

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Chair – MTA Director Bonnie Lowenthal  
Gateway Cities Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd. , Paramount  
August 2, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER: Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. Roll-call was taken by self-introduction.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Lowenthal – Long Beach, Elba Guerrero– Huntington Park, Gene Daniels – Paramount, Ken Farfsing – Signal Hill, Gary Milliman – South Gate, Kerry Cartwright – Port of Long Beach, Mohammed Mastakami – South Gate, James Parker – Norwalk Transit

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Nelson, Bill Pagett, Stan Carroll, Fred Latham.

OTHERS PRESENT: Alex Clifford, David Hershenson, Sharad Mulchand, Michael Sieckert, Hassan Fakhro – Metro, Wally Shidler – Gateway Sector Council President, Richard Powers, Deborah Chankin, Karen Heit, Jerry Wood – Gateway COG, Shashank Patil – POLB.

A quorum was reached and the minutes of the June 7, 2006 meeting were approved with a correction (Kerry Cartwright was not present).

Karen Heit, Transportation Deputy to MTA Director Lowenthal, gave an update on the State Infrastructure Bond Initiatives; Propositions IA, IB and IC and information provided in the packet. This information and a more detailed summary would be sent to the GCCOG city managers for use. There was a discussion and a request that COG specific projects be given as examples for the various funding areas within Proposition IB. It was also suggested that a COG resolution be supporting the Propositions be presented to the COG Board at the September meeting.

Karen Heit gave a report on the various planning studies adopted by the MTA Board as an amendment to the FY07 Budget. Detail was provided on the various Gateway Cities studies and which funds would pass through to the COG for use. She also mentioned the addition of a staff person to the MTA Planning Dept. to support countywide goods movement.

Deborah Chankin and Karen Heit gave a brief status overview of the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan (MCGMAP). Chankin gave an overview of the economic element reminding committee members that most of the information had been presented by John Husing at previous GCCOG meetings. Ken Farfsing asked about the disposition of the GCCOG comments; staff is still waiting for them to be addresses. There was discussion about whether economic data would be disaggregated by County

in the full report. Kerry Cartwright mentioned that there is city specific data available and the TC agreed that economic data should be county specific. Heit reported the MCGMAP would be finished too late to provide input for the Infrastructure Bond Initiatives but would most likely be used as a refinement tool.

Gateway Sector General Manager, Alex Clifford, and Mike Sieckert gave a report on the service change refinements associated with Metro Connections and provided new information on regional and subregional transit hubs based on location appropriateness, and travel demand. Dave Hershenson is working on a CD for a list of route changes that affect each jurisdiction.

Ken Farfsing suggested that the Metro Connections be presented to the City Manager's Steering Committee.

Jerry Wood, I-5 JPA Executive Director, updated the progress made on I-5 project, Caltrans has acquired all residential properties required for the r.o.w. and was working on the commercial takes.

Richard Powers, COG Executive Director, gave an update on the I-710 EIR/EIS process. Items to be decided at the next Project Committee meeting include the election of a co-chair from the southern portion of the alignment. He also discussed an alternative technology RFP let out by the Port of Long Beach.

Mr. Powers updated the status of the SR-91/I-605 Needs Assessment highlighting the MTA contribution to the Major corridor Study funding. .

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.