

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA  
October 21, 2015**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pagett at 1:39 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; Glen Kau, City of Compton; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of Downey; Derek Wieske, City of Long Beach; Bill Stracker, City of Lynwood; 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; Shoro Yoshikawa, POLA.

**ABSENT:** Richard Garland, City of Carson; Maryam Babaki, City of Commerce; Michael Allen, City of Cudahy; Michael Ackerman, City of Huntington Park; Charlie Honeycutt, City of Signal Hill; Jacob Waclaw, FHWA & FTA; Annie Nam, SCAG; Ian McMillan, SCAQMD; Representative from the California Highway Patrol; John Doherty, ACTA (ex officio); Donald Johnson, SCE (ex officio); Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Johnathan Perisho, Watershed Conservation Authority; Bryan Moller, L.A. County Bike Coalition; Dave Levinsohn, AECOM; Mario Montes, HDR; Sam Ekrami, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Violette Sedagat, Geo-Advantec, Inc.; Tom Choe, System Metrics Group.

**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 Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Al Cablay, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 19, 2015. The motion was approved unanimously.

**VIII. Reports**

**A. I-710 Update**

Ernesto Chaves reported that Metro staff would be going to the Board this month for approval of a contract modification for additional funds for the re-circulated EIR/EIS. He said Supervisor Solis would be introducing a motion to incorporate additional scope elements into alternatives 5C and 7, including: analysis of ways to avoid right-of-way impacts from the freight corridor; additional analysis of express bus transit services along I-710; a series of bicycle lane proposals in the utilities rights-of-way along the Los Angeles River. He said the scope would also look at bicycle/pedestrian freeway crossings to add additional crossings up to every one-half mile, policy direction regarding mitigations, and additional zero emission vehicles and public/private partnership direction. He said if the motion is approved tomorrow, Metro staff will put together a scope and cost to bring back to the Board for approval. He said there would be funding and schedule impacts.

In response to a question from Mohammad Mostahkami, Mr. Chaves said the cost to deliver the motion would be between \$2 and \$3 million. Al Cablay asked how much additional time would be needed to complete the additional study. Mr. Chaves estimated that it would take between four and six months.

Mr. Chaves said that Caltrans staff had met with Supervisor Solis' office and were okay with the language. He said the Supervisor's office has worked closely with CEHAJ on the motion. He said CEHAJ had attended the Planning and Programs Committee meeting and were supportive.

Dave Levinsohn, AECOM, presented an update on the technical progress. He said the engineering team had completed its review of the geometrics and had finalized the footprint of the two build alternatives. He said only a few design options remain at both the north and south ends of the corridor. Mr. Levinsohn said Shannon Willits has offered to brief any

jurisdiction on the geometrics. He said the geometrics would go to the local advisory committees beginning in November.

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

### **B. Livability Initiative Update**

Yvette Kirrin noted that there were two additional items on the agenda that have a direct nexus to the Livability Initiative, including the presentation by the Watershed Conservation Authority and the Caltrans Sustainability Grant application. She noted that they are working with the appropriate agencies that can bring money to the subregion and more immediately benefit the communities more quickly than the I-710 freeway project construction could provide.

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

### **C. Watershed Conservation Authority Presentation on Gateway Cities and Rivers Urban Greening Master Plan**

Johnathan Perisho, Project Manager for the Watershed Conservation Authority, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Gateway Greening Plan. He said the plan is being done in partnership with North East Trees and is funded through grants from the Strategic Growth Council and Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, with in-kind match from the Gateway Cities member entities. He said the plan seeks to identify greening opportunities within the cities and unincorporated areas in the Gateway Cities in the Lower Los Angeles River basin.

Mr. Perisho said the goals are to identify project opportunities for parks, greenways, trails, bikeways, and green infrastructure projects for water reliability and complete streets. Although he noted that the project list that will be developed has a focus on the Los Angeles River, the plan will cover the entire Gateway Cities subregion.

Mohammad Mostahkami asked how long it will take for the plan to be completed. Mr. Perisho responded that it will take two years.

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

#### **D. I-710 Measure R Funding Criteria Update**

Ernesto Chaves presented a brief report, noting that the TAC wants to review the criteria for early action project funding and to improve the process. He said he would be bringing forward the recommended changes next month.

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

#### **E. Current I-710 Early Action Project Update**

Ernesto Chaves introduced Tom Choe of System Metrics Group, who again provided an offer of support for projects, specifically on invoicing and funding agreements. He noted that progress is starting to show, including on projects in Downey, Long Beach, Vernon, and Commerce. He noted that at \$17 million we are short of the spending goal of \$33 million in eight months, which means significant dollars need to be invoiced soon. He said we need to monitor the spending to see if funds can be pushed out so that other ready projects may be advanced.

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

#### **F. Staff Request to Update Measure R Approval Process**

Yvette Kirrin presented a report which recommended that a one month period of review be adopted for early action project proposals before final approval is given by the TAC. She said that would give the opportunity for questions and answers to be quantified and reported before the next month's meeting.

It was moved by Derek Wieske, seconded by Kevin Wilson, to approve the recommendation that a one month period pass before a project is approved for funding. Mohammad Mostahkami moved that the words "if needed" be inserted. There was no second to the motion. The original motion was approved unanimously.

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

Kekoa Anderson presented the first part of the COG engineering update, focusing on how all the various projects tie together. He provided an update on the California High Speed Rail project and the Artesia Boulevard corridor study.

Yvette Kirrin added that a Public Works Directors and STP Technical Advisory Committee meeting would be held tomorrow.

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

#### **H. Caltrans Sustainability Grant**

Yvette Kirrin reported that Metro is pursuing a \$500,000 Caltrans Sustainability Grant, with the COG as a secondary sponsor, to fund the transportation components of the Livability Initiative. She said Metro would provide the 11% match requirement. She presented a draft letter of support for the application.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Derek Wieske, to approve the letter of support for the Caltrans Sustainability Grant application. 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**

There were no matters from the Chair.

#### **XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:04 p.m.