

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
January 6, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. Roll-call was taken by self-introductions.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ali Saleh, COG President - City of Bell, Owen Newcomer – City of Whittier, Diane DuBois - MTA Director, Gene Daniels – City of Paramount, Supervisor Knabe, Dana Pynn – Long Beach Transit, Mike Egan – City of Norwalk, City Managers’ Steering Committee, Bill Pagett - City of Paramount, Public Works Officers, KeAndra Dodds – Supervisor Solis, Mohammad Mostahkami – City of Downey, Public Works Officers. Arturo Sanchez – City of Long Beach Jose Pulido City Manager.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Al Austin – City of Long Beach, Sal Alatorre – City of Lynwood, Cinde Cassidy – City of Avalon

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Kodama – Eco Rapid Transit JPA, Eric Bruins - LA County Bike Coalition, Lara Laramendi, District /Director – Congressman Hahn, Norman Emerson – Emerson and Associates, Kevin Gillhooley – SCAG. Richard Powers, Yvette Kirrin, Kekoa Anderson, Karen Heit, Nancy Pfeffer – Gateway Cities Staff, Andres Molina – Parsons Brinckerhoff

There were no Amendments to the Agenda, and no public comments. The Consent Calendar was approved.

Diane DuBois gave the MTA Board Recap, She stated that the Metro Board holds one meeting in December that also covers the November agenda. At the December meeting the Board approved a \$131 million project increase to the Regional Connector project. This unanticipated project increase covered the replacement of utilities that were deemed to old and worn to relocate without complete replacement. The Board also approved LRTP performance metrics by which the agency will evaluate projects for inclusion in the new tax measure and the LRTP. There were adjustments made to elevate the mobility criteria to 45% and adjust other measures accordingly.

Yvette Kirrin gave the Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) report. The STP is coming to an end the TAC is going to review the summary draft and after approval, it’ll go to the Oversight Committee. There are cities that still haven’t requested final meetings to their city councils and they are being asked if they want presentations. KeAndra Dodds, LA County, asked about the county’s involvement

The item was received and filed.

Director DuBois talked about having a work shop about the LRTP during the holidays, however, that didn’t happen. The Transportation Committee agreed to bring the matter

to the Board identifying the situation with the regional projects being allocated and ask for a reconsideration of priorities if there is an additional billion that can be excised from the Gateway Cities allocation.

Karen Heit reviewed the funding and the unreasonable expectation regarding the funding of the regional projects through the subregion. The Transportation Committee agreed that the allocation of subregional funds to projects that are of national importance.

There was discussion about whether the 50% for major capital projects is really 23.5%, and whether MTA is trying to limit the local return to 15%, as 25% is impossible out of the 23.5%

Nancy Pfeffer gave a report on Cap & Trade funds and remarked that GCCOG has not gotten its fair share. She discussed the GCCOG position that would tighten up the definition of disadvantaged Communities. The second is to get more funding allocated to disadvantaged census tracts; third to have the state allocate funds to low carbon transportation. She discussed trying to bend the policy to make the rules more advantageous to the Gateway Cities.

She mentioned the MTA/AQMD application for low carbon drayage for funding. She went on to discuss the Sustainable Freight Plan demonstration project application from the MTA and COG. There is no money for these demos, but there might be an allocation in the future. Lastly Pfeffer discussed a workshop that she was staging a workshop for the cities to apply for cap & trade and other potential funding sources. There was no Service Sector Report as well as no LOSSAN meeting.

Yvette Kirrin gave an I-5 report discussing the I-5 Valley View getting ready to go out to bid. She gave completion percentages for the other project under construction. She talked about the need to complete the EIR/EIS for the I-5 between the I-605 and I-710..

Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG Engineer, gave the I-710 report and how the traffic modeling is complete enough to do perform some of the Air Quality analysis. He talked about the early action soundwalls and their compliance with the aesthetics plan. He discussed the I-710 Livability plan and how it relates to the LA Rover as well as the Freeway.

Anderson continued with the SR- 91/I-605/I-405 kick off for the 91/605 project design and the project will move quicker than the I-710. Many of the lessons learned from the I-710 have been applied to the SR- 91/I-605/I-405 project. He mentioned that Hal Arbogast retired and the committee will need to elect a new chair.

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:31 pm.