

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
June 21, 2017**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pagett at 1:40 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, Chair, City of Paramount; Al Cablay, City of Bell; Ray Abassi, City of Bell Gardens; Maryam Babaki, City of Commerce; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of Downey; Sergio Infanzon, City of Huntington Park; Alvin Papa, City of Long Beach; Robbi Doncost, City of Lynwood; Dan Garcia, City of Maywood; Paul J. Barbe, County of Los Angeles; John Vassiliades, Caltrans; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; Theresa Dau Ngo, POLB; Lijin Sun, SCAQMD.

ABSENT: Richard Garland, City of Carson; Representative from the City of Cudahy; Glen Kau, City of Compton; Representative from the City of Signal Hill; Art Cervantes, City of South Gate; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Jacob Waclaw, FHWA & FTA; Annie Nam, SCAG; Representative from the California Highway Patrol; John Doherty, ACTA (ex officio); Steve Broyles, LADWP (ex officio); Donald Johnson, SCE (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Wendell Johnson, City of Bell; Christopher Cash, City of Paramount; Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Romeo Firme, David Evans & Associates; Georgia Medina, Moffatt & Nichol; Sheila Amparo, BKF; Andy Duong, Alliance Group Consulting; Bill Stracker, Onward Engineering; Rob Himes, Mark Thomas & Company.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Pagett.

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 Mohamed Mostahkami, seconded by John Vassiliades, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. I-710 EIR/EIR Project Updates

- **Project Status Reports**
- **Project Schedule**

Ernesto Chaves reported that staff and consultants were working aggressively to get all of the documents ready for the release of the DEIR/DEIS in the second or third week of July. He said he expected a preferred alternative to result from the process. He said a funding plan is expected to be presented to the TAC in July or August.

Mr. Chaves noted that Metro has updated the funding agreements for those cities that will be utilizing the funds to hire staff or consultants. He said Metro is able to use its own on-call consultants, CH2M Hill and Parsons and their subconsultants, to assist the cities. He said the DEIR/DEIS will have a 60-day public review time frame.

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

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

Ernesto Chaves referred the TAC to a chart which showed the status of the Early Action project expenditures by city.

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

C. Early Action Projects: Schedule to Present Monthly Status Updates for Local Projects

Ernesto Chaves introduced this item proposing a schedule of updates by cities and agencies on their Early Action projects. Yvette Kirrin provided a handout with a tentative schedule of five to ten-minute presentations to the TAC over the next six to eight months for cities and agencies to present project status updates. She said the Gateway Cities COG would provide advance reminders.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Paul Barbe, to approve the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Al Cablay, Wendell Johnson, and project consultant Rob Himes presented this project for consideration as an Early Action project. The request by the City of Bell was for funds to match federal Highway Bridge Program funds.

The Slauson Avenue Bridge was described as structurally deficient, with a potential conflict with the AECOM profiled diverging diamond design depending on if the I-710 alternative 7 is selected. Since the preferred alternative is not yet known, the project cannot be designed and is just in the funding stage.

Gage Avenue was also described as structurally deficient, with no shoulders and narrow lanes. Gage Avenue provides access to the Los Angeles River bicycle path. This project has \$88.53 million in federal grant funds, but needs the matching funds.

Finally, Florence Avenue was added as a third bridge project needing funding as the only bridge of the three that will be required to be replaced by the I-710 project. It was described as functionally obsolete but not structurally deficient.

The request was made for second decade Measure R funds for design and for construction match since until an E-76 is approved for design the match funds cannot be accessed.

Ernesto Chaves noted that Caltrans hasn't approved the Florence Avenue application due to the ongoing I-710 effort. He commended the City for coming to Metro to try and work out ahead of time the improvements needed to justify Measure M eligibility.

Yvette Kirrin noted that there may be an opportunity to use Measure M I-710 freeway funds. She said Karen Heit of the COG staff is willing to assist

with a possible Metro Board motion to approve funding using the language in the original Measure M ordinance.

It was requested that the City confirm whether the entire project, design and construction match, needed to be funded or whether only design funds were needed to be included in a Metro Board action.

It was noted that the vertical compatibility needs to be confirmed at the Slauson Avenue location and that a schedule needs to be provided for each project request. Ernesto Chaves said Measure R eligibility requires operational improvements which must be demonstrated. He said he would like to see some traffic information to augment the application and support the project.

It was moved by Ray Abassi, seconded by Sergio Infanzon, to receive and file the report and to bring the request back for approval at the next TAC meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. City of Paramount Request for Funding Garfield Avenue Improvements Cost Increase

Chairman Bill Pagett recused himself from this item and Mohammad Mostahkami assumed the chair.

City of Paramount Public Works Director Christopher Cash presented the City's request for additional funds for the Garfield Avenue project. He said the City is currently in the Phase I design phase and the total estimated cost of the project has increased to \$40 million from the original \$19.7 million. He said the City's request is related to the Phase I design, which includes \$525,000 needed in fall 2017 and the remaining \$750,000 needed in approximately one year. Since the project can't go on to the Metro Board until September, the City will return at the next TAC meeting to respond to any questions.

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

F. COG Engineer's Report

Kekoa Anderson provided an update regarding upcoming grants and meetings.

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 2:56 p.m.