

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
April 19, 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; Ray Abassi, City of Bell Gardens; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of Downey; Sergio Infanzon, City of Huntington Park; Alvin Papa, City of Long Beach; Dan Garcia, City of Maywood; Art Cervantes, City of South Gate; Paul Barbe, County of Los Angeles; John Vassiliades, Caltrans; John Schlenz, MTA; Theresa Dau Ngo, POLB; Shozo Yoshikawa, POLA; Lijin Sun, SCAQMD; Michael Huynh, SCE (ex officio).

ABSENT: Richard Garland, City of Carson; Maryam Babaki, City of Commerce; Representative from the City of Cudahy; Glen Kau, City of Compton; Raul Godinez, City of Lynwood; Representative from the City of Signal Hill; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; 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: Elioth Obando, Caltrans; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Vanessa Barrientos, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Chris Buscarino, WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff; Romeo Firme, David Evans & Associates; Georgina Medina, Moffatt & Nichol; Sheila Amparo, BKF.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mohammad Mostahkami.

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 Al Cablay, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 15, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. I-710 EIR/EIR Project Updates

- Project Status Reports
- Project Schedule
- Summary Technical Findings: Community Impact Assessment

It was reported that the EIR/EIS is on track to be released for public review at the end of June. Caltrans District 7 has completed its comments and transmitted the document to headquarters yesterday for legal review. AECOM delivered the first draft of the PR to Caltrans about a month ago. Review comments will be completed this week and sent back to AECOM. A status report presentation is scheduled for the Metro Board next week.

LSA studied the baseline and affected environment for each component and analyzed impacts quantitatively and qualitatively. What has changed from the initial report is that there are new alternatives more refined analysis, and more robust environmental analysis.

With regard to land use, the new build alternatives are generally compatible with existing planning and planned use areas. Primary impacts in parks and recreation were identified for Parque Dos Rios and Cesar Chavez Park in Long Beach, Bandini Park in Commerce, and the Compton Hunting and Fishing Club.

There were generally no impacts to community character and cohesion, although localized impacts were identified in Long Beach, Bell, and Commerce. With regard to transit trends and growth, alternative 7 has the most benefit. Both build alternatives create jobs, ranging from 95,000 from alternative 5C to 180,000 from alternative 7 if option 3A is chosen. There would be minor losses in sales and property tax.

Community Facilities that would be facing relocation are Fire Station No. 4 in Vernon, and the Long Beach Multi-Services Center (alternative 7 only), and the Bell shelter complex (alternative 7 only). Peak period parking restrictions would be needed along Atlantic, Cherry, and Eastern avenues.

From an environmental justice standpoint, the study area has a high number of minority and low-income residents. There would be environmental justice improvement in part due to project funded zero emission and near zero emission trucks (there are some exceptions at near-roadway locations), new bicycle and pedestrian only crossings, increased transit services, and a community health benefit program. There could be noise increases at some locations where it is not proposed to build sound walls.

The next steps will be to incorporate these results into the RDEIR/SDEIS, circulate the document for public review, holding hearings, identifying and selecting the preferred alternative, and completing the final EIR/EIS in late 2018 or early 2019.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Ray 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

John Schlenz referred the TAC to the expenditure report compiled as of yesterday. He said they are trying to get a record of all expenditures through this quarter.

Mohammad Mostahkami reported that the Firestone Blvd. project in Downey has been completed.

It was move by Ray Abassi, seconded by Al Cablay, 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 requested that this item be carried over to next meeting since Yvette Kirrin was not able to attend today's meeting.

Mohammad Mostahkami stated that the TAC needs to look at all the available funding sources to get ready in advance of the next round of early action project funding. John Schlenz asked if everyone was familiar with the eligibility requirements for Measure M. He said that Metro could host a workshop with cross-functional units to assist the TAC.

It was the consensus of the TAC to carry this item over to the next meeting.

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

Al Cablay asked that this item be carried over to the May meeting and include Florence Avenue.

Bill Pagett said Caltrans has millions available under the HDR program. Sergio Infanzon suggested that the HDR program be included on the next agenda.

It was the consensus of the TAC to carry this item over to the next meeting.

E. COG Engineer's Report

Kekoa Anderson provided a brief summary of recent COG project 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 2:55 p.m.