

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
January 21, 2015**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pagett at 1:42 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, Chair, City of Maywood, and City of Paramount; Al Cablay, City of Bell; Ray Abassi, City of Bell Gardens; Richard Garland, City of Carson; Glen Kau, City of Compton; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of Downey; Ronald Bates, City of Huntington Park; Derek Wieske, City of Long Beach; Bill Stracker, City of Lynwood; Charlie Honeycutt, City of Signal Hill; Art Cervantes, City of South Gate; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; James Yang, County of Los Angeles; John Vassiliades, Caltrans; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; Theresa Dau Ngo, POLB.

ABSENT: Maryam Babaki, City of Commerce; Michael Allen, City of Cudahy; Jacob Waclaw, FHWA & FTA; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Annie Nam, SCAG; Peter Greenwald, SCAQMD; Representative from the California Highway Patrol; John Doherty, ACTA (ex officio); Donald Johnson, SCE (ex officio); Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Lucy Olmos, Metro; Elioth Obando, Caltrans; Eric Shen, POLB; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Pat Somerville, HNTB; Ken Steele, AECOM; Mario Montes, HDR; Wayne Richardson, MARRS; Sam Ekrami, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Newton Armstrong, Wilson & Company; Barry Dee, Advantec Engineers.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Al Cablay.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

Chairman Pagett announced that the Army Corps of Engineers had asked that Report Item B be postponed until the February meeting.

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 Charlie Honeycutt, seconded by Ray Abassi, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 17, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. I-710 Update

Ernesto Chaves reported that the engineering team is working with the City of Long Beach to refine the geometrics at the south end, as well as with the City of Commerce and the railroads at the north end. He said that there should be a complete set of geometrics and footprint by March, with a draft EIR completed in spring 2016. He said the environmental studies are advancing where they can, but the heaviest work will come after the footprint is finalized. He reported on the series of workshops with CEHAJ. He said the agencies are leaning towards a separate initiative for the elements of CA-7 that are not within the freeway footprint.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Ronald Bates, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Army Corps of Engineers Presentation

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

C. I-710 Early Action Project Criteria Proposal/Update Exercise

Ernesto Chaves began the discussion by stating that this is the staff's attempt to refine the criteria. He said they were looking for a way to enhance the criteria process. Handouts were provided that showed the I-710 Alternatives List of Improvements; Early Action projects approved to date and a projected Measure R cash flow for the first decade. Mr. Chaves said the list of I-710 improvements would be updated for the updated traffic forecasts as part of the EIR.

It was the consensus of the TAC that opportunities investigated or applied for to leverage Measure R funds should be included in the criteria for early action funding.

It was recommended that the TAC review and focus on the criteria materials and bring this item back to the February meeting for further discussion.

It was moved by Kevin Wilson, seconded by Art Cervantes to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Current I-710 Early Action Project Update and Semi-Annual Programming of Funds Exercise

Ernesto Chaves reviewed the draft Early Action Project eligibility criteria categories that proposed at least 80% of the funding be identified for Program Identified Projects that are: 1) within the I-710 corridor geographic boundary; 2) among the list of improvements identified in the I-710 Alternatives; and 3) ready for implementation. Up to 20% of the funding would be

used for Program Support Projects that meet the above three criteria and are among the STP identified improvements.

It was moved by Al Cablay, seconded by Mohammad Mostahkami, to approve the criteria but to increase the percentage for Program Identified Projects to 85%, decrease the percentage for Program Support Projects to 15%, and to add the criterion that the projects “meet Purpose and Need”. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was then moved by Al Cablay, seconded by Ray Abassi, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. COG Engineer’s Report

Yvette Kirrin reported that tomorrow would be the first meeting of the STP TAC and that two co-chairs would be elected who would also serve on the STP Oversight Committee. She reported that the COG Board had amended the makeup of the STP TAC to include planning, transit, and water slots.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Kevin Wilson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

Art Cervantes reported that the Project Committee Co-Chair was very frustrated to be talking about the same things and 10-12 years ago. He said he hopes that this year will finally see progress.

Mohammad Mostahkami thanked Yvette Kirrin for her work. He said he had learned that the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy had retained a consultant to work with agencies for funding opportunities. He said he hoped to have the RMC come to a future meeting of the TAC.

Derek Wieske said that the TAC needs to have the Flood Control District come and give a presentation on the Los Angeles River Master Plan.

Ernesto Chaves said he would aim to have both agencies come to the TAC meeting next month.

X. Matters from the Chair

There were no matters from the Chair.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:10 p.m.