

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
August 16, 2017**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pagett at 1:38 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, Chair, City of Paramount; Greg Tsujiuchi, City of Bell; Ray Abassi, City of Bell Gardens; Seung Yang, City of Commerce; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Sergio Infanzon, City of Huntington Park; Alvin Papa, City of Long Beach; Dan Garcia, City of Maywood; Clint Herrera, City of South Gate; Brandon Araujo, City of Vernon; Lance Grindle, County of Los Angeles; John Vassiliades, Caltrans; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; Theresa Dau Ngo, POLB; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Lijin Sun, SCAQMD; Donald Johnson, SCE (ex officio).

ABSENT: Richard Garland, City of Carson; Aaron Hernandez, City of Cudahy; Glen Kau, City of Compton; Raul Godinez, City of Lynwood; Kelli Tunnickliff, City of Signal Hill; Jacob Waclaw, FHWA & FTA; Annie Nam, SCAG; Representative from the California Highway Patrol; John Doherty, ACTA (ex officio); Steve Broyles, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Sarah Ho, City of Paramount; Juan Arauz, City of Huntington Park; Lucy Olmos, LA Metro; Julia Brown, LA Metro; Jason Roach, Caltrans; Elioth Obando, Caltrans; Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Shannon Willits, AECOM; Julie Rush, AECOM; Charles Nicholas, CH2M Hill; Georgia Medina, Moffatt & Nichol; Mario Montes, HDR; Traci Gleason, Koa Consulting; Joe Sawtelle, Transystems; Rhonda Villanueva, Bell/Shelter Partnership.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ray Abassi.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Matters from Staff

There were no matters from staff.

VII. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Ray Abassi, seconded by John Vassiliades, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 21, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. I-710 EIR/EIR Project Updates

- Project Status Reports
- Project Costs
- Funding Analysis

Shannon Willits, AECOM, gave a PowerPoint presentation updating the TAC on the technical, engineering work, including the schedule of public hearings for the RDEIR/RDEIS, which was released for public review on July 21st. He said three public hearings were scheduled: August 23rd in Commerce; August 26th in Paramount; and August 31st in Long Beach. He said the 63-day public comment period is scheduled to close on September 22nd.

Julie Rush, AECOM, presented the cost breakdown of the programmatic features of alternatives 5C and 7, including increase transit, the ITS component, fueling and power stations for zero and near-zero emission trucks, and a health and community benefits program. She presented the breakdown on costs for the two build alternatives and said the estimated costs of almost \$6 billion for Alternative 5C and \$10 billion for Alternative 7 include contingencies as high as 30% to account for uncertainty. She said the funding for all elements would be phased, not funded at once.

Ernesto Chaves explained that Metro had procured CH2M Hill to do an independent analysis of a funding strategy for the freeway improvements. Charles Nicholas of CH2M Hill provided a PowerPoint presentation reviewing potential local, state, and federal funding sources. He said the review of options shows that there would be potential funding for just over \$1.2 billion of infrastructure through 2027, regardless of the alternative chosen.

It was moved by Ray Abassi, seconded by Sergio Infanzon, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Current I-710 Early Action Project Update Including Cash Flow/Invoicing Status

C. I-710 Soundwalls: Package 1 (South Gate) and Package 2

Lucy Olmos, Metro, provided an overview of the I-710 Early Action soundwalls. Package 1, which is at 95% PS&E, involves non-freeway locations in South Gate. Phase 1 is a soundwall along the west side of the frontage road at the Thunderbird Villa Mobile Home Park. Phase 2 is a Caltrans soundwall along the east side of the frontage road. She said the schedule calls for construction in early 2018, with a ten months duration.

Ms. Olmos said Package 2, which is also at 95% PS&E, involves multiple jurisdictions north of SR-91. The schedule for Package 2 calls for construction to begin in summer 2018 for a duration of twelve months. She said the total to be programmed for Package 1, Phase 2, is \$2.9 million, with \$7 million requested for Package 2.

Clint Herrera said the request from South Gate is for \$2.9 million, which includes \$400,000 for construction management. He said South Gate would be taking over construction from Caltrans. He said there are a few outstanding issues to be worked out with Edison over the next month and that he would report back next month.

It was moved by Lance Grindle, seconded by Dan Garcia, to approve the requests for \$2.9 million for Package 1, Phase 2, and \$7 million for Package 2. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bill Pagett left the meeting at 2:38 p.m. Ed Norris assumed the chair.

D. City of Paramount Request for Funding Increase

Paramount Assistant Director of Public Works Sarah Ho presented a request for an additional \$750,000 to the previously approved \$2,075,000 for Phase 1 of the Garfield Avenue improvement project. She said the additional costs relate to the need to widen the right-of-way and underground the Edison utility lines.

It was moved by Ray Abassi, seconded by Lance Grindle, to approve the amending of the funding agreement with the City of Paramount to add the \$750,000 needed to complete the PS&E to include the undergrounding of utilities on Garfield Avenue. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. City of Bell Request for Funding the Local Match for Gage and Slauson Bridge Projects

Greg Tsujiuchi presented the City of Bell's request for the local match of 11.47% for the preliminary engineering for the Slauson and Gage Avenue bridges over I-710. The total of \$148,438 was made up of \$71,045 for Slauson and \$77,393 for Gage. He said the City will get an E-76 for the federal funding

portion. He said funding was not being requested for the Florence Avenue Bridge at this time because Caltrans has not yet approved the application. He said the total capital costs for all three bridges is approximately \$100 million.

Ernesto Chaves asked about the nexus of the bridge projects to Measure R/Measure M as the bridges are not part of the I-710 EIR, saying the projects would need to be justified based on operational safety, including adding one lane in each direction, and the inspection reports saying that the bridges need to be replaced. He said the mobility side of the justification needs to be stronger.

It was moved by Ed Norris, seconded by Sergio Infanzon, to approve the request from the City of Bell for \$148,438 as match for the preliminary engineering of the Slauson and Gage bridges. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. COG Engineer's Report

Yvette Kirrin reported that a listing of the Strategic Transportation Plan projects by jurisdiction had been sent out for cities to identify their top one to three projects. The aim is to have an I-710 priority list that can be quantified with a project cost and project development timeline.

She said that she and Lucy Olmos had met with the new project manager selected by Metro for the Active Transportation Element of the I-710 Livability Initiative. She said this component of the Livability Initiative had received a \$500,000 sustainability grant from Caltrans procured by Metro.

IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

There were no matters from the TAC members.

X. Matters from the Chair

There were no matters from the chair.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:04 p.m.

