

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
January 16, 2019**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pagett at 1:34p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, Chair, City of Bell and City of Paramount; Chau Vu, City of Bell Gardens; Maryam Babaki, City of Commerce; Wendell Johnson, City of Compton; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Daniel Hernandez, City of Huntington Park; Onofre Ramirez, City of Long Beach; Noe Martinez, City of Lynwood; Dan Garcia, City of Maywood; Kelli Tunnicliff, City of Signal Hill; Jose Loera, City of South Gate; Paul Barbe, County of Los Angeles; Ron Kosinski, Caltrans; Shozo Yoshikawa, Port of Long Beach; Michael Huynh, SCE (ex officio).

ABSENT: Richard Garland, City of Carson; Aaron Hernandez Torres, City of Cudahy; Dan Wall, City of Vernon; Jacob Waclaw, FHWA & FTA; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; Representative from the California Highway Patrol; Annie Nam, SCAG; Mike Krause, SCAQMD; John Doherty, ACTA (Ex-Officio); Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (Ex-Officio).

Other attendees included: Alvin Papa, City of Long Beach; Delfino Consunji, City of Downey; Nina Turner, POLB; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Steve Forster, Infrastructure Engineers; Georgia Medina, Moffatt & Nichol; Ali Cayir, Commerce; Karen Dade, Aztec; Michael Ervin, Office of Supervisor Hahn; Jennifer Ganata, Communities for a Better Environment; Hugo Lujan, Communities for a Better Environment; Romeo Firme, Kleinfelder; Tom Ionta, Transystems; Glenn Daniels, Converse Consultants; Sheilah Neff, MNS Engineers; Jeff Fromhertz, WSP; Traci Gleason, Koa Consulting; Allison Yoh, Port of Long Beach.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Bill Pagett.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

V. Public Comments

East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice – Concerns of notifications online/posting, as well as she is in disagreement with the way the process has shifted (to a new structure, per the memo). More imperative to talk with the City Councils.

VI. Matters from Staff

There were no matters from staff.

VII. Consent Calendar

Meeting minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

VIII. Reports

A. I-710 FEIR/FEIR Project Update

Ernesto Chaves presented a Power Point

Caltrans is evaluating if they will adopt 5C as the preferred alternative. Timeline was presented to take the project through early spring for the Final EIR/EIS, and as soon as substantial completion, the Team would like to start working with the TAC on the Early Action (early investments) program, which means we need to look at smaller projects within the Corridor with the available funds. Recommendations will be provided to the TAC, based on the criteria of the Metro Board, which may take a few meetings, and will go back to the Metro Board for approval. Metro is pursuing continuous efforts under the Motion 22.1, 5.1 and 5.2 between June 2018 through construction.

The Early Action program is a slice of the larger program, which amounts to \$6 billion in arterials, active transportation, highway and complimentary programs. The first 10 years only has about \$600 million available, over the funded \$1.2 billion of the total \$6 billion needed.

A number of arterial intersections were identified as deficient, and a portion of the early action program will fund early action streets, including the program that the TAC has been approving for a number of years. There is more weight on the TAC to bring to their City Councils since the PC is no longer part of the process.

Julia Brown provided an update on the community participation structure and the shifting focus to the implementation of the program using the TAC as a major player, with input from various committees.

It was moved by Chau Vu, Commerce and seconded by Wendell Johnson, Compton to receive and file reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. 710 Early Action Project Update Cash Flow/Invoicing Status

Ernesto provided a report on the expenditures requesting corrections/updates. Olivia Harris, Metro, was present at the meeting, and coordination with her was requested.

It was moved by Jose Loera, South Gate and seconded by Wendell Johnson, Compton to receive and file reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. I-710 Early Action Projects - Presentations

1. City of Long Beach – Shoemaker Bridge – Information Only

Alvin Papa from the City of Long Beach presented to the TAC. This project is also coordinated with the LB MUST and Cesar Chavez Park, the new Civic Center and new Library and supports the City livability initiatives. He went into detail on the bridge specifics including the project need, deficiencies and connectivity, as well as urban greening, water quality elements, and active transportation elements. It was noted that the project (total) is approximately \$250-300 million.

The schedule, including circulation of the EIR soon, and 30% is nearly complete, and upon approval of the EIR, the plans will be completed. Budget funding request is approximately \$2.8 million (Design) + \$15.9 million (Construction) = \$18.7 million to complete Phase 1 (which is the design phase and construction) builds/realigns Shoreline Drive to the ultimate location which also improves circulation. The schedule would be 12-18 months for design and another 2 years for construction. Using non-Freeway vs. Freeway Funds of the Measure money hasn't been determined.

Chair Bill Pagett noted that when they return for funds, that they will only request Phase 1 design funds, due to set precedent, and see if construction funds can be leveraged to lower the burden on Metro for the construction dollars.

2. City of Maywood - Atlantic and Slauson Intersection (Meeting 1)

Nicole (consulting traffic engineer) provided the presentation for the project. A preview of their project was presented at the August 2018 meeting, and this one is the formal Meeting #1 request. Wish to initial design and come up with feasible concepts as right of way may be required. Improvements would improve traffic flow, pedestrian and cycling safety. The TAC request is for \$850,000 for design funding.

Metro didn't get a chance to review the project presentation to be sure it's eligible. The general intersection improvements appear to be in line with eligibility, but the corridor improvements need review.

Wendell asked if additional funds were being requested from external granting agencies. HSIP for example for the signals.

There isn't a City mobility plan element that this is in alignment with, as no masterplans have been developed.

3. City of Commerce – Atlantic Avenue Operational Improvements (Meeting 1)

Maryam Babaki presented the project, noting that it carries approximately 30,000 vehicles with 11% trucks, and services Hobart Yard. Within the limits between Washington Boulevard to Como Street, there are approximately 11 intersections along the 1-mile segment that are mostly signals, with left turns, creating significant traffic operational conflicts. The goal of the project is to improve pedestrian safety, the traffic and flow, and thus the air quality in the area. The project has many elements including raised medians/channelization, a new traffic signal and street lighting.

The City completed the design with City funds, has complete contract documents, can award the projects, and is shovel ready. The full cost of the \$4.7 million including all contingency and soft costs, and there is a funding gap of \$1.5 million. The request is \$1.5 million.

Metro did review the project with the City, and similar to Maywood, it generally seems to fit the criteria and justifying the operational improvements.

The presentation didn't follow the traditional criteria/eligibility presentation format.

4. City of south Gate – Long Beach Boulevard, Imperial Highway and Garfield Avenue – Complete Streets Matching Funds (Meeting 1)

Jose Loera presented the “Gateway to the Future” project. Total project cost = \$19,055,150 including \$9.561 million grant money, and City funds = \$1.5 million with an unfunded local match \$7.993 million.

- Imperial Highway improvement at Firestone Boulevard at Otis Intersection will add right turn pockets improve LOS from E to D, including traffic signal modification – Shovel Ready for Construction – with a funding request of \$2.1 million.
- Garfield Complete Street Improvements – includes center medians, bicycle lanes (class 1 and class 2) and traffic signal modifications – Ready for Design, with a funding request of \$2.5 million.
- Long Beach Blvd Complete Street within City Limits – includes raised center medians, eliminates uncontrolled intersections, bike sharrows. – Ready for Design. The funding request is for \$3.3 million. The local funding request is for \$7.993700 million, or approximately \$8.0 million. Ernesto noted that Metro needs to determine that all elements are eligible.

It was moved by Delfino Consunji, Downey and seconded by Alvin Papa, Long Beach to receive and file reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Action items for Metro:

Chair Bill Pagett noted that he’d like a status update on the remaining funds in the second decade. Ernesto noted that he’d bring a report. Also requested was a status on the freeway funds, expenditures, and remaining funds.

D. Intro to Bylaws

- Yvette made the Presentation on the Chronology of the potential bylaws.

It was moved by Chau Vu, Bell Gardens and seconded by Wendell Johnson, Compton to receive and file report. The motion was approved unanimously.

IX. GCCOG Engineer’s Report

- STP Meeting Next Week

It was moved by Maryam Babaki, Commerce and seconded by Daniel Hernandez, Huntington Park to receive and file reports. The motion was

approved unanimously.

XI. Matters from the Chair

Concerns of Measure M and how funds will be allocated. Measure M starts in 2024 for 710. Ernesto will provide more information in the next meeting.

It was noted that Delfino Consunji, Downey, was voted as Vice Chair to the 710 TAC in August 2018.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.