

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
November 6, 2002
Cerritos Senior Center**

President Colonna called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

President Colonna requested that each person present state his name and organization. Roll was taken in that manner.

PRESENT: President Frank Colonna, Vice President Gene Daniels, Member Melanie Andrews, Member Bruce Barrows, Member Bonnie Lowenthal, Member Keith McCarthy, Member Greg Nordbak, Member Beatrice Proo, Member Wayne Piercy, Member Betty Putnam, Member Gordon Stefenhagen, Member Edward H. J. Wilson.

ABSENT: Member Don Knabe, Member Larry Nelson.

ALSO PRESENT: Councilmember Hector De La Torre, South Gate; Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Councilmember Frank Colonna; Geraldine Knatz, General Manager, Port of Long Beach; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank; Paramount Finance Director Jose Gomez; Long Beach Government Affairs Officer Carl Kemp; Commerce Senior Administrative Analyst Fernando Mendoza; David Hershenson, MTA Sector Community Relations; Charlotte Eckelbecker, SCAG Government Affairs Analyst; City of Lakewood Community Development Director Chuck Ebner, League of California Cities Regional Representative Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun; Frank Osgood, Planner; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; Don Camph, COG Transportation Advisor; Deborah Chankin, City of Long Beach staff on executive loan to GCCOG.

Vice President Daniels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun of the League of California Cities reported on the passage of Proposition 46, a \$2.1 billion affordable housing bond measure, and on the election of Member Wilson to the League's Board of Directors.

Member McCarthy requested that Consent Calendar Item B (Warrant Register) be considered separately. Member Piercy requested that Consent Calendar Item F (Sarah J. Siwek Contract Extension) be considered separately. Member

McCarthy requested that the meeting location be added to the minutes of each meeting. It was moved by Member Proo, seconded by Member Piercy, to approve the Consent Calendar items A, C, D, and E as presented, with the amendment to the minutes requested by Member McCarthy. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member McCarthy requested information about the warrant to AT&T for conference call expenses. The Deputy Executive Director explained that the expense was for several calls pertaining to the Clean Air Grant Program, but that the COG had recently changed vendors in order to bring the costs of the conference calls down. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Piercy, to approve the warrant register. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Piercy requested information regarding the Clean Air Program and the makeup of the Clean Air Grant Steering Committee. The Deputy Executive Director reported that the Steering Committee is made up of representatives from EPA, the California Air Resources Board, the California Trucking Association, the Port of Long Beach, the City of Long Beach, the City of Pico Rivera, the City of Artesia, and the COG. It was moved by Member Piercy, seconded by Member Nordbak, to approve the requested contract extension for Sarah J. Siwek & Associates for administration of the Clean Air Program. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Transportation Advisor presented the proposed Guiding Principles for the I-710 Corridor/Gerald Desmond Bridge Program. Member Proo asked if the integrated program (bridge and freeway) threatened the ability to fund the I-710 project if the bridge adds too much to the cost of the overall program. The Transportation Advisor responded that it should not be a problem, since the Bridge is less than 10% of the projected total project cost. In addition, the Bridge is farther along in terms of being ready for submission for federal funding and the linkage of the two elements would better position the I-710 for continued funding. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Proo, to approve the I-710 Corridor/Gerald Desmond Bridge Program Guiding Principles and to refer them to the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Colonna requested that a report be given at next month's meeting regarding the State Route 47 project as it pertains to the I-710.

It was moved by Member Andrews, seconded by Member McCarthy, to approve the Second Amendment to the MOU among SCAG, MTA, Caltrans, and the

GOG, and to approve the implementation agreements between the COG and the County of Los Angeles and the City of Carson. The motion was approved unanimously.

After discussion among the Executive Committee members regarding the request from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments for a joint meeting with the COG Board, it was the consensus of the Committee to have the President and Vice President meet with the respective officers of the San Gabriel Valley COG to establish a date and topics of discussion for a joint meeting. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Piercy, to receive and file the request from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a status report on the COG's Clean Air Program, including the recent media event held at Rush Truck Centers in Pico Rivera. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Putnam, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously. Member Barrows requested that flowers or letters of appreciation be sent to Congresswoman Napolitano, Congressman Royce, and other representatives who helped the COG secure the funding for this program.

President Colonna presented the Conservancy Committee report, saying that the passage of Proposition 50 will make additional funding for park projects available. He said that the Conservancy had contracted for an environmental assessment of the "duck farm", which is anticipated to serve as the site for the new headquarters of the Conservancy. He asked that the Conservancy Executive Director, Belinda Faustinos, be invited to one of the upcoming meetings of the Executive Committee. It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Andrews, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director reported on the recent meeting of the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee, at which the project consultants presented a status report on their ongoing analysis of the five alternatives selected by the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee. He said that the consultants will be presenting a status report at a yet to be scheduled meeting of the OPC. It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Putnam, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Proo presented the Transportation Committee report. She reported that the MTA Board had discussed the proposed San Gabriel Valley Service Sector, but referred it back to the Sector Committee. She said that the MTA is now part of the California Amber Alert Network. It was moved by Member Proo, seconded by Member Putnam, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no reports from the SCAG Regional Council.

Member Barrows recommended that the COG organize dinner receptions with the COG's Congressional representatives during the January U.S. Conference of Mayors Conference, and the March National League of Cities Conference. It was his recommendation that the COG attendees would be those councilmembers who were already planning to attend either or both of those conferences. President Colonna suggested that COG lobbyist Del Smith could coordinate a dinner reception and asked that Member Barrows work on the arrangements.

Member Barrows reported that Assemblywoman Nell Soto has expressed interest in carrying a transit village bill. He recommended that a discussion be agendized so that a legislative strategy can be developed to pursue when the legislative term begins in January. He said that he had the language from the bill that was dropped during the previous legislative session.

Vice President Daniels suggested that minutes or summaries of Executive Committee meetings be sent by e-mail to each COG city after meetings in order to keep them up to date on COG issues and actions.

After discussion among the Executive Committee members, it was the consensus to move the meeting date of the December meeting from December 4 to December 11, in order to avoid a conflict with the National League of Cities Conference in Salt Lake City. It was also the consensus of the Executive Committee to decide at the December meeting when the Committee will meet in January, since the regular meeting date falls on January 1.

It was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Member Piercy to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.