

**MINUTES OF THE
SR-91/I-605/I-405 CORRIDOR CITIES
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING
Gateway Cities COG Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount
April 26, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chris Magdosku at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by self introductions.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Okina Dor, City of Artesia; Jerry Stock, City of Bellflower; Kanna Vancheswaran, City of Cerritos; Bill Pagett, Cities of Hawaiian Gardens and Paramount; Joshua Nelson, City of Industry; Max Withrow, City of Lakewood; Eric Widstrand, City of Long Beach; Bill Zimmerman, City of Norwalk; Jose Loera, City of Pico Rivera; Noe Negrete, City of Santa Fe Springs, Vice Chair; Chris Magdosku, City of Whittier, Chair; Dominic Osmena, County of Los Angeles.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Glen Kau, City of Compton; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Mark Christoffels, San Gabriel Valley COG.

OTHERS PRESENT: James Enriquez, City of Pico Rivera; Ernesto Chaves, Metro; Adrian Alvarez, Metro; Jack Joseph, Gateway Cities COG; Kelly Lamare, Caltrans; Tom Choe, System Metrics; Chris Buscarino, WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff; Steve Henderson, Parsons; Eric Spangler, Michael Baker International; Juanita Martinez, NCE; Chao Chen, Moffatt & Nichol; Ayman Salama, Transystems; Bill Stracker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dominic Osmena.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Bill Pagett, seconded by Jerry Stock, to add consideration of a funding request from the City of Pico Rivera to item F on the agenda, and to move items E and F to the front of the Reports section of the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Dominic Osmena, seconded by Jerry Stock, to defer the Engineers Report to next meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

There were no matters from staff.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Bill Pagett, seconded by Jose Loera, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 29, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

E. Quarterly Arterial Early Action Project Reports: County of L.A. Presentation on 5 Hot Spots Projects

Dominic Osmena distributed a handout which provided an update on five I-605 Hot Spots arterial intersection projects being performed by the County: Carmenita Road/Telegraph Road; Norwalk Blvd./Washington Blvd.; Valley View Avenue/Imperial Highway; Mulberry Drive/Painter Avenue; and Norwalk Blvd./Whittier Blvd. Information for each intersection included a map and a description of improvements, as well as the amounts expended and invoiced to date.

It was moved by Max Withrow, seconded by Bill Pagett, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Measure R Funding Requests Update

1. Lakewood Blvd./Del Amo Blvd. – City of Lakewood

Max Withrow gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Lakewood Blvd./ Del Amo Blvd. project in the City of Lakewood. He said the estimated construction costs for this project have increased by \$2.3 million from the original estimate. He said the project has been revised to widen both sides of the street, adding dual left turn lanes in each direction, widening the bridge over the flood control channel, adding bicycle lanes, and moving trees and utility poles.

It was moved by Noe Negrete, seconded by Jerry Stock, to approve the request for an additional \$2.3 million for the Lakewood Blvd./Del Amo Blvd. project. The motion was approved unanimously, with Bill Pagett and Bill Zimmerman abstaining.

2. City of Pico Rivera Hot Spots Projects

Jose Loera gave a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on four Hot Spots projects in Pico Rivera on Rosemead Boulevard at the intersections of Whittier Boulevard, Slauson Avenue, Beverly Boulevard, and Washington Boulevard. He said the Rosemead/Beverly project requires additional right-of-way acquisition and relocation assistance, which increases the cost of the project from \$4,040,000 to

\$8,474,000. He said the Whittier Blvd. intersection's construction estimate has increased by \$788,000, and the Slauson Avenue intersections construction estimate has increased by \$425,000. The additional construction elements include ADA ramps, approaches, bus shelters, and storm water improvements. Mr. Loera said the total additional request was for \$5,647,000, which would be partially offset by the sale of surplus property resulting from the right-of-way acquisition. He estimated the value of the surplus property as being between \$1.2 and \$1.4 million.

It was moved by Noe Negrete, seconded by Dominic Osmena, to approve a \$5,647,000 increase in the Rosemead Boulevard intersection improvements projects in the City of Pico Rivera. The motion was approved unanimously, with Bill Pagett abstaining.

A. Measure R I-605/SR-91/I-405 Cash Flow Update

Ernesto Chaves, Metro, introduced Tom Choe of System Metrics, who reviewed a handout summarizing the cash flow status of the various arterial hot spots projects. He pointed out that \$1,012,000 had been spent so far this year, but \$25,781,574 remained to be expended. He said he needed updates on the project delivery schedules in order to update the cash flow chart.

It was moved by Kanna Vancheswaran, seconded by Noe Negrete, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. I-605 Hot Spots Interchanges Project Updates and Presentation on Early Action Projects

Ernesto Chaves said he would provide an update on the freeway interchange projects and that Adrian Alvarez would report on the arterial intersection projects. Mr. Chaves said an agreement is still needed with Caltrans to move forward on the scoping of the interchanges. He said the SR-60/I-605 interchange is in the procurement stage and that the environmental work should be ready to start in July.

Adrian Alvarez gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the arterial hot spots projects. He said \$39.9 million has been programmed for the initial list of 28 intersections. He reported that Metro was asked to complete the PAED for ten intersections and that seven had been completed. He said Metro was asked to complete PS&E for five intersections. Mr. Alvarez reviewed the recent project nominations which would be going forward to the Corridor Cities Committee at tomorrow night's meeting. They totaled 7 projects at a cost of \$19.25 million.

It was moved by Noe Negrete, seconded by Jose Loera, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. I-605 Hot Spots Funding Eligibility Criteria

Ernesto Chaves reported that the recommendation would be going forward tomorrow night to the Corridor Cities Committee to limit eligibility to projects within one mile of

a freeway unless a nexus to the freeway can be established. He said Metro had worked with the Strategic Transportation Plan consultants, Cambridge Systematics, to determine the nexus on the City of Cerritos's project for the widening of the Del Amo Blvd. bridge at Coyote Creek.

Kanna Vancheswaran reported that the Orange County cities had secured funding for their portion of the Del Amo bridge project, which represents about 60% of the cost.

It was moved by Noe Negrete, seconded by Jerry Stock, to approve the Del Amo bridge widening project conditioned on a nexus to the freeway being established by Metro. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chris Magdosku left the meeting at 2:58 p.m. Noe Negrete assumed the chair.

D. Status of MOUs

Adrian Alvarez referred the TAC to a handout regarding the status of the funding agreements for the I-605 Arterial Hot Spots projects. He reported that 13 MOU amendments still need to go forward.

It was moved by Jerry Stock, seconded by Eric Widstrand, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

G. Gateway Cities COG Engineer's Report

There was no report.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bill Pagett reported that the presentation by Metro on the spending plan for the proposed MTA sales tax ballot measure was not well received by the COG Transportation Committee. He said the proposed local return is 16%, whereas the cities want 25%. Furthermore, the major Gateway Cities projects are pushed out into the latter decades of the plan. Ernesto Chaves said a community meeting regarding the proposed tax measure and spending plan would be held here today at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:09 p.m.