

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
February 20, 2019**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pagett at 1:43p.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; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Bill Stracker, City of Lynwood; Dan Garcia, City of Maywood; Art Cervantes, City of South Gate; Paul Barbe, LA County; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; Theresa Dau Ngo, POLB; Donald Johnson, SCE (ex officio).

ABSENT: Richard Garland, City of Carson; Wendell Johnson, City of Compton; Aaron Hernandez, City of Cudahy; Sergio Infanzon, City of Huntington Park; Onofre Ramirez, City of Long Beach; Kelli Tunnickliff, City of Signal Hill; Dan Wall, City of Vernon; Garrett Damrath, John Vassiliades, CalTrans; Jacob Waclaw, FHWA & FTA; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Annie Nam, SCAG; Representative from the California Highway Patrol; Mike Krause, SCAQMD; John Doherty, ACTA (ex officio); Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Delfino Consunji, City of Downey; Jose Luera, City of South Gate; Pat Somerville, HNTB; Ali Cayir, City of Commerce; Clara Solis; Purvi Doshi, So Cal Gas; Steve Forster, City of Bell Gardens; Romeo Firme, Kleinfelder; Joe Sawtelle, TranSystems; Teri Farris; Jim Meyer; Antonio Chapa, LA County; Sherri Terrell, JMD; Georgia Medina, Moffatt & Nichol; Jennifer Ganata, Communities for a Better Environment; Lucy Delgadillo, Metro; Julia Brown, Metro; Caltrans; Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG; Nancy Pfeffer, GCCOG; Jeff Fromhertz, WSP; Hari Ponuuboyira, Wood Group; Sheilah Neffi, MNS Engineers; Nicole Jules, Interwest; Vanessa Barrientos, Southstar; Pat Somerville, HNTB.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ray Stracker.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments

VI. Matters from Staff

There were no matters from staff.

VII. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Defino Consunji, seconded by Jose Luera to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 17, 2019. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. I-710 EIR/EIS Project Update

Oral report presented by Ernesto Chaves, Metro. The technical team submitted Step 1 – Administrative FEIS/FEIR, which will be circulated for 30 days at Caltrans, and then the document will be finalized for the final circulation. There are 5 steps all together, which ideally will be finished by the end of spring, which still requires AQMD and EPA coordination, and could delay the finish.

Ernesto also provided an update regarding Motion 22.1, which was distributed via handout.

It was moved by Dan Garcia, seconded by Paul Barbe, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. I-710 Early Action Project Update

Ernesto Chaves provided two handouts that detailed both the freeway and non-freeway expenditures (encumbered and spent).

It was moved by Maryam Babaki, seconded by Delfino Consunji, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. I-710 Early Action Projects – Status Update & Request

Ernesto provided an intro to the group regarding the projects about to be presented for the 2nd meeting (today). Metro and the jurisdictions spend significant time to differentiate both the allowable (or eligible) and unallowable (ineligible) portions of the projects being presented for funding.

Metro plans to provide the TAC with a handout of items that are eligible vs. ineligible.

Lesson Learned – Check with Metro first regarding eligibility.

Submit all project requests (PowerPoints) to Lucy/Ernesto (Metro) to review projects before the 1st 710 TAC meeting. The City of South Gate requested appropriate %'s for various phases of work, based on reimbursement (for example, 10% design and 15% CM). If Metro can provide a guideline, then it will be helpful. Metro noted that they don't wish to dictate a % rather it be reasonable to the TAC and Metro as a group.

Motion: To submit project requests to Metro prior to presenting to the TAC.

It was moved by Dan Garcia, seconded by Maryam Babaki, to submit project requests to Metro prior to presenting to the TAC. The motion was approved unanimously with Bell Gardens abstaining.

A. City of Maywood - (Presentation 2)

The City of Maywood provided an updated project presentation based on coordination with Metro regarding eligibility and ineligible items. Existing LOS is E & F. The City hasn't done a LOS for the after condition. The City made a total funding request of \$445,000 for projects 1 and 2 combined. Construction is estimated at \$3+ million. The City of Maywood will use local funds for approximately \$2 million of the ineligible elements of the project, as a match.

Motion: To approve funding request of \$445,000

It was moved by Jose Luera, seconded by Delfino Consunji to approve request. The motion was approved unanimously with Bell Gardens abstaining.

B. City of Commerce – (Presentation 2)

The City of Commerce provided an updated project presentation based on coordination with Metro regarding eligibility and ineligible items. The City is requesting \$1.5 million for improvements, including pedestrian and safety, traffic flow, and air quality, along the very congested, high truck volume link of Atlantic Boulevard between Washington Blvd. and Como Street. The City is contributing \$3.2 million to the project as a match.

Motion: To approve funding request of \$1.5 Million

It was moved by Daniel Garcia, seconded by Delfino Consunji to approve request. The motion was approved unanimously except Bell Gardens abstained.

C. City of South Gate - (Presentation 2)

The City of South Gate provided an updated project presentation based on coordination with Metro regarding eligibility and ineligible items. The overall project is 4 projects that are bundled. The City is requesting \$5,829,600, which is approximately 30% of the total cost for improvements, including Imperial Highway, Firestone Boulevard, Garfield Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard. The City has approximately \$13 million as a match from various sources.

Geographical equity was raised in terms of the overall \$160 million in non-freeway dollars, for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd decade combined, and \$66 million has been obligated to date, with less than \$100 million remaining in the program. The Cities of Maywood, Cudahy, Carson and Signal Hill have not received funds from Measure R for a local project (to date).

It was requested that Metro add a column to the 710 Non-Freeway Funding pie chart to include agency (all), programmed funds, total cost, and the delta (or leveraged amount).

Measure M does not kick in until 2024, and currently a split of local and freeway funds has not been discussed/negotiated.

Motion: To approve the City of South Gate request of \$1,479,550 for Imperial Highway Improvements

It was moved by Maryam Babaki, seconded by Ray Stracker to approve the City of South Gate request of \$1,479,550 for Imperial Highway Improvements. The motion was approved unanimously with Bell Gardens abstaining.

Motion: To approve the City of South Gate request of \$692,150 for Firestone Boulevard Improvements

It was moved by Delfino Consunji, seconded by Paul Barbe to approve the City of South Gate request of \$692,150 for Firestone Boulevard Improvements. The motion was approved unanimously with Bell Gardens abstaining.

Motion: To approve the City of South Gate request of \$1,602,900 for Garfield Avenue Improvements

It was moved by Bill Stracker, seconded by Maryam Babaki to approve the City of South Gate request of \$1,602,900 for Garfield Avenue improvements. Six cities voted to approve, 2 voted against the request, and 3 abstained. The motion failed.

Motion: To approve the City of South Gate request of \$2,055,000 for Long Beach Boulevard Improvements

It was moved by Bill Stracker, seconded by Ernesto Chaves to approve the City of South Gate request of \$2,055,000 for Long Beach Boulevard Improvements. 4 approved, 2 against, 5 abstentions. The motion failed.

Bill noted that the TAC felt that too many projects have been funded to South Gate. Ernesto noted that the process has been established to be voted by the TAC peers.

D. Introduction to Proposed 710 Bylaws – Part 2

The outline was presented.

It was moved by Daniel Garcia, seconded by Maryam Babaki to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously with Bell Gardens abstaining.

IX. COG Engineers Report

The Gateway Cities COG is planning to use our Prop C funds to partially fund the Complete Streets work program of priorities over the next 3-4 years. The following Complete Streets will be discussed further at our STP TAC meeting, including Imperial Highway, Long Beach Boulevard, Alondra Boulevard, Telegraph Road and Slauson Avenue.

It was moved by Bill Stracker, seconded by Maryam Babaki to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously with Bell Gardens abstaining.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

