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WSCCOG Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: Thurs., December 11, 2008 at 9:30 AM

Location: Beverly Hills City Hall
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM by Co-chair Heilman.

II. Follow-up to COG Board Meeting of 9/18/08 and 11/2/08

Jody Hall Esser provided a brief overview of the Board meeting of November 20, 2008, highlighting items related to the Committee's purpose and current activities.

III. Update: Measure M; Westside Subway Extension Project; Expo Phase I - Decision of PUC; and Other WSCCOG Priority Transportation Projects

Jody Litvak advised on the January Metro Board meeting and the importance of attendance.

Co-chair Briskman suggested that the COG have a list of things we want included in the new administration's stimulus package-- that the US Conference of Mayor's has requested these be projects that are "ready to go".

RE Expo Phase I: the PUC decision has been delayed, the staff recommendation has not changed. Jody Litvak also commented on the Phase II NEPA and CEQA processes.

IV. Appointment of Staff Representative(s) to SCAG's Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee for the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan

Diana Chang, City of Culver City Transportation Department volunteered and was appointed as representative and Aaron Kunz, City of Beverly Hills volunteered and was appointed as alternate to this committee.

V. Discussion RE: Delineation of WSCCOG Boundaries

Jody Hall Esser explained the reason for suggesting the COG formalize its boundaries and advised of the guides to establishing those boundaries suggested by the Transportation and Sustainability committees. Gordon Anderson elaborated on the input from Council Member McKeown regarding the rather unique broad-based boundaries of interest/issue related to the work and interest of the Sustainability Committee.

The Committee co-chair and staff suggested the following be considered when formulating alternatives which will be discussed with the City Managers/Executive Staff Committee and then presented to the Board Members for approval:

1. Avoid boundaries that will change, use major streets
2. Consider including the 6 Westside planning areas included in the Workforce Housing Study

3. Use census maps
4. Determine how much stakeholder interest the COG wants the (new) Supervisor Ridley-Thomas to take
5. Consider where our clout is coming from
6. What involvement do we want in the development of the Lincoln Corridor and future development at LAX and Playa Vista
7. Buy-in and comfort level by the City and County of Los Angeles representatives to the COG is crucial
8. Consider Mulholland as the northerly boundary as it is the top of the watershed and an area of potential future development
9. Include Westwood

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

Changing Committee meeting dates was discussed. It was agreed that early on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings the first or third weeks of alternate months would be preferred. The Interim Director will get back to all as soon as possible with the February date.

Mike Bohlke, Consultant to Metro Board Member O'Connor suggested inviting a representative from the City of Inglewood and a representative from LA Council District 5 to a future meeting to discuss plans for improvement of the La Cienega corridor. All agreed.

VII. Receive and File:

- A. August 14, 2008 Committee Meeting Notes
 - B. November 10, 2008 Letter Rich Macias to Jody Hall Esser
 - C. Save the date card for the Beverly Hills "Future of Transportation: 2030" symposium scheduled to take place on February 6th from 8:30 to 11 AM at the Montage Hotel.
- These three items were received and files by consensus of the Co-chairs.

VIII. Announcements:

Jody Hall Esser noted that the Expo Phase I and II Tour would be rescheduled in the New Year. She also thanked all for their support during her term as Executive Director and introduced Gordon Anderson, Interim Executive Director as of Jan 1, 2008

Topics for the COG's annual issues conference 2009 were briefly discussed. It was noted that the first two conferences had addressed the other two main focuses of the COG, transportation and sustainability, and that a summit on homelessness was suggested for the 2009 conference. All agreed this was an important topic. It was also noted that the related topic of affordable housing had been suggested when the choice was between Sustainability and Homeless Issues in 2008.

IX. Public Comment RE Items Not On the Agenda

Barbara Brodie addressed the Committee regarding the proposed massive residential development at Pico and Sawtelle, urging the site be used for transit related purposes and recognizing that an unprecedented public/private partnership and financial investment would be necessary to accomplish this better/alternative use of this site. She commented on concerns regarding approval/conversion of some 800 billboards to electronic use, noting that her organization was working with Ellen Isaacs (Assemblyman Feuer) regarding a potential moratorium. She also commented on the proposed intensification of the Century City Shopping Center and noted that the pending lawsuit will not be settled until a viable TDM/TOD plan is in place.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Meeting Attendance: The sign-in sheet for this meeting is on file with the Secretary to the COG