



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

MEETING NOTES

THURSDAY MAY 21, 2015
12:00 NOON

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. REXFORD DRIVE
BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Beverly Hills:*** Mayor Julian Gold, Vice Mayor John Mirisch. Staff: Mahdi Aluzri, Cheryl Friedling, Aaron Kunz
- Culver City:*** Councilmember Jeff Cooper, Councilmember Jim B. Clarke. Staff: Shelly Wolfberg
- Santa Monica:*** Mayor Kevin McKeown. Staff: Danielle Noble
- West Hollywood:*** Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister. Staff: Scott Schmidt, Christof Schroeder, David Wilson, Bianca Siegl
- City of LA:*** District 11 Staff: Debbie Dyner Harris, Ellen Isaacs. District 5 Staff: Jay Greenstein.
- County of LA:*** District 3 Staff: Felicia Parks-Rogers
- WSCCOG:*** Executive Director Cecilia Estolano, Katherine Perez-Estolano. Staff: Winnie Fong
- Other Attendees:*** Jenkins & Hogin, LLP: Lauren Langer. Metro Board Southwest Corridor: Mike Bohlke. Metro: Jody Litvak, Eric Geier. 54th Assembly District: Scott Malsin.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Jeff Cooper called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

Councilmember Jeff Cooper welcomed the board to the meeting then initiated self-introductions by the attendees.

3. APPROVAL OF MARCH 31, 2015 DRAFT MINUTES MEETING

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister and seconded by Mayor Julian Gold to approve the March 31, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Katherine Perez-Estolano provided an update on the recent grant awarded to SCAG for the Plug-in Electric Vehicle (PEV) Readiness Plan Implementation in which WSCCOG will provide support and outreach, as well as presented April's WSCCOG Hot Sheet.

5. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES UPDATE

(A) Transportation/Mobility

I. Mobility Matrix, Potential Ballot Measure, and Community Dialogue Update

Ms. Perez-Estolano updated the board on the Westside Mobility Matrix and potential ballot measure. Ms. Perez-Estolano notified the board that Metro has deferred the date to submit priority projects. Ms. Perez-Estolano also announced that the COG is rescheduling the community dialogues at a more appropriate time and possibly piggyback on Metro's community engagement efforts. Ms. Perez-Estolano announced that Metro's new CEO Phil Washington started his first day at Metro in early May. WSCCOG staff will be coordinating a meeting with Mr. Washington to discuss the Westside subregional priorities and the new approach for the ballot measure development process.

II. Metro Complete Streets Policy Update

Ms. Perez-Estolano provided an update on Metro's Complete Streets Policy and referenced informational materials included in the agenda packet.

III. SCAG 2016 RTP/SCS Update

Ms. Perez-Estolano updated the board on SCAG's process for the 2016 RTP/SCS update and announced upcoming public open houses throughout the region, including one held in Culver City on June 15th in the Westside subregion.

(B) Tourism/Economic Development

Cecilia Estolano provided an update regarding the recent Tourism/Economic Development Committee meeting in April 2015 and thanked the City of West Hollywood for hosting. Ms. Estolano announced that WSCCOG will be developing a Hidden Gems webpage that would aggregate existing links related to hidden gems, as well as list links to the member cities' Conference & Visitor Bureaus and Chambers of Commerce on the page to encourage subregional cross-promotion. Ms. Estolano also updated the board that the COG and the Tourism/Economic Development Committee will be working on a subregional cultural tourism transportation guide.

6. ACTION ITEMS

(A) Annual Work Plan for FY 2015-16

Katherine Perez-Estolano presented the annual work plan and mentioned that it reflects key issues brought forth the conversations between the WSCCOG Executive Director, board members, and staff from the member cities. Ms. Perez-Estolano mentioned that in previous conversations, member cities have requested that WSCCOG refine the components of the Tourism/Economic Development Strategic Initiative that is both additive and complementary. Cecilia Estolano presented the strategic initiative on Sustainability with a focus on policy and practices pertaining to stormwater and urban runoff, as well as monitor cap-and-trade funds. Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister suggested that the COG conduct research on the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) energy program. Vice Mayor John Mirisch and Mayor Kevin McKeown mentioned that both Beverly Hills and Santa Monica have joined other South Bay cities in participating in a CCA Feasibility Study that is spearheaded by the South Bay Clean Power.

(B) Fiscal Actions

I. Revision to FY 2014-15 Annual Budget

Ms. Perez-Estolano presented a revised FY 14-15 budget and detailed the amendments by line item. A motion was made by Mayor Julian Gold and seconded by Mayor Kevin McKeown. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Determination of FY 2015-16 Annual Dues

Ms. Perez-Estolano advised the board to waive the 60-day notice for annual dues and to retain the annual dues at \$20,000 per member city. A motion was made by Mayor Kevin McKeown and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister. The motion passed unanimously.

III. FY 2015-16 Annual Budget

Ms. Perez-Estolano presented the proposed FY 2015-16 annual budget. A motion was made by Mayor Kevin McKeown and seconded by Mayor Julian Gold. The motion passed unanimously.

(C) Election of WSCCOG Board Officers for FY 2015-16

I. Election of WSCCOG Chair

Mayor Kevin McKeown nominated Councilmember Jeff Cooper to serve as WSCCOG Chair. A motion was made by Mayor McKeown and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Election of WSCCOG Vice Chair

Councilmember Jeff Cooper nominated Mayor Kevin McKeown to serve as WSCCOG Vice Chair. A motion was made by Councilmember Jeff Cooper and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Election of WSCCOG Secretary

Mayor Kevin McKeown nominated Councilmember William Brien to serve as WSCCOG Secretary. A motion was made by Mayor McKeown and seconded by Mayor Julian Gold. The motion passed unanimously.

(D) WSCCOG Appointment to Metro Westside/Central Service Council

Katherine Perez-Estolano provided a brief background on the Metro Westside/Central Service Council and asked the board to recommend potential nominations. Mayor John Mirisch nominated Aaron Kunz of City of Beverly Hills. A motion was made by Councilmember Jeff Cooper and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister. The motion passed unanimously.

(E) Discussion and Proposed Action on Senate Bill 593—EMERGENCY ITEM ADDED

A motion was made by Mayor Kevin McKeown to have an emergency item added to the agenda to discuss and take action on SB 593. Votes were made by Mayor Julian Gold, Councilmember Cooper, and Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister to add the emergency item to the agenda. Mayor McKeown addressed the urgency for WSCCOG to take action on SB 593 Thriving Communities and Sharing Economy Act, which is expected to be taken up in the Senate Floor in early June before the next WSCCOG board meeting in July. Mayor McKeown provided a brief background on SB 593 and requested the COG's support in communicating to Senator McGuire to amend the SB 593 to include explicit language that would retain local control. Councilmember Jeff Cooper stated that he would like more information before supporting the bill. WSCCOG Lauren Langer clarified that the proposed action is for the COG to communicate the support for local control, but not take position on the bill. Mayor Pro Tempore Meister responded that WSCCOG could agendaize at the next board meeting for the board to take a position on the bill. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister and seconded by Mayor McKeown to communicate to Senator McGuire the COG's support for local control in SB 593. The motion passed unanimously.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. FUTURE MEETING LOCATION AND AGENDA ITEMS

Katherine Perez-Estolano announced that the next board meeting will be hosted by the County of Los Angeles. Mr. Perez-Estolano encouraged the board to reach out to the WSCCOG staff to discuss goals for the strategic initiatives.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

WSCCOG Legal Counsel Lauren Langer announced that she will be taking maternity leave and that Mike Jenkins will be available to represent as WSCCOG's legal counsel in her absence. Jeff Kiernan (League of California Cities) provided updates on legislation related to transportation funding (SB 16), sleeping or resting in a lawfully parked motor vehicle (AB 718), and the RDA rules on interest rates for successor agency loans. Vice Mayor John Mirisch made a comment to discuss the disproportionate representation on the Metro Board at the next board meeting. Scott Malsin (54th Assembly District) provided information on AB 446 to extend the life of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy and requested the COG for letters of support. Brian Rose (Leo Baeck Temple) provided a statement for the COG to prioritize the Sepulveda Pass project in the Westside.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.
