



WESTSIDE CITIES

- BEVERLY HILLS
- CULVER CITY
- LOS ANGELES
- SANTA MONICA
- WEST HOLLYWOOD
- COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Thursday, March 20, 2008

4:00 PM Business Meeting

Hosted By: City of Los Angeles

Location: The Getty Center

**1200 Getty Center Drive
LA, CA 90049**

MEETING NOTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Beverly Hills:** Council Member Linda J. Briskman. Staff: Rod Wood, Cheryl Friedling, Aaron Kunz
- Culver City:** Council Member Scott Malsin and Vice Mayor Carol Gross. Staff: Steve Cunningham, Shelly Wolfberg
- Santa Monica:** Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom, Council Member Kevin McKeown, Council Member Pam O'Connor (Chair, Metro). Staff: Gordon Anderson
- City of LA:** Council Member Bill Rosendahl. Staff: John Wickham (CLA), Norman Kulla (CD11), Jay Greenstein (CD5)
- County of LA:** Staff: Flora Gil Krisiloff (Supervisor Yaroslavsky)
- West Hollywood:** Council Member John Heilman. Staff: Joan English, Lisa Belsanti, Christof Schroeder, Maribel Louie
- WSCCOG:** Jody Hall Esser (Executive Director)
Michael Jenkins, Counsel to the COG

Other Attendees: Ellen Isaacs (Assemblyman Feuer); Jody Litvak (Metro); Brian Williams (SCAG); Jason Lieb (SCAG); Juan Camacho (SCAG); Christine Jerian (SCAG); Stan Myles (AQMD); Jason Weiner (Westside Economic Collaborative); Denny Zane (LACTFC/Move LA),

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 PM

2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Ron Hartwig, Vice President Communications, welcomed all to the Center. He extended regrets from President/CEO Jim Wood, and provided a brief background to the setting for the afternoon business meeting.

Chair Briskman and Council Member Rosendahl thanked Mr. Hartwig and all Getty Center staff for making the facility available, for their gracious assistance in meeting preparations and for the elegant refreshments provided.

Voting members present were identified as Chair Briskman representing Beverly Hills, Scott Malsin representing Culver City; Bill Rosendahl representing the City of Los Angeles, Kevin McKeown representing Santa Monica, and John Heilman representing West Hollywood. Santa Monica Delegate Richard Bloom joined the meeting in progress.

3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 17, 2008, MEETING NOTES

Approval of the January 17, 2008 Meeting Notes as presented was moved by Malsin, seconded by Heilman and unanimously approved .

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

(A) Executive Director Report

- (1) Annual Issues Conference Plans/Program**
- (2) Follow-up to January Lobbyists' Recommendations to Advance to WSCCOG Projects and Programs**
- (3) Revised Priority Transportation Fact Sheets**
- (4) Draft Budget and Annual Member Dues for 2008-09**

(B) Authorization for Staff to Prepare COG Comments on Metro's:

- 1) Draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); and 2) Congestion Pricing Study**

(C) Receipt and File of Treasurer's Financial Report Through February 2008

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by McKeown, seconded by Rosendahl and unanimously approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(A) Continued Discussion: Review of Proposed WSCCOG Legislative Platform for 2008

Moved by Maslin, seconded by Bloom to defer action on the revised Draft Legislative Platform until the Board meeting on May 15, 2008 to allow the COG members an opportunity to present the document, if desired, to their individual legislative bodies for consideration.

(B) Review and Approval of Proposed Revised 2008-10 WSCCOG Work Program

Discussion ensued as to whether the draft document should be revised to include "baseline information", whether it was sufficiently specific to drive COG actions and whether or it should identify specific activities to be pursued.

The Executive Director commented that if approved as proposed, her plan was to consult with the City Managers and Executive Staff and return on July 17 to the Board with a draft/detailed plan including specific activities, to implement as many components of the Program as could be realistically implemented in year one of the two year plan.

After much discussion, it was moved by Malsin, seconded by Rosendahl and agreed by consensus that the Members should take an additional thirty days to consider the Draft Work Program as presented; if specific changes are forthcoming, the item would be returned for continued discussion at the May meeting; and if no suggested changes are

forthcoming by April 30, 2008, the Work program shall be deemed approved as presented.

(C) Appointment to LA County Division of the League

By consensus, the Members agreed to carry this item over to the meeting of May 15, 2008.

(D) Appointment to SCAG Transportation and Communication Policy Committee

By consensus, the Members agreed to carry this item over to the meeting of May 15, 2008.

(E) Appointment to the COG's Homeless Issues Committee

By consensus, the Members agreed to carry this item over to the meeting of May 15, 2008.

(F) Approval of Revision to WSCCOG 2007-08 FY Budget

Moved by Bloom, seconded by Heilman to approve the revised 2007-08 FY Budget. A roll call vote was conducted: Voting members present (Briskman, Bloom, Heilman, Malsin and Rosendahl) voted in favor of the motion.

(G) Legislative Briefings:

(1) Propositions 98 and 99

Beverly Hills City Manager Roderick Wood provided information on Propositions 98 and 99. He explained the significance of the two measures, distributed information documents and responded to questions. Los Angeles, Beverly Hills and Santa Monica representatives noted dates on which their legislative bodies were scheduled to discuss/take action on these items.

(2) Assembly Member Michael Feuer's Legislative Package

Ellen Isaacs, Field Deputy to Assembly member Feuer provide information on the package of bills sponsored/authored by the Assembly Member, provided a hand out detailing the separate measures, responded to questions and noted important dates when one or more of the bills was to be heard in Sacramento.

6. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

Committee Co-Chair Bloom thanked Co-Chair Gross for her commitment and leadership on homeless issues and projects and both provided a brief overview of the February Committee meeting. They also referred the members to the full Committee meeting notes included with the agenda packet.

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

MTA Chair Pam O'Connor reported that it had been quite a month of advocacy on behalf of transportation. She noted that in late February, Metro Directors John Fasana (Councilmember, City of Duarte) and Bonnie Lowenthal (Mayor Pro Tem, City of Long Beach) joined her in Sacramento to meet with Legislators in support of transportation

funding in the budget and in support of providing regional and local governments with the tools to increase funding for transportation. In particular, she noted they indicated their support of Assemblyman Feuer's legislative package, including AB 2321, a measure that updates the "Murray Bill" from several years ago.

She reported that she had traveled to Washington, D.C. in support of both Metro programs and projects and Expo, and believed that those meetings were, in the main, positive and constructive. She commented that she was very impressed with the Expo lobbying team, in both their knowledge of the process and the project. She stated that she received positive feedback from the Department of Transportation relating to Metro's Congestion Reduction Pricing proposal and hoped to hear word on funding within a few weeks. She noted that funding continues to be tight in Washington, D.C. but mostly of what was heard at both APTA and NLC recognized the importance of a federal role in transportation development. Metro lobbyists have also advised that Speaker Pelosi is intent upon a second economic stimulus package that is mostly composed of infrastructure program and projects.

Chair O'Connor advised that this month's Metro Board meeting was primarily focused on administrative issues; that Metro has released the Long Range Transportation Plan draft and she urged the COG to submit comments by the April 25th deadline.

In conclusion, she noted that the Metro Board was waiting to learn of the final recommendations from the Governance Sector Council on service cuts. She noted that the process is ongoing, for example: the 220 line was scheduled to be cut on the Westside, but the Council deferred that action because Culver City may begin service soon which would cover a portion of route.

(C) February Meeting Notes Report and Recommendations from the COG Transportation Committee and Related Items

Due to the lateness of the hour, Co-Committee Chairs Heilman and Briskman referred the members to the February Committee meeting notes included with the agenda packet.

(D) Intergovernmental Relations

It was noted that interviews had commenced to fill Ann Marie Wallace's position with the League.

(D) Presentation RE SCAG's Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) (Jacob Leib, SCAG, Program Manager)

Jacob Lieb briefed the Members on SCAG's Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). He explained the significance of the RCP and that the process of drafting the document had been a three-year collaborative effort. He urged the members and staff to review the document over the next seven months, to attend RCP workshops and to comment on the Draft. He briefly reviewed the nine chapters in the RCP and noting that each section includes recommended goals, outcomes and action plans.

CD's of the Draft RCP were distributed to the Members.

7. RECEIVE/ FILE AND PROVIDE DIRECTION RE: CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were received and filed by consensus of the Board:

- (A) Request for Funding Support – 2/20/08 Letter from Upward Bound House Board Chair and Executive Director
- (B) Flier: EXPO Phase 2 Community Workshops
- (C) Chair Briskman’s 1/24/08 Letter to Chair O’Connor RE LRTP
- (D) Chair Briskman’s 2/15/08 Letter to SCAG Exec Director RE Draft RTP
- (E) WSCCOG 1/30/08 Commendation for Ann Marie Wallace Wilson
- (F) Information Sheet RE Assembly member’s 2008 Transportation Legislative Package
- (G) Information Sheet RE SB1738; 3/20-08 UHHP Meeting Handout RE SB 1738
- (H) Copy of 3/4/08 article in the Santa Monica Daily Press written by Santa Monica Council Member Kevin McKeown

8. EVENT REMINDER AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Director reminded that Form 700’s are due April 1, 2008; she announced that the Annual Meeting of the WSCCOG Board would take place on May 15, 2008, and would include adoption of the 2008-09 Annual Budget and Determination of Member Dues for the 2008-09 FY.

She also reminded all to note their calendars for June 5, 2008: the WSCCOG Annual Issues Conference on Sustainability to take place at the Kirk Douglas Theater in Culver City.

9. DISCUSSION RE CALENDARING OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Chair announced the following future meeting dates and locations:

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| May 15, 2008 | County of Los Angeles |
| July 17, 2008 | City of Santa Monica |
| September 18, 2008 | West Hollywood |
| November 11, 2008 | Beverly Hills |

The following tentative agenda items for the May Board meeting were announced:

- 1. Election of Officers
- 2. Committee Assignments
- 3. Establishment of Member Dues for 2008-09 FY
- 4. Approval of Budget for 2008-09
- 5. Approval of Legislative Platform for 2008-09
- 6. Approval of Work Program for 2008-10

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one in the audience requested to address the Board.

13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM. The Chair announced that the next meeting of the WSCCOG Governing Board will take place on May 15th and will be hosted by the County of Los Angeles