MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Via Zoom
April 15, 2020

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:41p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, Chair, City of Bell and Paramount;
Delfino Consunji, City of Downey;
Alvin Papa, City of Long Beach;
Tom Thornton, City of Lynwood;
Jose Loera, City of South Gate;
Paul Barbe, County of Los Angeles;
Ernesto Chavez, Metro;
Theresa Dau Ngo, POLB;
Chau Vu, City of Bell Gardens;
Dan Garcia, City of Compton;
Kerry Cartwright, POLA;
Daniel Hernandez- City of Commerce;
Kevin Ko, City of Maywood;
Sergio Infanzon, City of Huntington Park

ABSENT: John Vassiliades, Caltrans;
Kelli Tunnicliff City of Signal Hill;
Richard Garland, City of Carson;
Manuel Gomez, City of Maywood;
Donald Johnson, SCE (ex-officio);
Aaron Hernandez Torres, City of Cudahy;
Dan Wall, City of Vernon;
Jacob Waclaw, FHWA & FTA;
Garrett Damrath, John Vassiliades, Cal Trans;
Aaron Hernandez Torres, City of Cudahy

Other attendees included: Yvette Kirrin & Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Art Cervantes, South Gate; Norm Emerson, GCCOG; Akiko Yamagami, Metro; Andy Duong; Bianca Giacobone; Bo Burick, Mark Thomas; Clara; Cesar Roldan, City of Huntington Park; David Woo; D. Cadena; Derya Thompson; James Shankel, Caltrans; Jeffrey L. Pierson; Karim Dada; Kathy Tegeler; KeAndra Cylear
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

It was moved by Daniel Hernandez (Commerce), seconded by Jose Loera (South Gate), to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 20, 2019. The motion was without objection.

VII. Reports

A. I-710 EIR/EIS Project Update

Ernesto went over the Measure R Early Action Funding – spreadsheet and the status of the EIR/EIS.

Kerry Cartwright – POLA asked if EPA are aware of the $50 million Metro Board allocation to the Clean Truck Program. Ernesto noted that EPA is aware of the allocation and that a meeting date with EPA hasn’t been set yet.

Steve Forster asked for insight regarding reduced sales tax revenue, and Ernesto noted that there will be an impact but the extent of it is not known yet.

Michael Cano provided the Clean Truck Program PowerPoint presentation (slides), including the planning committee update, with unanimous recommendation to support a $50 million allocation to the Clean Truck
Program using, but not limited to, Measure R funds. Years of allocation TBD based on cash flow and opportunities to leverage funds. Michael noted the funding availability for the CTC FY20 TCEP – Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, that has over $1.4 billion in funding for the State. He feels that Metro could obtain up to about $500 million realistically, and we should be getting projects ready for construction, to be candidates for upcoming cycles. He noted that the projects candidates are independent of the early action program. Regarding the 710 EAP development, and moving the EIR, we need to think about leveraging funds, and getting candidate projects.

Presentation was turned back to Ernesto who summarized the technical analysis and recommendation from the technical team on the best value improvements that could be constructed by 2028 along I-710. Freeway EAP next steps include review and feedback from the TAC, Metro Board approval and consistency with Motions 5.1 and 5.2, building on Motion 22.1.

Shannon Willits went through the next several slides regarding the initial cost/risk screening. He noted that the PCH-405 Segment ranks the most competitive for TCEP funds due to their criteria.

Ernesto provided a summary regarding the Soundwall Program (packages 2 and 3) which is currently being funded 100% by Measure R and TCEP could offset some of the cost. These total about $53 million and any additional funds would be helpful.

Ed Alegre covered the Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) and how this could be a good candidate for TCEP funding. This includes various systems to manage congestion, particularly during incidents. Implementing an ICM system would cost about $7m to design and $30m to implement.

Michael Cano spoke about I-710 TCEP related eligible projects including the possible Clean Truck Program (TBD, contingent upon scope and Board approval), the ITS/ICM, Soundwalls and the Freeway Program EAP (also noted as TBD since the EAP is a larger broader process and these projects have a longer lead time).

Ernesto concluded the presentation noting that this item is a receive and file. Metro would like to come back next month, if there is an appetite to nominate an EAP candidate for TCEP.

Bill Pagett asked if the funds are freeway funds, vs. local, which Ernesto stated yes. He also brought up the possibility of having cameras on Garfield Ave. - Ed said additional improvements can be incorporated.
With regard to the Clean Truck Program, the intent is to leverage and overmatch the $50 million, and use it as seed money to get up to over $200 million. Michael Cano anticipates requesting nearly $100m in TCEP funding.

Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG staff, noted that potentially the ICM and Soundwall program could be good candidates to move ahead with now on the TCEP application.

Ernesto noted that it could work to get TAC Support with moving forward on items already developed (i.e. all expect the freeway EAP) and Metro wants to leverage funding, including items A, B and C. Item D would be contingent on if decision could be made on item D.

**MOTION 1:**

A motion was made to support the Metro TCEP application and the funding opportunity to leverage Measure R funds for the Clean Truck Program, the Arterial Program/Freeway ITS/ICM and the Soundwall Package 2 and 3.

It was moved by Adriana Figueroa (Paramount), seconded by Dan Garcia (Compton).

The motion passed with all Yes's and two abstentions.

**MOTION 2:**

A motion was made to support the 405-PCH segment being included in the TCEP application for design funds, as it’s a top priority and being the most competitive segment for TCEP funding.

It was moved by Alvin Papa (Long Beach), seconded by Adriana Figueroa (Paramount).

Discussion – Bell Gardens asked if there was support for this segment, so that it wouldn’t go forward and then get stalled due to controversy. There has not been community consultation on the program per the Board guidance. Alvin added that outreach is important to the success of the projects, but looking at the cost benefit of the segments, it seems to be a cost-effective way to leverage funding, which is why he made the motion. Michael Cano noted the he believes they’d still need approval from the Metro Board to include 405-PCH design segment.

The motion failed with 8 No’s and 5 Yes’s.

**B. Current 710 Early Action Project Update, Including**
It was moved by Adriana Figueroa (Paramount) and seconded by Paul Barbe (LA County) to receive and file the item. The item was approved without objection.

C. 710 Early Action Projects – Request for Funds

Funding Request from City of Paramount – Due to time constraints. Ernesto noted that the biannual update may not include this item. Paramount noted the concern and tabled the request.

VIII. COG Engineers Report

IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

No further matters

X. Matters from the Chair

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.