

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

SR-91/I-605/I-405 Technical Advisory Committee

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 - 1:30 PM

**Office of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments
2nd Floor Conference Room
16401 Paramount Boulevard, Paramount, CA
(Corner of Paramount & Jackson)**

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- A. **AGENDA ITEM:** at this time the 91/605/405 Technical Advisory Committee considers the agenda item OR during Public Comments, and
- B. **NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** during Public Comments, comments will be received for a maximum 20-minute period; any additional requests will be heard following the completion of the 91/605/405 Technical Advisory Committee agenda; and
- C. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** at the time for public hearings.

Please keep your comments brief and complete a speaker card for the Chair.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – BY SELF INTRODUCTIONS

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - This is the time and place to change the order of the agenda, delete or add any agenda item(s).

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. MATTERS FROM STAFF

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR: All items under the Consent Calendar may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and acted upon separately by the Committee.

A. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of September 24, 2019, of the SR-91/I-605/405 Technical Advisory Committee

VIII. REPORTS

10 Min

- A. 91/I-605/405 Hot Spots Program Update – Report by Carlos Montez (Metro)
- I-605 Corridor Project
 - WB SR-91 Improvements from Shoemaker to I-605
 - SR 91 Acacia Court to Central Ave.
 - SR-91 Atlantic to Cherry Improvement Project.
 - Local Hot Spots Updates

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

10 Min

- B. I-605 Hot Spots Monthly Updates – Oral Reports by Agencies
- Update from the County of LA

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

15 Min

- C. I-605 Beverly Interchange Project - Presentation by Metro
- Presentation on the alternatives and steps moving forward.

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

20 Min

- D. Measure R Funding Requests

- City of Paramount – Alondra Blvd Improvements (West City limit to East City limit)
- City of Long Beach - NB I-605 Soundwall near Spring Street Project (to complete design and construction)

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

10 Min

- E. Current Program Funding Update
- Cash Flow & Invoicing Status (Non-Freeway) - Oral Report by Metro
 - Cash Flow & Invoicing Status (Highway Funds) - Oral Report by Metro

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

10 Min

- F. SR-91 Aesthetics Guidelines Adoption for Corridor - Oral Report by Kekoa

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

10 Min

- G. 91/605/405 TAC response to Metro Motion 51 Regarding Governor's Executive Order to Align the Metro Highway Program with State Emissions Reduction Goals.

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO SUPPORT A RESPONSE REGARDING
THE GOVERNORS EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING THE ALIGNMENT OF
HIGHWAY PROGRAMS WITH STATE EMISSIONS REDUCTION GOALS

10 Min

- H. Measure R Ordinance Preliminary 10-Year Review and Potential Amendments program

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE 605 HOTSPOTS
MEASURE R PROGRAM REMAINING STATUS QUO WITHOUT
CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CURRENT
PROGRAM.

10 Min

- I. Gateway Cities COG Engineer - Report by Kekoa Anderson/Yvette Kirin

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

IX. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

X. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: New items will not be considered after 4:00 PM. unless the Committee votes to extend the time limit. Any items on the agenda that are not completed will be forwarded to the next scheduled meeting.

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VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
Item A.
Minutes
September 24, 2019

**MINUTES OF THE
SR-91/I-605/I-405 CORRIDOR CITIES
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING
Gateway Cities COG Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount
September 24, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Noe Negrete at 1:34 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by self-introductions.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

	Name	City / Agency	Present	Absent
1	Okina Dor	Artesia	X	
2	Jerry Stock (Vice Chair)	Bellflower		
3	Kanna Vancheswaran (Alternate)	Cerritos	X	
4	Wendell Johnson	Compton	X	
5	Ed Norris	Downey	X	
6	Bill Pagett	Hawaiian Gardens	X	
7	Bing Hyun	Industry		X
8	Max Withrow	Lakewood	X	
9	Eric Widstrand	Long Beach		X
10	Glen Kau	Norwalk	X	
11	Bill Pagett (Alternate)	Paramount	X	
12	Nadia Carrasco	Pico Rivera	X	
13	Noe Negrete (Chair)	Santa Fe Springs	X	
14	Michelle Chapman	Whittier		X
15	Paul Barbe	County of Los Angeles	X	
16	Mark Christoffels	San Gabriel Valley COG	X	

OTHER ATTENDEES:

See attached attendance record.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Glen Kau.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The City of Lakewood requested to add the Lakewood Blvd at Hardwick Street Traffic Signal Improvements Funding Request to Item C - Measure M Funding Requests.

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Glen Kau, to amend the agenda to add the funding request. 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

Approved meeting minutes of February 26, 2019 of the SR-91/I-605/I-405 TAC.

It was moved by Bill Pagett, seconded by Mark Christoffels, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 26, 2019. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS

A. SR-91/I-605/I-405 Hot Spots

- **I-605 Corridor Improvement Project**

Carlos Montez provided an update of the Measure R program, which includes 10 freeway interchange projects. Currently the draft environmental report and project report are being completed (Step 2 of 5 for circulation), the circulation is planned for early 2020. He is updating the Project Budget and Work Progress Summary table as well as a Cash Flow table for the General Highway Projects, which is similar to the local Hot Spot project summary. He will forward the revised project summary exhibits to the members before the next TAC meeting for the review.

- **SR 91 Acacia Court to Central Ave.**

Currently under procurement for preparing for the PA/ED Phase with a contract option for PS&E. Award of contract to HNTB. Alternatives considered include a collector-distributor lane to reduce weaving problems and improve intersection movements of level of service. It is anticipated, an 18-month study for the PA/ED phase followed by PS&E. The PS&E may be completed in phases based on funding limitations and project delivery approach.

- **Westbound SR 91 Improvement from Shoemaker to I-605.**

The PA/ED has been completed, currently under procurement for preparing for the PS&E which anticipated to begin in November 2019.

- **SR-91 Atlantic to Cherry Improvement Project.**

The on-going environmental phase (PA/ED) is nearing completion, currently working on the technical studies. The design phase is planned around the end of 2020. Key project elements include the I-710 connections, congestion, right of way requirements, weaving distance of auxiliary lanes, and visual/noise impacts. Contract for the PA/ED & PS&E was awarded to TRC.

Kekoa Anderson noted that the City of Long Beach is currently in the planning process of the Hamilton Loop linear park project which is anticipated to utilize some of the existing slopes (Caltrans R/W) for community enhancements. The City requests that the SR-91 Atlantic to Cherry Improvement Project evaluate the impacts to the Hamilton Loop project due to the proposed footprint widening of the freeway. The analysis should evaluate combined mitigations that improve the visual impacts; water quality; urban greening due to loss of existing landscaping; and support the active transportation elements. Additionally, the City requests that Metro/Caltrans to hold a public meeting so the community can review and comment on the impacts of the SR-91 Atlantic to Cherry Improvement Project to the Hamilton Loop linear park project.

Ernesto Chavez reported that Metro has met with Councilman Richardson's office regarding the project coordination and will accommodate the City's request to evaluate the cumulative impacts of the projects and hold a public meeting as part of the environmental document process.

- **SR-60/7th Street Hot Spot Project**

The project is currently preparing for the PA/ED and working on the right-of-way impacts and issues.

It was moved by Jerry Stock, seconded by Ed Norris, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. I-605 Hot Spots Monthly Updates

- **Update on the City of Whittier Projects**

Ernesto Chavez provided the overview of the three (3) projects which have completed the planning and environmental phase. The PS&E phase of the

project will be completed by both the City of Whittier and Metro. Metro will lead the PS&E for both the Santa Fe Springs Road/Painter Ave and the Whittier Blvd/Painter Ave intersections, and the City of Whittier will lead the PS&E for the Colima Rd/Whittier Blvd intersection.

The next TAC meeting update of the Hot Spots Program will be the County of Los Angeles.

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

C. Measure M Funding Requests

- **City of Lakewood for the Lakewood Blvd at Hardwick Street Traffic Signal Improvements – Funding Request**

Max Withrow provided the City of Lakewood’s funding request presentation of the Lakewood Blvd at Hardwick Street Traffic Signal Improvements Project.

The project increases the left turn lane capacity on Lakewood Blvd by adding an additional lane and the traffic signal improvements.

Funding request is \$300,000, for the traffic signal construction (\$250K) and construction management (\$50K).

The following project was presented with the following cost data:

No	Project	Existing Funding	Current Cost Estimates**	Funding Request
1	Lakewood Blvd at Hardwick Street Traffic Signal Improvements	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000

***Cost estimates above include, Planning, Environmental Clearance, Design, Right-of-way and Construction.*

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Jerry Stock to approve the funding request subject to Metro’s project eligibility review. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Current Program Funding Update

Ernesto Chavez provided the local Hot Spot project update of the Measure R program, which includes 21 local Hot Spot projects. He provided a summary Project Budget and Work Progress Summary table as well as a Cash Flow table

for the first decade (attachment handout). The funded agreement value for all the projects is approximately \$58 million. The expended value as of 9/24/19 is approximately \$24 million.

He noted that several funding agreements have or soon will expire. He will provide a list to the committee members at the next TAC meeting of the projects that need to prepare an amendment to the existing funding agreements.

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

E. Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) TAC Update

Ed Norris reported that the STP TAC has not met since May 23, 2019. Continued progress and developing project priorities. Metro will be making a presentation on the Measure Up Performance Path and provide an overview on how the program was evaluated.

The next STP TAC meeting will occur in September 26th at 9:00am.

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

F. Joint EPA/DOT Letter Regarding Air Quality Conformity on Projects in the Environmental Phase and the Potential Impacts on Schedule and Cost

Kekoa Anderson provided an overview of two letter regarding Air Conformity Impacts. First the Joint EPA/DOT Letter Regarding Air Quality Conformity on Projects in the Environmental Phase and second the EPA's Letter regarding California's air quality not meeting the National Ambient Air Quality Standards with 82 nonattainment areas and 34-million people living in those areas. The EPA is requesting that California withdraw its backlogged and in approvable SIP's and work with them to develop complete approvable SIP's.

The approach to completing an air quality impact model that the EPA will approve will be discussed over the months to come. More information will be provided at the next TAC meeting on potential approaches to keep the projects moving towards completion as the air quality model is being updated. It is anticipated that the current projects environmental documents schedules could be impacted by 12-18 months.

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

G. Metro Measure R – 10 Year Re-Opening

Noe Negrete provide an overview of the Metro Measure R – 10 Year Re-Opening and the Ability to Transfer Funds.

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO MAKE NO CHANGES IN THE EXPENDITURE PLAN, INCLUDING EITHER REMOVAL OR TRANSFER OF FUNDS OUT OF THE SR-91/I-605/I405 MEASURE R FUNDING SOURCE, OR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS INTO THE SR-91/I-605/I405 MEASURE R FUNDING SOURCE, FROM ANY OTHER SUBREGIONAL MEASURE R SOURCE.

It was moved by Bill Pagett, seconded by Jerry Stock, to approve the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

H. Request to Identify funding Sources for GCCOG Active Transportation

Noe Negrete provided an executive summary that the GCCOG is facilitating the first five-year allocation of the 605 MSP as part of the Measure M expenditure plan. We are advocating for the distribution of 100% of the first five-year allocation, or up to \$65 million, for local hot spot early action improvement projects at the local level with our member jurisdictions.

The first step included the GCCOG obtaining the jurisdictional priorities from each of the member cities.

The second step included the GCCOG staff working with the jurisdictions to maximize the eligible components of each project while coordinating with Metro who had the final determination of eligibility based on the MSP criteria approved by the Metro Board.

As a result of the eligibility screening, several priority projects have been either denied in total, or have had elements to denied by Metro based on eligibility requirements. The ineligible projects include standalone Active Transportation and the ineligible elements include active transportation components that are not directly tied to, or impacted by the constriction of the operational improvement, as well as the use of MSP dollars for the planning phase. These ineligible projects are still high priority for their project sponsors

The GCCOG is advocating that all subregional high priority projects quantified by our local jurisdictions and submitted can be funded via Measure R or Measure M Metro MSP dollars.

Noe made a recommendation that included 4 parts:

1. The TAC supports a staff recommendation to pursue an allocation of SEP funding, or other types of GCCOG subregionally funds that are financially

neutral and will not impact our current priority Measure R and Measure M programs and projects.

2. The TAC direct staff to implement a two phase approach which first allows for the AT projects or elements that are most shovel ready be funded via a 5 year allocation of SEP funds, that are not discounted for advancing from a future unfunded year to present. Phase 1 would include the first five-year allocation, which is an amount that needs to be quantified and finalized and brought back to the TAC. "Shovel ready" should be the criteria for advancing funds otherwise borrowing doesn't make a lot of sense.
3. The TAC directs staff to work with the GCCOG subregion to develop an inventory of projects that could be delivered in an additional five-year MSP funding allocation, which would be facilitated through the STP TAC since all jurisdictions are represented as part of that body. Projects selected will be those that are "Shovel Ready"
4. The TAC requested Metro to split the project out by Highways and Active Transportation projects on the I-605 Hotspots Measure M MSP Evaluation Matrix (dated 09-24-19). Handout provided by Ernesto Chavez.

It was moved by Bill Pagett, seconded by Ed Norris, to approve the recommendation. The motion was approved, abstentions by Mark Christoffels and Ernesto Chavez.

I. Gateway Cities COG Engineer Report

- **I-605 & SR-91 Aesthetic Guidelines**

Kekoa Anderson provided an overview of the two programs. The draft final I-605 Aesthetic Guidelines have been completed and will be presented to the CCC tomorrow evening. The SR-91 Aesthetic Guidelines committee will be developed, and the kick-off meeting will likely occur October of 2019. A handout was provided identifying the Aesthetic Master Plan limits for both the I-710 & I-605 which will be used to develop the SR-91 Aesthetic Master Plan.

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

IX. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no comments from the committee members.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.