

# Minutes

Thursday, March 8, 2018  
2:00PM

Gateway Cities Service Council  
Regular Meeting

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Salt Lake Park Community Center Lounge  
3401 E Florence Ave  
Huntington Park, CA 90255

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Called To Order at 2:02 PM

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**Council Members:**

Lori Y. Woods, Vice Chair  
Richard Burnett  
Gene Daniels  
JoAnn Eros-Delgado  
Karina Macias  
Samuel Peña  
Wally Shidler  
Joe Strapac

**Officers:**

Gary Spivack, Deputy Executive Officer  
Dolores Ramos, Sr. Administrative Analyst  
Medford Auguste, Sr. Transportation Planner  
Julia Brown, Community Relations Manager  
Kelly Blanton, Transportation Associate

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1. PLEDGE of Allegiance
2. ROLL Called
3. APPROVED Minutes from February 8, 2018 Regular Meeting, Councilmembers
4. RECEIVED I-710 Livability Initiative Overview, Yvette Kirrin, Gateway Cities Council of Governments

The I-710 Livability Initiative is focused on items outside of Caltrans' jurisdiction and the scope of the I-710 EIR. This project improves active transportation and complete streets in the immediate area (within 1 mile of either side of the freeway), 38 corridors in total. Stakeholder groups and the outreach team work with the communities to educate them about the different solutions available for encouraging active transportation and creating a complete street such as bulb outs, medians, improved landscaping and parking protected bike lanes.

Councilmember Strapac commented that getting container trucks off I-710 is no longer a priority, while the Alameda corridor is used less and less by the Ports. He asked if the study includes mitigation of unnecessary truck traffic as a consideration for livability. Ms. Kirrin responded that this study is for non-automotive modes and focuses on creating more walkable and friendly spaces. They anticipate that the transition to zero-emission trucks will help improve air quality.

Councilmember Peña asked if there are any specific deliverables targeted for the study, and if the study will include estimated budgets to implement recommendations. He commended the City of Paramount for the work they've done in alignment with the initiative. Ms. Kirrin replied that the study will be completed around August and that the grant will be closed out with Caltrans around January 2019. The study must include cost estimates for the corridor concepts developed to assist municipalities to with implementation.

Councilmember Peña noted that approximately 82% of all goods in the US travel through the corridor; he thinks the cities along the alignment should not have to be the bearers of the cost to make improvements.

Councilmember Shidler asked what the Metro Board had approved for the I-710 Corridor project. Ms. Kirrin responded that Alternative 5C was chosen which includes interchanges, zero emission truck features and updated transit features. Ms. Brown added that they are required to go back to the Board to obtain approval for widening of the freeway, and that they have approval to continue with more formal study of the early action projects that will now be going to the Board for review and approval.

Mr. Timberlake asked if any of the additional community meeting locations are close to Artesia Station, if additional community meetings will be scheduled, and how the public can be notified about upcoming meetings. Ms. Brown replied that Long Beach is the first community meeting; there will be a popup event at the South Gate Azalea Festival and additional events in the central and northern corridors.

5. RECEIVE West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Update, Teresa Wong, Senior Manager, Transit Corridors Planning

The West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project is doing public outreach meetings to gain feedback on the newly proposed northern alignments. The EIS/EIR process is being completed to satisfy both CEQA and NEPA requirements. Based on public scoping comments received, a series of community meetings will be held in March to share the new northern alignment concepts, and staff will return to the Metro Board in May with recommendations. The project is included in Measure M and is scheduled to break ground in 2022. It has been included as one of the “Twenty-Eight by ’28” initiative projects targeted for completion by then. The project is also a candidate for public-private partnership.

Vice Chair Woods inquired about the start direction of construction and right of way (ROW) ownership. Ms. Wong replied it is yet to be determined; identification of a maintenance yard facility will be needed before construction. The project may be completed in phases, or all at once; that decision has not yet been made. The project is along existing ROWs owned by Metro and the Ports of Los Angeles/Long Beach.

Councilmember Shidler asked how the Union Pacific-owned ROW south of Salt Lake Park would be worked out, and there have been discussions with Orange County, as the ROW extends to there. Ms. Wong replied that discussions with Union Pacific are ongoing; tracks may need to be relocated. The project is being coordinated with all of the cities along the alignment; at this point, there are no plans to extend the project beyond its Los Angeles County border. . Metro will continue coordinating with OCTA to examine possible connections in the future.

Mr. Timberlake asked if Pacific-Alameda and Pacific-Vignes alignments are existing ROWs, as they are in use by freight trains, and how Metro would ensure that the project would not be blocked by freight use. Ms. Wong replied that heading north of City of Huntington Park, the alignment will not follow existing ROW but could potentially be at-grade or aerial following street ROWs; the exact alignment and design are yet to be determined.

6. RECEIVE Line Ride Report, Councilmember Jo Ann Eros Delgado

Councilmember Eros-Delgado attempted to take Line 120 to Whittwood Town Center. The line was running late, and when she called to find out the status, it was 54 minutes late and the follower bus wouldn't arrive for 90 minutes so she was unable to complete her ride. Line 120 is the only line that runs in that direction in that area and only has 50 minute headways. Councilmember Peña asked if this was a regular issue on this line. Mr. Spivack replied that it is not. He asked for the date of the attempted ride so that he could follow up to see what occurred. Vice Chair Woods asked if she had seen other people waiting for the bus. Councilmember Eros Delgado replied that she saw people waiting for the bus in the opposite direction trying to figure out when the bus would arrive.

Mr. Timberlake replied that east of Lakewood, Line 120 is the only route available. He stopped taking the bus to Kaiser because that bus is terrible. Even if the bus was on schedule, it is difficult to use.

7. APPROVED Councilmember Shidler as Gateway Cities Service Council Representative to Serve on NextGen Working Group, Councilmembers
  
8. RECEIVE Regional Service Performance Report, Gary Spivack, Deputy Executive Officer
  - I-605 Corridor Community Meetings concluded
  - I-105 ExpressLanes Scoping meetings being conducted in March
  - Metro FY19 Budget Presentation to be shared at April Council meeting
  - Pamela del Valle has left the Service Councils staff to take a full-time position as Assistant Administrative Analyst with Metro's Congestion Management department.
  
9. PUBLIC Comment for items not on the Agenda

Mr. Timberlake commented that he finds it hard to believe that Line 260 performance is as good as represented in the on-time performance chart. The City of Commerce recently changed their traffic light timing and it is causing huge backups on Atlantic. He wished everyone a happy International Women's Day.

Mr. Spivack replied that the numbers represent averages of the entire operating period; he will present the information by time of day which will provide more insight into performance.

Councilmember Daniels informed the Council that he intends to leave the Council in July.

10. CHAIR and Council Member Comments - None

**ADJOURNED at 3:18pm**