



Minutes

Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held
October 13, 2015

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 6:24 p.m. by Mayor Wood in the Executive Board Room at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Wood
Vice Mayor Ron Piazza
Council Member Steve Croft
Council Member Diane DuBois
Council Member Todd Rogers

GATEWAY COG STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN BRIEFING

Lisa Rapp, Director of Public Works, highlighted the importance of the Gateway Cities Strategic Transportation Plan (STP), which would serve as a guide for future regional transportation improvements and identified funding sources and developed financial mechanisms for local projects. The Plan was currently under technical review and was scheduled to be completed within the next few months.

Yvette Kirrin, engineer and consultant with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, stated that the STP offered local solutions to create an integrated 21st Century Multi-Modal Transportation System and had been the culmination of fifteen years of transportation planning.

Gary Hamrick, Cambridge Systematics and Gateway Cities Council of Governments consultant, reported that the STP had been a collaborative effort with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and that the project was the first of its kind for California in terms of scope, size and magnitude. Among the STP's primary goals were to provide traffic congestion relief and improve air quality and health conditions, leading to a stronger economy and improved quality of life for people living and working within the region. The STP encouraged interagency coordination and developed freeway improvement plans with local input to reduce impacts on communities. It encouraged collaboration with the Goods Movement Industry and helped cities identify the local impacts of the goods movement and logistics industries. The STP brought together freeway projects, arterial roadway and intersection improvements, active transportation projects, park-and-ride and transit improvements, and stormwater treatment into a unified plan. A Mobility Matrix had been developed which included the regional goals and objectives to guide future transportation investments, an assessment of transportation system conditions, and an initial screening of projects and programs.

Ms. Kirrin responded to Council Member DuBois' question by stating that the list of projects developed through the STP and Mobility Matrix as well as individual cities' capital improvement programs would be considered in the final plan.

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Responding to comments from Vice Mayor Piazza and Council Member Croft, Ms. Rapp explained that stormwater management was a critical part of reducing the impact of transportation projects on communities and the environment.

In response to Council Member Rogers' inquiry, Ms. Kirrin stated that the STP would be maintained as a living document to ensure that transportation needs were continually identified thereby allowing jurisdictions to apply and compete for funding when available.

Ms. Rapp added that should the opportunity arise, those cities and regions that had identified projects would be more competitive in obtaining grant funds with "ready to go" projects.

Ms. Kirrin confirmed for Mayor Wood that the STP did not prioritize projects, but rather the Plan served as a basis for analysis and took into consideration the various local jurisdictions' needs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Mayberry, CMC
City Clerk