

**MINUTES 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
January 4, 2012**

President Dunton called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
First Vice President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Second Vice President Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Immediate Past President Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Michael Ponce, City of Avalon
Member Ana Maria Quintana, City of Bell
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 Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Larry Mowles, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Jim Morton, City of Lynwood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member from the City of Montebello
Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk
Member Joseph Serrano, 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

ABSENT: Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member David Armenta, City of Pico Rivera
Member Rick Velasquez, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Ex Officio Member Christopher Lytle, Port of Long Beach
ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers
Steering Committee; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; La Mirada

Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Pico Rivera Director of Public Works Arturo Cervantes; South Gate Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mohammed Mostahkami; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; Metro Planning Manager Adrian Alvarez; Metro Transportation Planner Cory Zelmer; Orangeline Development Authority Executive Director Michael Kodama; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities; SCAG Public Affairs Officer Matt Horton; Rick Stroup, Director of Education, Conservation Corps of Long Beach; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer; GCCOG Engineer Jerry Wood.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by First Vice President Daniels, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

MTA Transportation Planner Cory Zelmer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed extension of the Metro Green Line to LAX. He said alternatives under consideration would connect the Green Line to the Los Angeles International Airport terminals by various alternatives, including light rail, automated people mover, and bus rapid transit. The project would be funded by Measure R proceeds, with additional funding needed from the airport authority.

Immediate Past President Hurtado asked what the amount of the remaining costs is that would be needed from LAX. Mr. Zelmer responded that the preliminary estimate is \$200 million.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Hurtado, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the technical reports have been completed and the draft EIR is scheduled to be released in March.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the preliminary geometrics are now being prepared, including arterial highway improvements.

It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the two freeway corridor reports.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the MTA Board had voted to include a Westchester station as a bid option for the Green Line expansion project, approved support for the use of \$950 million in Proposition 1A funds for the Regional Connector project, and directed a letter be sent to the California High Speed Rail Authority seeking to address the concerns of stakeholders in Los Angeles County. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said the contract with the County had been executed and that staff is currently drafting an RFP for an implementing agency. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Steve Forster presented report on the California High Speed Rail project. He referred the Board to a recent Los Angeles Times article which reported that the California High Speed Rail Peer Review Committee had strongly questioned the financial viability of the project. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

There was no report from the I-5 JPA.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She reported on the California Supreme Court decision which upheld the legislation abolishing redevelopment agencies in the state. She said the League has planned two conference calls over the next two days. She said the plan is to put forward legislation to extend the February 1 deadline for dissolution of the agencies and to work on revival of redevelopment under another form. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He said two workshops would be held next month in Los Angeles County regarding the draft Regional Transportation Plan: on February 2 at the SCAG offices in downtown Los Angeles following the Regional Council meeting and on February 17 in the City of Carson. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Michael Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said the alternatives analysis would be coming in February to the Technical Advisory Committee, to the Steering Committee in March, and to the OLDA Board in April. He said grants had been received to be used towards the land use analysis. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

There was no report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

David Hershenson presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said the recent FTA audit report was not directed at any discriminatory practices, but on the manner of implementing fare changes. He said Metro would be holding meetings to develop a new policy. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Rick Stroup presented a report from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach. He said the Corps would be starting the next round of California Energy Commission funded weatherization projects for low income housing. He reported that \$100,000 in Proposition 84 still remained for water conservation projects. He said the charter school had received funding from the Department of Labor and the Department of Justice for the program which serves high school dropouts from Congresswoman Sanchez's district who are interested in combining work and school. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

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

Second Vice President Infanzon requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Marcella Calderon, wife of Assemblyman Tom Calderon. He said a memorial service for Mrs. Calderon would be held on Saturday, January 14, at the Pla Technology Center in Montebello.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus in memory of Marcella Calderon at 6:57 p.m.