

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE I-710 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
A Meeting Held at Gateway Cities Council of Governments Office
16401 Paramount Blvd.
Paramount, CA
November 16, 2005**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Pagett called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Pagett, Lynwood, Maywood, Paramount; Carlos Alvarado, Bell, Cudahy; John Oropeza, Bell Gardens; Victor Rollinger, Carson; Robert Zarrilli, Commerce; 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; Sue Lai, Port of Los Angeles; Sharas Bangalore, Caltrans; Ernest Morales, MTA; Grace Balmir, FHWA/FTA; Jean Ospital, AQMD.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Bergson, Compton; Kerry Cartwright, Port of Long Beach; Alan Bowser, SCAG.

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Powers, Gateway Cities COG; Jack Joseph, Gateway Cities COG; Deborah Chankin, Gateway Cities COG; Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities COG; Mike Phillips, CH2M Hill; Jamal Salman, CH2M Hill; Loren Bloomberg, CH2M Hill; Dave Levinsohn, URI.

II. Roll Call

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Rollinger led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

V. Study Session

A. Technical Briefing on the I-710/I-5 Interchange Analysis

Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities COG Consultant Engineer, summarized the background which led up to the undertaking of the "mini study" of the I-710/I-5 interchange. He said that from May to September there had been six meetings each with the Tier 1 community advisory committees from Commerce and East Los Angeles as the study progressed, and that he was awaiting final comments from these two committees. He

said that when these comments are received and incorporated into the study, the final report will be brought before the Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee, the Technical Advisory Committee, the Oversight Policy Committee, and the MTA Board of Directors. He said he expected the final report to be ready to go before these bodies in February and March of 2006.

Mr. Wood introduced the members of the CH2M Hill team that had worked with him on the mini study. Loren Bloomberg of CH2M Hill distributed to the TAC a summary of the recommendations regarding the I-710/I-5 interchange. Mr. Wood said that the study proposed five baseline improvements:

- An HOV lane in each direction on I-5
- Bandini/Atlantic interchange improvements
- Dedicated truck lanes on I-710 with truck ramps directly into the BNSF and UP rail yards
- Eastern/Atlantic interchange improvements
- Garfield Ave./I-5 interchange improvements

Mike Phillips, CH2M Hill, presented some additional recommendations:

- Eliminate the missing connectors from the I-5/I-710 interchange
- Include an elevated HOV lane on I-5 from Eastern Avenue through the East L.A. interchange
- Further study of the elevated lanes on I-5 north of the I-710 interchange to reduce right-of-way impacts
- Address improvements to the I-5 interchanges at Washington and Garfield
- Include at-grade ramp connections for the I-710 on/off ramps between SR 60 and Atlantic/Bandini
- Add a free right turn lane for the northbound off-ramp at Atlantic/Bandini
- Include the updated design for the truck ramp terminus into the BNSF/UP rail yards
- Determine if the Slauson interchange provides local access benefits
- Improve the intersections along Bandini between I-710 and I-5
- Proceed with improvements to arterial, local intersections, and ramps in East Los Angeles

Member Mostahkami said that he would like traffic modeling done on the impacts that a Slauson Avenue interchange would have on surface street traffic on Firestone, Atlantic and Garfield.

VI. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:45 p.m.