

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
January 18, 2017**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pagett at 1:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, Chair, City of Paramount; Steve Forster, City of Bell Gardens; Maryam Babaki, City of Commerce; Glen Kau, City of Compton; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of Downey; Mike Ackerman, City of Huntington Park; Alvin Papa, City of Long Beach; Art Cervantes, City of South Gate; Derek Wieske, City of Vernon; Paul Barbe, County of Los Angeles; John Vassiliades, Caltrans; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; Theresa Dau Ngo, POLB; Shozo Yoshikawa, POLA.

ABSENT: Terry Rodrigue, City of Bell; Richard Garland, City of Carson; Michael Allen, City of Cudahy; Raul Godinez, City of Lynwood; Dan Garcia, City of Maywood; Steve Myrter, City of Signal Hill; Jacob Waclaw, FHWA & FTA; Annie Nam, SCAG; Mike Krause, SCAQMD; Representative from the California Highway Patrol; John Doherty, ACTA (ex officio); Steve Broyles, LADWP (ex officio); Donald Johnson, SCE (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Sergio Infanzon, City of Huntington Park; Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Ed Alegre, Metro; Lucy Olmos, Metro; Shannon Willits, AECOM; Dave Levinsohn, AECOM; Esmeralda Garcia, MIG; Amit Shah, Parsons; Wayne Richardson, MARRS; Juan M. Diaz, JMD; Nick Servin, IFE; Ayman Salama, TranSystems; Michael Grossman, D R Consultants; Lee Holguin, D R Consultants.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Ackerman.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

It was the consensus of the TAC to defer report item A until after items B through H are heard.

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 Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Mike Ackerman, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. I-710 EIR/EIR Project Updates

- Project Status Reports
- Project Schedule
- Summary Technical Findings: Water Quality
- Motion 22.1: Enhanced BMPs/Landscaping

(This item was deferred until after items B through H were heard.)

Shannon Willits, AECOM, provided a PowerPoint update on the “big picture” status of the I-710 corridor. He provided an overview of the EIR/EIS schedule, and moved on to the various technical studies. He focused on the key findings of water quality, enhanced best management practices (BMPs), and landscaping. BMP candidates and preliminary cost estimates were provided to the TAC. It was noted that these concepts should be vetted with the watersheds for economy of scale and partnering of projects. It was recommended that this portion of the presentation be made to the watershed groups. Lastly, he integrated the enhancements that are included as part of Motion 22.1, with attention on the Los Angeles River and project consistency.

Esmeralda Garcia, MIG, presented an update regarding stakeholder and community engagement. She provided a graphic to the TAC to show the logistics of how activities will occur leading to the selection of a preferred alternative.

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

B. Presentation by Metro Regarding the I-710 Committees Schedule

Esmeralda Garcia provided a one year look ahead for all of the TAC, CAC, and Project Committee meetings, including which topics are scheduled to go to the committees in specific months. Metro also provided an update regarding the independent Metro projects related to I-710 but which will not be included in the EIR/EIS.

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

C. Metro Updates

1. Measure M
2. Zero Emission Truck Initiatives/Grants

Ernesto Chaves noted that guidelines are still being developed for Measure M, a process that may take up to six months. He said the COG will be involved in the process, with opportunities to provide input. He noted specifically that the I-710 project is split into Phase 1 and Phase 2, defined geographically, and meant to be the funding commitment of wherever can be built, with Phase 2 being the remainder of the project to construct. He noted that both phases' funding would not be enough to construct either project alternative (5C or 7), a funding gap that has been there from the beginning of the project.

Mr. Chaves said there will be funding scenario presentations in the future to help establish what can be included in Phase 1. He referred the TAC to a handout on the expenditure plan. He pointed out, for example, the start dates of 2026 to 2032 for Phase 1 of the project, the funding for which is not in Measure R.

Ed Alegre, Metro, provided an update on the Zero Emission Initiative and Goods Movement Technology grants. He said Metro has pursued four different funding sources from CARB and FRATUS. Metro was one of eight recipients awarded a grant from FRATUS for an alternative technology truck demonstration project. He said funding opportunities are continuing to be monitored for the truck platooning project.

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

D. SR-91/I-710 PSR/PDS Progress Update Presentation

Juan Diaz, JMD, gave a PowerPoint presentation updating the TAC on the progress of the study on the SR-91/I-710 interchange. He said the study covers the length of SR-91 from Central Avenue to Paramount Blvd. Ernesto Chaves pointed out that the funding for the study is being provided from the I-605 Hot Spots project.

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

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

Lucy Olmos, Metro, introduced Ayman Salama, TranSystems, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed sound walls adjacent to the Thunderbird Villas Mobile Home Park in South Gate. He said phase one of the project is in the City's right-of-way, while phase two is in the Caltrans right-of-way. He said design for phase one would be completed in March., and at the end of the year for phase two. He estimated ten months of construction time for phase one and eight to ten months for phase two.

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

F. City of South Gate Request for Construction Funding of Sound Wall

Art Cervantes presented a request from the City of South Gate for construction management and support funding in the amount of \$1.2 million for phase one and \$900,000 for phase two of the sound wall project at the Thunderbird Villa Mobile Home Park, which would be in addition to the construction costs of \$5.7 million for phase one and \$4.1 million for phase two.

Ernesto Chaves pointed out that these projects are being funded out of the freeway mainline funds and that cash flow can support the construction of the sound walls at this time. He said a final vote on this would need to be taken at the February meeting.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Maryam Babaki, to bring back the funding request for consideration at the February meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Ernesto Chaves referred the TAC to a handout on the status of the Early Action Project cash flow and noted that no significant changes had taken place other than some progress had been made.

Bill Pagett and Mohammad Mostahkami noted that more progress had been made on their respective projects in Paramount and Downey than was shown. Steve Forster noted that Bell Gardens had not made progress because the MOU has not yet been executed, a process that has been ongoing for six months. Art Cervantes said he was planning to go to bid soon on the project in South Gate. Mr. Chaves said that updates will be sent back out to the group based on the comments received.

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

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

Yvette Kirrin reported that the STP, which was approved in April 2016, has now begun its implementation phase, which includes a robust database that allows individual users/cities and COG staff to update the database as well as to sort and prioritize it. Since September the STP TAC had been talking about the need to update the project list to reflect jurisdictional priorities so that the COG can assist in identifying funding opportunities based on the prioritization. She said this includes the Measure R program, which points to the importance for everyone to update and prioritize their STP items. Without this update, there can't be a discussion regarding geographical equity of future funding.

It was move by Glen Kau, seconded by Mike Ackerman, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

I. COG Engineer's Report

Yvette Kirrin provided an update on the Livability Initiative and noted that Metro would lead the project, accept the funding from Caltrans, and do the procurement by going through its bench of planning consultants.

Kekoa Anderson reported that the WCA Board would be meeting tomorrow and the RMC Board next Monday. He said potential projects would be discussed at that meeting.

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

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

IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

Mohammad Mostahkami said he would be coming back to the TAC with a request to shift funds from one project to another, with no new money needed.

X. Matters from the Chair

There were no matters from the chair.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus t 3:45 p.m.