

**MINUTES OF THE  
SR-91/I-605/I-405 CORRIDOR CITIES  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING  
Gateway Cities COG Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount  
June 23, 2020**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Noe Negrete at 1:37 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	Bill Pagett	Paramount	X	
12	Kenner Guerrero	Pico Rivera		X
13	Noe Negrete (Chair)	Santa Fe Springs	X	
14	Michelle Chapman	Whittier		X
15	Charles Vosicka	County of Los Angeles	X	
16	Mark Christoffels	San Gabriel Valley COG	X	
17	Ernesto Chaves	Metro	X	
18	John Vassiliades	Caltrans		X
		Totals =	10	8

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 February 25, 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 February 25, 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. He provided PowerPoint exhibits for his report that addressed 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 \$1.8 billion affecting Metro's programs.

He reviewed Phil Washington's memo dated May 26, 2020 regarding the CEO's call to action to control costs, which was included in the meeting agenda packet. The memo identified all project and programs grouped into two buckets, Bucket 1 list of projects are defined as "work to continue" and Bucket 2 list of projects were being evaluated to be deferred three to six months.

Metro is trying to find ways to keep the projects going while reducing expenditures. Over the next few months, staff will be developing the FY-21 budget which will incorporate a detailed review and twelve month look ahead for all projects.

Noe Negrete asked what projects are in Bucket 2 for the GCCOG, Ernesto informed the TAC that all Freeway projects are in Bucket 2 and all City projects are in Bucket 1.

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

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

Carlos Montez provided an update and overview of the following Measure R programs:

- **I-605 Corridor Improvement Project**

The I-605 Corridor Improvement Project currently is evaluating four alternative (including the no-build Alternative) which includes 10 freeway interchanges. 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.

- **I-605 / South Street**

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**

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**

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 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**

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).**

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**

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 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.

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

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

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

## **C. I-605 Hot Spots Monthly Agency Updates**

- **Project Presentation – Oral Reports format change to presentations & project overview.**

Kekoa Anderson discussed the Oral Reports format change to the presentations & project overview. The focus of the presentations will be on lessons learned, unique and positive innovations as well as to provide projects update on funding and schedule.

A draft template will be developed similar to Metro's update on the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Hot Spots Program, where the geometry and alternatives are depicted with a summary of the analysis of alternatives and detailed cost estimates.

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

#### **D. Measure R Funding Requests**

- **City of Lakewood – Lakewood Blvd./Del Amo Blvd. Hot Spot Intersection.**

Max Withrow provided a funding request presentation of the project which proposes to add a dual left-turn pocket to the existing single left-turn movements. The roadway widening requires widening of the existing bridge over the channel as depicted in the layout plans that were part of the presentation and included in the meeting agenda packet.

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:

<b>No</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Existing Funding</b>	<b>Current Cost Estimates**</b>	<b>Funding Request</b>
1	Lakewood Blvd./Del Amo Blvd. Intersection Improvements	\$5,504,300	\$6,004,300	Construction Contingency <b>Total = \$500,000</b>

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

The funding request for the Lakewood Blvd./Del Amo Blvd. Hot Spot Intersection is \$500,000.00, which is part of the Non-Freeway fund allocation.

The committee requested Metro staff to issue a Letter of No Prejudice for this project. A roll call vote was taken, the funding requested for \$500,000.00 passed with eight Cities in favor and two abstentions (City of Paramount and Hawaiian Gardens) to approve the funding request subject to Metro's project eligibility review.

- **County of Public Works Hot Spot – Mulberry Dr. and Painter Ave. Intersection Improvements.**

Charles Vosicka provided a funding request presentation of the project. Based on the final design effort, project changes that affect the construction cost estimate include sidewalks do not meet County standards, existing pavement condition and grade differences require pavement modifications, modification of the existing storm drain system was not contemplated, relocation of street lights and traffic signal poles was not anticipated, and the relocation of the continuation high school marquee sign was not contemplated. These features were identified on the layout plans that were part of the presentation and included in the meeting agenda packet.

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	Mulberry Dr. and Painter Ave. Intersection Improvements	\$2,410,000	\$4,789,000	<b>Total = \$2,400,000</b>

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

The question was raised regarding the use of construction funds for design while a funding agreement modification is being prepared. The TAC agreed that the funding request would include an amendment to the agreement to move funds between phases. The County to provide a cash flow schedule indicating the time when such funds would be needed.

The funding request for the Mulberry Dr. and Painter Ave. Intersection Improvements is \$2,400,000.00, which is part of the Non-Freeway fund allocation.

The committee requested Metro staff to issue a Letter of No Prejudice for this project.

A roll call vote was taken, the funding requested for \$2,400,000.00 was approved unanimously subject to Metro's project eligibility review.

#### **E. 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 E). 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. Note the end of the FY is upon us and the accounting department is requesting all invoicing for work completed prior to June 30, 2020.

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

#### **F. Measure R and M Highway Subregional Program Semi-Annual Update**

Ernesto Chaves provided an overview of the Board Report, dated June 17, 2020 regarding the Measure R and M Highway Subregional Program Semi-Annual Update for the TAC's reference. The Measure R Highway Subregional Program update allows the Metro Highway Program and each subregion revised delivery and amend project budgets for the implementation. Attachments A & B were included along with the Board Report, which documents the list of projects within the Gateway Cities COG for both Measure R & M. He expects the Board to approve it this Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Board Report directs staff to make changes to the approved scope of work or basis of the project as needed as long as it meets the eligibility requirements.

Noe Negrete questioned Ernesto regarding Attachment B - Measure M Studebaker Road Complete Street Project for the City of Long Beach. He felt this project was rejected at the TAC level and then approved at the Board. Ernesto stated that the TAC did not reject the project only the bike components, the TAC approved 9-10 projects for the first 5-years of the Measure M MSP back in January which included the Studebaker Road Project. Metro then conducted an eligibility review to confirm the project elements, after further clarification the bike elements were deemed eligible and reintroduced to what was approved back in January.

Committee members requested that the previous meeting minutes be amended regarding the action taken on the Studebaker Road project at the previous TAC meeting.

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

#### **G. Gateway Cities COG Engineer Report**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, which is one week prior to the TAC agenda announcement date which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

The 91/605/405 TAC meeting is every other month, so the next TAC meeting will be on August 25, 2020 at 1:30pm.

It was moved by Mark Christoffels seconded by Bill Pagett 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 3:09 p.m.