

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
February 15, 2017**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pagett at 1:36 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, Chair, City of Paramount; Al Cablay, City of Bell; Steve Forster, City of Bell Gardens; Mohamed Mostahkami, City of Downey; Dan Garcia, City of Maywood; Clint Herrera, City of South Gate; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; Paul Barbe, County of Los Angeles; John Vassiliades, Caltrans; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; Theresa Dau Ngo, POLB; Shozo Yoshikawa, POLA; Jillian Wong, SCAQMD; Ken Spear, SCE (ex officio).

ABSENT: Richard Garland, City of Carson; Maryam Babaki, City of Commerce; Glen Kau, City of Compton; Michael Allen, City of Cudahy; Sergio Infanzon, City of Huntington Park; Sean Crumby, City of Long Beach; Raul Godinez, City of Lynwood; Steve Myrter, 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: Ed Norris, City of Downey; Brandon Araujo, City of Vernon; Prashant Konareddy, POLA; Ayda Safaei, Metro; Dale Benson, Caltrans; Hagop Mahsaradjian, Caltrans; Christian Hernandez, Caltrans; Elioth Obando, Caltrans; Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Shannon Willits, AECOM; Dave Levinsohn, AECOM; Julie Rush, AECOM; Traci Gleason, Koa Consulting; Wayne Richardson, MARRS; Ayman Salama, TranSystems; Romeo Firme, David Evans & Associates; Try Khou, HDR.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Wilson.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

Chairman Pagett announced that there was a request from the City of Downey to add a request for a transfer of funds from one project to another to follow the presentation by the City of South Gate. It was the consensus of the TAC to add the item requested by the City of Downey.

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 Mohamed Mostahkami, seconded by Al Cablay, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. I-710 EIR/EIR Project Updates

- **Project Status Reports**
- **Project Schedule**
- **Summary Technical Findings: Right of Way**
- **Summary Technical Findings: Traffic**

Ernesto Chaves introduced Ayda Safaei, Metro Community Relations Manager, who presented an update on the outreach regarding the three bicycle path projects that are being studied under Motion 22.1. She said meetings had been held with most of the cities that have bike paths located within or adjacent to their boundaries. She said there would be community meetings held in late March and early April to solicit comments.

Shannon Willits, AECOM, provided an overview of the project schedule, noting that the administrative draft of the document is in review with Caltrans and that recirculation of the EIR is on schedule for June 2017. He said the special topic areas are traffic and right of way. He said the review period for the recirculated document would be 60 working days, which works out to 90 calendar days. He discussed the right of way methodology, updates to the prior EIR, and general impacts, giving several examples.

Julie Rush, AECOM, provided an overview of the traffic component of the EIR, including the high level key inputs and assumptions, the 174 local signalized intersections, transit, goods movement, and active transportation elements of the document. She noted that a new programmatic feature is also being presented, and mitigation testing was being presented for the traffic mitigation called the I-710 Congestion Relief Program. Thresholds for impacts were presented, and mitigation testing was completed using the model. She said that of the 185 intersections studied, 30 to 32 intersection areas were impacted and all but two or four were mitigatable, depending on

whether Alternative 5C or 7 is selected.

Ms. Rush said the I-710 Congestion Relief Program, which is the programmatic feature that addresses the 2035 “no build” conditions, is a funding program made available to cities to complete the mitigations. Eligibility for these projects would be based on LOS E or worse in 2035. These projects would not be cleared by the EIR.

It was moved by Al Cablay, seconded by Mohamed Mostahkami, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

**B. I-710 Sound Wall PS&E Package 1 (Outside of Caltrans ROW)
Progress Update**

**C. City of South Gate Request for Construction Funding of Sound
Wall**

Clint Herrera presented an update from the City of South Gate, clarifying that the total cost of Phase 1 of this project is \$5.7 million, which is the amount being requested by the City. It was recommended that Phase 1 and Phase 2 be considered separately and subject to separate MOUs.

It was moved by Al Cablay, seconded by Kevin Wilson, to approve a not to exceed amount of \$5.7 million for Phase 1 and to direct Metro to negotiate the final amount with the City of South Gate. The motion was approved unanimously, with John Vassiliades abstaining.

It was moved by Kevin Wilson, seconded by Al Cablay, to postpone consideration of Phase 2 of this project until the project is at 95% PS&E. The motion was approved unanimously, with John Vassiliades abstaining.

At this point the request from the City of Downey was taken up. Ed Norris, City of Downey, provided a presentation on the Firestone Blvd. Capacity Enhancing Project. He said the project extended from Old River Road to the City’s western boundary. He said the City is not requesting new funds, but to transfer \$610,000 in surplus funds from the completed Paramount Blvd/Firestone Blvd. project to this project. He said the proposal in to increase Firestone Blvd. from two lanes to three lanes in each direction to relieve a bottleneck at this location. He said the total project cost is \$1.785 million, towards which the City is requesting to allocate the surplus funds from the completed project.

It was moved by Steve Forster, seconded by Dan Garcia, to approve the request of the City of Downey to reallocate \$610,000 from the Paramount Blvd/Firestone Blvd. project to this project. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

E. Status Update Regarding the Concept to Prioritize Local Early Action Projects Using the STP

F. COG Engineer's Report

Because of time constraints, it was the consensus of the TAC to defer these items to the next meeting.

IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

There were no matters from the TAC.

X. Matters from the Chair

There were no matters from the chair.

XI. Adjournment

It was moved by Al Cablay, seconded by Kevin Wilson, to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m