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Westside Cities COG Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: February 14, 2008
Beverly Hills City Hall
455 No. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA

Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30

II. Briefing RE WSCCOG's SCAG Grant Funded "Workforce Housing Study"

Peter Noonan, City of Beverly Hills and Westside Cities representative to the SCAG Subregional Coordinators Group briefed the Committee on the Workforce Housing Study to be funded by SCAG, its purpose and proposed time line. He responded to questions and advised that the Committee and COG Board would be briefed as milestones are reached throughout the study process and that a presentation of study findings will be made to the Board upon study conclusion.

III. Follow-up to January 17 Board Meeting:

Jody Hall Esser provided an overview of lobbyists' recommendations from the January 17th morning strategy session in general and their specific recommendations for improvements to the fact sheets for the COG's three priority transportation projects.

The Committee members were asked to provide input to staff regarding other improvements to the fact sheets in order to ensure clarity, consistency, to add suggested detail to these documents.

IV. Comments on the RTP to be Submitted by the COG

Jody Hall Esser advised of the process to be used to generate comments on the Draft RTP. She said that as soon as the individual member jurisdictions complete their review, staff will consult to prepare/submit comment agreed on by all members.

V. Update: Westside Subway Extension Project: Confirmation of Alternative Analysis Prep and Next Steps

Jody Litvak provided a handout and summarized the scoping process/results to date.

VI. Exposition Light Rail Project Update; Proposed Phase I and Phase II Tour

Gabby Gonzales provided a handout and updated the members on the Exposition Light Rail Project, Phase I construction and Phase II funding/planning.

VII. Update: Long Range Transportation Plan

Jody Litvak advised that the Draft LRTP was expected to be released in mid-March; that the prospect for new uncommitted funds looked bleak. She advised that the Metro Board and many others are investigating new sources of funding for transportation.

The Committee members discussed advantages and disadvantages of individual city/Westside versus a countywide sales tax measure. Jody Litvak identified sources the members might want to contact to further discussion/receive input on this topic.

Chair Briskman commented on her recent trip to Washington D. C. and noted that the COG must build on current support for our priority projects by updating and ensuring support from Senators Feinstein and Boxer; and Representatives Waxman, Watson and Roybal-Allard.. She also noted that Congresswoman Laura Richardson is a fan and one whose support the COG should garner.

VIII. Recommended Advocacy Efforts

The Committee referred “next steps” to the City Managers/Executive Staff Committee and the Executive Director.

IX. Next Steps, Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items

The Committee members agreed to agendize a presentation by Metro on its proposed “Congestion Mitigation Fee” for April 10, 2008, and to seek Board authorization for the Committee to comment on this proposal by the April 25h deadline.

X. Public Comment RE Items Not On the Agenda

Chair Briskman commented that this was the last meeting Steve Cunningham, Director of Transportation, City of Culver City would be attending as he would be retiring from public service in early April. She noted that it had been a pleasure to work with him – that he was a talented professional, a man of character and competence. Steve thanked everyone for the opportunity to have worked with the Committee Co-chairs and city staff, adding that all had made is job enjoyable. All agreed Steve’s collaborative nature and skill made everybody else’s job easier – made the COG “look good”.

XI. Adjournment

XII. The Committee was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Next Meeting: April 10, 2008, at 9:30 AM Beverly Hills City Hall

In Attendance:

Committee Co-chairs: Linda Briskman, Council member, City of Beverly Hills
John Heilman, Council member, City of West Hollywood

Staff: Beverly Hills: Aaron Kunz, Peter Noonan
Culver City: Steve Cunningham, Shelly Wolfberg, Diana Chang
City of Los Angeles: Jay Greenstein (CD 5)
City of Santa Monica: Kate Vernez
City of West Hollywood: Joan English, Susan Healy Keene
WSCCOG: Jody Hall Esser

Other: Claudette Moody (Deputy to metro Chair); Jody Litvak (Metro); Gabby Gonzales (EXPO Construction Authority); Stan Myles (AQMD); Molly O’Brien (Senator Feinstein-LA Office); Mike Hakim (BH resident); David Murphy (Moving LA Forward).