I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pagett at 1:37 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, City of Paramount and City of Maywood, Chair; Jim Harris, City of Bell Gardens; Victor Rollinger, City of Carson; Alex Hamilton, City of Commerce; Wes Lind, City of Huntington Park; Daniel Ojeda, City of Lynwood; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of South Gate; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; Phil Doudar, County of Los Angeles; Abdi Saghafi, Caltrans; Adrian Alvarez, MTA; Jolene Hayes, POLB; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Susan Nakamura, SCAQMD; Gary Garrigue, SCE; Tommie Tyler, CHP.

ABSENT: Mark Christoffels, City of Long Beach; Carlos Alvarado, City of Bell and City of Cudahy; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Dave Hewitt, City of Compton; Charlie Honeycutt, City of Signal Hill; Philip Law, SCAG; Michelle Noch, FHWA & FTA; Mark Sedlacek, LADWP; John Doherty, ACTA.

Other attendees included: Devon Cichoski, MTA; Ernesto Chavez, MTA; Jerry Wood, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Jack Waldron, URS; Doug Smith, URS; Dave Levinsohn, URS; Shannon Willits, URS; Cynthia Galbaldon, URS; Rob McCann LSA; Julia Lester, Environ; Pat McLaughlin, MIG; Lan Saadatnejadi, HDR; Bill Van Amburg, CALSTART.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Bill Pagett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.
VI. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Victor Rollinger, to approve the minutes of November 18, 2009. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Zero Emission Vehicles Presentation by CALSTART

Bill Van Amburg of CALSTART gave a power point presentation on the state of the industry for zero emission trucks and vehicles and some “ideas” for incorporating those vehicles into the I-710 Freight Corridor

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Phil Doudar, to receive and file the report. The motion passed unanimously.

B. I-710 Construction Staging Concepts Presentation

Shannon Willits of URS gave a power point presentation on the results of the construction staging concepts studies prepared for the I-710 project. This analysis showed that it is possible to construct six segments of the I-710 project simultaneously over about an eight year period and could be considered as a construction phasing concept for the project. However, any construction phasing was a function of funding and would be considered speculative. After some discussion, several TAC members recommended that another concept of a “more likely” construction phasing scenario that used a longer construction period, suggested at 16 years, should also be analyzed.

Susan Nakamura recommended that the reference to the Health Risk Assessment should be deleted to remove ambiguity.

After discussion it was moved by Víctor Rollinger, seconded by Kevin Wilson, to:

1. Receive and file the presentations;
2. Concur with the project team that all six segments could be built simultaneously;
3. Concur that this represents the “worst case scenario” for analyzing the air quality impacts from construction of the project;
4. Concur that this construction could take place in an 8 year period and that the project schedule presented was reasonable;
5. Concur that the I-710 EIR/EIS will quantify the total construction emission but should not include AQ/HRA dispersion modeling of construction activities;
6. Concur that the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) will provide for the additional analysis of construction-related air quality health impacts for a “highest impact scenario” (or worse case scenario stated above) of all segments under construction in the years 2022 to 2025 along with a “more-likely construction phasing scenario” (probably 16 years total) and provide this as input into the I-710 EIR/EIS process; and
7. Make the preceding as recommendations to the I-710 Project Committee for their concurrence.

The motion passed unanimously.

Susan Nakamura noted that AQMD staff wanted to be clear that they wanted the construction impacts included in the AQ/HRA for the I-710 EIR/EIS.

C. I-710 CAC Recommendations Continue from Project Committee Meeting of October 29, 2009

Rob McCann of LSA and Julia Lester of Environ made a power point presentation of the CAC recommendations continued from the I-710 Project Committee meeting of October 29, 2009. After some discussion, it was moved by Victor Rollinger, seconded by Kerry Cartwright, to:

Receive and file the presentations and

1. Accept the project team’s recommendations on near-source modeling and construction emissions analysis except for the recommendation regarding the relationship of the AQAP to the I-710 EIR/EIS;
2. Agree that the analyses and results in the AQAP be reported to the I-710 Project Committee and used in the I-710 Corridor Project Draft EIR/EIS; and
3. Forward these recommendations to the I-710 Project Committee for their concurrence.

The motion was passed unanimously.
D. Status Reports on I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS

1. Engineering

Jack Waldron of URS provided a power point presentation on the status of the project and for the engineering assignments. Dave Levinsohn and Doug Smith of URS provided a power point presentation of the updated traffic projections and analysis for the project. That traffic analysis showed that, given the current lane assumptions, the freight corridor will be operating a maximum capacity and the results is that there will be trucks using the general purpose lanes in the future (one to two lanes of the general purpose lanes would be occupied by trucks for certain segments). It was discussed by Jerry Wood of Gateway Cities as the results of this analysis, there will be more heavy duty trucks than previously projected using the general purpose lanes and this is not consistent with the original purpose of the project.

Phil Doudar said that he opposed the enhanced capacity analysis because of the projected traffic levels at the north end of the project. After extensive discussion, it was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Jim Harris, to:

1. Receive and file the presentations;
2. Consider further refinements to Alternative 6 to support better utilization of the Freight Corridor and relieve the I-710 General Purpose lanes as much as possible;
3. Evaluate Alternative 6A Freight Corridor “Enhanced” Capacity Scenario;
4. Evaluate Alternative 6B Freight Corridor “Enhanced” Capacity Scenario;
5. Include design modifications to accommodate each scenario;
6. Forward these recommendations to the I-710 Project Committee for their concurrence.

The motion was approved with Phil Doudar opposed.

Because of the length of the meeting, it was the consensus of the TAC to continue the remaining items on the agenda:

2. Environmental Oral Status Report

3. Community Participation
VIII. Comments from Committee Members

Mohammad Mostahkami recommended that time durations for agenda items be listed on the agenda to help move the meetings along. Jerry Wood recommended that the TAC hold two meetings in February. Bill Pagett requested that the TAC members brief their I-710 Project Committee members.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:32 p.m.