

**MINUTES OF THE
SR-91/I-605/I-405 CORRIDOR CITIES
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING
Gateway Cities COG Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount
February 23, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Noe Negrete at 2:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by self introductions.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jose Hernandez, City of Artesia; Jerry Stock, City of Bellflower; Kanna Vancheswaran, City of Cerritos; Glen Kau, City of Compton; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Bill Pagett, Cities of Hawaiian Gardens and Paramount; 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; James L. Keena, City of Whittier; Dominic Osmena, County of Los Angeles.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Alex Gonzalez, City of Industry; Mark Christoffels, San Gabriel Valley COG.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ernesto Chaves, Metro; Adrian Alvarez, Metro; David Hershenson, Metro; Aline Antaren, Metro; Marco Ruano, Caltrans; Yvette Kirrin, Gateway Cities COG; Kekoa Anderson, Gateway Cities COG; Jack Joseph, Gateway Cities COG; Tom Choe, System Metrics; Sam Ekrami, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Jim Parker, Paragon Partners; Dave Speirs, Parsons Transportation Group; Joe Harake, Parsons Transportation Group; Amit Shah, Parsons Transportation Group; Gene Bougdanos, Michael Baker International; Peter Pham, Southern California Edison; Vanessa Barrientos, Southstar Engineering.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jose Hernandez.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Yvette Kirrin said that there would be various presentations made under Reports Item E (Measure R Funding Requests) and recommended that the presentations by the City of Norwalk, City of Santa Fe Springs, City of Cerritos, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works be added to the agenda. It was the consensus of the TAC to add these presentations to the agenda.

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 Glen Kau, to approve the minutes of the meetings of October 27, 2015, and January 26, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

A. I-605 Hot Spots Interchanges Project Update

Ernesto Chaves, Metro, gave a status report on the freeway interchange project PSRs. He said the I-605/SR-60 is now out for procurement and that proposals are due in the second week of March. Adrian Alvarez, Metro, reported that a recommendation to award a contract on the I-605/SR-91 interchange will go to the MTA Board in April. Mr. Chaves said the I-605/I-5 interchange and these interchanges are very large projects (from \$500 million to \$1 billion) and the goal will be to see what smaller pieces can be delivered in the next four or five years. Mr. Alvarez noted that two arterial hot spots projects are out to bid (Santa Fe Springs/La Mirada and Cerritos).

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

B. Hot Spots Projects—New Local Project Updates Policy

Ernesto Chaves reported that invoicing on the hot spots projects has not kept up with expenditures. Tom Choe, System Metrics, distributed a sample format for invoices and said System Metrics is available to assist cities on their invoices.

It was recommended that at every meeting there be a written status report on each funded project for the TAC to understand the progress of each project as well as the cash flow. Mr. Choe provided a sample report. Mr. Alvarez said Metro is scheduling a series of one on one meetings to better understand a project's status and to see if additional resources could help delivery. He said Metro is recommending policies to manage cash flow to temporarily redistribute cash to deliver projects.

Mr. Chaves said eligibility criteria were approved by the MTA Board in 2012 for all subregional highway projects. Even though the TACs have developed

independent criteria, he said we still need to abide by the Metro criteria. He passed out a clarification on project eligibility. Mr. Chaves said there are still pending clarifications for the criteria which are not expected until April. Mr. Alvarez added that the template for billing should help Metro understand the status of projects.

Bill Pagett said the one mile corridor from a freeway policy is contrary to the corridors previously adopted by the TAC and Corridor Cities Committee.

Noe Negrete asked that Metro present a report next month on who has and has not executed funding agreements.

It was moved by Jose Loera, seconded by Kanna Vancheswaran, to approve a quarterly report schedule for Hot Spots projects. The motion was approved unanimously.

Noe Negrete said next month's meeting should have a contingency policy on the agenda.

It was moved by Glen Kau, seconded by Ed Norris, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. I-605/I-5 Presentation on Project Approval/Environmental Document

Metro staff introduced a PowerPoint presentation prepared by Parsons on the I-605/I-5 interchange PA/ED. This project was awarded to Parsons in October 2015 and is currently undergoing development of the project schedule for a 48 month duration. They are also completing data gathering. It was reported that Caltrans has approved the encroachment permit and that they have as-builts and other baseline data. They will come back to the TAC once the path forward is developed.

It was moved by Glen Kau, seconded by Dominic Osmena, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Adrian Alvarez distributed a handout which summarized expenditures to date. He said he is expecting MOUs from Bellflower, Lakewood, and Norwalk that haven't yet been executed. He said Downey has an MOU that is not reflected on the chart. It was recommended that the bar chart be updated to show total project cost in blue, MOU amount in red, and amount invoiced in another color.

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

E. Measure R Funding Requests Update

Bill Zimmerman gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Imperial Highway Signalization project by the City of Norwalk. He said the City would drop improvements from the Pioneer Blvd/Imperial intersection project for a cost savings. He said it would be a joint project with Caltrans and Santa Fe Springs on Imperial from the San Gabriel River to Shoemaker Ave. He said the project would include signal synchronization, upgrading of ADA ramps, and capacity protection. No right-of-way acquisition would be required. He said the total project cost is \$3.3 million, but with the dropping of the Pioneer/Imperial project, would only be a total addition of \$1.9 million.

Adrian Alvarez said he had three comments. He said the project has impacts resulting from I-5 and asked if the City had considered getting money from the I-5 project. Mr. Zimmerman said the I-5 project changed the signals at Imperial and two additional signals need to be re-timed.

Mr. Alvarez said this project was part of the County's signal synchronization program. He said the City should ask the County for a reset of the synchronization. Mr. Zimmerman said the County provided timing and upgrades, which are only good for three years. He said the County has not upgraded signal poles, ADA ramps, or pedestrian heads as they were not part of the original project, but are a new requirement.

Mr. Alvarez said he would like to know how reducing the funds from an existing project would affect the intersection of Pioneer and Imperial. Mr. Zimmerman said the City doesn't wish to acquire right-of-way, which will be the savings applied to the new project.

Jerry Stock asked whether the synchronization was wireless or hardwired. Mr. Zimmerman noted that the system is intended to be fiber to connect the system where gaps exist.

Ernesto Chaves asked if I-5's scope isn't intended to coordinate the new signals with the overall system. Mr. Zimmerman noted the signalization would need to be coordinated off the new signals.

Jose Loera noted that traffic signal poles don't generally need to be updated. He said the County is available to update the timing. Mr. Zimmerman noted that the City has the ability to time the system.

Kanna Vancheswaran gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed project by the City of Cerritos to replace the Del Amo Blvd. Bridge at Coyote Creek. The current bridge constrains the existing four lanes on Del Amo to two lanes from both sides of the bridge. He said a Class I bicycle facility would be built

into the bridge replacement. He explained that the Los Angeles County share of the bridge is 60% (Cerritos and Lakewood), with the remaining 40% being in Orange County. He said \$2.2 million in Measure R funds would be needed for the Los Angeles County portion of the project, and that the Orange County cities (Cypress and La Palma) are applying for Measure M funding for their share. He said the OCTA Board is scheduled to consider the request in April.

Adrian Alvarez said the project's 1.5 mile distance from SR-91 could be an issue and will be investigated further. He also asked a follow up question regarding the funding from Orange County. Mr. Vancheswaran responded that La Palma is the lead on the Orange County side and has requested the funds from OCTA. If the request is not successful, he said Cerritos would not pursue the project.

Noe Negrete gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed project by the City of Santa Fe Springs to widen Florence Avenue from Orr and Day Road to Pioneer Blvd. He said the total cost of the project is \$2.8 million. He said the project meets the funding criteria in that it increases capacity and is located within one mile of the freeway. He said the need is for additional capacity and would add an additional lane in each direction to match the three lanes on the new Caltrans bridge.

Dominic Osmena presented a request from the County of Los Angeles for improvements at two intersections: Telegraph/Carmenita and Valley View/Imperial. He said these projects have a funding shortfall of \$200,000 to complete the environmental phase of the project.

Noe Negrete noted that this request would fall into the contingency category.

Ernesto Chaves said that in the past the procedure would be for the County to follow the same process, which would involve an increase in the funding agreement and approval by the MTA Board. Moving forward, he said the contingency policy could call for projects to have a 20% contingency amount in anticipation of these types of situations.

Noe Negrete asked that an agenda item on the contingency policy be placed on next month's agenda.

Jose Loera mentioned that Pico Rivera will have an issue of approximately \$2 million in increased right-of-way acquisition costs and the process to get an updated funding agreement is a problem due to the appraisals being good for only six months. He said the two-month approval process at the TAC level could impact the project and recommended that, if there are no issues, a project could be expedited and voted on in one meeting.

Noe Negrete said projects should be discussed with Metro first, and then presentations should be in the correct format.

It was moved by Glen Kau, seconded by Jose Loera, to receive and file the four project presentations. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Gateway Cities COG Engineer Report

Yvette Kirrin gave a brief update on the timing of the approval process for the Strategic Transportation Plan.

Kekoa Anderson noted that the projects need to be consistent with the grand vision and master planning of the Strategic Transportation Plan.

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

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no comments from Committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:24 p.m.