

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
August 17, 2016**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pagett at 1:47 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; Maryam Babaki, City of Commerce; Glen Kau, City of Compton; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of Downey; Michael Ackerman, City of Huntington Park; Ignacio Ochoa, City of Long Beach; Art Cervantes, City of South Gate; Derek Wieske, City of Vernon; Dominic Osmena, County of Los Angeles; John Vassiliades, Caltrans; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; Theresa Dau Ngo, POLB; Steve Yoshikawa, POLA; Donald Johnson, SCE (ex officio).

ABSENT: Richard Garland, City of Carson; Michael Allen, City of Cudahy; Raul Godinez, City of Lynwood; Steve Myrter, City of Signal Hill; Jacob Waclaw, FHWA & FTA; Annie Nam, SCAG; Mike Krause, SCAQMD; Representative from the California Highway Patrol; John Doherty, ACTA (ex officio); Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Steve Forster, City of Bell Gardens; Bobby Fouladi, City of Compton; Sean Crumby, City of Long Beach; Prashant Konareddy, POLA; John Schlenz, Metro; Elizabeth Obando, Caltrans; Shannon Willits, AECOM; Julie Rush, AECOM; Jayna Harris, LSA; Esmeralda Garcia, MIG; Bill Stracker, Anderson Penna; Wayne Richardson, MARRS; Susan Chan, CH2MHill; Nidia Erlem, Corridor Cities Committee; Mario Montes, Los Angeles; Andrew Wang, Torrance.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Pagett.

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 Ignacio Ochoa, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. I-710 Update

Ernesto Chaves noted that it has been about a year since the last presentation by the consultant team and introduced the AECOM team, who gave a PowerPoint presentation

Shannon Willits, AECOM, noted that he has been meeting with cities on a one on one basis. He then briefed the TAC on the current timeline and the key milestones, including the definition of the project, which was augmented to address Metro Motion 22.1. He said the technical studies are currently being updated, with the draft findings to be completed in the fall. He said the draft EIR/EIS would be reviewed beginning in winter 2017, with circulation scheduled for the spring. He said the final EIR/EIS is anticipated to be completed in FY 18-19.

Jayna Harris, LSA, provided an update regarding the environmental technical studies that are being prepared or are under review. She provided a three-month look ahead. She said an administrative draft EIR/EIS would be provided to Caltrans for review before circulation.

Esmeralda Garcia, MIG, provided an update on the outreach activities. She gave an overview of recent meetings, including that of the Commerce Local Advisory Committee. She said the Community Advisory Committee would meet tomorrow and on September 22nd, and the Project Committee would meet on September 29th.

Julie Rush, AECOM, presented the "Zero Emission Truck Option" of Alternative 7. She said Motion 22.1 requested an analysis of the zero emission vs. the zero/near-zero options. She said the results yielded the same number of trucks, totaling approximately 18,350, added to the corridor. She said there is a truck incentive program that is part of the project that will subsidize the price of these trucks. There resulted discussion among the TAC members, who were interested in better understanding the assumptions and results related to this option.

Shannon Willits noted that the I-710 project would be upgrading 29 of the 47 crossings in the project area. He noted that the project inventoried the gaps and feasible new crossing locations, and said eight of the thirteen studied were deemed feasible. He said the objective is to identify the five most feasible locations to develop further in the EIR process. He said the candidates include Humphreys Avenue, Clara Street, Pacific Place, Spring Street, and Hill Street. He said Metro will reach out to Bell and Vernon as a follow up regarding possible gaps that didn't get addressed through this process.

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

**B. Presentation by Metro Regarding the I-710 Early Action Project—
Sound Wall Project Update**

Ernesto Chaves provided a presentation regarding the status of the soundwall project. He noted the PS&E progress on the three packages as ranging from zero to 65%. He noted that the Caltrans standard requires a minimum of 67 decibels of noise with a wall attenuating a minimum of 5 decibels. He said package 1 would be completed in August 2017, package 2 by September 2017, and package 3 by January 2018.

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

C. I-710 Early Action Projects
1. Cost Contingency Update
2. New Local Projects Update Policy
3. Measure R Funding Criteria Update

Ernesto Chaves provided a brief update on the cost contingency policy. He said the Project Committee was provided a recommendation from the TAC to change the criteria that a project must be located within one mile of the freeway but the Committee has not yet met.

It was moved by Ignacio Ochoa, seconded by Derek Wieske, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Current I-710 Early Action Project Update
1. Cash Flow/Invoicing Status
2. Early Action Presentations/Updates

Ernesto Chaves provided a report on the early action project expenditures and noted that he had requested everyone to review it and provide comments. Mohammad Mostahkami commented on upcoming billings from Downey. Derek Wieske noted that Vernon's agreement had been approved by the city council

yesterday. Ray Abassi noted that Bell Gardens' issue would be resolved and that they could get started.

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

E. Recommended Concept to Prioritize Local Early Action Projects Using the Strategic Transportation Plan

Yvette Kirrin distributed a handout regarding the concept of prioritizing local early action projects using the Strategic Transportation Plan (STP). Each of the recommended steps was presented, including the need to provide preference to those jurisdictions that haven't received funding in the past, as well as prioritizing the STP projects within the early action envelope. After discussion among the TAC members, direction was given to staff to reach out to jurisdictions that received a funding agreement to help them bring a project to the TAC as soon as possible. Ms. Kirrin said a status report would be provided at the next TAC meeting.

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

F. COG Engineer's Report

Kekoa Anderson provided an update regarding the Los Angeles River watershed and the ability to leverage funds. He said there is activity taking place with the Lower Los Angeles River Working Group, which may result in another funding opportunity.

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

IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

There were no matters from the Committee members.

X. Matters from the Chair

Bill Pagett noted that the proposed MTA ballot measure shows the I-710 project later in the plan, which isn't desirable for project delivery.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:05 p.m.