

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Via Zoom
May 20, 2020**

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, Chair, City of Bell and Paramount;
Chau Vu, City of Bell Gardens;
Daniel Hernandez- City of Commerce;
Dan Garcia, City of Compton;
Alvin Papa, City of Long Beach;
Kevin Ko, City of Maywood;
Kelli Tunnicliff City of Signal Hill;
Art Cervantes, City of South Gate;
Mahdad Derakhshani, LA County
John Vassiliades, Cal Trans;
Ernesto Chavez, Metro;
Theresa Dau Ngo, POLB;
Kerry Cartwright, POLA;

ABSENT: Richard Garland, City of Carson;
Aaron Hernandez Torres, City of Cudahy
Delfino Consunji, City of Downey;
Sergio Infanzon, City of Huntington Park
Tom Thornton, City of Lynwood;
Dan Wall, City of Vernon;
Jacob Waclaw, FHWA & FTA;
Garrett Damrath, Cal Trans;

Other attendees included: Other attendees included: Yvette Kirrin, Kekoa Anderson, Nancy Pfeffer & Karen Heit, GCCOG; Adriana Figueroa, Paramount; Bo Burick, Mark Thomas; KeAndra Cylear Dodds, Brett Roberts, Shannon Willits, Mark Dierking, Julio Perucho, Lourdes Ortega, Lucy Delgadillo & Steve, Metro; Traci Gleason, GWMA; Rachel Roque & Jocelyn Rivera-Olivas, Supervisor Hahn; Ed Norris, Downey; Nina Turner, POLB; Birgitta Ongawan, Jacobs Engineering; Dave Levingsohn & Julie Rush, EA Com; Diego Cadena; Derya Thompson; Eileen Aparicio; Gene; Georgia Medina;

Jeff Fromhertz; Mario Montes; Michelle Cordi, CalTrans; Nicolas Velasquez; Pat Somerville, HNTB; Terence Pao, HDR; Wayne Richardson.

III. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments

V. Matters from Staff

Ms. Kirrin requested that Item D be moved ahead of Item A to minimize the risk of losing a quorum.

VI. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Daniel Hernandez (Commerce), seconded by Alvin Papa (Long Beach), to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2020. The motion was without objection.

VII. Reports

D. I-710 Early Action Projects – Request Funds

City of Paramount – Rosecrans HBR Bridge Improvement Project over the LA River

Adriana made the presentation for the Rosecrans Bridge Funding Request. She noted that it's 2 structures that need retrofiting. Request includes design, environmental, design and construction. Funding request is for the local match portion for a total of \$800,000.

Motion to approve the City of Paramount's Funding Request for \$800,000.

Questions: Ernesto brought up the consistence of how we review the projects, and requested that the City explain the traffic benefits or expand on it. Adriana added that outside shoulders would be added on each side of the road to help move traffic in an event that additional space is needed.

Ernesto noted that leveraging Measure R funds, like this project proposed to do, is great.

Ed Norris wanted to confirm the funds are in the FTIP. Adriana noted that it is.

It was moved by Chau Vu (Bell Gardens) and seconded by Alvin Papa (Long Beach) to receive and file the item. The item was approved without objection with abstention from South Gate and Signal Hill.

City of Long Beach – Shoemaker Bridge Project

Alvin Papa made the presentation for the Shoemaker Bridge Funding Request. He noted that the project is nearing the Environmental phase, and moving into Design. He provided the Alternatives including Alternative - No Build, Alternative 2 – New Bridge south of the existing bridge, and Alternative 3 – New Bridge south of the existing bridge and to remove the existing bridge in its entirety. Design Option A included an elevated round-about option, and Design Option B “Y” Intersection. The preferred option to move into design is Alternative 3, Design Option A. Alvin noted that the City has come to the TAC multiple times for additional funds for this project, including October 2012 (for \$5.5m), April 2018 (for \$5.5m) and June 2019 (for \$2.8m). Request is \$12.2 million to fill a funding gap for the design phase, as they have an additional \$14 million in STIP funds that need to be allocated by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on June 30, 2020. The total project cost is approximately \$482.2 million, with the Design cost = \$30.7m. Funding request is on schedule for May 28, 2020 Board meeting in order to meet CTC deadline requirements.

Ernesto provided comments in support of the request, including that leveraging of Measure R funds is important since Measure R/M cannot cover the entire cost of the Project; Ernesto also urged the TAC to approve this request in one meeting (instead of the normal 2-step approval process required for requests and beyond \$5 million), due to the urgency of the matter with the CTC allocation deadline. He noted that Metro would work with the City for the timely use of the funds.

It was moved by Theresa Dau Ngo (Port of Long Beach) and seconded by Ernesto Chaves (Metro) to receive and file the item. The item was approved without objection.

A. I-710 EIR/EIS Update

Item a: Status Update

Ernesto noted that a meeting has been scheduled (executive leadership level) with the EPA to discuss how to move ahead with the path to project

resolution. The goal is still to get an approved document by year end. Kerry Cartwright requested clarification regarding Metro's commitments to EPA. Ernesto stated that the commitment would include the \$50 million allocation to the Clean Truck program, as well as developing the phasing for the project under the umbrella of the Goods Movement Strategic Plan. Metro is going to conduct a virtual Corridor-wide meeting to provide an update to the general public on the status of the EIR/EIS, Clean Truck Program and the Early Action Program and to receive any feedback. The date is June 16, 2020 at 6pm.

Regarding the funding update, Ernesto noted that they want to continue to leverage funding. Alvin from Long Beach asked if the Measure R funds are protected from the effects from Covid and the reduced sales tax revenue. Ernesto noted that the amount is safe, but the timeline may be impacted over the next 6-9 months, including cash flow issues during this time.

Item b: TCEP Funding Opportunity

Ernesto gave a brief update regarding the TCEP Funding, following the recommendation to prepare an application to fund the ICM and Truck Program plus other GCCOG subregional projects (including SR-91 projects) in the package. He noted that the Sound walls are not TCEP eligible but Metro will apply for Local Partnerships funds. A final number hasn't been quantified.

Item d: Equity Considerations

KeAndra Cylear Dodds presented Metro's Equity Program. She noted that equity in transportation matters, because its about understanding and supporting peoples varying starting points and ability to access and/or move to where they need to go. She defined the 4 pillars of equity including define and measure, listen and learn, focus and deliver and train and grow. Race and income are the two greatest determinations of inequities in the region which is why they are factors in Metro's equity focused community definition. She noted that equity is both an outcome and process. She plans to create an equity advisory board to assist with the program. Metro is developing equity tools to help determine how do we achieve equitable outcomes. The first tool requires a process that includes stating the goals, analyzing disaggregated data to identify disparities, engagement with the community to further understand their needs, using information gathered to plan for equitable project outcomes, project implementation, project evaluation and strengthening and reporting back. Regarding the 710, there is an equity focused communities map which is slightly different than the environmental justice map (under the poverty level). The EFC map covers less of the

710 project area because, several of these areas are heavily reliant on cars and the third factor in the EFC is zero car ownership. Several maps were presented with overlaps, including the CalEnviroScreen 3.0 Map. The burdens and benefits of the Corridor are not shared equally meaning the broader region gets benefits and the burdens tend to be localized especially amongst the vulnerable residents and communities living right along the Corridor. Benefits could include local hire policies, minimizing construction impacts and increased active transportation amongst other things.

Ernesto asked if there are any questions from the TAC. Dan Garcia from Compton asked (on behalf of Compton) about issues related to past financial and political problems and history, as they are not able to promote their ability to deliver projects.

B. Current I-710 Early Action Project Update

Ernesto provided his funding update handout, and no presentation was provided. He noted to direct any questions to him.

It was moved by John Vassiliades (Caltrans) and seconded by Adriana Figueroa (Paramount) to receive and file the item. The item was approved without objection.

C. Development of Bylaws for I-710

Nancy presented the I-710 Bylaws – Draft dated 2020, including the draft outline, with a goal of consolidating its policies and procedures in moving ahead with large scale recommendations.

A few comments included the concern that this meeting approved large funding request for Long Beach that was well in excess of \$5million as part of a 1 meeting process, while other agencies have not had that opportunity when quorum was not met, which in effect penalized and keeping them from receiving funds.

Long Beach also commented that considerations such as Motion 22.1 and environmental justice could be considered, the ability to leverage local funds, and the number of jobs these projects could create.

It was moved by Bill Pagett (Bell) and seconded by Daniel Hernandez (Commerce) to receive and file the item. The item was approved without objection.

Back to reports Item A (out of Order)
Item C: Freeway Program EAP Development Screening Process and Initial Findings

Ernesto provide an introduction, and then turned it over to Shannon, regarding the high-level screening criteria that we'd look at the next meeting

It was moved by John Vassiliades (Caltrans) and seconded by Daniel Hernandez (Commerce) to receive and file the item. The item was approved without objection.

VIII. COG Engineers Report

IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

Alvin from LB wanted to get a clarification from Ernesto to receive and file his report, but the recommended action may be something different? He asked for clarity on next steps. Ernesto noted that he'll provide a timeline before the next meeting.

X. Matters from the Chair

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.