. He said Metro was very close to releasing the draft EIR for the Gold Line Eastside Extension.

It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Perez, to receive and file the agency reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Dunton commended President Lima on the job he had done during his year as President.

President Lima thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as President over the past year.

President Lima announced that now was the time for the annual election of officers of the Board of Directors.

It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Barrows, to elect President Lima as Immediate Past President. The motion was approved unanimously.

Immediate Past President Daniels nominated Second Vice President Tercero for President. There were no other nominations. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Alatorre, to elect Second Vice President Tercero as President. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Daniels nominated Member Newcomer for First Vice President. Member Aceituno nominated Member Perez for First Vice President. It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Immediate Past President Lima to close the nominations for First Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Newcomer withdrew as a candidate for First Vice President. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Marquez, to elect Member Perez as First Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Marquez nominated Member Saleh as Second Vice President. There were no other nominations. It was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Member Lima, to elect Member Saleh as Second Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

The General Counsel announced that nominations were in order for the eight cities to serve on the Executive Committee. Nominations were made for the following eleven cities: Cerritos; Paramount; Signal Hill; Bell Gardens; Whittier; Norwalk; Bellflower; Compton; Downey; South Gate; and La Mirada.

Ballots were distributed and counted for the purpose of electing members of the Executive Committee. The General Counsel announced that six cities had received a majority vote for election to the Executive Committee, but that there was a three way tie for the remaining two seats. He said the six cities elected were: Cerritos; Paramount; Whittier; Bellflower; Downey; and La Mirada.

The General Counsel asked the Board whether it wished to re-vote among the remaining five cities or just among the three that were tied for the seventh and eighth positions. It was moved by Member Bergman, seconded by Member Alatorre, to vote only among the three cities tied for the final two seats. The motion was approved unanimously. The General Counsel announced that the cities of South Gate and Bell Gardens received the lowest vote totals and that the run-off election would choose two of the following three cities: Signal Hill, Norwalk, and Compton.

Ballots were distributed and counted for the purpose of electing two members of the Executive Committee. The General Counsel announced that the cities of Signal Hill and Norwalk had been elected to fill the two remaining seats on the Executive Committee.

It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Immediate Past President Lima to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

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