

**MINUTES OF THE
SR-91/I-605/I-405 CORRIDOR CITIES
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING
Gateway Cities COG Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount
January 24, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pagett at 1:39 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by self-introductions.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Kanna Vancheswaran, City of Cerritos; Glen Kau, City of Compton; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Bill Pagett, Cities of Hawaiian Gardens and Paramount; Joshua Nelson, City of Industry; Max Withrow, City of Lakewood; Eric Widstrand, City of Long Beach; Brian Aleman, City of Norwalk; Jose Loera, City of Pico Rivera; Noe Negrete, City of Santa Fe Springs, Vice Chair; Dominic Osmena, County of Los Angeles; Mark Christoffels, San Gabriel Valley COG.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Okina Dor, Artesia; Jerry Stock, Bellflower; Chris Magdosku, City of Whittier, Chair.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ernesto Chaves, Metro; Isidro Panuco, Metro; Carlos Montez, Metro; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Michael Hynes, WKE; Dennis D. Barnes, MARRS; David Woo, AYCE Consulting; Romeo Firme, David Evans & Associates; Chao Chen, Moffatt & Nichol; Joe Gonzalez, Jacobs; Walt Quesada, Jacobs; Eric Diaz, Optitrans; Eric Spangler, Michael Baker International; Juan Diaz, JMD.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joshua Nelson.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments 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 Mark Christoffels, seconded by Dominic Osmena, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

A. I-605 Hot Spots Interchanges Project Updates

Ernesto Chaves, Metro, introduced Isidro Panuco, Metro, who presented an update on the scoping meetings for the environmental document on the freeway interchanges PSR/PAED. He reported that there had been 180 attendees at the meetings and 122 comments had been received. He said preliminary design is anticipated to begin in the summer.

Ernesto Chaves said Metro would come back in May with a large presentation. He said the I-605 corridor is looked at as one project in the draft EIR.

Ernesto Chaves reported that there were two scoping meetings in October for the other project involving the westbound SR-91. He said 130 people had attended those meetings, 22 comment cards were received, and a total of 61 comments were submitted. He reported that Carlos Montez was taking over for Adrian Alvarez on this project.

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

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

Ernesto Chaves said he had no physical report, but an electronic report will be sent out. He said any changes to the allocations need to be in by next meeting for the semi-annual report by the MTA Board in April.

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Bill Pagett, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. 2017 Committees Plan—Schedule (Look Ahead)

Ernesto Chaves referred the TAC to the handout which contained a calendar of the various meetings scheduled for 2017.

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

D. Status of MOU's

Ernesto Chaves reported that Carlos Montez will be the new contact person regarding the MOU's and invoicing.

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

E. Status Update Regarding Prioritizing Local Early Action Projects Using the STP

Kekoa Anderson presented a report updating the TAC on the development of a project priority list in the Gateway Cities Strategic Transportation Plan which is now going into the implementation phase. He asked that cities review the priority list, make any updates, and identify their number one project. He said the goal is to assure geographical equity with regard to projects funded out of the second decade of Measure R.

Ed Norris advised that every agency take a look at the priority list because there is currently much incorrect information.

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

F. Presentation on SR-91/I-710 Project Study Report/Project Development Study (PSR-PDS) Project

Juan Diaz, JMD, gave a PowerPoint presentation on this project which, he explained, covers the entire length of SR-91 from Central Avenue to Paramount Blvd. He reviewed the project schedule and the various alternatives for improvements along this corridor. Mr. Diaz estimated the cost of improvements to the corridor to be \$5 million for hot spots improvements and up to \$871 million for freeway improvements.

Bill Pagett said the intersection improvements don't always coincide with the Strategic Transportation Plan and intersections identified under the I-710 EIR/EIS.

It was moved by Joshua Nelson, seconded by Kanna Vancheswaran, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

G. I-605 Early Action Projects Update

Ernesto Chaves provided updates on six interchange projects. He said that, under an agreement with the San Gabriel Valley COG, Measure M funding for construction from the San Gabriel Valley's allocation can be used on the Valley Blvd. and the 7th Street auxiliary lane.

Mr. Chaves reported that Caltrans feels the Peck Road interchange at I-605 is too close to SR-60 and recommends that this not be pursued until after a decision on the I-605 corridor is made in 2018. He said the Beverly Blvd. interchange is still in the works and that an RFP would be released in February to do PAED and PS&E to advance the project.

Mr. Chaves said there is a high risk of archeological findings being made in the area of Whittier Blvd. He said they would wait until the first phase of the archeological findings is done for the big project, probably before summer 2018. Finally, he said there were no issues with the South Street auxiliary lane and that an RFP would be issued in February for PAED and PS&E for award in June.

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Bill Pagett, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

H. Gateway Cities COG Engineer Report

Kekoa Anderson reported that there would be a presentation to the TAC in the future on the Watershed Conservation Authority's Urban Greening project. He said the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy had awarded \$13 million in Proposition 1 grant funds to nine projects in the Gateway Cities.

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

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:48 p.m.