

**MINUTES OF THE
SR-91/I-605/I-405 CORRIDOR CITIES
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING
Gateway Cities COG Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount
February 21, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chris Magdosku at 1:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by self-introductions.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Okina Dor, Artesia; Jerry Stock, Bellflower; Glen Kau, City of Compton; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Bill Pagett, Cities of Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, and Paramount; Joshua Nelson, City of Industry; Jose Loera, City of Pico Rivera; Bill Stracker, City of Santa Fe Springs; Paul Barbe, County of Los Angeles; Chris Magdosku, City of Whittier, Chair.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Kanna Vancheswaran, City of Cerritos; Eric Widstrand, City of Long Beach; Kurt Anderson, City of Norwalk; Mark Christoffels, San Gabriel Valley COG.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ernesto Chaves, Metro; Philbert Wong, Metro; Carlos Montez, Metro; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Michael Hynes, WKE; Wayne Richardson, MARRS; Eric Spangler, Michael Baker International; Tony Rahimian, HDR; Charlene Palmer, NCE; Sam Ekrami, Parsons Transportation Group; Kenny Chao, DKS.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Magdosku.

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 Bill Pagett, seconded by Glen Kau, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

A. I-605 Hot Spots Interchanges Project Updates

Ernesto Chaves, Metro, provided an update on the scoping meetings. He said they are moving forward on the geometrics and should have an update in the fall. Caltrans is currently reviewing the SR-91/I-710 interchange presentation.

Bill Pagett said there are inconsistencies regarding traffic data and improvements. He said we need to evaluate how to combine the two into one document that is consistent with the STP. The goal is the STP as a living document. The analysis should be used to update the STP to assure consistency.

It was moved by Bill Pagett, seconded by Jerry Stock, to define the protocol and update the STP. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Ernesto Chaves referred the TAC to handouts that showed the project by project spending to date figures for each early action project.

It was moved by Joshua Nelson, seconded by Glen Kau, to approve the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. I-605 Express Lane Option Alternative

Philbert Wong, Metro, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Countywide Express Lanes Strategic Plan. He explained the Plan was developed in response to a directive from the Metro Board in November, 2014, and its key features are that it is consistent with the SCAG Regional Express Lanes Study, was developed in conjunction with Caltrans District 7, and considered converting into express lanes existing or planned HOV lanes. He reviewed the corridor and financial screening which resulted in composite scores on each freeway studied. Further refinement led to three tiers of projects, the near-term ones being implemented within five to ten years. Tier 1 projects included I-105 from I-405 to I-605; I-605/SR-60 HOV direct connectors; I-605 from I-10 to I-405; and I-405 from I-10 to the Orange County line.

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

D. Status of MOU's

Ernesto Chaves introduced Carlos Montez, who referred the TAC to a handout which highlighted those project agreements which are being amended or routed for signature. Jose Loera stated that there are right-of-way issues with the Rosemead/Beverly intersection project in Pico River in that there is not a willing seller. Ed Norris pointed out the correct budget figure for the Bellflower/Imperial intersection in Downey is \$2.7 million.

It was moved by Ed Norris, seconded by Bill Pagett, to approve the report as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Kekoa Anderson asked that cities respond with any updates to their projects in the Strategic Transportation Plan. He said this was his monthly reminder that the STP is a living document. He said each city has been asked to identify its top priority project.

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

F. I-605 Early Action Projects

Ernesto Chaves reported that the RFPs for preliminary engineering for the I-605/Beverly Blvd. and I-605/South Street interchanges would be released at the end of the month. He said there are no changes in the status of the other projects.

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

G. Gateway Cities COG Engineer Report

Kekoa Anderson reported that the Corridor Cities Committee would be meeting tomorrow evening and that the STP TAC was scheduled to meet on Thursday. He said an update on the Urban Greening project by the Watershed Conservation Authority can be scheduled for a future meeting.

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

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chris Magdosku announced that today's meeting might be his last because he may be accepting a job from a city on the central coast.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:28 p.m.