

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South Street, Cerritos
February 5, 2003**

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

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

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

ABSENT: President Frank Colonna, Member Don Knabe.

ALSO PRESENT: Councilmember Jessica Maes, Huntington Park; Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Vice Mayor Frank Colonna; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Artesia City Manager Maria Dadian; Compton Assistant City Manager Frank Sotelo; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank; City of Lakewood Community Development Director Charles K. Ebner; Long Beach Government Affairs Officer Carl Kemp; Paramount Finance Director Jose Gomez; Rich Rogers, MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager; Cathy Manzo, MTA Community Relations Officer; Charlotte Eckelbecker, SCAG Government Affairs Analyst; Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun, League of California Cities Regional Representative; Luis Cetina, Governmental Affairs Representative, Metropolitan Water District; Frank Osgood, Planner; Sarah Siwek, Sarah J. Siwek & Associates; Al Perdon, Al Perdon & Associates; Dan Boyle, Dan Boyle & Associates; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; Deborah Chankin, City of Long Beach staff on executive loan to GCCOG.

Vice President Daniels offered words of wisdom: "Be careful what you ask for because you just might get it".

Member McCarthy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun reported on the Governor's announced intention to veto the trigger on increasing motor vehicle license fees. She asked that cities keep pressure on the Governor to reverse his position.

It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Piercy, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dan Boyle presented a summary report on his firm's Supplemental Southeast Bus Restructuring Study. He said that the complete final report would be available to be agendaized for receipt at next month's meeting of the Executive Committee. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Piercy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a mid-year budget report and recommended approval of a budget amendment resolution adjusting certain revenue and expenditure accounts. He reported that, although there were changes to various revenue and expenditure line items, the projected year-end balance was very close to that projected in the annual budget adopted in June. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Lowenthal, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2002-03 BUDGET

It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Proo, to adopt the budget amendment resolution. The motion was approved unanimously.

COG consultant Sarah Siwek presented a recommendation from the Clean Air Grant Steering Committee to approve a contingency plan for the use of California Air Resources Board grant funds currently committed to the Port of Long Beach on the COG's Fleet Modernization Program in the event that the Port is unable to get CARB certification for its proposed emission control devices. It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Piercy, to approve the recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report on the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, stating that the grant guidelines and application procedures for the first round of Proposition 40 grants had been approved by the RMC Board of Directors. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to receive and file the report.

The Executive Director reported on the recent meetings of the I-710 Oversight Policy and Technical Advisory committees. He said that the project consultant would be meeting with each of the fourteen cities, with the project moving towards the selection of a locally preferred alternative. It was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Member McCarthy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Proo reported on the meeting of the Transportation Committee. She asked Cathy Manzo of MTA staff to update the Executive Committee on the sector committees. Deborah Chankin reported that applications had been received from five elected officials and seven members of the general public for seats on the Gateway Cities Sector Committee. She said that there would be an item on the agenda for next month's Executive Committee meeting for selection of the committee members.

Cathy Manzo also reported that the deadline for the MTA Call for Projects had been extended to March 31, and that a follow-up Mobility 21 Conference had been held on January 22. Member Barrows mentioned that the Transportation Committee would be discussing Senate Bill 91 (Flores), which would place all intercity rail under the jurisdiction of the California High Speed Rail Authority. It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Vice President Daniels to receive and file the Transportation Committee report. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Lowenthal, to approve the COG joining the Orange Line Joint Powers Authority. The motion was approved, with Member Proo voting no.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Nelson, to authorize the President to appoint the COG's representative to the Orange Line Joint Powers Authority. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Barrows recommended that the Executive Committee vote to support Transit Village legislation introduced by Senator Nell Soto. It was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Member Andrews, to support the legislation and to communicate that support to Senator Soto. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Lowenthal reported that the SCAG Regional Council was to be asked at tomorrow's meeting to support a list of transportation projects to be included in the TEA-21 reauthorization bill and that the I-710 project was not on that list. The Executive Director introduced language for an amendment that he recommended be proposed at the Regional Council meeting to include the I-710 in the list of projects. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member McCarthy, to approve the recommended amendment to the list of projects to be presented to the SCAG Regional Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Andrews expressed the problem facing the Gateway Cities with the state mandates to produce housing in that the sub-region is almost fully built out.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.