

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
SR-91/I-605/I-405 CORRIDOR CITIES COMMITTEE**

**A Meeting Held at the  
Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA**

**April 27, 2016**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken by self-introductions.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Daniels, City of Paramount, Chair; Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower; Naresh Solanki, City of Cerritos; Sean Ashton, City of Downey; Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens; Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood; Michael Mendez, City of Norwalk; Joe Angel Zamora, City of Santa Fe Springs.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Tony Lima, City of Artesia; Janna Zurita, City of Compton; Mark Radecki, City of Industry; Stacy Mungo, City of Long Beach; Bob Archuleta, City of Pico Rivera; Representative from City of Whittier; Julie Moore, County of Los Angeles.

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Magdosku, City of Whittier, TAC Chair; Ernesto Chaves, Metro; Adrian Alvarez, Metro; Jack Joseph, Deputy Executive Director, GCCOG; Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG Engineer.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Ashton.

**IV. Amendments to the Agenda**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**V. Public Comments**

Chris Magdosku, City of Whittier, announced that the Whittier City Council had not yet named a representative to replace former City Councilmember Owen Newcomer, who was unsuccessful in his re-election to city council.

## **VI. Matters from Staff**

There were no matters from staff.

## **VII. Consent Calendar**

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Dunton, to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 28, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously, with Member Ashton abstaining.

## **VIII. Reports**

### **A. Engineering Report on Current Projects**

#### **1. Freeway Hot Spots**

Ernesto Chaves, Metro, gave a PowerPoint presentation which updated the Committee on the status of four freeway interchange projects. He said the PA/ED on the I-605/I-5 interchange began in late 2015 and is 5% complete. He said the I-605/SR-91 interchange study PA/ED would start in May. Mr. Chaves reported that procurement for the PA/ED on the I-605/SR-60 interchange was in procurement and scheduled to start in July. Finally, he said the Project Initiation Document for the SR-91/I-710 interchange was initiated in January, with an expected completion date of July 2017.

Mr. Chaves reviewed the background for the early action projects program, stating that, to be eligible, projects needed to have independent utility, limited right-of-way impacts, and be able to be completed within five years. He identified six independent projects with I-605 interchanges that were analyzed in collaboration with Caltrans.

It was moved by Member Dunton, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **2. Non-Freeway or Arterial Intersection Hot Spots**

Adrian Alvarez, Metro, gave a PowerPoint presentation which reviewed the arterial hot spots program. He said the initial list of intersection improvements were at 28 locations, for which \$39.9 million had been programmed. He said Metro was asked to complete PA/ED for ten intersections and complete PS&E for five intersections.

Mr. Alvarez reported that the Technical Advisory Committee had nominated seven additional projects since the development of the original list with a total value of \$19.25 million: Bellflower Blvd./Imperial Highway intersection; Bellflower Blvd. widening from Artesia Blvd. to Beach Street; Lakewood Blvd. Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancement Project; Bellflower Blvd. widening from Artesia Blvd. to SR-91; sound wall on I-605 near Spring Street; Florence Avenue Widening Project; Imperial Highway ITS Project; and Del Amo Bridge Replacement Project. He said approval of the Del Amo Bridge Replacement Project was contingent on a nexus to the freeway being established.

It was moved by Member Dunton, seconded by Member DuBois, to approve the Technical Advisory Committee's recommended projects to be advanced for programming by the MTA Board of Directors. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **B. I-605 Hot Spots Funding Eligibility Criteria and Approval Process**

- 1. Cost Contingency Update**
- 2. New Local Projects Update Policy**
- 3. SR-91/I-605/I-405 TAC Motion Regarding Metro Measure R Criteria**

Ernesto Chaves, Metro, reported that the Technical Advisory Committee had adopted a 5% contingency policy for the program as a whole. He referred the Corridor Cities Committee to a handout which summarized a Metro clarification on project eligibility for highway operational improvements, which is to improve traffic flow in the existing state highway corridor by reducing congestion and do not significantly expand the design capacity of the system. Furthermore, for Measure R eligibility projects located on primary roadways should be within a one mile corridor of any state highway.

Chris Magdosku, Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee, reported that the TAC had voted to recommend that the Corridor Cities Committee retain the criterion that an eligible project be located within the study corridor rather than to require location within one mile of a state highway. Mr. Chaves said Metro staff feels there is enough flexibility within the criteria even with the one mile restriction.

It was moved by Member Mendez, seconded by Member Dunton, to approve the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee that location within the study corridor be sufficient to determine project eligibility. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Wu described the next steps as presenting the recommendations to the MTA Board in June 2014 and, pursuant to Board authorization, prepare a PSR-PDS for the phased implementation of Alternative 3.

### **C. Gateway Cities Engineer's Report**

#### **i. Aesthetics Update**

Yvette Kirrin reported that there is an initiative to create an aesthetics committee for the I-605 corridor similar to the one established for I-710.

#### **ii. Earmarks—Use or Repurpose—Update**

Yvette Kirrin reported on the opportunity being made to swap unexpended federal transportation earmark funds with Metro for Proposition C funds. She said she is putting together a list of jurisdictions that have unexpended federal earmark funds.

#### **iii. Strategic Transportation Plan—Status**

Yvette Kirrin reported that the COG Board of Directors had approved the Strategic Transportation Plan and that we are now moving into the implementation and tracking phase.

It was moved by Member Mendez, seconded by Member Zamora, to receive and file reports A through C. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **IX. Comments from Committee Members**

Chairman Daniels thanked the Committee for attending the meeting and assuring that there was be a quorum.

### **X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:17 p.m.