

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
March 16, 2016**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mohammad Mostahkami at 1:41 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Al Cablay, City of Bell; Chau Vu, 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; Jillian Wong, SCAQMD; Donald Johnson, SCE (ex officio).

ABSENT: Bill Pagett, Chair, City of Maywood, and City of Paramount; Richard Garland, City of Carson; Michael Allen, City of Cudahy; Raul Godinez, City of Lynwood; Steve Myrter, City of Signal Hill; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Jacob Waclaw, FHWA & FTA; Annie Nam, SCAG; Representative from the California Highway Patrol; John Doherty, ACTA (ex officio); Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Steve Forster, City of Bell Gardens; Elizabeth Obando, Caltrans; Shashi Pandey, SCE; Vishal Patel, SCE; Jordan Smith, SCE; Jack Haggemiller, SCE; Bill Stracker, Anderson Penna; Sheila Amparo, BKF Engineers; Romeo Firme, David Evans & Associates.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Al Cablay.

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 Al Cablay, seconded by Glen Kau, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2015. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. I-710 Update

Ernesto Chaves reported that the work required by Metro motion 22A has resulted in a four to six months delay in the issuance of the re-circulated EIR/EIS, which is now expected to be released in May 2017. He said there would be no substantial technical reports until this summer. He said they are following up with SCAG regarding the 2012 RTP information and are hoping to not have to update due to the 2016 STP.

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

B. Presentation by Metro Regarding the I-710 Early Action Project— Sound Wall Extension in the City of Bell Gardens—Scope Change

Ernesto Chaves introduced Bell Gardens Public Works Director Chau Vu, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the city's request for funding for the extension of approximately 500 feet to the proposed sound wall at the southwest Bell Gardens city limits. She said the site is a vacated industrial use but is adjacent to a residential neighborhood and may itself be rezoned to residential use. She said the design cost would be \$125,000, with construction at about \$650,000-675,000. The \$125,000 is currently within the project's contingency.

Art Cervantes asked how the proposed wall complies with the policy of walls only being allowed for abutting residential areas. Mr. Chaves responded saying that is a Caltrans policy, but with Metro being the funding source, there would be more flexibility. He said the reason it wasn't included in the original plan is because there are no receptors. He said if the property is residential by the time it would need to go to construction, then it can be paid for.

Derek Wieske asked if this would take funding from other early action projects. Mr. Chaves responded that the design could be covered by the contingency funds and the construction dollars can be held back until the decision is made that the property will be residential.

It was moved by Ignacio Ochoa, seconded by Art Cervantes, to approve the funding for the design of the expanded sound wall with the stipulation that no construction funds be allocated until justified with a sound study for the area. 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 reported that Metro is recommending a quarterly verbal status report for each project by each recipient of a funding agreement. Mohammad Mostahkami recommended that each jurisdiction provide a few bullet points per project as a status report as a quick receive and file item. Mr. Chaves said Metro is creating a short template that can be used to assist. Mr. Mostahkami recommended tabling this item until next meeting so that the TAC could review and approve the template.

Mr. Chaves recommended that a 5% contingency be built into future project approvals. He referred the TAC to a white paper produced by Metro regarding cost overrun and contingency for funding highway projects. Art Cervantes noted that we need to make sure we aren't tying up capacity of other projects with contingency. He said that, if contingencies are already included in the project budgeting, then an additional contingency should not be required.

It was moved by Maryam Babaki, seconded by Glen Kau, to approve the policy of requiring a 5% contingency. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Chaves reported that a change being recommended by Metro is that future approvals be done by a two step process, including a presentation of the project at the first TAC meeting and then coming back at a second meeting for a vote on approval. The purpose of the two step process would be to give enough time to evaluate projects and to be responsive to questions about the project. It would also give Metro an opportunity to comment on how the project fits with the eligibility criteria established in 2009 that limited the use of funds with regard to scope.

It was moved by Ignacio Ochoa, seconded by Maryam Babaki, to approve the two step process for project approval. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mohammad Mostahkami said he would like consensus regarding the eligibility criteria, particularly the issue of projects needing to be located

within one mile of a freeway. He said every city has impacts that can be felt more than one mile from the freeway itself.

It was moved by Art Cervantes, seconded by Derek Wieske, that projects within the pre-defined corridor be accepted as benefitting the freeway. 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 noted the need to increase the expenditure draw downs on the early action projects. He said Metro is meeting with the individual jurisdictions to better understand the cash flow on each of the projects.

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

E. Zero Emission Truck Freight Corridor Feasibility Analysis Report

Don Johnson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the I-710 Zero Emission Freight Corridor Electrification Feasibility Study. He said the objective of the study was to assess generation resources and transmission capacity to determine whether the demand of up to 250 megawatts from electric catenary trucks can be served beginning in 2030. The results of the study showed that it is feasible. Facilities that would be needed to serve a catenary system could be developed. Mr. Johnson is installing a test track on Alameda Street in Carson. He said they are also testing four trucks at the Edison lab. He said a final study should be issued in December of this year.

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

F. COG Engineer's Report

Yvette Kirrin reported that the Strategic Transportation Plan project is coming to a close, with the final plan going to the STP Oversight Committee, COG Transportation Committee, and COG Board of Directors for adoption on April 6th.

IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

There were no matters from the Committee members.

X. Matters from the Chair

There were no matters from the Chair.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:58 p.m.