

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
 I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS  
 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 Via Zoom  
 October 20, 2021**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 PM.

**II. Roll Call**

#	Name	City/Agency	Present	Absent
1.	Bill Pagett	City of Bell	X	
2.	Grissel Chavez	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.	Delfino Consunji/Ed Norris	City of Downey		X
8.	Cesar Roldan	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.	Thomas Bekele	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.	John Vassiliades	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>13</b>	<b>8</b>

Other attendees included: Yvette Kirrin, Kekoa Anderson, Joel Arevalos, Sandra Mora, GCCOG staff; Abdollah Ansari, Ed Alegre, Lucy Delgadillo, Mark Dierking, Michael Cano, Shelly Quan, Sona Babayan, Metro; Alina Mullins, AQMD; Andy Nowak, Stephanie Oslick, Moffatt & Nichol; David Woo, Ayce, Inc; Diego Cadena, WKE, Inc; James Shankel, Caltrans; Kandice Nguyen, AYCE, Inc; Karen Chapman, TYLIN; Karim Dada, Aztec; Lorraine Ahlquist, Rincon Consulting; Luke

Klipp, Office of Supervisor Hahn; Maggie Cheung, LA County; Nina Turner, Port of Long Beach; Pouya Banibayat, Richard Alexander, Gfnet; Rafael Anaya, Trans Systems; Shannon Willits, Tewodros Mekuria, HNTB; Sherri Terrell, JM Diaz; Stephane Dolor, TYLIN; Traci Gleason, Koa Consulting, Wayne Richardson, HDR, Inc

**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 John Vassiliades, Caltrans, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 16, 2021. The motion was approved without objection or abstention.

**VII. Reports**

**A. I-710 EIR/EIS Project Update (A & B)**

A brief update and presentation was provided by Ernesto Chaves and Michael Cano, Metro. Ernesto summarized Metro staff responses to Motions 47 and 48, related to the I-710 Corridor, noting for Motion 48 that there is No viable way to demonstrate air quality conformity for 710 Project, and that State and Federal support for the Project will ultimately require a re-evaluation of the Project, from Purpose and Need to Project Elements. Michael Cano noted that Motions 47 & 48 called for a new community engagement process for re-examining the needs of the corridor and how to make improvements within the 710 Corridor. This new engagement process will be focused around a new-created Task Force, which includes representatives from a broad-range of stakeholders, including Community Based Organizations, industry, academia, labor, etc. The goal of Metro's Task Force is to provide recommendations to the Board by April 2022, but this date be extended to ensure the process is inclusive and meaningful. Michael noted that the Task Force plans to "re-envision" potential improvements for the corridor, leading with equity, and evaluating

multimodal, multidimensional projects vs. a traditional freeway project. The PowerPoint will be loaded to the GCCOG website for additional details.

Gateway Cities Council of Governments Executive Director Nancy Pfeffer also spoke to the TAC regarding the GCCOG Ad-Hoc committee made up of 14 agencies along the 710, which are members of the GCCOG Board. She noted that the Committee had met 5-6 times thus far. She noted that they generally meet from 5-7 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month, and that the meetings are virtual and open to the public. She provided a summary of the presentations provided to the committee as well as briefing the TAC on a recent Port field trip to see the how the port works. She noted that the Ad-Hoc Committee can be viewed as a subcommittee of the Metro Task Force, and that the TAC role will remain status quo in approving non-freeway early action projects that benefit our communities with 710 Measure R funding. Mr. Kerry Cartwright from POLA provided input regarding the many reasons for the ships backed up waiting to berth, including primarily non-port related reasons including imports surging as Covid built up inventory, the lack of trucks/drivers, lack of rail, the higher stacking of containers on the ships, and the need to get empty containers out of the port as much as bringing in the full ones to unload.

Lastly, Ed Alegre from Metro presented an oral report on the status of the ICM project, noting that they are wrapping up the draft concept of operations and all TAC members should be reviewing the System Requirements, which is due November 5, 2021. The next meeting on the ICM project will be November 16, 2021 at 10 AM.

It was moved by Grissel Chavez, Bell Gardens, seconded by and Daniel Hernandez, Commerce, to Receive and File the report. The motion was approved without objection.

#### **B. Current 710 Early Action Project Update (Freeway & Non-Freeway)**

Oral Report by Metro. Ernesto Chaves, Metro provided an oral report, noting that handouts were provided in the TAC agenda package to show Cash Flow (Freeway & Non-Freeway)/Invoicing Status. It was noted that out of \$160 million total in non-freeway funds that \$79.978 million were allocated, and \$80.022 million was still available. Ms. Kirrin noted that as the project funding draws down that the TAC needs to pay close attention to how much should be set aside for contingencies on the already approved projects, how much is still needed by agencies in general, as well as working to ensure all agencies have a project funded in their jurisdiction.

It was moved by Carl Hickman, Long Beach, seconded by Daniel Hernandez, Commerce, to Receive and File the report. The motion was approved without objection.

### **C. Funding Requests**

#### **Huntington Park - Slauson Corridor Capacity Enhancement Project**

City of Huntington Park - Project Name: Slauson Corridor Capacity Enhancement. A few years back, the TAC allocated \$700k in Measure R for the design. There is \$141,855 in savings that they'd like to reallocate toward construction. The City needs an amendment to use the funds. The City is also requesting Construction Phase funding in the amount of \$4.2 million, which they'd like to potentially increase that number to include PCC at the intersections due to high truck volumes deteriorating their pavement over shorter durations (around 10 years). The City asked the TAC to approve \$4.2 million total, owing their savings from design, and to be open to them returning for a delta in funds equal to the additional PCC cost.

It was moved by Daniel Hernandez, Commerce, seconded by Grissel Chavez, Bell Gardens, to approve the request for \$4.2 million for the Slauson Corridor Capacity Enhancement Project, owing that they may return with an additional cost for the PCC, keeping the total request under \$5 million. The motion was approved via roll call without objection, and one abstention.

#### **Long Beach - Artesia "Great" Boulevard Project**

City of Long Beach - Project Name: Artesia "Great" Boulevard Project. A few years back, the TAC allocated Measure R funds for the design. The City is requesting Construction Phase funding in the amount of \$9.112 million, from the 710 TAC, as well as other funds from the 91/605/405 TAC, to fully fund their \$22.780 million project which is 3 miles in length. This is a two (2) meeting project request, due to the request being greater than \$5 million which means the project will return for a vote at the next TAC meeting.

Upon the completion of the presentation, there were no questions, and it was noted that the City will return to the next TAC meeting for a formal vote on the funding request.

### **D. I-405 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP)**

Shelly Quan from Metro provided an overview of the project. She noted that the Cities within a 3-mile range of the I-405, within the Gateway Cities, include Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, Signal Hill and Long Beach. Metro is looking to coordinate with these Cities to prepare a list of projects that will be evaluated against the criteria developed for the project, with possible recommendations for Caltrans Cycle Funding applications resulting. Bill Pagett noted that Lakewood is looking for funds for the bike lanes along Lakewood Boulevard that are an element of their complete street project that has PS&E ready without funding. Metro noted that this project should be considered and could compete well.

No Action was taken, and Metro noted that they will reach out to the affected Cities to go into more detail about the project and the opportunities for funding.

**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 3:15 PM