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WSSCOG Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 9:30 AM

Location: Beverly Hills Library Auditorium
444 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

MEETING NOTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Briskman at 9:45 AM

II. Follow-up to COG Board Meeting of 3/20/08

Executive Director Hall Esser briefed those present RE actions of the Board on March 20, 2008: Receipt and File of the three priority Transportation Project fact sheets and status of review of the 2008-09 Legislative Platform and 2008-10 Work Program.

III. Introductions

Co-Chairs Briskman and Heilman called for round-the-room self-introductions.

IV. Presentations:

A. Metro Presentation RE Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Metro representative Brad McAllester distributed a document titled *I Want a Mobile Future: 2008 Long Range Transportation Plan DRAFT* and briefed the Members regarding the Draft Plan. He reviewed the history of preparation, noted that enthusiasm for significant transportation improvement projects was up in the County, but unfortunately, so was the cost for projects included in the Plan. Metro representatives Jody Feerst Litvak and Brad McAllester suggested the COG would be well served by making sure member jurisdiction's chambers of commerce, major employers, student/employee groups and citizens at-large review and comment on the document by the April 25th. Co-Chair Heilman commented on the apparent single route for the Westside Transit Corridor (Subway) Extension Project. Mr. McAllester acknowledged representation of potential Santa Monica and Wilshire Boulevard as possible routes was a graphic challenge and a fair criticism they will try to deal with in the final document.

Competition between subregions for project funding was discussed.

Upcoming dates were noted when Westside representation regarding our position/comment on the LRTP would be crucial: June 18th Planning Committee and June 26th Metro Board Meeting

B. Metro Presentation RE Development Mitigation Fee Proposal

Mr. McAllester provided an overview of the history and purpose of the proposed Metro Development Mitigation Fee. He noted the basis for the proposed fee is trip generation and would establish a minimum fee. He responded to questions regarding

whether this proposed fee would supplant or be in addition to pre-existing development mitigation/impact fees imposed by individual jurisdictions and noted this document will also be discussed by the Metro Board in June. The Committee and staff noted it would be important to include use of generated funds for operations, local control and the opportunity to use funds in collaboration with other jurisdictions.

V. Discussion RE Process and Timing of Comments to be Submitted by the COG on LRTP and Development Mitigation Fee Proposal

The Members discussed contents and preparation coordination for the COG's comments on the LRTP. It was agreed the focus of COG comments should be to urge funding of all three projects. It was also agreed that every opportunity should be taken to urge Metro to find, facilitate and support new additional sources of funding for LRTP projects.

It was agreed that specific comments given to Metro staff as part of the discussion would serve as the WSCCOG's comment of the draft plan: the importance of local control; the option to use funds for operations; the opportunity to use funds generated in collaboration with other jurisdictions; clarity that this fee would be a base fee and would not supplant existing local jurisdiction established fees.

VI. Exposition Light Rail Project: Continued Discussion RE Proposed Phase I and Phase II Tour

It was agreed that the request for a tour of Expo Phase I and II should be set for July/August.

VII. Updates:

A. Westside Subway Extension Project

Jody Feerst Litvak advised of the status of the project and dates for upcoming public meetings were announced.

Timing and potential application of bills in Assembly Member Feuer's Transportation Legislative Package were discussed. Dates for upcoming consideration of various pieces of the package were discussed. Continued monitoring and support were urged by his Deputy, Ellen Issacs.

B. Exposition Light Rail Project Update

Chair Briskman commented on having learned while on a recent trip to Washington D.C. funding for Expo Phase II was caught in a quagmire between two Senators resulting in inaction on the Highway Technical Corrections Bill --specifically an earmark that has been dogging Don Young (Florida) and bogging down the funding bill. She committed to follow-up to determine the status of the issue/problem.

VIII. Recommended Advocacy Efforts

Chair Briskman noted that she would like to see Transportation Summits, similar to the one recently sponsored by Council Member Weiss in the City of Los Angeles, be held in each of the Westside cities

No additional immediate advocacy efforts were recommended.

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

The date of the upcoming Westside Cities COG Summit on Sustainability was noted. Chair Briskman urged the participation by member cities elected and appointed (Public Works Commissioners) officials.

X. Public Comment RE Items Not On the Agenda

No one requested to address the Committee Members.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM. Co-Chair Briskman advised that the next meeting would take place on June 12, 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, Martha Eros
Culver City: Diana Chang
City of Los Angeles: No representative present
County of Los Angeles: No representative present
City of Santa Monica: Kate Vernez, Ellen Gelbard
City of West Hollywood: Terri Slimmer, Susan Healy Keene
WSCCOG: Jody Hall Esser

Other:

Jody Litvak and Brad McAllester (Metro); Ellen Isaacs (Assembly Member Feuer); David Murphy (Moving LA Forward).