

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CTITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Chair - MTA Director, Long Beach Mayor - Robert Garcia**

Gateway Cities COG Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723
November 7, 2018

The Meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm, roll call was taken by self-introduction:

Members present: Robert Garcia – Mayor, City of Long Beach, Maria Davila – City of South Gate, Jose Pulido – City Manager – City of Cudahy, Christian Hernandez – City of Cudahy, Debra Johnson – Long Beach Transit, Jeff Collier – City Manager – City of Whittier, Bill Pagett – City of Lakewood, Michael Ervin – Supervisor Hahn’s Office, Diana Tang – City of Long Beach, Martin Reyes – Supervisor Hilda Solis.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharon Weissman – Metro Transportation Deputy, Nancy Pfeffer - COG Executive Director, Karen Heit - GCCOG staff, Nina Turner, Local/Regional Government Relations – Port of Long Beach, Tracy Beidleman - Long Beach Transit, Sara Bowman – Manager, Government Relations – Long Beach Transit, Lance Grindle, Principal Engineer – LA County Dept. of Public Works, Julia Brown - Community Relations Manager – Metro, Norm Emerson, Emerson Associates.

Consent Calendar approved.

Mayor Garcia began the meeting by reviewing the previous day’s election results particularly the defeat of Prop. 6. and the damage it would have caused to the COG and COG cities. He congratulated any new council members that may be joining the Board. He discussed the Metro Green Line/Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Line operations plan that was being entertained next month at the MTA Board. COG Executive Director Nancy Pfeffer explained that the GCCOG preferred alternative C-3 as a compromise position along with the SBCCOG. Mayor Garcia went on to talk about the 28x28 plan and the status of the Open Streets initiative. He discussed the Open Streets Grant Program and that one-fourth of the applications were from Gateway Cities, yet only one of the 14 events recommended for a full award, as well as the one partial award recommendation. The Board amended the staff recommendation by creating a “mini-cycle” in FY 2020 of Open Street Grant applications that is open to communities that have not received funding from the Cycle 3 Grants, with a focus on regional equity. He referred to climate action plans and that one-fourth of the applications were from Gateway Cities. He talked about the free transit for Election Day and the votes that it helped. Maria Davila spoke about the positive impact on voting in South Gate.

The MTA report was received and filed.

Yvette Kirrin, I-5 JPA Executive Director, gave a report on the I-5 project and potential methods of project acceleration. The five I-5 JPA cities got together to fund a study to

examine alternative delivery methods and funding to advance the I-5 earlier than the 2035 Measure M date. She reviewed the current I-5 project and its progress. She then went over the four delivery options Design Bid Build, Early Bond Finance, Design/Build and Public/Private/Partnerships (3P). She then went on to review the possible time and money savings. Each method has different levels of time and finance savings.

She went into greater detail on the 3P payment schedule that front loads funding and disburses Measure M money during the 2036-2042 period. She reviewed the comparative assessment summary using the traditional funding as the baseline for the early bond, Design/Build and 3P. She reviewed the monetary savings from accelerating the project and how these scenarios utilize Measure M cash flows to be allocated to Gateway Cities in the ordinance.

She described the potential role for Caltrans in design for the project. She talked about the possibility of early bonding but pointed out that early bonding might impact other projects.

She went over the Acceleration/Deceleration Policy and the findings for accelerating the project if it meets the criteria.

She finished with the request for a letter of support for a grant to study an EIFD for project implementation. EIFD can be used for small and large projects. She is proposing a 3P hybrid that might include the Metro Gold Line and the I-5 and perhaps the Eco-Rapid. MTA would need to advance a small amount of Measure M tax ahead of schedule. The EIFD could be financed through a portion of hotel room taxes.

The I-5 JPA has asked SCAG to fund studies to advance the planning for an EIFD through SCAG. Question: How much would SCAG be asked for, SCAG puts money towards the projects and decides how much money is available for the study, no match required. Jeff Collier asked about the revenue streams for supporting the increment generated by the EIFD. Part of the study would be the available money for financing the EIFD. Martin Reyes asked if SCAG will ask the County for their view of the study. Kirrin explained that Supervisor Solis office was consulted at an earlier time and that additional projects may be eligible.

Nancy Pfeffer reviewed what the requested action was (Support letter) and requesting the Transportation Committee forward the letter to the COG Board. The Transportation committee voted to recommend the letter to the COG Board.

Mayor Garcia postponed the selection of the Service Sector Council candidates as there was insufficient notice given to the candidates to appear before the Committee.

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:40.