

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
 I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS  
 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 Via Zoom  
 May 19, 2021**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

#	Name	City/Agency	Present	Absent
1.	Bill Pagett	City of Bell	X	
2.	Douglas Benash	City of Bell Gardens		X
3.	Richard Garland	City of Carson		X
4.	Daniel Hernandez	City of Commerce	X	
5.	Dan Garcia	City of Compton	X	
6.	Aaron Hernandez Torres	City of Cudahy		X
7.	Ed Norris	City of Downey	X	
8.	Sergio Infanzon	City of Huntington Park		X
9.	Carl Hickman	City of Long Beach	X	
10.	Lorry Hempe	City of Lynwood	X	
11.	Kevin Ko	City of Maywood		X
12.	Bill Pagett	City Paramount	X	
13.	Kelli Tunncliff	City of Signal Hill	X	
14.	Jose Loera	City of South Gate	X	
15.	Dan Wall	City of Vernon		X
16.	Mahdad Derakhshani	County of Los Angeles	X	
17.	Jason Roach	CalTrans	X	
18.	Jacob Waclaw	FHWA & FTA		X
19.	Ernesto Chaves	MTA	X	
20.	Theresa Dau Ngo	Port of Long Beach	X	
21.	Kerry Cartwright	Port of Los Angeles	X	
<b>Total =</b>			<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>

Other attendees included: Yvette Kirrin & Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG Engineers; J. Arevalos, GCCOG staff; David Levinsohn, AECOM; Russell Gulke, Alliance Group Enterprise; Dianne Sanchez, AQMD; Lijin Sun, AQMD; Jackie Martinez, BKF Engineers; Michelle Cordi, John Vassiliades, CalTrans; Joel Kantola, Cape Neddick; John Strickland, Michael Antwine, City of Compton; Wayne Richardson, City of Santa Fe Springs; Bill Zimmerman, City of Signal Hill; James Fowler, DR Consultants & Designers; Kathy Tegeler, Epic Land Solutions; Pouya Banibayat, Gannett Fleming; Natasha DeBenon, Ghirardelli Associates; Terence Pao, HDR;

Mario Montes, HDR Engineering; Tewodros Mekuria, Shannon Willits, HNTB; Patrick Somerville, HNTB; Nicole Jules, Interwest Consulting Group; Birgitta Ongawan, Jacobs ; James Foley, JCK Underground, Inc; Traci Gleason, Koa Consulting; James Shankel, LA Department of Transportation; Richard Marshalian, Natasha Krakowiak, Los Angeles County; Lynda Bybee, LSA; Julio Perucho, Ed Alegre, Michael Cano, Lourdes Ortega, Lucy Delgadillo, Carlos Montez, Alex Ferguson, Metro; Nicolas Velazquez, Andy Nowak, Stephanie Oslick, Moffatt & Nichol; Natalia Ospina, NRDC; Sean Kearns, Office of Barragan; Luke Klipp, Jamie Hwang, Office of Supervisor Hahn; Bianca Villanueva, Port of Long Beach; Nina Turner, Port of Long Beach; Lorraine Ahlquist, Rincon Consultants; Michael Huyng, SCE; Joe Linton, Streetblog; Karen Chapman, T.Y. Lin International; Wendell Taylor, The Alliance Group Enterprise; Jorge Leandros Tovar, Tovar Geospatial Services; Camilo Rocha, TranSystems; Diego Cadena, Mark Christoffels, WKE; Stephanie Hillebrand, WSP

### **III. Amendments to the Agenda**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

### **IV. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **V. Matters from Staff**

There were no matters from staff.

### **VI. Consent Calendar**

It was moved by Daniel Hernandez, Commerce , seconded by Daniel Garcia Compton, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2021. The motion was without objection. Bell Gardens abstained.

### **VII. Reports**

#### **A. I-710 EIR/EIS Project Update**

A brief update and presentation was provided by Ernesto Chaves, Metro. Ernesto reported that a copy of the Final Administrative Draft EIR/EIS was provided to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for their review and they ultimately determined that they couldn't agree that the project met air quality conformity, even with the proposed clean Truck Program (CTP), and would be a "Project of Air Quality Concern." Ernesto noted that the CTP was not enough to reach an agreement and that now Metro and Caltrans

can't move forward with the full FEIR-FEIS. At this time a new path forward is needed including the possible option of only early action projects. He noted that the good news is that the Shoemaker bridge is moving ahead as an independent early action project as well as the sound walls and ICM projects, and that none of these would be stopped. He anticipated additional information next month.

Upon conclusion of the report the Port of LA (Kerry Cartwright) asked if there was a sense of timing to be moving ahead. Ernesto noted that the next three months would be critical. Kerry also asked how the EIR/EIS impact impacts the pledged funds towards the truck program and Ernesto responded that the Metro Board will opine on it but is likely not going to be impacted and will remain a \$50 million allocation. Kerry also asked if a conformity determination would be needed for early action projects the response was yes. Ernesto also noted that another factor would be the issue of the document becoming dated and needing additional analysis as well as addressing SB 743. Lastly it was noted that there will be a formal update to the I-710 Funding Partners.

A brief update regarding the ICM was provided by Ed Alegre. The integrated corridor management project continues to progress.

It was moved by (Dan Garcia) Compton, seconded by and (Carl Hickman) Long Beach to Receive and File the report. The motion was approved without objection, and one abstention from Bell Gardens.

### **B. Current 710 Early Action Project Update**

Oral Report by Metro. Ms. Alex Ferguson, Metro provided an oral report, noting that handouts were provided in the TAC agenda package to show Cash Flow (Freeway & Non-Freeway)/Invoicing Status, as well as the Jurisdictional Equity – Table/Pie-Chart.

It was moved by (Bill Pagett) Paramount, seconded by (Daniel Hernandez) Commerce to Receive and File the report. The motion was approved without objection, and one abstention from Bell Gardens.

### C. Funding Requests (1 through 5)

- a. City of Compton - Project Name: Rosecrans Ave/Atlantic Ave Intersection, Amount of Funding Requested: \$60,000, Phase of work being requested: Planning & Environment Phase only. Project Name: Artesia Blvd Santa Fe Ave Intersection, Amount of Funding Requested: \$269,500, Phase of work being requested: Planning & Environmental Phase only. Total: \$329,500

Motions:

1<sup>st</sup>: South Gate

2<sup>nd</sup>: LA County

The motion was approved without objection, and one abstention from Bell Gardens.

- b. Signal Hill - Project Name: Willow Street/Walnut Ave. Corridor, Amount of Funding Requested: \$72,600, Phase of work being requested: Preliminary Engineering & the PS&E Preparation. Project Name: Willow St./Cherry Ave. Intersection Enhancement, Amount of Funding Requested: \$1,239,450, Phase of work being requested: Preliminary Engineering & the PS&E Preparation. Total: \$1,312,050.

Motions:

1<sup>st</sup>: Long Beach

2<sup>nd</sup>: Compton

The motion was approved without objection, and one abstention from Bell Gardens.

- c. South Gate – Reallocation of Imperial Highway Improvements excess/unused funds previously approved, to: Project Name: Garfield Ave Median Project from Howery St to Century Blvd (New Project), Amount of Funding Requested: \$340,000. Project Name: Firestone Blvd at Otis St., Amount of Funding Requested: \$150,000, with \$20,000 to remain for staff time. Total: \$510,000.

Motions:

1<sup>st</sup>: Signal Hill

2<sup>nd</sup>: Long Beach

The motion was approved without objection, and one abstention from Bell Gardens.

- d. Long Beach - Project Name: Artesia Great Blvd, Amount of Funding Requested: \$765,000, Phase of work being requested: Final Design and Outreach.

Motions:

1<sup>st</sup>: South Gate

2<sup>nd</sup>: Compton

The motion was approved without objection, and one abstention from Bell Gardens.

- e. Long Beach - Project Name: Shoreline Drive Realignment Project. Amount of Funding Requested: \$1.9M, Phase of work being requested: Phase 1 complete funding gap for project final design.

Motions:

1<sup>st</sup>: Signal Hill

2<sup>nd</sup>: Paramount

The motion was approved without objection, and one abstention from Bell Gardens.

#### **VIII. COG Engineers Report**

No Report

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

No further matters.

#### **X. Matters from the Chair**

No Matters

#### **XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.