



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

MEETING NOTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016
12:00 NOON

SANTA MONICA MAIN LIBRARY
601 SANTA MONICA BLVD.
SANTA MONICA, CA 90401

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Beverly Hills:*** Mayor Julian Gold, M.D., Mayor-Elect John Mirisch; Staff: Cheryl Friedling, Aaron Kunz.
- Culver City:*** Councilmember Jeffrey Cooper, Councilmember Jim B. Clarke. Staff: John Nachbar
- Santa Monica:*** Staff: Rick Cole, Danielle Noble, Francie Stefan, Stephanie Venegas
- West Hollywood:*** Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister. Staff: Hernan Molina, David Wilson, Lorena Quijano
- City of LA:*** District 11: Councilmember Mike Bonin. District 11 Staff: Debbie Dyer Harris. District 5 Staff: Jay Greenstein. Chief Legislative Analyst Office: Chris Concepción
- County of LA:*** District 3 Staff: Rachel Zaiden
- WSCCOG:*** Executive Directors Cecilia Estolano, Katherine Perez-Estolano. Staff: Winnie Fong. Counsel: Lauren Langer
- Other Attendees:*** Jody Litvak (Metro); Scott Malsin (54th Assembly District); Josh Kurpies (50th Assembly District); Javiera Cartagena (SCAG); Taylor Wolfson (Cerrell)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Jeffrey Cooper (WSCCOG Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

Councilmember Jeffrey Cooper (WSCCOG Chair) welcomed the board to the meeting then initiated self-introductions by the attendees.

3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 14, 2015 DRAFT MINUTES MEETING

A motion was made by Mayor Julian Gold, M.D. and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Meister to approve the January 14, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. ACTION ITEMS

(A) WSCCOG Appointee to SCAG Transportation Committee

Katherine Perez- Estolano introduced the item and invited the nominees Mayor-Elect John Mirisch and Councilmember Jim B. Clarke to speak to the board about their qualifications and their interest in the SCAG Transportation Committee, followed by the voting process. Mayor-Elect Mirisch received a vote from Mayor Gold and Mayor Pro Tem Meister. Councilmember Clarke received a vote from Councilmember Mike Bonin and Chair Cooper. The votes resulted in a tie (2-2). Another voting process will take place at the next COG Board meeting.

(B) WSCCOG FY 2015-16 Budget Reallocation of Funds

A motion was made by Mayor Gold and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Meister to approve the reallocation of the funds in the FY 2015-16 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

(C) ELP Advisors Contract Extension for WSCCOG Executive Director Services

A motion was made by Chair Cooper and seconded by Mayor Gold to approve the contract extension with a request for the COG Board to hold a closed session meeting to discuss ELP Advisor's contract for FY 2016-17. The motion passed unanimously.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Katherine Perez-Estolano and Cecilia Estolano updated the board on the status of WSCCOG activities, projects and other items of interest. Ms. Perez-Estolano provided an update on the draft expenditure plan for the potential ballot measure. Jody Litvak provided additional comments regarding the upcoming public outreach efforts after Metro Board's action on the draft expenditure plan. Ms. Litvak also added that Metro plans to hold a series of community meetings in April to solicit public comments to take back to the Metro Board in June. Councilmember Bonin recommended that the board discuss the draft expenditure at the upcoming WSCCOG board meeting to address any concerns that he could take back to the Metro Board. Ms. Estolano continued with the director's report regarding updates on the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Countywide meetings and the upcoming COG appointments for the Metro Service Council and SCAG Energy and Environment Committee.

(A) Treasurer's Update – Determination of Dues

Cecilia Estolano presented the item followed by the WSCCOG Treasurer David Wilson's analysis and recommendation to increase the member dues to meet the anticipated expenditures. Mayor Gold requested to hold a closed session meeting for the COG Board to discuss the member dues. WSCCOG Counsel Lauren Langer advised that the COG Board could only hold a closed session to discuss ELP Advisor's contract and that the COG Board is not allowed to discuss or take action on the budget.

6. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES UPDATE

(A) Transportation/Mobility

I. Call for Projects

Ms. Estolano provided an update to the COG Board on the recent meeting held by Metro with the Subregional Executive Directors on the Call for Projects process. WSCCOG staff will continue to provide updates and involve the WSCCOG Transportation Committee in the development of the next Call application process.

II. Active Transportation Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Perez-Estolano announced that Metro released the draft Active Transportation Strategic Plan and encouraged the member cities to review and provide comments to Metro.

(B) Tourism/Economic Development

I. Minimum Wage Working Group Update

Ms. Estolano provided a brief update on the recent WSCCOG Minimum Wage Working Group. Ms. Estolano added that it is now at the member cities' discretion to move forward with their minimum wage efforts. The COG staff can continue to offer support and facilitate meetings with the working group, if necessary. Mayor Pro Tem Meister requested more information on recent studies and reports related to minimum wage. Ms. Estolano responded that the WSCCOG staff will provide that information to the member cities.

(C) Sustainability

I. Countywide Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment Update

Winnie Fong provided the COG Board with a brief update on the status of the Countywide assessment report and recent polling results. Ms. Fong introduced the COG Board to Taylor Wolfson from Cerrell, who is working with the County, to provide information on the funding for the parks and recreation facilities.

7. LEGISLATION

(A) AB 45 Household Hazardous Waste

Cecilia Estolano introduced the agenda item regarding the discussion on AB 45 and deferred to Hernan Molina from the City of West Hollywood to provide more information on the legislation. The COG Board directed the COG staff to draft an opposition letter and urged the other member cities to do so as well. The motion was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Meister and seconded by Chair Cooper. The motion passed unanimously.

(B) Ellis Act Reform

Cecilia Estolano introduced the agenda item regarding the Ellis Act and deferred to Hernan Molina from the City of West Hollywood to provide more information regarding the Ellis Act. Danielle Noble from the City of Santa Monica stated that the Santa Monica City Council recently adopted a resolution similar to West Hollywood on the Ellis Act. The city staff recommends that the other member cities consider passing similar resolutions.

8. RECEIVE AND FILE

Katherine Perez-Estolano presented the agenda item to receive and file the FY 2014-15 financial statements. WSCCOG Treasurer David Wilson provided a brief overview of the statements.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cecilia Estolano reminded the COG Board members that the Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700) are due on April 1st. Mayor Gold announced that Councilmember William Brien, M.D. will be resigning his council seat in March and the City of Beverly Hills will work with the WSCCOG to reassign his COG appointed positions. Jody Litvak (Metro) announced the opening of Expo Phase II on May 20th. Rachel Zaiden (Los Angeles County –

District 3) announced an upcoming mayoral summit to combat homelessness, which will be held on March 31st in South Gate.

10. FUTURE MEETING LOCATION AND AGENDA ITEMS

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.
