

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Cerritos Senior Center 12340 South Street, Cerritos  
August 4, 2004

1. Call to Order and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order by Chair Beatrice Proo at 4:45 p.m. Roll call was taken by self-introduction. Chair Proo thanked Brynn Kernaghan for her years of service to the Committee and welcomed James Parker of Nowalk Transit who is the new municipal operator representative.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT. Beatrice Proo, Chair; Gene Daniels; Ken Farfsing; Robert Hughlett; Ray Harris for Don Knabe; Marina Sueiro for Fred Latham; Keith McCarthy; Bill Pagett; James Parker.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT. COG President Ed Wilson; Cog Vice-President, Greg Nordback; Desi Alvarez; Geraldine Knatz; Greg Kourdner.

OTHERS PRESENT. Richard Powers, Gateway Cities COG Executive Director; Jack Joseph, Gateway Cities COG; Deborah Chankin, Gateway Cities COG; Don Camph, Gateway Cities COG; Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities COG; Luis Marquez, Office of Assemblymember Lowenthal; Wally Shidler, MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector Governing Council; Alex Clifford, MTA; Don Nguyen, MTA; David Hershenson, MTA; Sharad Mulchand, MTA; Jaime Becerra, Norwalk Transit; Brynn Kernaghan, Long Beach Transit; Albert Perdon, Orange Line Development Authority.

A quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Proo.
3. Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Member Hughlett, seconded by member Pagett and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2004 meeting of the Transportation Committee as submitted.
4. Discussion and Possible Action on the California High Speed Train Draft EIR/EIS. Mr. Powers advised the Committee that the Cities of Santa Fe Springs, Pico Rivera and La Mirada had prepared comments on the California High Speed Train Draft EIR/EIS because of impacts to those cities and would summarize their concerns. Member Sueiro explained the potential alignments of the train and summarized the concerns as the need for greater clarity and additional study on such impacts as noise and right-of-way. Mr. Perdon advised that the Orange Line Development Authority (OLDA) has convened a committee to prepare its own comments on the EIR/EIS and that he does not anticipate any conflict between the OLDA comments and the proposed COG comments. OLDA will request that maglev technology be

evaluated for the High Speed Train Project, particularly as it may have some environmental advantages over the proposed technology. Mr. Perdon and Member McCarthy pointed out that the proposed bond financing will go north from Union Station in Los Angeles to San Francisco as does the proposed construction phasing, thus limiting the benefits to the COG cities. Mr. Camp commented that the financial plan in the EIR/EIS is vague and skewed to benefit northern California and that SCAG will be submitting comments to that effect. Member Farfaring requested that Mr. Camp prepare comments on the project financing to be added to the COG's response. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Sueiro and passed unanimously to submit comments on behalf of the COG as submitted by the City of Santa Fe Springs with the addition of financial comments.

5. Presentation on MTA Gateway Service Sector Proposed Bus Service Changes. Alex Clifford, General Manager of the MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector presented proposed bus service changes impacting the Gateway Cities area. The changes are proposed to take effect in December 2004. A public hearing is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday August 12, 2004 at the Gas Company 9240 Firestone Blvd. in Downey. Gateway sector staff proposes to extend the hours of service on line 265 (Lakewood to Pico Rivera); modify the route of line 275 (Whittier to Cerritos); modify the route of line 270 ( Norwalk to Monrovia) to better serve the MetroLink station; create "Limited" service on a portion of line 362 on Telegraph Road' and eliminate line 576 (Vernon to Pacific Palisades). Mr. Clifford also reviewed service changes proposed by South Bay Sector staff that will impact the Gateway area. There was discussion of public outreach on the proposed changes and how to improve the graphics for better communication. Mr. Clifford explained the outreach plans and thanked the members for their suggestions. It was moved by Member Harris and seconded by Member Pagett to receive and file the report.
6. Status report on I-710 Major Corridor Study. Mr. Powers reported that the I-710 Tier Two Community Advisory Committee continues to meet and make good progress. He explained that the members are writing their own report and have completed chapters on Health, Jobs and the Economy, Safety, Noise, Congestion and Mobility and Community Enhancements. They will next meet on August 12, 2004. They have yet to complete chapters on Design, Environmental Justice and some process issues. After that their recommendations will go to the study's Oversight Policy Committee. Mr. Powers commented that this process may become a new model for highway planning. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Daniels and passed unanimously to receive and file the report.
7. Update on State Port Legislation. Mr. Marquez reported that the three Lowenthal bills, AB 2041, AB 2042 and AB 2043 have all been passed by the Assembly and are under consideration by the Senate. AB 2041 and 2042

were scheduled for hearing by the Senate Appropriations Committee this day and were placed in that Committee's suspense file. The suspense file will be taken up next week. AB 2043 is expected to come to a final vote on the Senate floor next week. Members asked about the prospects for success and Mr. Marquez advised that it is looking good. Members asked what changes have been made to the bills. Mr. Marquez advised that the only significant change since his last report to the Committee was in AB 2042 where the language requiring the ports to "limit growth and operations" to prevent any increase in air pollution was changed to "operate" the port in a manner that prevents such an increase. Member Daniels moved, Member Sueiro seconded and it was passed unanimously to receive and file the report.

8. New Business/Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting was set for September 1, 2004.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.