

**MINUTES OF THE
SR-91/I-605/I-405 CORRIDOR CITIES
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING
via Zoom
August 25, 2020**

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 and presented below.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

	Name	City / Agency	Present	Absent
1	Okina Dor	Artesia	X	
2	Jerry Stock (Vice Chair)	Bellflower		X
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	Carl Hickman	Long Beach		X
10	Glen Kau	Norwalk	X	
11	Adriana Figueroa	Paramount	X	
12	Kenner Guerrero	Pico Rivera		X
13	Noe Negrete (Chair)	Santa Fe Springs	X	
14	Michelle Chapman	Whittier		X
15	Mahdad Derakhshani	County of Los Angeles	X	
16	Mark Christoffels	San Gabriel Valley COG	X	
17	Ernesto Chaves	Metro	X	
18	Nancy Pe	Caltrans	X	
		Totals =	11	7

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Webex attendance record.

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

V. MATTERS FROM STAFF

There were no matters from staff.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of June 23, 2020, of the SR-91/I-605/405 Technical Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Glen Kau, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 23, 2020. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. REPORTS

A. Metro Highway Program Update on Measure R/M Funding

Ernesto Chaves provided an update on Measure R/M Funding programs. His report addressed the Covid-19 funding impacts due to lost revenue from transit ridership, fares and tolls as well as increased costs in response of the virus. Combined with sales tax the result is an estimated loss of approximately \$2 billion affecting Metro's programs.

He reviewed the CEO's call to action to control costs, which identified all projects and programs grouped into two buckets. Bucket 1 list of projects are defined as "work to continue" which are mostly construction and Bucket 2 list of projects were being evaluated to be deferred three to six months. Most of the projects within the GCCOG are in Bucket list 2.

Metro is trying to find ways to keep the projects going while reducing expenditures. Staff will be developing the FY-21 budget which will incorporate a detailed review and twelve month look ahead for all projects. The FY-21 budget is slated for approval at the September Board meeting. There will also be a midyear review in December which can allow funding to be shifted between priority projects.

This budget will allow for the following to occur: sustain the Cities invoicing and maintain enough revenue to keep the GCCOG projects moving with a few delays. An example of these potential delays is the I-605 CIP Project which will continue to the environmental circulation but may slow the response to comments period.

The SR-91 Corridor also submitted a TCEP Grant application for two of the three corridor projects, which are Atlantic Blvd to Cherry Ave, and Shoemaker to Alondra.

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

B. SR-91/I-605/I-405 Hot Spots Program Update

- **I-605 Corridor Improvement Project**

Isidro Panuco provided a presentation update and overview of the project current status and the steps forward:

The I-605 Corridor Improvement Project currently is evaluating four alternatives (including the no-build Alternative) which includes 10 freeway interchanges. The Goals of the project are to ease congestion, improve mobility and safety. No non-standard alternative is currently being evaluated. Currently the draft environmental report and project report are being completed and the circulation is planned within the next months. The I-605 EIR would be released for a 60 day review period on September 18, 2020 until November 17, 2020.

Noe questioned how the design concept has changed so drastically over the last 6 years between the 2014 approved Metro/Caltrans concept and the current EIR alternative concepts. He noted that the alternative presented is one footprint with different lane designations only. He also noted the concept is not consistent with the GCCOG 605 Guiding Principles.

He asked Metro to provide a table comparing the prior concept to the current alternatives being evaluated showing the Right of Way and Environmental impacts. What are the differences in the mobility, operations and safety benefit associated with each design feature such as substandard lane and/or shoulder widths, dual HOV/HOT, auxiliary lanes, entrance/exit HOV/HOT lanes, etc.

The I-605 CIP EIR needs to evaluate an alternative that can be done within the existing right of way, and identify the benefit it provides compared to the current alternative concepts.

- **I-605 / South Street**

Carlos Montez provided an update and overview of the I-605 / South Street project.

The project purpose is to improve weaving on SB I-605 by widening South St off-ramp and adding a second right-turn lane (two left and two right-turns total). Safety

and operational improvements are enhanced to provide for standard deceleration distance.

Final Design of the Early Action Project (EAP) is Complete, award of Construction anticipated December 2020.

- **I-605 / Beverly Blvd. Interchange Project**

Carlos Montez provided an update and overview of the I-605 / Beverly Blvd. Interchange Project.

The Beverly Blvd Interchange existing conditions utilize outdated design standards. The project will eliminate the short weaving length between existing loop ramps by implementing a diamond interchange that provides all movements at intersection & signalize ramp connections.

PA/ED will be completed in April 2020. The Final Design is estimated to be complete by Spring 2021, with Construction to start late 2021.

- **I-605 / Valley Blvd. Interchange Project**

Carlos Montez provided an update and overview of the I-605 / Valley Blvd. Interchange Project.

The Valley Blvd Interchange Project provides an additional lane on Valley Blvd and an additional lane on Temple Ave. The existing horseshoe on-ramp would be replaced with a 3-lane on-ramp and new signalized intersection at the SB I-605 ramps & Valley Blvd.

Currently the draft environmental document is open for comment. The Final Design is estimated to be complete by Spring 2021, with Construction beginning in Fall of 2021.

- **SR-60 / 7th Ave. Interchange Project**

Carlos Montez provided an update and overview of the SR-60 / 7th Ave. Interchange Project.

The project adds one lane on WB off-ramp, addresses geometric, operational, and safety issues of the ramps/local street intersections mitigating the queue which spills back onto freeway.

Environmental and Design package awarded, the Final Design is estimated to be complete by late 2021, with Construction early 2022.

- **SR-91 Westbound Improvement (Shoemaker to I-605).**

Carlos Montez provided an update and overview of the SR-91 Westbound Improvement (Shoemaker to I-605) Project.

The Westbound SR-91 project provides widening to add a lane between Shoemaker and Alondra Blvd on SR-91.

PS&E awarded \$17 million in SB-1 funding. Final design initiated in January 2020. Construction is anticipated to start in 2022.

- **SR-91 Central Avenue to Acacia Court**

Carlos Montez provided an update and overview of the SR-91 Central Avenue to Acacia Court Project.

The PA/ED Phase with a contract option for PS&E, was awarded to HNTB in May 2019. Alternatives considered include a collector-distributor lane to reduce weaving problems and improve intersection movements 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.

PA/ED was awarded January 2020 with construction planned for 2023.

- **SR-91 Atlantic Blvd to Cherry Ave**

Carlos Montez provided an update and overview of the SR-91 Atlantic Blvd to Cherry Ave 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 congestion, weaving distance of auxiliary lanes, and visual/noise impacts. Adding an eastbound auxiliary lane from the I-710 Connectors to Cherry Ave off-ramp. Contract for the PA/ED & PS&E was awarded to TRC in October 2018.

Construction is planned for 2022.

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

C. Measure R Funding Requests

- **Measure R Funding Requests City of Artesia – Pioneer Blvd Traffic Improvements**

Karen Lee provided a funding request presentation of the project to improve flow of traffic coming into and out of the City from the SR-91 Freeway. The project proposes to install new traffic signal at Pioneer Boulevard and Arkansas Street, median modification to facilitate left turns from Arkansas Street, street restriping, curb ramp improvements, and relocate wayfinding monument sign. The roadway improvements are depicted in the layout exhibits that were part of the presentation and included in the meeting agenda packet.

The City has worked closely with Metro and Caltrans planning coordinators to ensure that the project aligns with upcoming expansion plans for SR-91.

The project was presented with a detailed cost estimate and the following is a summary of the existing funding and estimated cost data for the funding request:

No	Project	Existing Funding	Current Cost Estimates**	Funding Request
1	Pioneer Blvd Traffic Improvements	\$102,000 Local \$562,000 Caltrans \$10,000 Local Total = \$674,000	\$1,300,000	Construction Contingency Total = \$625,000

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

The funding request for the Pioneer Blvd Traffic Improvements is \$625,000.00, which is part of the Non-Freeway fund allocation.

A roll call vote was taken, the funding requested for \$625,000.00 was approved unanimously subject to Metro’s project eligibility review.

D. Current Program Funding Update

Annaleigh Ekman provided a summary of the Project Budgets, Work Progress Summary table, and a Cash Flow table for the first decade (Attachment D). Updates have been made to the Metro summaries. The funded agreement value for all the projects is approximately \$58 million. The expended value as of this meeting is approximately \$24 million.

- **Non-Freeway Funds - Cash Flow & Invoicing Status.** The Measure M handout was not provided at the meeting but has been updated and provided in the meeting minutes. Measure M Updates include the execution three of the seven projects and the Long Beach project will go to the Metro Board for approval this Thursday. Two Measure R

funded projects (City of Paramount and City of Lakewood) will go to the Metro Board for approval this Thursday.

- **Freeway Funds** - Cash Flow & Invoicing Status.

Note that several funding agreements have or soon will expire, projects that need to prepare an amendment to the existing funding agreements should contact Metro to update. An email reminder was recently sent to the Cities. Outstanding items with the City of Norwalk regarding the scope and budget for the Firestone Blvd. project and FTIP sheet updates.

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

E. Gateway Cities COG Engineer Report

- **SR-91 Aesthetic Master Plan Update & Steps Forward**

Kekoa Anderson provided an update of the SR-91 Aesthetic Master Plan and the meeting minutes of the August 11th PDT Meeting regarding project scheduling and submittals. Project Aesthetics Goals and Objectives are to create a visually pleasing corridor, ensure visual unity within the corridor, enhance community identity, promote design for safety, functionality and maintainability. As the aesthetic master plan progresses to the final, more architectural details will be included in the plan to show the designer/engineer how to incorporate the aesthetic components.

At the next TAC meeting Caltrans will provide a detailed overview of the Aesthetic Master Plan and draft report.

- **Overview of the Funding Request Process and Key Submittal Dates**

Kekoa Anderson reviewed the funding request process and provided the following important dates regarding project submittals.

Adding items and Funding Requests to the agenda need to be done by the 2nd Thursday of the month, which is one week prior to the TAC agenda announcement date which is the 3rd Thursday of the month. Funding requests with presentations need to be sent to Ernesto and Kekoa for review on or before that timeframe to be included on the agenda.

- **Next 91/605/405 TAC Meeting**

The 91/605/405 TAC meeting is every other month, so the next TAC meeting will be on October 27, 2020 at 1:30pm.

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

VIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no comments from the committee members.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.