



## **I-710 Technical Advisory Committee**

*Wednesday, February 21, 2018*

*1:30 – 3:30 PM*

**Gateway Cities Council of Governments**  
**16401 Paramount Boulevard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Paramount, California**

### **AGENDA**

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** The I-710 Technical Advisory Committee will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or an item of interest that is not on the agenda. The I-710 Technical Advisory Committee cannot take action on any item not scheduled on the agenda. These items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future agenda. Comments are to be limited to three minutes for each speaker, unless extended by the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee, and each speaker will only have one opportunity to speak on any one topic. You have the opportunity to address the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee at the following times:

- A. **AGENDA ITEM:** at this time the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee considers the agenda item OR during Public Comments, and
- B. **NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** during Public Comments, comments will be received for a maximum 20-minute period; any additional requests will be heard following the completion of the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee agenda; and
- C. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** at the time for public hearings.

**Please keep your comments brief and complete a speaker card for the Chair.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL – BY SELF INTRODUCTIONS**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA** - This is the time and place to change the order of the agenda, delete or add any agenda item(s).

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Three minutes for each speaker.

**VI. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR:** All items under the Consent Calendar may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and acted upon separately by the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee.

A. Approve Minutes for the Meeting of January 17, 2018, of the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM.

**VIII. REPORTS**

**30 Min** A. I-710 EIR/EIS Project

- Status Update regarding recommendation of Alternative 5c to the Metro Board

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

**15 Min** B. Current 710 Early Action Project Update Including

- Cash Flow/Invoicing Status – Oral Report by Metro

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

**15 Min** C. 710 Early Action Projects – Status Update & Request for Funds

- Shoemaker Bridge PS&E Phase - City of Long Beach (Meeting #3)
- Paramount Blvd. at Imperial Hwy – City of Downey (Meeting #2)

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

15 Min

D. 710 Early Action Projects (Active) – Status Update

Agency Presenting	Project	FA Amount
Long Beach	Shoemaker Bridge Replacement Project	\$ 5,500,000.00
Long Beach	Atlantic Ave/Willow St Intersection Improvements	\$ 300,000.00

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

5 Min

E. COG Engineer’s Report – Oral Report by Yvette Kirrin and /or Kekoa Anderson

**MATTERS FROM THE I-710 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR**

**ADJOURNMENT**

NOTE: New items will not be considered after 4:00 p.m. unless the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee votes to extend the time limit. Any items on the agenda that are not completed will be forwarded to the next regular I-710 Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 1:30 PM.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE COG OFFICE AT (562) 663-6850. NOTIFICATION 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**Item A**  
**Approval of Minutes**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA  
January 17, 2018**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pagett at 1:37 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Bill Pagett, Chair, City of Bell and City of Paramount; Steve Forster, City of Bell Gardens; Richard Garland, City of Carson; Maryam Babaki, City of Commerce; Wendell Johnson, City of Compton; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Sean Crumby, City of Long Beach; Ray Abassi, City of Lynwood; Dan Garcia, City of Maywood; Art Cervantes, City of South Gate; Paul Barbe, County of Los Angeles; John Vassiliades, Caltrans; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; Theresa Dau Ngo, POLB; Donald Johnson, SCE (ex officio).

**ABSENT:** Aaron Hernandez, City of Cudahy; Sergio Infanzon, City of Huntington Park; Kelli Tunnickliff, City of Signal Hill; Dan Wall, City of Vernon; Jacob Waclaw, FHWA & FTA; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Annie Nam, SCAG; Representative from the California Highway Patrol; Mike Krause, SCAQMD; John Doherty, ACTA (ex officio); Steve Broyles, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Alvin Papa, City of Long Beach; Elioth Obando, Caltrans; Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Julie Rush, AECOM; Dave Levinsohn, AECOM; Julia Lester, Ramboll; Traci Gleason, Koa Consulting; Stephane Dolor, TY Lin; Mario Montes, HDR; Allison Morrow, LSA; Jeff Fromhertz, WSP; Wayne Richardson, Tetra Tech; Perry Maljian, Amec Foster Wheeler; Cal Zachman, MNS Engineers; Georgia Medina, Moffatt & Nichol.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Forster.

**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 Sean Crumby, seconded by Richard Garland, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously.

**VIII. Reports**

**A. I-710 EIR/EIR Project Updates**

- **Summary of Project Team Recommendation**
- **Locally Preferred Alternative Recommendation**

Ernesto Chaves reviewed the presentation made in December to the TAC which detailed staff's recommendation of Alternative 5C as the locally preferred alternative. He said the TAC would be asked to make a recommendation on a locally preferred alternative at today's meeting. Following the TAC meeting, he said, a series of meetings with various committees would be held over the next three to four weeks, with recommendations going ultimately to the Metro Board and onto Caltrans District 7 for determination of the preferred alternative.

Julie Rush, AECOM, gave a PowerPoint presentation which provided a status summary of Alternative 5C and Alternative 7.

After discussion among the TAC members, it was moved by Steve Forster, seconded by Sean Crumby, to recommend Alternative 5C as the preferred alternative, with the note that Metro will work with the cities regarding viable Alternative 5C design refinements, and to maximize the air quality benefits, including the I-710 zero and near-zero emission truck program. The motion was approved, with Dan Garcia voting no and Maryam Babaki abstaining.

**B. Current I-710 Early Action Project Updates, Including Cash Flow/Invoicing Status**

Ernesto Chaves provided a status report on programming and availability of funds for the 30-year life of Measure R. He noted that \$61 million had been overprogrammed in the first decade, but the drawdown of funds has been such that there is considerable cash flow available. However, this reduced the availability of second decade funds to \$86 million.

Mr. Chaves note that overall there remains about \$100 million in second and third decade funding for non-freeway funds that can still be programmed. He said Metro is interested in approving projects that can be done quickly to show improvements to the public. He said Metro could deliver projects on local agencies' behalf and get them ready to build.

Yvette Kirrin said that she plans to bring a list of cities/agencies to the TAC that haven't received funds to date to provide an equity opportunity to receive funds and deliver a project.

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

### **C. I-710 Early Action Projects Status Update and Request for Funds**

- **Shoemaker Bridge PS&E Phase—City of Long Beach**

Sean Crumby introduced Traci Gleason, who gave a PowerPoint presentation which followed up on the initial Shoemaker Bridge project presentation from December. It was noted that the City has multiple sources of funding within the project, including funding from the Long Beach Must project and \$14 million from SB 1. The TAC has previously approved \$5.5 million in Measure R funding. Mr. Crumby said the total estimated cost of design is between \$25 and \$35 million, with the new funding request to the TAC being \$14.5 million to close the gap to the high estimate of design costs

Ray Abassi recommended that the minimum amount of needed funds be approved today based on the lower estimated total design costs. Mr. Crumby agreed that the City did not need more than \$5.5 million at this time. Bill Pagett noted that the funds for this project come from the freeway portion and not the local non-freeway portion of Measure R.

Wendell Johnson asked why there was such a large, \$100 million, differential in the construction cost estimates. Mario Montes of HDR explained that the bridge type costs would vary between \$50 and \$125 million, with the remaining costs being the local connections within the city, active transportation elements, and roundabouts to provide independent utility. Traci Gleason pointed out that the span of the bridge is larger than that of the Gerald Desmond Bridge. She said there are also considerations for repurposing the existing bridge as an extension to the park.

Art Cervantes said the TAC would like to be more certain of the total funding needed and recognized that it would take another year before determination of the bridge type is made. He noted his full support of the project design,

but said the TAC should not commit the maximum amount of money to projects not fully defined.

It was moved by Art Cervantes, seconded by Bill Pagett, to recommend programming \$5.5 million for the current fiscal year, and to approve a placeholder for the remaining \$10 million as part of the second decade Measure R funding to complete the design, and to request a full funding update in August or September to reaffirm the budget or de-obligate any funds not needed. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **Paramount Blvd. at Imperial Highway—City of Downey**

Ed Norris gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed intersection improvement project at Paramount Blvd. and Imperial Highway in Downey. He said the project is #57 on the Early Action Projects list and is intended to address long term traffic projections contained in the I-710 Recirculated Draft EIR.

Mr. Norris described the work on the project as including double left turn lanes in the southbound and westbound directions; widening along the east and west sides of Paramount Blvd. sufficient to allow for those lanes; reconstruction of the raised medians on Paramount; pavement reconstruction and rehabilitation of the intersection and approaches; modification of the traffic signals; and incidental striping, signing, and pavement markings. He said the total estimated cost and funding request was \$3,185,000.

It was moved by Ray Abassi, seconded by Art Cervantes, to receive and file the report and to bring back the project to the February meeting for approval of a recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

**D. I-710 Early Action Projects (Active)—Status Update (Downey)**

- **Lakewood Boulevard Improvement Project**
- **Firestone Blvd. Improvement Project (Old River School Rd. to West City Limits)**
- **Paramount Blvd/Firestone Blvd. Intersection Improvements**

Ed Norris provided a status report on three early action projects. He said the design of the Lakewood Boulevard project is complete and that the City is awaiting approval of an encroachment permit from Caltrans, which was expected next week. He said the Firestone Blvd. project is being constructed in two phases: the first phase being a water improvement project to be completed in May, with full completion of the project in early 2019. Finally, he said the Paramount/Firestone project is about 99% complete, with the streetscape to be completed in the next month.



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

**E. COG Engineer's Report**

There was no report.

**IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee**

There were no matters from committee members.

**X. Matters from the Chair**

There were no matters from the chair.

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:45 p.m.