

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA  
November 19, 2014**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pagett at 1:48 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; Maryam Babaki, City of Commerce; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of Downey; 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:** Glen Kau, City of Compton; Michael Allen, City of Cudahy; Desi Alvarez, City of Huntington Park; Jacob Waclaw, FHWA & FTA; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Annie Nam, SCAG; Peter Greenwald, SCAQMD; Representative from the California Highway Patrol; Donald Johnson, SCE (ex officio); John Doherty, ACTA (ex officio); Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Cesar Estrada, City of Commerce; Lucy Olmos, Metro; Adrian Alvarez, Metro; David Hershenson, Metro; Mario Gutierrez, Caltrans; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Tom Choe, System Metrics Group; Pat Somerville, HNTB; Ken Steele, AECOM; Mario Montes, HDR; Ed Durazo, Vali Cooper & Associates; Steve Quezada, Vali Cooper & Associates; Sam Ekrami, Parsons Brinckerhoff; David Levinsohn, URS; Wayne Richardson, MARRS; Anissa Voxiatzes, Psomas.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mohammad Mostahkami.

**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 Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Richard Garland, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 20, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously.

**VIII. Reports**

**A. I-710 Update**

Dave Levinsohn, URS, provided an update from the technical team. He said they are continuing to work through the geometrics for alternatives 5C and 7. He said Caltrans has approved the traffic model for more detailed analysis for complex locations along the corridor. He reported that the environmental staff has begun gathering data regarding additional parcels that may need to be acquired. He said the preliminary engineering will take another six months, with the environmental work commencing in the summer, and the supplemental EIR being completed in the spring of 2016.

Ernesto Chaves reported that there are three supplemental engineering teams working on the utility side, as well as focusing on individual issues that need refined geometrics such as in Long Beach, Commerce, and Bell. He said over the next month there would be follow up meetings between Caltrans and CEHAJ, based on a request from the State, to see if common ground can be achieved regarding what elements can be incorporated in the EIR. He said he didn't see meetings of the Corridor Advisory Committee or Project Committee being convened until late January.

Derek Wieske asked that the Flood Control District be requested to come to the TAC and report on the plans for the Los Angeles River. James Yang pointed out the limited responsibility of the County for the River, and that the Army Corps of Engineers has principal control.

Theresa Dau-Ngo pointed out that pending legislation could result in a policy change in CEQA to quantify impacts based on vehicle miles traveled rather than level of service.

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

### **B. I-710 Measure R Early Action Projects and Cash Flow**

Yvette Kirrin reported that there is not an appetite to advance second decade Early Action Project funds because the already approved funds are not being drawn down.

Tom Choe, System Metrics, reviewed the cash flow spreadsheet for the Early Action projects based on information provided by the cities. He presented a bar chart showing work completed, work remaining, and invoicing, bookended by the MOU duration timelines. He said these tools are provided to encourage spending.

Ernesto Chaves added that the intent is to fund projects by phase; and to demonstrate that we can continue to spend funds and invoice, which would help build a case for additional cash needs in the first decade.

Chairman Pagett recommended that a five minute update be given at every meeting regarding one of the MOUs, including status and progress, with everyone answering quarterly. The MTA would provide an email regarding jurisdictions that should provide updates, based on performance triggers.

There was discussion among the TAC members regarding the desire to use Measure R funds as match for the 2015 Call for Projects. Since the Call funds would not be available until 2022, the 20% match could be from the second decade allocation.

It was moved by Art Cervantes, seconded by Kevin Wilson, to carve out a lump sum amount for Call for Projects match to potentially fund successful Call projects that meet the I-710 Early Action Projects criteria adopted by the TAC. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ernesto Chaves said he would need a list of projects with amounts to add to the spreadsheet to present to the MTA Board. Yvette Kirrin said she would provide a list of projects and cost to the TAC once it is quantified. She said the Gateway Cities COG could also provide letters of support regarding the projects to support the Call applications. She said any changes to the programming need to be ready for the January MTA Board meeting.

Tom Choe continued with his presentation regarding eligibility, prioritization, and cost overrun contingency. He said he would follow up with a technical memorandum for TAC official consideration.

It was the consensus of the TAC to receive and file the report.

### **C. COG Engineer's Report**

Yvette Kirrin reported that there would be a Strategic Transportation Plan focus meeting tomorrow on Cambridge Systematics' three tier traffic model. She said the first iteration of the Master Plan for Arterial Highways by Cambridge would be presented on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Al Cablay, to receive and file the report.

### **IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee**

Chairman Pagett asked about the status of reimbursement agreements for cities' review costs. Ernesto Chaves responded that four requests had been received from cities and that he needs cost estimates to prepare MOUs.

Ernesto Chaves reported that SCAG is saying that they have to model and approve projects that add additional lanes, a process that takes approximately six to eight months.

Al Cablay thanked the TAC for being able to broach the topic of assistance for funding applications.

### **X. Matters from the Chair**

Chairman Pagett said he would like clarification regarding projects that need to be included in the FTIP under the category of "in progress". Ernesto Chaves noted that as long as it has been inserted on the form, the MOU can be executed and funds released.

### **XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:47 p.m. to December 17<sup>th</sup>.