

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South Street, Cerritos
February 4, 2004**

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

Member Stefenhagen provided Words of Wisdom.

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

PRESENT: President Frank Colonna, Vice President Edward H. J. Wilson, Member Gene Daniels, Member Hector De La Torre, Member Gloria Kappe, Member Bonnie Lowenthal, Member Keith McCarthy, Member Larry Nelson, Member Greg Nordbak, Member Wayne Piercy, Member Beatrice Proo, Member Gordon Stefenhagen, Member Betty Putnam.

ABSENT: Member Don Knabe.

ALSO PRESENT: Connie Sziebl, Field Deputy for Supervisor Don Knabe; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Pico Rivera Assistant to the City Manager Debbie Lopez; Lakewood Director of Community Development Charles Ebner; Long Beach Governmental Affairs Officer Carl Kemp; Councilmember Wally Shidler, MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector; Cathy Manzo, MTA Gateway Cities Sector; Mark Butala, SCAG; Don Rhodes, SCAG; Barbara Beck, South Coast AQMD; Luis Cetina, Government and Regional Affairs Representative, Metropolitan Water District; Frank Osgood, Planner; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG; GCCOG Director of Program Development Deborah Chankin; Jerry Wood, GCCOG Director of Transportation and Engineering.

Vice President Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

The Executive Director requested separate discussion of consent calendar item C. It was moved by Member Lowenthal, seconded by Member Nelson, to approve the consent calendar with the exception of item C. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director introduced a draft letter to Senator Dianne Feinstein seeking support for a federal fiscal year 04-05 appropriation for the Gateway Cities Clean Air Program. He requested that members have their mayors send support letters to both

Senator Feinstein and Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Putnam, to receive and file the status report on the Gateway Cities Clean Air Program, and to request cities to send letters to Senator Feinstein and Congresswoman Roybal-Allard. The motion was approved unanimously.

Lakewood Community Development Director Chuck Ebner, on behalf of the Gateway Cities Planning Directors, recommended that cities be encouraged to ask that changes be made to the regional land use map created as part of the SCAG COMPASS growth visioning project where it conflicts with cities' general plans. He reported that Jack Humphrey of the COG staff is accumulating comments from cities regarding these inconsistencies. He said that, until it is changed, the map should not be used with regard to the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan. He recited the recommendations of the Planning Directors that: 1) the COG continue to participate in the COMPASS growth visioning process; 2) every effort be made to provide SCAG with a reasonable response to the request for comments by February 9; 3) there be a sub-regional response, rather than responses from individual cities; and 4) the continued development of the COMPASS map be a process involving the active participation of local governments.

It was moved by Member Piercy, seconded by Member Nordbak, to approve the recommendation of the Gateway Cities Planning Directors. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Colonna said that there would be no Conservancy Report since the Conservancy Board did not meet the previous month.

The Executive Director reported on the first of the I-710 Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee meetings, which was held the previous night. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member McCarthy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Proo reported that there had not been a meeting of the Transportation Committee that evening.

There were no reports regarding the SCAG Regional Council agenda.

Transportation Advisor Don Camph reported on the SCAG Southern California Consensus Program for TEA-21 Reauthorization, to be presented to the SCAG Transportation and Communication Committee the next day. Because the Consensus Program still contains language calling for an exclusive truck way from the ports to the Inland Empire, he recommended that the Executive Committee endorse alternative language that calls for capacity improvements, including separation of trucks from automobile traffic, rather than calling for an exclusive truck way on the major corridors. Don Rhodes, SCAG, spoke and said that SCAG staff would be making changes to the document to eliminate the reference to the truck way. Member Proo said that she supported the change in the language, but recommended that instead of saying "separation of trucks" it read "mitigating truck traffic".

It was moved by Member Proo, seconded by Member McCarthy, to adopt the recommendation with the amended language proposed by Member Proo. The motion was

approved unanimously.

Member McCarthy announced that SCAG would be holding a press conference the next day on SCAG's State of the Region report. He said that most of the measures of quality of life in the region have dropped since the last report.

Vice President Wilson announced that the League of California Cities was engaged in an effort to collect signatures for a proposed initiative aimed at protecting cities' revenues.

Member De La Torre congratulated Don Camph on his appointment to the Caltrans Reform Task Force. He said that there is talk in Sacramento about a possible four cents increase in the state gas tax to fund transportation projects.

Member Proo invited members to attend the MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector's Open House to be held on February 20.

There were no additional matters from staff.

It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to adjourn to closed session for a conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation in three cases. The Executive Committee adjourned to closed session at 6:38 p.m.

The Executive Committee returned from closed session at 7:03 p.m. The General Counsel announced that the Executive Committee had met in closed session to discuss three potential cases of litigation.

Adjournment: The meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned by consensus at 7:04 p.m.