

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
March 15, 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; Steve Forster, City of Bell Gardens; Maryam Babaki, City of Commerce; Glen Kau, City of Compton; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of Downey; Dan Garcia, City of Maywood; Clint Herrera, City of South Gate; Paul Barbe, County of Los Angeles; John Vassiliades, Caltrans; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; Theresa Dau Ngo, POLB; Lijin Sun, SCAQMD.

ABSENT: Richard Garland, City of Carson; 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; 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; Maryam Adhami, County of Los Angeles; Lance Grindle, County of Los Angeles; Heather Tomley, POLB; Chris Cannon, POLA; Ayda Safaei, Metro; Jason Roach, Caltrans; Arnold J. Parmar, Caltrans; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Dave Levinsohn, AECOM; Julia Lester, Ramboll/Environ; Rob McCann, LSA; Traci Gleason, Koa Consulting; Wayne Richardson, MARRS; Keith Lay, HDR; David Tatsumi, Tatsumi & Partners; Way Kang, Tatsumi & Partners; Sheila Amparo, BKF.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Pagett.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Al Cablay, to add to the agenda a presentation from the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles on the Draft 2017 Update to the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan. The motion was approved unanimously.

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 February 15, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

Presentation by the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles on the Draft 2017 Update to the San Pedro Ports Clean Air Action Plan

Heather Tomley, Director of Environmental Planning, Port of Long Beach, and Chris Cannon, Director of Environmental Management, Port of Los Angeles, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Draft 2017 Update to the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan. Ms. Tomley reviewed the combined 2015 air emissions results, which showed 84% reduction in diesel particulate matter, 50% reduction in nitrogen oxides, and 97% reduction in sulfur oxides, despite a 7% increase in TEUs at the ports. She described the transition programs for heavy duty trucks, terminal equipment, and ocean vessels, with the goal of having all terminal equipment zero emission by 2030. She said heavy duty trucks are the highest area of concentration and the plan is to implement a series of interim actions ultimately leading to zero emissions by 2035.

Mr. Cannon reviewed the public outreach to date on the draft plan and said the next steps included ongoing meetings with interested groups and evaluation of comments prior to the ports' preparation of the final plan. He estimated the cost of zero emission trucks to be \$440,000 in current dollars, but the infrastructure does not exist to support a fleet of trucks even if there was a desire. He said the costs to the industry will be considerable and fleets need more time to plan.

A. I-710 EIR/EIR Project Updates

- **Project Status Reports**
- **Project Schedule**
- **Summary Technical Findings: Air Quality**

- **Summary Technical Findings: Noise**
- **Summary Technical Findings: Visual**

Ernesto Chaves reported that there was not much change in the project status since last month. He said the first comments on the draft EIR had been received from Caltrans and had been incorporated into the draft, which was then sent back to Caltrans. He said they are still looking at late June for the release of the draft EIR.

Ayda Safaei provided an update on the community meetings regarding the bicycle paths being studied. She said meetings had been held with seven cities and that community meetings are scheduled for April.

Julia Lester, Ramboll/Environ, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the updated results of the Air Quality/Health Risk Assessment. She pointed out that, using 2012 as the new baseline, by 2035 all alternatives, including the no build, will see a huge decrease in diesel particulate matter emissions. Similarly, the maximum incremental cancer risk will decrease from 1,421 in a million in 2012 to 30 to 57, depending on the alternative, by 2035. She pointed out similar findings with regard to NOx. Ultrafine particulates would not see as dramatic an improvement, with decreases in exhaust sources offset by increases driven by entrained road dust and tire/brake wear.

Rob McCann, LSA, presented the key findings of the I-710 Noise Study Report. With regard to the temporary construction noise impacts, he said construction noise levels should not exceed 86 dBA at a distance of 50 feet (from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.). He said both build alternatives would produce construction noise that would dominate in the immediate area of construction, generating noise levels of between 70 and 90 dBA at a distance of 50 feet. However, he said no adverse noise impacts are anticipated based on compliance with Caltrans' standard specifications for noise control during construction.

Mr. McCann addressed the permanent traffic noise impacts, saying the focus is on locations of frequent human use, such as residences, schools, libraries, churches, etc. He said impacts occur when the noise level is 12 dBA greater than existing noise levels or within 1dBA of Noise Abatement Criteria. He said noise barriers are the only practical solution for I-710. To be feasible, a sound wall would have to reduce noise by 5 dBA. Under Alternative 5C, up to 5 miles of noise barriers would be constructed as early action projects. Alternative 7 would have up to 3.8 miles. Final decision on construction of noise barriers would occur during final design in consultation with the public.

Mr. McCann then presented the key findings of the I-710 Visual Impact Assessment. He said there would be short-term negative impacts due to construction. He pointed out that Alternative 7 would create the most substantial long-term impacts—mainly in Long Beach and South Gate due to

the elevated freight corridor. He reviewed the key views that would require low or moderate mitigation and discussed design recommendations to provide substantial visual benefit.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Al Cablay, to receive and file the presentation by the ports and the I-710 EIR/EIS technical reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Ernesto Chaves distributed a monthly cash flow update and said that invoicing has been picking up. He said he needed reports in order to prepare for the April MTA Board meeting.

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

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

Kekoa Anderson said the Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) had entered the implementation phase, which includes a robust database that allows individual users/cities and COG staff to update the STP database as well as to sort and prioritize it. He said since September the STP TAC has been talking about the need to update the STP list to reflect jurisdictional priorities so that the COG can assist in identifying funding opportunities based on the prioritized projects. Without it, there can't be a discussion with regard to geographical equity regarding future funding. He said the goal is a living document.

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

D. COG Engineer's Report

Kekoa Anderson reviewed the calendar of meetings scheduled over the next month. He noted that Metro would be leading the Livability Initiative and would go through the planning bench to pick the project consultants.

Yvette Kirrin provided an update regarding the need for the COG to push on Metro regarding the availability of the Measure M Subregional Equity funds. She noted that she is working with Assembly Member Garcia's office for help.

IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

Al Cablay reported that City of Bell had received approval from Caltrans of two of its three bridge projects and is waiting for approval of the third before bringing them to the TAC.

X. Matters from the Chair

There were no matters from the chair.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:26 p.m.