

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Cerritos Senior Center  
12340 South Street, Cerritos  
April 7, 2004**

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

Member Proo provided Words of Wisdom from Winston Churchill.

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

PRESENT: President Frank Colonna, 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 Stiefenhagen, Member Betty Putnam.

ABSENT: Vice President Edward H. J. Wilson, Member Don Knabe, Member Beverly O'Neill.

ALSO PRESENT: Connie Sziebl, Field Deputy for Supervisor Don Knabe; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfing; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank; Lakewood Director of Community Development Charles Ebner; Long Beach Governmental Affairs Officer Carl Kemp; Alex Clifford, General Manager, MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector; Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun, League of California Cities; John Barna, Anrab Associates; Frank Osgood, Planner; GCCOG Assistant Legal Counsel Rachel Richman; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG; GCCOG Director of Program Development Deborah Chankin; GCCOG Executive Assistant Genny Cisneros; Jerry Wood, GCCOG Director of Transportation and Engineering; GCCOG Transportation Advisor Don Camph.

Assistant Legal Counsel Rachel Richman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Colonna made a presentation to Genny Cisneros, commending her for five years of outstanding service to the COG.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun, League of California Cities, spoke regarding the petition drive to qualify an initiative for the November ballot aimed at protecting

local revenues. She announced that 700,000 signatures had been collected as of last week. She said that 598,000 valid signatures were required to qualify for the November ballot. She said that the signature gathering deadline is April 15. Frank Osgood introduced his recently published book, Region Aroused, which revolves around the Gateway Cities. He said the book will be available on April 26.

Member Nordbak asked that item B on the consent calendar (warrant register) be considered separately. Member Piercy requested that Item G (request from Cerritos College for support for funding of a Government Technology Training Program) also be considered separately. It was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Member Nelson, to approve the consent calendar with the exception of items B and G. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Nordbak inquired as to the nature of the charges to the VISA account listed on the warrant register. The Executive Director responded that the charges related to the recent trip to Washington, D.C., that the President and he had made to meet with the COG's lobbyists and officials of EPA regarding the Clean Air Program. Member Nordbak requested that in the future a more detailed description be provided on the warrant register with regard to the VISA charges. It was then moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Piercy, to approve the warrant register. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Piercy asked how much involvement by the COG would be expected by Cerritos College in support of its proposed Government Technology Training Program. The Executive Director responded that the College was only asking for support of its grant application and was not requesting any material support from the COG for the program. It was then moved by Member Piercy, seconded by Member McCarthy, to approve the request from Cerritos College for its grant application. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a proposed lease agreement with the Paramount Redevelopment Agency for the COG to move its offices to a building recently acquired by the Agency adjacent to Paramount City Hall. The Executive Director reported that the COG would be receiving increased office space for the same base rent as it currently pays at its present location. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Piercy, to approve the lease agreement. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report recommending approval of a consultant agreement with Anrab Associates for transportation programming and funding services. He said that the COG was in need of a presence in Sacramento with experience in developing funding strategies at the state level for transportation project funding. He said that the contract would only cover the three month period to the end of the current fiscal year and would be revisited at budget time for the subsequent fiscal year. Member Nordbak asked how the

contract would be funded. The Executive Director responded that there were sufficient funds in the current budget to cover the three months' expenses, but that staff would return with a budget amendment showing the funds to be transferred to cover these costs. Member Putnam stated that the consultant should provide monthly reports so that the Executive Committee could evaluate the value of the services. Member Piercy said that he would want a report covering the three month period of activity prior to approving future funding in next year's budget. It was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Member Proo, to approve a three month agreement for services with Anrab Associates. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a status report on the Truck Impacted Intersection Project. He stated that the Phase I projects were 100% designed and that the County was expecting to go to Caltrans in May with a request for permission to advertise for construction bids. He said that for the County to proceed, it would need all of the participating cities to have paid their 10% match, executed a cooperation agreement, and signed off on the final plans for their affected intersections. He said that not all cities had completed all three steps, but was hopeful that all will be in conformance by the time the County goes to Caltrans for approval. It was moved by Member De La Torre, seconded by Member Proo, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee would be meeting the following night. He said that the engineering of the various segments of the freeway had been proceeding well with the individual community advisory committees. President Colonna thanked Supervisor Knabe for the County's contribution of an additional \$150,000 to cover the cost of the engineering work essential to the development of a "hybrid" alternative for I-710. It was moved by Member Proo, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Proo presented the report from the Transportation Committee. She introduced Alex Clifford, who had recently been appointed as the new General Manager of MTA's Gateway Cities Service Sector. She said that the Transportation Committee had heard a report from Nancy Michali, MTA, on MTA's bus service restructuring. She the Committee had discussed pending bills by Assemblymen Lowenthal and Bermudez relating to port congestion and air quality. The Committee also received an update from I-5 JPA Executive Director Ralph Webb on the I-5 project. Member Proo said that the draft EIR/EIS for the proposed California High Speed Rail project had been released for public comment and requested that the cities of Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada, and Pico Rivera express their concerns regarding the project through the COG. She said there was concern that high speed rail would require a fourth track on the BNSF right of way, and that cities were asked to bring back their comments to next month's meeting of the Transportation Committee. It was moved by Member

Nordbak, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member McCarthy reported that the SCAG Regional Council had adopted the Regional Transportation Plan at its April 1 meeting. He said that the Regional Council had rejected the motion to include the Orange Line extension from Anaheim to Irvine within the RTP. In addition, the Orange Line Authority's proposed timetable was not adopted.

There were no reports from SCAG committee members.

There were no matters from Executive Committee members.

The Executive Director announced that there would need to be a meeting of the Nominating Committee in the month of May to nominate Board officers for the coming fiscal year. After discussion among the Executive Committee members, it was the consensus to place on the agenda for the May Executive Committee meeting a proposed date and time of May 26, at 6:00 p.m. for the Nominating Committee to meet.

**Adjournment:** The meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned by consensus at 7:13 p.m.