

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE I-710 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
A Meeting Held at Bateman Hall, Room 2
11331 Ernestine Avenue
Lynwood, CA
March 25, 2004**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Pagett called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Pagett, Maywood, Paramount; Victor Rollinger, Carson; Robert Zarrilli, Commerce; Esomchi Enenwali, Compton; Anthony La, Downey; Patrick Fu, Huntington Park; Sumire Gant, Long Beach; Mohammad Mostahkami, South Gate; Kevin Wilson, Vernon; Maged El-Rabaa, County of Los Angeles; Kerry Cartwright, Port of Long Beach; Sharas Bangalore, Caltrans; Ernest Morales, MTA; Kathryn Higgins, AQMD.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Carlos Alvarado, Bell, Cudahy; John Oropeza, Bell Gardens; Yadi Farhadi, Lynwood; Kanya Dorland, Port of Los Angeles; Alan Bowser, SCAG; Sandra Balmir, FHWA/FTA.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sergeant D. E. Morrison, CHP; Ray Maekawa, MTA; Susan Gilmore, MTA; Ernesto Chavez, MTA; Richard Powers, Gateway Cities COG; Jack Joseph, Gateway Cities COG; Deborah Chankin, Gateway Cities COG; Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities COG; Nadene Bristow, Gateway Cities COG; Pat McLaughlin, MIG; Rob Olson, Meyer Mohaddes Associates; Julie Rush, PBQD; Angelo Logan, Member, Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee; Malcohm Carson, Member, Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee.

II. Roll Call

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Member El-Rabaa led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

V. Public Comments

It was the consensus of the TAC to hear public comments later in the meeting.

VI. Consent Calendar

Chairman Pagett pointed out that one correction was needed to the minutes from the meeting of February 19, 2004, in that they should show that the TAC member from Bell Gardens, John Oropeza, was absent. It was the consensus of the TAC to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 19, 2004 as amended.

VII. Reports

A. Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee Update

Chairman Pagett recapped the recent meetings of the Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee. He said that the committee had heard reports on air quality, use of alternative fuels, pending legislation, and highway safety (including Caltrans' plans for concrete barriers on I-710), as well as a report from Richard Hollingsworth, President of the Gateway Cities Partnership, on jobs and economic development.

Pat McLaughlin, MIG, outreach consultant for the MTA, reported that the next meeting of the Tier 2 Committee would be held on April 1, and would focus on jobs and economic development and some of the design concepts and enhancements. She said that the Tier 1 committees had continued to meet.

B. City of Long Beach I-710 Design Update

Member Sumire Gant reported that hundreds of people had attended community meetings on the 710 in the City of Long Beach. She said that the City had hired Meyer Mohaddes Associates to help the City plan the design of the I-710 segments in Long Beach. She said the community meetings had focused on many of the same issues that the Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee had been discussing. She handed out a map of Long Beach's draft Locally Preferred Strategy for the City's freeway segments.

Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities COG engineering consultant, described details of the Long Beach segment design concepts. He said that the Long Beach City Council's Oversight Policy Committee will get together on April 26, following four public meetings. At that meeting, the Committee is expected to make its recommendation to the Long Beach City Council. The Council would consider approving the plan in May.

Richard Powers, Gateway Cities COG, restated the process for developing a hybrid alternative.

Member Victor Rollinger said that the TAC needs to know the impact on arterial streets caused by the proposed closure of off ramps such as Wardlow Road, even if that information could not to be provided until the environmental impact report phase. Chairman Pagett said that the Major Corridor Study anticipates the need for \$800,000 in arterial improvements during the first phase of construction because that's where the

traffic will be diverted when the mainline construction improvements are being made. Member Kevin Wilson said he had similar concerns regarding the possible closure of the Washington Blvd. off ramp at the northern end of the project.

C. I-710 Corridor Engineering Update

Jerry Wood summarized the concepts favored by cities along the northern portion of the corridor. He said that proposed plans had not yet been processed all the way through the northern communities. He said that a contingency regarding some of the proposed mainline alignment is that meetings will have to be held with the Army Corps of Engineers, the County Flood Control District, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Southern California Edison regarding the use of parts of their easements.

At this point the Chairman opened up the meeting to public comments.

Angelo Logan, Communities for a Better Environment, asked how air quality elements fit into the strategy for the City of Long Beach. Richard Powers responded that rather than put things on a map, there should be a policy statement adopted requiring that known methods of emission reduction be identified.

Malcolm Carson, Legal Aid Foundation, said that before the environmental impact process begins there should be an air quality plan in place. He said the community involvement process was going well and expressed hope that the TAC will accept the concepts coming out of the process. He said that the Port of Oakland had looked into methods of moving containers to rail yards without using trucks. Richard Powers responded that there would be a response to this suggestion at the next meeting.

IX. Adjournment

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Technical Advisory Committee to schedule meetings for April 21 and 28 at the same location as today's meeting. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:20 p.m.