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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS**

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Hosted By: City of Beverly Hills
**Location: Academy of Motion Picture
Arts and Sciences**
8949 Wilshire Boulevard
7th Floor Boardroom
Beverly Hills, CA 90201

DRAFT Meeting Notes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Heilman called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM.

Moved by Council Member Briskman and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Land to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. The motion passed by consensus.

There was no reportable action resulting from the Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:20 PM.

2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

Council Member Linda Briskman introduced Bruce Davis, Executive Director of the Academy who welcomed all to the Academy.

All present participated in self-introductions

Voting members present: Bloom, Briskman, Heilman, Malsin and Rosendahl.

3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER, 2008, MEETING NOTES

Moved by Mayor Bloom, seconded by Briskman and approved by consensus without change.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- (A) Executive Director's Report
- (B) Treasurer's Financial Reports for September and October 2008
- (C) Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2009

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mayor Malsin, seconded by Council Member Briskman and approved by consensus without comment or change.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- (A) **Authorization to Extend the Contract with Jody Hall Esser for Executive Director Services through December 31, 2008; To Execute a**

Contract with Gordon Anderson for Interim Executive Director Services Effective January 1, 2009; and Authorize the City Managers to Initiate a Recruitment Process for an Executive Director for the Westside Cities Council of Governments.

Moved by Briskman, seconded by Malsin to extend Jody Hall Esser's contract through December; to contract with Gordon Anderson effective January 1 as the Interim Executive Director based on terms and conditions not to exceed those in Hall Esser's contract; and to initiate a targeted recruitment process for an Executive Director.

Council Member Briskman suggested a more targeted approach be used inviting specific individuals to apply. Mayor Bloom commented that he recommended avoiding an open full recruitment process. City Manager Arevalo said a targeted approach was certainly possible. Chair Heilman asked the City Managers debrief Mrs. Hall Esser to refine the Scope of Services. Council Member Rosendahl thanked Gordon Anderson for his willingness to step in as Interim Director.

The Motion passed unanimously.

Gordon Anderson thanked the members for their confidence in him and pledged to do the job to the best of his ability.

(B) Discussion Regarding Scheduling a Special Strategy Meeting of the Board in January 2009 to Include Member Jurisdiction's Federal and State Lobbyists

Mayor Pro Tempore Land recommended staff prepare for this special meeting with a list of projects to jointly be pursued with the new administration and that we seek from the lobbyists their thoughts and recommendations as we develop new relationships at the state and federal level.

Motion to hold a special study session to precede the Board meeting on January 29th to include federal and state lobbyists representing COG-member jurisdictions passed by consensus.

(C) Discussion RE Board Recommendation to Metro On Westside Subway Extension Project Alternative(s) to be Subjected to DEIS/DEIR Analysis

Mrs. Hall Esser provided a brief staff report.

Vivian Rescalvo representing Supervisor Yaroslavsky and Jody Litvak from Metro recommended both alternatives be subjected to DEIS/DEIR analysis. Council members Rosendahl and Briskman commented that while the COG might have a preference, both should be studied at this time.

The members agreed, by consensus to direct the Executive Director to prepare a letter to Metro to advise that while the COG might have a preference as to which alternative would best serve the subregion, both Alternatives 1 and 11 should be subjected to DEIS/DEIR at this time.

6. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

(A) Presentation Results and Recommendations Westside Cities (SCAG-Funded) Workforce Housing Study

Jose Mendevil, City of Culver City, introduced Janet Smith-Heimer with BAE, consultant to the Westside Cities. Ms. Smith-Heimer presented the results of the Workforce Housing Study.

Council Member McKeown asked questions about study assumptions; Mayor Pro Tempore Land asked, given the current housing market, study conclusions might be different if prepared today; Council member Rosendahl about SB1818 Density/Affordable Housing; and the Consultant and Board Members discussed the concept of inclusionary housing. Councilman Rosendahl suggested that a fourth standing committee of the WSCCOG on Affordable Housing be a future consideration.

Chair Heilman recognized staff present from the Westside Cities who had worked with the consultant on this important study.

By consensus of the Members, the Executive Summary and Study were received and filed, staff was directed to forward the study to member jurisdictions, and the City Manager/Executive Staff Committee was directed to return with recommended initiatives that could be jointly pursued.

(B) October Meeting Notes, Report and Recommendations from the COG Homeless Issues Committee and Related Items

Mayor Bloom reported on the Homeless Issues Committee meeting of October 16th and directed the members to meeting notes included in the packet. He also requested a letter be sent to LAHSA over the Chair's signature, requesting LAHSA agree to a pilot program to ensure the homeless in Santa Monica have access to Winter Shelters.

Councilman Rosendahl noted that he is dealing with people sleeping in campers and the solution to this problem will require creative thinking. He commented that he understood the need to use pilot projects to study unique solutions to problems.

The Board directed this communication be prepared and forwarded as soon as possible.

(C) MTA Southwest Cities Corridor and Westside Central Service Sector Report

Southwest Corridor Representative/Metro Board Member and Council Member Pam O'Connor reported on the success of Measure R and thanked all for their efforts. She reported on Metro's legislative agenda for the coming year,

Councilman Rosendahl asked as to the status of the lane on Wilshire Blvd. to be devoted to busses only. Council Member O'Connor advised this project is moving along. Councilman Rosendahl suggested a future presentation to the Board by RAND on their study of various transportation measures.

Council Member Rosendahl commented on the PUC's decision regarding Phase I EXPO at-grade crossings.

Discussion ensued regarding the Committee's bringing forward projects to be considered as part of the new administration's stimulus package.

(D) Report and Recommendations from the COG Transportation Committee and Related Items

Council Member Briskman noted that the October meeting of this Committee had been cancelled.

Council member Briskman noted she was thrilled with the passage of Measure R and thanked Ellen Isaacs for her assistance. Ellen Isaacs thanked all for their hard work. Chair Heilman commented on an inaccurate article in the LA Times. Vivian Rescalvo commented that the Transportation Committee should request a seat at the table as Mayor Villaraigosa pursues replacement of EMAC funding.

She asked that staff keep the members updated regarding status of implementation of projects to be funded by Measure R.

(E) October Meeting Notes, Report and Recommendation from the COG Committee on Sustainability

Council Member McKeown summarized main points of discussion and collaboration at the October Sustainability Committee and referred all to Committee Meeting Notes in the agenda packet.

(F) Intergovernmental Relations
(No Report.)

7. RECEIVE/ FILE AND PROVIDE DIRECTION RE: CORRESPONDENCE

- (A) 9-30 Heilman to SCAG
- (B) 10-29 Hall Esser to COG Board Chair
- (C) Financial statement as of October 31, 2008
- (D) Flier regarding November 20, 2008 Exposition Light Rail West End Corridor Open House.

Four items were received and filed by consensus of the Board.

8. EVENT REMINDER AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Briskman advised that the City of Beverly Hills will be sponsoring a Transportation Symposium on February 6th. She asked all save the date, encourage electeds attend. The event will be held at the Montage Hotel, will include breakfast and conclude by noon.

Jody Hall Esser reflected on her five years as COG Facilitator and more recently Executive Director. She thanked the members and staff for their support and wished them all well. Chair Heilman presented Mrs. Esser flowers and a gift. Councilman Rosendahl also presented her with a Commendation from the City of Los Angeles.

9. FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

(A) 2009 Meeting Dates and Host City

Jan. – Culver City	July - Santa Monica
Mar. - LA City	Sept. - West Hollywood
May - LA County (<i>Annual Meeting</i>)	Nov. - Beverly Hills

(B) Tentatively Scheduled Agenda Items:

The Board Members approved agendaizing the following items for the Board business meeting January 29th that will follow the morning session with state and federal lobbyists.

- (1) Jan 29, 2009:

- a. Recommendation of FY 2008-09 Work Program Items and Advocacy Packet Contents from Homeless Issues Committee
- b. Recommendation of Work Program Items for FY 2008-09 from the Sustainability Committee
- c. Discussion RE Topic for the 2009 Annual Issues Conference
- d. Presentation by Dr. Luce, Executive Director, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
- e. Presentation: Water Quality Funding Initiative Sponsored by the County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District

(2) Items for Other Future Agendas:

None were suggested.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ken Ruben representing Southern California Transportation Advocates distributed copies of a press release regarding the resignation of Amtrak Chief Alex Kummat.

11. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM. The next meeting will be held on January 29, 2009 and will be hosted by the City of Culver City

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Sign-in sheet on file with the Secretary.