

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
16401 Paramount Boulevard  
Paramount, California  
March 3, 2010**

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

**PRESENT:** President Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk  
First Vice President Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate  
Second Vice President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower  
Immediate Past President Anne M. Bayer, City of Downey  
Member Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia  
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell  
Member Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens  
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos  
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce  
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton  
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy  
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park  
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights  
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada  
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood  
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach  
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood  
Member Kathy Salazar, City of Montebello  
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount  
Member Gustavo Camacho, City of Pico Rivera  
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs  
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill  
Member William Davis, City of Vernon  
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier  
Member Curt Pederson, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe  
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina  
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

**ABSENT:** Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon  
Member Victor Farfan, City of Hawaiian Gardens  
Member from the City of Long Beach  
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood  
Member Richard Steinke, Ex Officio Member, Port of Long Beach  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers

Steering Committee; Commerce City Manager Jorge Rifa; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Acting Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Long Beach Government Affairs Manager Tom Modica; South Gate City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Bell Special Assistant to the City Manager Pedro Carrillo; Bell Gardens Public Works Manager Chau Vu; SCAG Regional Affairs Officer Matt Horton; George Francis Bass, Metro Gateway Cities Sector Council; MTA Deputy Executive Officer Ernest Morales; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershenson; Metro Gateway Cities Planning Manager Mike Sieckert; SCAQMD Senior Public Affairs Officer Derrick Alatorre; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director/Authority Engineer, I-5 JPA; Glenn Ray, Chair, Conservation Corps of Long Beach; Mike Bassett, CEO, Conservation Corps of Long Beach; Rich Kozak, United States Census Bureau; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Engineer Jerry Wood.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Immediate Past President Bayer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Rich Kozak of the United States Census Bureau addressed the Board regarding the 2010 Federal Census. He gave information regarding the budget of the Census and encouraged cities to help assure a high rate of return of the census questionnaires from their residents because cities depend on an accurate census count to receive the per capita funding from state and federal sources to which they are entitled.

The Executive Director announced that fifteen cities had now ratified the decision of the Board to take delegation from SCAG for the preparation of a subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy under SB 375. Since a majority of COG cities had now ratified the decision, it was now effective.

The Executive Director said that a meeting with the new U.S. EPA Regional Administrator is currently being arranged. He said arrangements are also being made for a "meet and greet" event with new SCAQMD Board Member Judy Mitchell. He announced that all documents related to the study of the California High Speed Rail project alignment have been signed and that the Administrative Committee for the study had selected the team of Jerry Wood and Yvette Kirrin to perform the work.

It was moved by Second Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Barrows presented a request from the City of Cerritos for Board endorsement of HR 3734 (Sires), the Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act, which would make federal grant funds available for city parks and recreation facilities. He said he

had met the author of the bill at the recent meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member O'Donnell, to support HR 3734 and to send a letter to the COG's Congressional representatives expressing that support. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Carroll requested the Board reconsider the assessment formula it had adopted for the Sustainable Communities Strategy and suggested that the flat rate per city be reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,500, with the balance of the assessment based on population. It was moved by Member Carroll, seconded by Member Nelson, to amend the assessment formula for the subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy to a base rate of \$2,500, with the balance distributed according to population.

Member O'Donnell recited the support that the City of Long Beach has given the COG and said that a change in the formula would unfairly impact the City of Long Beach. Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing explained the basis of the adopted assessment, which was based on the recommendation of the City Managers Steering Committee which apportioned the costs on a 50/50 basis of flat rate and population.

Member O'Donnell offered a substitute motion to receive and file the report. The motion was seconded by Second Vice President Dunton. The substitute motion was approved, with Member Carroll and Member Nelson voting no.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said there was a few months delay in the EIR/EIS study to address design concerns of the cities of Commerce and South Gate. He said the process had started to identify early action projects under Measure R. He reported that MTA has consultants on board to investigate public/private partnerships for funding the construction phase. Mr. Wood said the RFP for the Air Quality Action Plan should be out early next month. He said the ITS Implementation Plan is being coordinated with SCAG's Goods Movement Strategy study.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said an RFP for a feasibility analysis for early action projects will be going out from the MTA.

It was moved by First Vice President Hurtado, seconded by Member Aguilar, to receive and file the I-710 and SR-91/I-605/I-405 reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the MTA is facing serious financial issues. She said there has been a significant drop in Proposition C revenues because of the overall drop in sales tax revenues. She said the MTA is looking at alternative regional connectors. She reported that the MTA is conducting an audit of the General Counsel's Office. She summarized the subregion's

projects that are included in the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Member DuBois discussed the proposed State swap of gas tax for an increase in the excise tax on gasoline. She said, if the excise tax is challenged, cities may end up losing both sources of revenue. She said the Transportation Committee had recommended that the Board send a letter opposing the elimination of State funding for public transit. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Salazar, to send a letter from the Board opposing the elimination of State funding for public transit. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Guerrero presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. She referred the Board to the status report contained in the agenda packet. She said the committee members would be touring the PATH Partners facility by the end of the month. It was moved by Member Aguirre, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said that Mike Miles had been appointed as the new District Director for Caltrans District 7 and that Authority representatives would be meeting with him to present their perspective on the I-5 project. It was moved by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said the League is opposed to the proposal to swap out Proposition 42 funds. She said proposals are coming quickly, but they are not set down in writing. She reported on the proposed ballot measure that would save local revenues. She said signatures are still needed to qualify it for the ballot. It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Aguilar, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He said several city managers came to SCAG to talk about the fiscalization of land use issue. He said SCAG is in the planning stages for the General Assembly/Regional Council retreat in May. It was moved by Member Dobson, seconded by First Vice President Hurtado, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Karen Heit presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said that the City of Burbank had indicated that it is looking to join the Authority. She said the RFP for alternatives analysis had been released. Member Mirabal said that Orangeline Authority Executive Director Mike Kodama had recently made a presentation in Bell to about 100 residents and that it was well received. He encouraged other cities to do the same. It was moved by Member Salazar, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Derrick Alatorre presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He said the AQMD Board would be holding its monthly meeting in the Long

Beach. He reminded cities that they can use AB 2766 funds to purchase alternative fuel vehicles. It was moved by Member Mirabal, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

David Hershenson presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said the Metro reorganization is aimed at improving efficiency and economy. He said the goal is to blend services to avoid duplication. It was moved by Member Dobson, seconded by Member Davis, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mike Bassett presented a report from the Long Beach Conservation Corps. He said restoration of the bottle bill funds for the Conservancy had been approved by the State Legislature. He referred to information that he had left regarding what projects qualify for Proposition 84 funds. Member Nelson asked Mr. Bassett to remind the Board as to the domain of the Long Beach Conservation Corps. Mr. Bassett responded that it includes 47 cities that surround Long Beach, including all of the Gateway Cities COG members. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

Member Nordbak asked that consideration of his city's position on the Gold Line extension be included on the agenda for next month's meeting.

There were no matters from President Stefenhagen.

**Adjournment:** It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.