

**MINUTES OF THE
SR-91/I-605/I-405 CORRIDOR CITIES
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING
Gateway Cities COG Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount
August 25, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Hal Arbogast at 2:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by self introductions.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Hal Arbogast, City of Cerritos, Chair; Okina Dor, City of Artesia; Jerry Stock, City of Bellflower; Glen Kau, City of Compton; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Bill Pagett, Cities of Hawaiian Gardens and Paramount; J.D. Ballas, City of Industry; Max Withrow, City of Lakewood; Derek Wieske, City of Long Beach; Bill Zimmerman, City of Norwalk; Jose Loera, City of Pico Rivera; Noe Negrete, City of Santa Fe Springs; Chris Magdosku, City of Whittier; Maryam Adhami, County of Los Angeles.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Christoffels, San Gabriel Valley COG.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ernesto Chaves, Metro; Adrian Alvarez, Metro; Robert Machuca, Metro; Marco Ruano, Chief, Office of Project Studies, Caltrans; Christine Schachter, Chief of Staff, Long Beach Councilwoman Stacy Mungo; Len Gorecki, Director of Public Works, City of Bellflower; Catherine Jun, Management Analyst, City of Bellflower; Paul Van Dyk, Traffic Engineering Associate, City of Long Beach; Kekoa Anderson, Gateway Cities COG; Jack Joseph, Gateway Cities COG; Steve Huff, Michael Baker International; Sam Ekrami, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Jim Parker, VA Consulting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Okina Dor.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

There were no matters from staff.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Jerry Stock, seconded by Bill Pagett, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2015, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

A. I-605 Hot Spots Interchanges Project Update

Adrian Alvarez, Metro, reported that there is sufficient funding to move to the design phase on all of the arterial intersections. He said the cost of the Long Beach intersections are now estimated a little lower, and the Cerritos and La Mirada ones a little higher. He said more details would be provided next meeting. He said there is currently a blackout period on the freeway interchanges.

Robert Machuca, Metro, reported that the agreement for the I-5/I-605 interchange is in the CEO's office for signature; he said the period of performance is 48 months. He said the SR-91/I-710 interchange is in the last step of the procurement process and will go to the Board in September; he said it also has a performance period of 48 months.

Ernesto Chaves, Metro, said the I-605/SR-60 interchange is under review by Caltrans; the hope is for a signed PSR/PDR in a month. He said the I-605/I-405 interchange is status quo from last month.

It was moved by Jerry Stock, seconded by J.D. Ballas, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. I-605 Hot Spots Funding Eligibility Criteria

Ernesto Chaves reported that the Highway Advisory Committee is still discussing the funding criteria, so he did not have an update. He said the process would take another three to four months. For the October meeting of the MTA Board, projects would go forward under the existing criteria.

Bill Pagett said eligible projects should not be limited to the one mile distance from the freeway. He said we have our own criteria.

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

C. Measure R I-605/SR-91/I-405 Cash Flow Update

Ernesto Chaves distributed handouts showing the current Measure R cash flow projections. Adrian Alvarez encouraged cities to invoice early and often in order to demonstrate progress on the projects. Ernesto Chaves asked that any changes to the cash flow projections be made at this meeting

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

D. Cost Overrun and Contingency Draft Policy

Ernesto Chaves distributed a white paper regarding cost overruns and asked that the TAC review and comment on the draft document.

It was moved by Chris Magdosku, seconded by Jerry Stock, to continue this item to a future meeting so that TAC members may have time to review the document. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. Measure R Funding Requests Update

1. City of Long Beach Sound Wall Presentation

Derek Wieske and Paul Van Dyk of the City of Long Beach gave a PowerPoint presentation recommending an I-605 early action sound wall construction project at Spring Street to remedy a problem at that location where Caltrans removed trees which had previously served as a noise barrier for the condominium development at that location. It was explained that this project would not involve any right-of-way acquisition and is included in the Metro Phase II Post 1989 Soundwall Program. The request was for a total of \$1,280,000 for environmental work, design, and construction.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the TAC that the project has a nexus to the improvement of the I-605 corridor. It was also the consensus of the TAC that a consistent policy on aesthetics, similar to that of the I-710 project, be developed.

It was moved by Noe Negrete, seconded by Bill Pagett, to request Metro to establish an aesthetics theme for the I-605/SR-91 corridor. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Bill Pagett, seconded by Chris Magdosku, to approve \$250,000 for environmental and design work for the proposed soundwall project in the vicinity of I-605 and Spring Street in the City of Long Beach and to reserve

\$1,050,000 for construction to be allocated later when the construction costs are better known. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. City of Cerritos Follow-up Presentation

There was no report.

3. City of Bellflower Presentation on Bellflower Boulevard Widening

Len Gorecki, Director of Public Works for the City of Bellflower, gave a PowerPoint presentation on a revised Measure R request for improving Bellflower Boulevard in the vicinity of SR-91. He said the original project scope, for which the TAC approved \$8.19 million, included right-of-way acquisition and various improvements on Bellflower Boulevard from Beach Street south to Artesia Boulevard. Mr. Gorecki said that during the Caltrans encroachment permit review the City was directed to widen Bellflower Boulevard under SR-91, thereby changing the construction portion of the project.

Mr. Gorecki said the City was now proposing a revised scope of work that includes only acquisition and improvements south of the SR-91 Bridge, in addition to the new improvements required by Caltrans. He said the projected cost for this portion of work was \$6.9 million. He said the additional costs associated with the Caltrans requirements would bring the total to \$7,310,000.

Hal Arbogast asked if the segment from SR-91 to Beach Street was now being dropped. Mr. Gorecki responded that the City would focus on the southern section and come back to the TAC at a later time regarding the northern segment. He said the bottom line is that, with the reduced scope, less money is required at this time.

Adrian Alvarez commented that Metro policy is that any excess land from a right-of-way acquisition must be sold off.

It was moved by Max Withrow, seconded by Chris Magdosku, to approve the revision to the Bellflower Boulevard project as requested by the City of Bellflower. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Gateway Cities COG Engineer Report

Kekoa Anderson summarized the status of the Gateway Cities Strategic Transportation Plan. He said the goal is to bring the Plan to the COG Board of Directors for approval in December. He briefly reviewed the status of the "hot spots" intersection projects and said a total of 51 studies are underway. He said they are being examined for consistency with the Strategic Transportation Plan.

It was moved by Bill Pagett, seconded by J.D. Ballas, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chris Magdosku said he had attended the Metro Active Transportation Workshop and thanked Metro staff for bringing several elected officials and others together.

Ed Norris said it is worthy of additional discussion by the TAC on right-of-way issues such as rental income and sale of surplus property. He asked that the TAC schedule a presentation by Metro on this subject.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:06 p.m.